

UD Students Answer: What is the single most important thing instructors can do in Isidore to help you be successful?

Posting Resources

The student responses below all convey the same theme, but there was such an overwhelming amount of students who responded this way that we think sharing at least a few of their responses is important.

- Clearly post resources and due dates for assignments
- make sure they post all of the powerpoints they go over in class onto the site so we can reference them while studying
- Keeping resources like course calendars, notes, review sheets, practice tests up-to-date and available on their site.
- Post all resources or readings before the class discussion.
- Post everything that is done in class, power points, condensed notes, etc.
- Post lessons on Isidore so if I don't understand it or miss the class I can see it there.
- Post powerpoints! It is often too hard to take notes as quickly as the teacher lectures
- Post resources, especially class notes and additional resources to help understand a topic. Posting homework online is also nice, since it will always be easily accessed online.

Grading

Undergraduate students are coming from high schools where grades were immediately turned around to them, and Gradebooks were uniformly and standardly updated. At UD, faculty can do whatever they want in terms of grades, which is difficult for students to understand. The comments are all saying the same thing below, but again, the idea is to give you a sense of the sheer number of students who responded this way (this is only a sample).

- Keep gradebook clear and updated
- Keep gradebook up to date
- Keep grades updated
- keep grades updated with feedback to improve
- Post all content for the course and GRADES!!
- All instructors should be required to have an Isidore site which keeps track of his/her students' grades. All instructors should also post their class lectures in some type of format on Isidore for students to use to look back at information that might not have been made clear the first time taught in-class.
- Posting grades and making them visible as soon as possible
- update grades regularly, make resources on Isidore easily accessible and organized, post powerpoints from class in resources

- Update the gradebook frequently and provide resources such as the power points and class readings
- Update the site regularly and update the resources they post for the current year. And use a gradebook so we can track our own progress.

Organization

The theme of organization the third most-mentioned response from students, so below are some of their comments.

- Keep it organized and easy to follow. Also posting slide shows/ lecture material before the lecture is given.
- Keep their Isidore site well organized
- Have organized folders that are clearly marked with the resources; posting things on Isidore within a timely manner; actually updating the grades
- Be effective; don't overload/overuse the resource, or it will make students feel overwhelmed and get lost navigating the site.
- Course material list with dates

