

Teaching Tips from Coastline Faculty



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Spanish

1. Be an instrument for your students to discover and develop their abilities and to transmit their knowledge to their benefit as well as to the benefit of others.

An excellent instructor does the best to transform classroom challenges into something positive that students can learn from and apply later.

Never stop learning if you want your students to sustain their interest in learning, too.

2. In a language class, writing a scene for a play, and acting it, has always been fun. It's engaging and full of surprises. Students can be extremely creative, and they love cooperative learning.

3. Engaging, fun, and knowledgeable.

4. Develop leaders and positive contributors for our society.

5. My voice and mind.



David Devine
*Astronomy
Physics*

1. "Ask, and THEY shall receive." (Try to talk less and ask more questions; students will become more engaged and will learn more).

2. The Sun/Moon Journal, which is a semester-long project. Students observe the moon at least 10 times during the semester. For each observation, they pause, reflect, and write about whatever they care to share. I ask them to take their time and let Nature be their guide.

Also, they are required to take two photos of the rising or setting sun from the exact same spot at least one month apart and share their thoughts.

3. Passionate, Excited, Inspiring.



Ellis Waller
Gerontology

1. You should be passionate about your subject and your students.

2. When you make learning real and hands-on, students will learn. I love my assignment of interviewing a person 80 or older and applying developmental psychological theories.

3. Creative, reflective, and practical.

4. To inspire a thirst for life-long learning.

5. My laptop and Android phone.

4. Inspire curiosity; ignite passion; eschew obfuscation.

5. A computer.

1. What's the best advice about teaching you've ever received?

2. Describe a favorite in-class activity or assignment.

3. What are three words that best describe your teaching style?

4. What is your teaching philosophy in eight words or fewer?

5. What tech tool could you not live without?