Reflection on University Teaching

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Agenda of the workshop

Monday (13h00-17h00): Organizing course content

(Module 1)

Tuesday (9h00-17h00) : Learning Outcomes &

Instructional Strategies

(Modules 2 & 3)

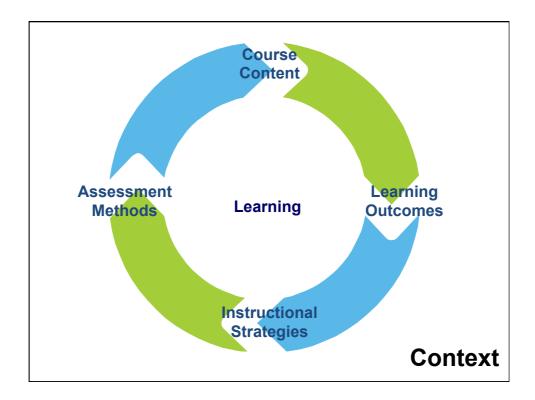
Wednesday (9h00-17h00): Assessment Methods &

Micro teaching (Modules 4 & 5)

Thursday (9h00-17h00): Micro teaching &

Facilitating groups

(Modules 5 & 6)



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MODULE 1: Organizing course content

At the end of Module 1

You should be able to:

- Explain how to structure the content of a course.
- Structure the content of a course with the help of concept mapping.
- Appreciate the utility of concept maps in structuring a university level course, and in general.

Agenda

- Welcome and introduction to the workshop
- Overview of the course design process
- Concept mapping: theory and practice
- Break
- Guided individual work on concept maps
- Pair work Giving and receiving feedback

How to best organize the content of a course?

Think of the best course / training you have attended.

- How was it organized?
- Take two minutes to write your answer.
- Let's discuss...

Organizing Course Content

Subject Matter Knowledge



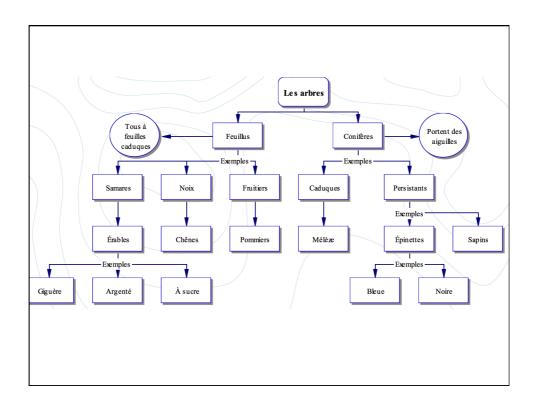
Instructional Decisions

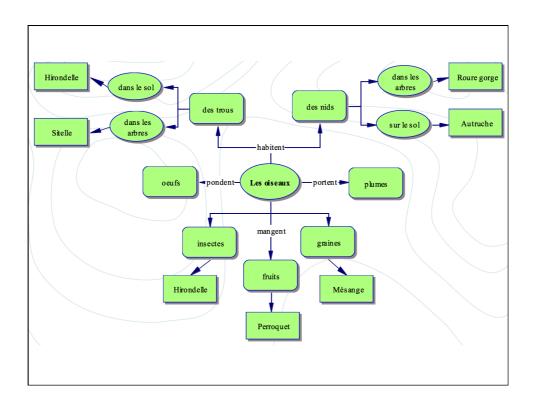
Concept Mapping

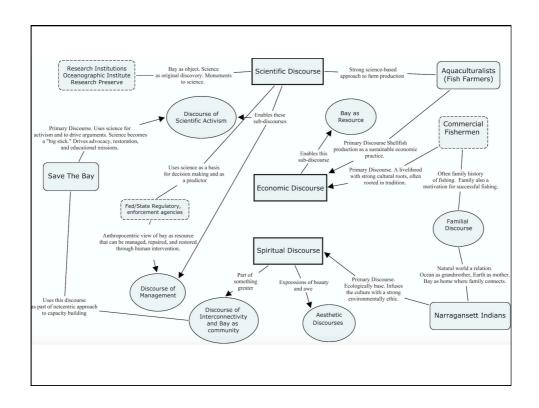
Helps to:

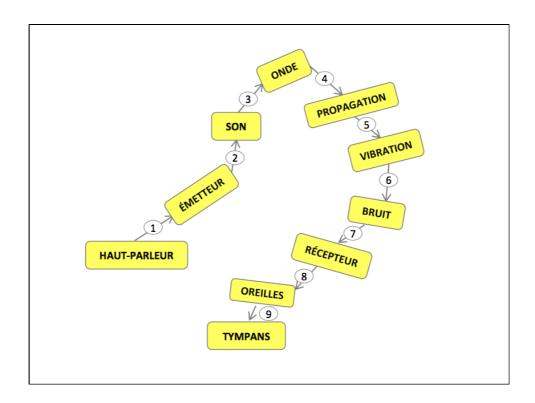
- ➤ Identify most important concepts
- ➤ Clarify relationships among concepts
- ➤ Simplify our thinking about a course
- > Convey some of our expectations

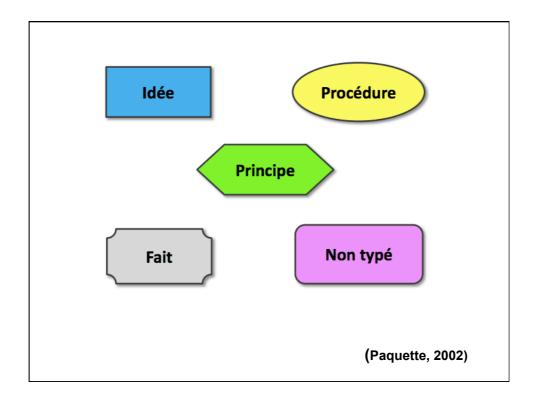
Examples of concept maps











Individual Activity

(30 minutes)

- 1. List concepts/ideas covered in your course
- 2. Identify the 10-15 most important ones, write one per post-it
- 3. Arrange the post-its in a white page
- 4. Draw relationships joining the concepts
- 5. Name the relationships joining concepts

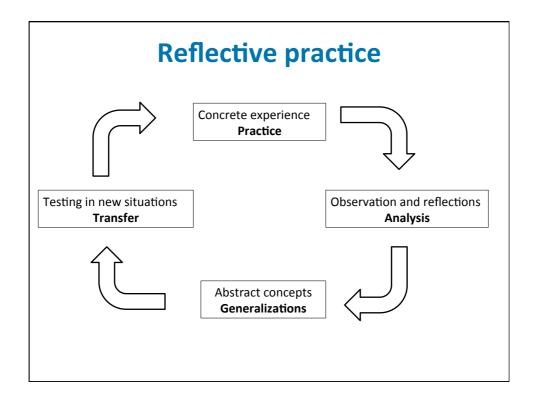
Peer Feedback Exercise

(30 minutes)

- 1. Show and explain your map to the person sitting beside you
- 2. Explain the concepts/ideas and the relationships joining them
- 3. At your turn, give feedback particularly on :
 - Aspects that are clear
 - Elements needing clarification

To remember

- Concept mapping is an ongoing exercise of reviewing, clarifying and redefining
- Adjustments will be needed to be compatible with:
 - learning outcomes
 - instructional strategies &
 - assessment methods



One minute paper

Take one minute to reflect and write down:

- 3 traps to avoid to structure the content of a course
- Compare and discuss it with a colleague

To learn more

Novak, J.D. & Cañas, A.J. (2006) 'The Theory Underlying Concept Maps and How to Construct Them'. Thechnical Report IHMC Cmap Tool 20006-1, Florida Institute of Human and Machine Cognition

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