



Teaching Tips: For Faculty by Faculty “The Question Basket”

From time to time students feel uncomfortable asking questions. It is for this reason that I have placed a small white wicker basket on the end of my desk. The first night of class students are all given ten 3x5 cards to write questions on. Students know that they can place questions in the basket about anything relevant to class material.

The following week I begin my review session of the previous week and include coverage of the posed questions. All questions get answered and it is anonymous unless the student wants me to contact them directly and if they do, they must specify that on their question card.

My students have found the question basket helpful and it has been a successful addition to my classroom.