

Resource Guide

Student Ratings of Teaching: What Can They Tell Us?

While there are many ways to assess teaching, student ratings (also known as student evaluations) of teaching are certainly the most common. Student ratings cannot tell us everything we may want to know about the teaching and learning in a class, but they can be useful as one component of teaching assessment when we look at what information they can show. Below are three areas in which student ratings can be used for formative feedback for instructors

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