Preparing to Teach and Support Learning

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Three Keys to Effective Teaching

• Preparation
• Passion
• Interest

Preparation

• Things to do before the semester begins
  – Visit the classroom
  – Learn how to use the classroom technology
  – If you are a TA, meet with the supervising professor and learn expectations

• Things to do before class
  – Prepare substantively
  – It is OK to admit that you don’t know the answer
  – Prepare procedurally

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• Taking Control of the Classroom
  – Be on time and be ready to go
  – Make expectations clear – go over the syllabus
    – This is your one chance to set the tone for the semester!
  – Deal with discipline problems when they occur

• Have fun, but be professional

Other things to keep in mind

• Be yourself
• They will try to test you!
• If you need to be loved, then teaching is not for you
• Have fun!

Questions and Discussion