Engineers in Transition



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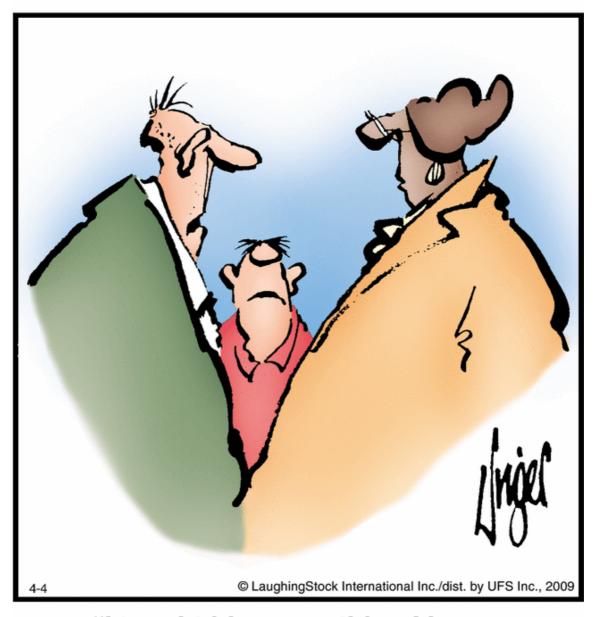








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"I taught him everything I know and he's still stupid."

"... redesigning an educational system is a relatively easy exercise.

Changing one's own teaching, especially when it has been acclaimed as successful by all the old standards, is very much harder

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Re-Designing Our First Year Experience

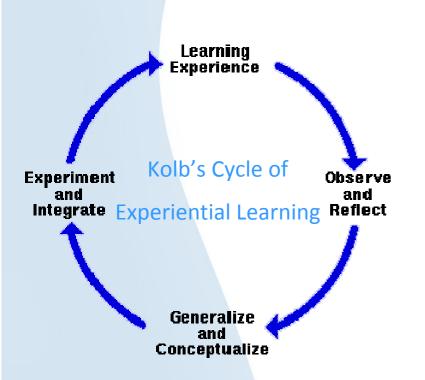
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- Constructivism
- Student centred
- Significance

Active (Collaborative) Learning

"...learning is the process whereby knowledge is created through the transformation of *experience*..."

D Kolb in "Experiential Learning"

Experiential Learning



- Experiment (concrete experience)
- Analyse (reflective observation)
- Hypothesis (abstract conceptualisation)
- Testing (active experimentation)

Constructivism

- A method of teaching which accepts the idea that knowledge is not 'learned'; rather, it is constructed
- A method of teaching that sees the students as actors rather than spectators

Expanded Edition





Brain,

Mind,



Experience,

and



School





The InterActive ClassRooms









Classroom Clickers



Cps was created with the busy teacher in mind.

Our templates are easy-to-use and require little technical knowledge. Browse through the following pages to see how simple it is to build class rosters, create questions, and grade tests!







 key features:
 Immediate feedback promotes student achievement.

· Teachers can easily

disseminate curricular materials.

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Why do you like that class?

"... with 100 people in the class you normally just sit there without being involved... and add to your notes. In that class everybody's involved, you have to think about what's being said...you have to stay awake...but it's more fun, you get more from it...better than just sitting taking notes..."

"... what **fun** it can be, it can be **light-hearted** yet you still learn a lot ..."

"... how quickly a two-hour class passed compared to other one hour lecture classes..."



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'Student-Centred' Learning?





Our Educational Culture

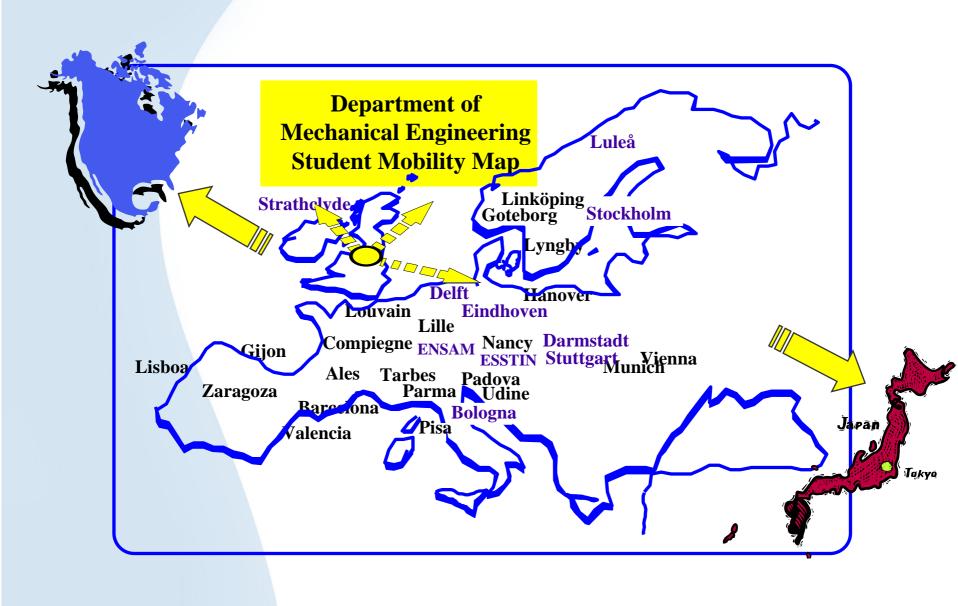


Problem Based Learning

In the same way that students of medicine learn the workings of the human body through clinical dissection, engineering students can learn a great deal about engineering components by mechanical dissection.









Aero-Mechanical Engineering students on the Glider Flight Test





European Space Agency









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CREATING SIGNIFICANT LEARNING EXPERIENCES

An Integrated Approach to Designing College Courses

Fink's Taxonomy of Significant Learning

Process

- Students are engaged in their learning
- Class has a high energy level
- Results, Impact, Outcomes
 - Significant and lasting change
 - Value in life

Foundational Knowledge **Learning How to Learn** Understanding and remembering: Becoming a better student Information •Inquiring about a subject Ideas Self-directing learners Integration Connecting: **Caring** Ideas Developing new: People Feelings Realms of life Interests Values **Application** Skills **Human Dimension** •Thinking: Learning about: Critical, creative and Oneself practical thinking Others Managing projects

ACHIEVING and SUSTAINING

INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE

for the FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE

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Foundations of Excellence in the First Year of College

- The first –year experience is a high priority.
- 2. Leadership, operating at multiple levels, is essential to achieving excellence.
- 3. Excellence flourishes in a culture that encourages idea generation, pilot projects and experimentation
- 4. Excellence in the first year is achieved through efforts designed for all or for a critical mass of first-year students.

- 5. Assessment is an essential component of moving toward and sustaining excellence.
- 6. Clarity of institutional identity and mission and a concomitant respect for students are essential.
- 7. Excellence relies on the direct involvement of an institutions faculty
- 8. Excellence requires attention to pedagogy in 1st year courses.

- 9. Creative acquisition and judicious use of financial resources are necessary to achieve excellence.
- 10.A central component is a steady "outward gaze" the willingness to learn from and share with others.
- 11.Excellence rests on an intentional first-year curriculum and on supportive curriculum structures.
- 12.Excellence thrives in an environment where divisional walls are down.

Changing Expectations **



Don't expect too much of us, and we won't expect too much of you

What we expect our students to do – we must also be willing to do ourselves

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