PRACTICES

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING FOR ONLINE COURSES

ONLINE IN MIND

Form teams based on similar schedules or time zones. Keep teams small to avoid meeting time conflicts.

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STRENGTHS

Align roles with individual strengths and interests. Have students "audition" for teams as part of their introduction.

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COMMUNICATION

Have teams establish communication channels and expectations early on in the project.

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VIRTUAL SPACES

Provide virtual space for team collaboration. Utilize LMS tools where possible.

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SCHEDULE

Provide a task list with interim due dates and a schedule from the onset of the project. Check-in regularly to ensure teams are on track.

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FEEDBACK

Scaffold project elements and provide timely and actionable feedback regularly. Check-in with teams early and often.

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ROBUST

Develop a project that requires discussion, collaboration, and decision-making to avoid divide and conquer attempts.

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PEER REVIEW

Include peer-review and selfevaluation components throughout project life-cycle.

Online Project Teams thrive with Structure and Guidance.

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