

Classroom Observation Form

Faculty _____
Observer(s) _____

Peer

Course _____ Number of students present _____

Date of Observation _____

Suggested Procedure. The observer(s) should meet with the instructor several days **in advance** of the visit to learn the instructor's classroom objectives as well as the teaching methods to be used. The instructor should provide the observer(s) with a copy of the course syllabus. Within several days **after** the visit, the observer(s) should meet with the instructor to discuss observations and conclusions.

The observer(s)' report should include observations, evaluation, and recommendations. Please use the following categorical questions as guide to making your classroom observations:

Did the instructor's overall teaching performance demonstrate her/his thorough preparation for the class? Did the instructor demonstrate command of subject matter?

Did students' overall performance in class indicate their preparations for the class?

Did the instructor effectively clarify the purpose and content organization of the day's lesson?

What were the primary teaching and instructional methods used in the class? How effectively did they work in the delivery of the lesson?

What were the strengths and weaknesses of presentation?

What were the instructional activities that the instructor used to carry on the lesson

Did the instructor encourage class participation? How effectively did the instructor engage students in class discussion? How effectively did the instructor facilitate and lead the discussion? Did the instructor encourage critical thinking?

How effectively did the instructor interact with students? How responsive was the instructor to students' questions or feedback? Did the instructor encourage students to formulate their own ideas and questions?

How do you describe or characterize classroom climate? Were students encouraged to express their views freely? Was the instructor successful in gaining students' attention, respect, interests, and enthusiasm?

What overall impressions do you think students left this lesson with in terms of content or style?

What were the instructor's major strengths as demonstrated in this observation?

What suggestions do you have for improving upon this instructor's skills?

Any Additional observation:

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