Effective Summer & Intersession Classes

4 Biggest SHIFTS to Make

1. Stress **depth** more than breadth
2. Stress **critical thinking skills** and ability to use knowledge rather than memorization
3. Make sure everything supports a **learning objective**
4. Design each session as a sequence of **varied learning activities**, 5-30 minutes in length (sample below)

Summer classes often create **INCREASED**

- Attendance
- Focus
- Participation
- Rapport

TECHNIQUES to Use

- More active learning
- More frequent learning checks
- Get students out of their seats
- More study aids
- Short, frequent assignments
- Cut "extras" from typical class sessions
- Turn some activities into homework
- Promptly intervene when a student misses a class or deadline

4 Traits of **EFFECTIVE** summer teachers:

- Enthusiastic
- Knowledgeable
- Caring
- Collaborative

Sample Learning Sequence, 10:00 am-12:50 pm class

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