

# Are they getting it? Ideas to assess and increase student learning

Are you seeking new methods to increase student learning and expand student engagement? Whether that is incorporating hands-on activities, increasing student participation, group assignments, or changing up your lecture style, the options are endless. However, it can become overwhelming when choosing how to accommodate specific techniques. Luckily, by using nClass, those options become much more accessible since they're condensed into one tool.

# Student Reflection and Feedback

Students reflecting on their own work allows them to learn from their mistakes. Formative assessment monitors student learning while summative assessment evaluates student learning. Students are able to actively learn because they're constantly receiving feedback from the professor and likewise, can contribute feedback as well. This bidirectional approach helps strengthen student learning by giving students more autonomy in their own education.

## Increasing participation in discussions

It's common for students to drift off in lectures, often attached to smartphones and laptops that aid in this process during class. Long lectures tend to go hand-in-hand with students losing focus, so it can't hurt to throw students a few questions here and there to ensure that they're paying attention. In fact, embracing technology through comment threads can help keep students engaged online which can help improve attention span and memory retention.

# Exit Tickets

A great memory aid is the exit ticket, where students are asked one or several questions about material discussed in class, right at the end of lecture. With nClass, exit tickets are answered at the click of a button and provide instantaneous grading for TA's and professors. That way, for the next class, students can review the answers from the previous classes exit tickets and allows instructors to formulate lectures based on student understanding.

### Anonymity

Some students have the tendency to be more shy than others when it comes to speaking up or sharing information in a peer setting. This fear is combated by nClass, seeing that nClass has the option to receive real time feedback from students that protects their anonymity and hence, provides a platform for honest feedback. nClass is a multifaceted tool that can help improve classroom learning. It's tailored for big lectures as well as small discussions and either way, can make an impact in your classroom and boost your teaching methods.