

Helping Students Learn



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Overview

- Introduction
- Sharing experiences
- Various learning preferences
- Teaching strategies for the various preferences
- Tips for students
- What to do when students have learning difficulties



Main Session Objectives

- Recognize and appreciate multiple learning preferences
- Acquire knowledge of different teaching methods/strategies for various learners in the classroom
- Assist students in the classroom acquiring useful learning strategies



What Type of Learner Am I?

- Fill out first 20 Questions of “Index of Learning Styles”
www2.ncsu.edu/unity/lockers/users/f/felder/public/ILSpa.html
- Score the first 20 Questions by putting a “1” in the column of your answer
- Count the responses in each column and subtract the smaller column # from the larger column #
- Look up your learning preference on Learning Styles Handout



Various Learning Preferences

- Active- Reflective
- Sensing-Intuitive
- Visual-Verbal
- Sequential-Global



Teaching Strategies

- Use various teaching methods, such as lecture, group work, discussion, presentations, reflections, etc.
- Use multiple tools simultaneously, such as PowerPoint, handouts, lecture, group work, etc.



Teaching Strategies

- Keep in mind that not all students have the same preferences as you
 - Remember to use methods that you don't consider optimal for yourself to teach others
- Encourage, but don't force students to use new techniques



Tips for Students

- Become aware of own learning preference
- Recognize the techniques that best suit your personal learning preference
- Remember to be open to new ways to study and learn
- Same technique won't work for all classes/courses
- Be flexible and try to adjust to various teaching styles
- Use resources available at <http://ae.udel.edu/>



When students have learning difficulties

- Writing Center:
www.english.udel.edu/wc/
831-1168
- American with Disabilities Act Office (ADA):
www.udel.edu/ADA/
831-4643
- Academic Services Center (ASC):
<http://ae.udel.edu/>
831-2805