

- What Students Want In a Teaching Professor -

These four sets of research-based traits that are desirable in the effective teaching professor are drawn from:

---*The Institute for Teaching in the Active Voice*. University of Prince Edward Island, Canada

---K.A. Feldman, 1988. *Effective college teaching from the students' and faculty's view: Matched or mismatched priorities?* Research in Higher Education 28(4): 291-344.

1) What Students Want In a Teaching Professor

Clarity & Organization	Command of Knowledge
Caring Attitude	Challenge
Spontaneity	Drama
Enthusiasm	Sincerity
Acknowledgment	Sense of Humor
Involvement	

2) Students Respond Positively To:

High levels of interaction with faculty outside the classroom
Genuine effort to make courses interesting
Frequent examples, analogies, and metaphors
Use of contemporary issues as appropriate
Application of course materials to other fields of study
Involvement of students through:
Discussion/Library Research
Oral Presentations/Small Group Activities
Enthusiasm for the student and the subject
Clear, well-organized classes

3) Nine Key Traits for Good Teaching and Learning on which Students and Faculty Agree

Knowledge of the Subject/Discipline
Course Preparation and Organization
Clarity and Understandability
Enthusiasm for Subject/Teaching
Sensitivity to and Concern for Students' Level and Learning Progress
Availability and Helpfulness
Quality of Examinations
Impartiality in Evaluating Students' Work
Overall Fairness to Students

4) Teaching Professor As Coach

Students regard good teaching professors as those that challenge them and work them hard, but somehow communicate that they really care about their students' success.
