

Tips for Teaching Large Classes

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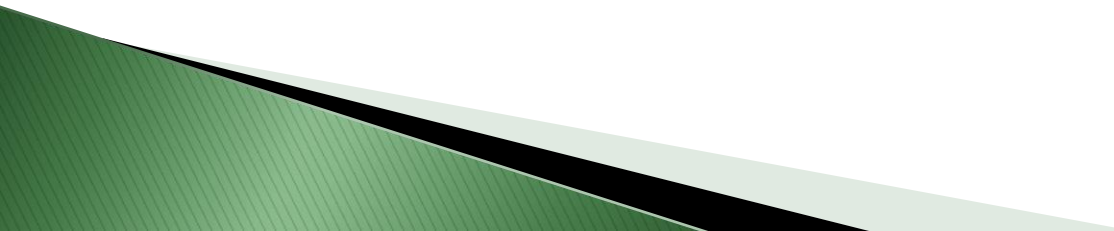
Goals

1. Explore the opportunities and challenges of teaching large classes
2. Discuss strategies for:
 1. Managing student behavior
 2. Designing Small-group work
 3. Assessing student learning
 4. Enhancing classroom discussion



When I am bored,
confused,
or scared, I...



- ▶ **The First Day of Class**
 - Set the tone
 - Ice breakers
 - Need a 'stop' signal
 - Stationary and moving
 - Establish ground rules about “respect” and behavior
 - ▶ **Remember and Use Names**
 - Photographs; name tents
 - ▶ **Back to the Wall**
 - ▶ **Proximity Control**
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▶ Passing back papers:

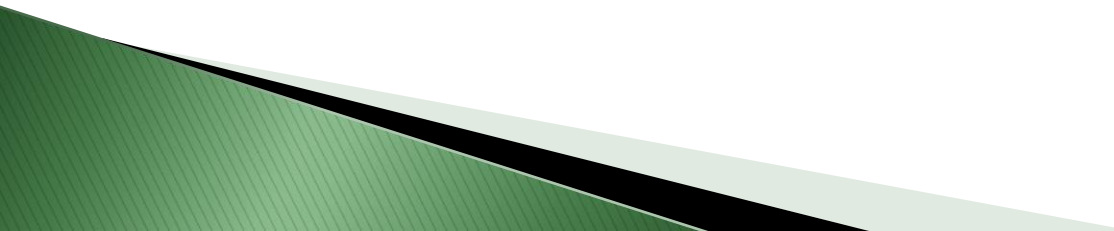
- <http://www.youtube.com/user/isucelt#p/u/I/UHRxyhaPS-w>

▶ Other Resources

◦ PDC website:

- <http://www.fredonia.edu/pdc/resources/staffresources.asp>
- <http://www.fredonia.edu/pdc/resources/teachingandlearning.asp>

One Big vs. Many Small

- ▶ As a discussion builder
 - ▶ As a content enhancer
 - ▶ As a management tool
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Small Group Work

- ▶ Shared responsibility along with shared learning
- ▶ The need to find the “individual” in the group