

Belmont New Faculty Orientation Presentation  
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### Developing an Inviting Syllabus

Serving as the contract between you and your learners, syllabi have the potential to set a tone that can either spark curiosity about your course or incite dread. Let's craft a learner-centered syllabus that will invite students into the course in a way that encourages autonomy, purpose, competency, and community.

Pillars of Motivation	
<b>Autonomy</b>	A need to feel self-endorsed and ownership in actions.
<b>Competence</b> (Sometimes called Mastery)	A need to feel effective in one's environment
<b>Relatedness</b>	A need to feel cared for and like you are caring for others. A need to feel connected to others - like you belong
<b>Purpose</b>	A sense that what you do matters in the grand scheme

Crafting a Syllabus to Engage Motivation			
Autonomy	Competence	Relatedness	Purpose
Choose Your Own Adventure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assignment Options</li> <li>• Content Options</li> </ul>	Design Course Calendar in a Way to Sequentially Build Skills and Knowledge	Use Inclusive Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We Will...</li> <li>• Our Class..</li> </ul>	What is this Course's Personal Value to Students?
Promote Interest and Curiosity by Asking Big, Interesting Questions	Thread the Needle between Challenging and Attainable	Promote Transfer to student assets	The Liminal Space

<b>Mechanics</b>	<b>What to Include</b>	<b>Motivational Pillar</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Instructor Information	Name, Pronouns, Email, Office Hours (Calendly!), Biographical Statement	Relatedness	
Course Description	The Big Idea Purposeful Questions	Autonomy Purpose	
PreRequisites	Specific Course Pre-Reqs Skills or Knowledge	Competence	
Course Objectives	Specific, Measurable Objectives	Purpose	
Required Materials	Required Texts, Materials Technology Tools Where to Find them	Competence	
Activities / Assignments	Clear Expectations	Autonomy, Competence, Relatedness, Purpose	
Grading Protocols	Assessment Feedback Grading	Autonomy Competence	
Course Calendar	Homework Expectations Due Dates Serves as a Content Map for the Semester	Autonomy Competence	
Legalese	Honor Pledge Accommodations for Disabilities Statement Technology Policy	Relatedness	

## **Resources:**

[My Secondary Choral Methods Syllabus Website](#)

[Duke Syllabus Template](#)

[Belmont Syllabus Template](#)

[Calendly](#)

[Presentation Slides](#)

[How to Teach a Good First Day of Class](#)

[Sample Engagement Policy | James M. Lang](#) (Technology / Distraction Policy)