

Student Profile Survey (Examples and some suggested questions)

The aim of a student profile survey is to help you understand more about the background and characteristics of your students. For some courses, you might wish to know about students' prior knowledge on the subject or their prior learning experiences so that you could prepare your class more effectively.

Opening: Thank you for enrolling in the course. We want to know more about you so that we could make our learning journey more meaningful and effective.

Suggested questions on motivations (*For electives*)

- What motivated you to choose this course?
- What do you expect to gain from the course?
- What have you already known about ...? (*a key concept that you might wish to introduce in the first several sessions of the course*)
- Please list three topics related to ... (*the course subject*) that you want to know more about through this course.

Suggested questions on diversity

- Where do you come from?
- What is your first language/ native language?
- How long have you been in Hong Kong?
- What is your hobby? / What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

Suggested questions on prior learning experiences

- Have you participated in the following learning activities before?
 - Teamwork/ groupwork
 - Presentation
 - Field trip
 - Research project
 - ... etc.
- Have you used any online learning management system before (e.g., Moodle)?

Note: The above only shows some example questions that you might wish to consider. There are many ways to design student profile survey. It would be a good idea to connect some of the questions to your course subject so that you might be able to use students' responses to plan or adjust the syllabus design.

Reference on using students' responses as learning resources:

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