



Communicating with Students Resources

Keeping in Touch

Communication via a computer seems impersonal, but there are tools and tricks you can use to give your class a personal touch. There are many ideas and resources—here are a few to help you get started.

Communication Resources

Blackboard Announcements: Keep Students Informed

The Announcement tool is a communication blast for your class. You can create a bank of announcements to reuse in different semesters. This Blackboard guide will show you how to do announcements. Click the article button to open the guide.

https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Stay_in_the_Loop/Announcements

Using Course Announcements: Maximize Instructor Presence

This webpage from The University of New England also provides ideas and information for using announcements to enhance instructor presence. Click on the article button to view the webpage.

<https://online.une.edu/blog/using-course-announcements-maximize-instructor-presence/>

3 Tips to Connect with Your Online Students: Tips and Tricks

This article written by an instructional designer explains why communication is a bridge to your students. It's the way you build connections with them. Click the article button to read it.

<https://blog.blackboard.com/3-tips-to-connect-with-your-online-students/>

Sample Announcements: Examples to Help You

Use the announcements that follow as templates to tweak or to give you an idea for announcements that will suit your course. Including a greeting and closing is one way to reaffirm your presence, inject your personality, and set the tone for the announcement. Click the document button to review these examples.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dzTB9keAFOJJSECNcwlCZmow147HE38j/view?usp=sharing>