

Ensure Students Are Learning: Faculty Descriptions of Innovative Teaching Practices

Team Projects: Preparing Students for the Workplace

Innovative Teaching Practice Description:

To emulate a workplace environment, the instructor assigns students to teams in which they will work for the entire academic term. Teams consist of three to five students and are composed based on the students' majors. Students complete assignments and daily quizzes with their teams.

The instructor also assigns a major project in which students analyze data and present the results as a team. Teams are allowed to select their own topic for the project. The project guidelines are deliberately broad in an effort to mirror a workplace environment and to foster creativity.

Students complete major exams independently.