What Has Worked

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Best Advice

- Be honest, authentic, ( & vulnerable)
- Focus on strengths, forget about the small things that you aren’t (& willing to fail)
“I didn’t know exactly what sociology meant prior to this class. I also never expected it to answer so many questions that I never realized I had . . . As we got further into the semester I truly started to enjoy this class. I believe it was the sense of trust that you created with your students. We were able to feel comfortable talking about things that society has always been hesitant with. This was noticeably different because I hadn’t felt that comfort in any of my other classes on campus. This always was extremely helpful because I didn’t have to feel restrained when it came to asking a question. Also, the extreme honesty that you portrayed in class was greatly appreciated. As a student, I gained a lot of respect for your style of teaching.” (Intro to Sociology student Fall 2015)
Their Honesty

- Journaling and Reflective Introspective Essays
Strengths & Willingness to Fail

- Point 2: Focus on strengths, forget about the small things that you aren’t (& be willing to fail)

- Open-ended, theoretical application essay questions
- Creative Projects
So what?

- Be honest, authentic, & vulnerable
- Focus on strengths, forget about the small things that you aren’t
- Risk failure