

Understanding Student Motivation, 2nd Edition

In *Understanding Student Motivation, 2nd Edition*, you'll examine the basics of motivation and the role that motivation plays in academic performance. Through readings, video examples, and application exercises, you'll learn how to establish strategies to create a respectful and connected classroom, balance structure and choice to create a positive attitude toward learning, set expectations, create challenging and engaging activities that are personally relevant to students, and develop strategies to help students feel more competent and confident in the classroom.

Course Objectives

After completing this course, you should be able to:

Module 1

- Examine the role student motivation plays in academic performance.
- Analyze five basic human needs and their relevance in the classroom.

Module 2

- Compare and contrast extrinsic and intrinsic motivation, in the context of academic performance.
- Analyze which elements of the classroom environment may contribute to students' intrinsic motivation.

Module 3

- Identify how respect and connectedness help create a welcoming classroom and meet students' needs for belonging and safety.
- Establish strategies to create a classroom atmosphere inclusive of students' cultural backgrounds, individual capabilities, and learning styles.

Module 4

- Examine the role that choice, structure, and expectations play in nurturing students' positive attitude toward learning.
- Develop effective, simple techniques for building classroom activities that incorporate choice while providing the appropriate amount of structure and guidance.

Module 5

- Understand the types of assignments and activities that are meaningful and relevant to students.
- Create challenging and engaging activities to make learning meaningful and relevant to students.

Module 6

- Identify ways to help students feel competent and successful in the classroom.
- Develop strategies for boosting competence and confidence of all learners in the classroom.

Syllabus

Module 1	Motivation and Five Basic Human Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module Welcome • Video: Motivationally Anchored Instruction • Reading: Five Basic Human Needs • Video: The Tea Party • Reading: <i>Educational Leadership</i>—Springing into Active Learning • Reading: <i>Educational Leadership</i>—The Myth of the “Culture of Poverty” • Knowledge Check • Application: Student Beliefs About School • Module Review • Post-Module Reflection
Module 2	Rewards, Threats, and Intrinsic Motivation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module Welcome • Video: Addressing Student Attitudes • Reading: Extrinsic and Intrinsic Motivation • Video: Intrinsically Motivated Students • Reading: <i>Educational Leadership</i>—Sustaining the Fire • Video: The Importance of Student Choice • Reading: <i>Educational Leadership</i>—Extracurricular Activities and Student Motivation • Knowledge Check • Application: Extrinsic and Intrinsic Motivation • Module Review • Post-Module Reflection

Module 3	Creating a Respectful and Connected Classroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module Welcome • Video: Respect and Connectedness • Reading: Establishing Respect and Connectedness • Video: Routines and Rituals • Video: It's OK to Make Mistakes • Video: Collaborative Learning • Reading: <i>Educational Leadership</i>—Nine Powerful Practices • Knowledge Check • Application: Practicing Respect and Connectedness • Module Review • Post-Module Reflection
Module 4	Balancing Structure and Choice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module Welcome • Video: Including Student Experiences • Reading: Balancing Structure and Choice • Reading: <i>Educational Leadership</i>—The Responsibility Breakthrough • Reading: <i>Educational Leadership</i>—Dude, What Choice Do I Have? • Reading: <i>Educational Leadership</i>—When Students Choose the Challenge • Video: The Role of Choice • Knowledge Check • Application: Balancing Choice and Structure • Module Review • Post-Module Reflection

Module 5	Providing Challenging, Relevant, and Engaging Assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module Welcome • Video: Engaging Students Through Movement 1 • Video: Engaging Students Through Movement 2 • Reading: Challenging, Relevant, and Engaging Activities • Video: A Visit to a Motivated Classroom • Reading: <i>Educational Leadership</i>—The Big Wait • Video: Motivation Through Application • Reading: <i>Educational Leadership</i>—Saving Marvin Sweettooth • Reading: <i>Educational Leadership</i>—Learning in Depth • Knowledge Check • Application: Creating Challenging, Relevant, and Engaging Learning Activities • Module Review • Post-Module Reflection
Module 6	Building Student Competence Through Effective Feedback and Clear Criteria for Success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module Welcome • Reading: Boosting Competence in the Classroom • Video: Learning About Assessment • Video: Building a Rubric • Video: Differentiating Assessment • Reading: <i>Educational Leadership</i>—Assessment Through the Students' Eyes • Video: Skills for Life • Knowledge Check • Application: Setting Criteria for Success and Effective Feedback • Module Review • Post-Module Reflection

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