

Resource Guide

Student Ratings of Teaching: WhatCanTheyTell Us?

While there are many ways to assess teaching, student rat(alss known as student evaluations) of teachingare 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 at three areas in which student ratings can be us furthative feedback for instructors

perception of satisfaction with the teacher because of those behaviors. The salked "general teaching behaviors" are making the lessons clear, organized, and engaging/interesting; and maintaining interactions (questioning and answering, discussing) and rapport with students (interest in and care/concern abositudents



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