

Mid-Semester Interview About Teaching (MIT)

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The Mid-Semester Interview about Teaching (MIT) is a feedback protocol that provides instructors with rich information about student learning in a course. A MIT is initiated at an instructor's request and involves a consultant from the Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center visiting a class, interviewing students using a structured feedback process, and reporting back to the instructor.

The Value of MITs

Unlike end-of-term surveys, this mid-semester process provides timely formative feedback to the instructor and engages students in reflecting on their own learning. Studies have shown that the MIT process itself can positively impact the learning environment and engagement of students in a class. A sampling of the research that supports the effectiveness of MITs can be found on our website gvsu.edu/ftlc/mitinfo/.

Who Can Benefit From a MIT?

While all faculty members can benefit from this type of feedback, a MIT is particularly useful for new faculty and those exploring a new, innovative approach to their teaching.

Requests are accommodated based on consultant availability, on a first-come, first-served basis, and are limited to one MIT per instructor per semester.

The MIT Process

Conducted during the 4th and 9th week of a semester, the MIT takes 20-30 minutes of class time. Instructors request a MIT via an online form, after which Pew FTLC consultant contacts the instructor to schedule the MIT and discuss the process.

A pew FTLC consultant facilitates a three-step interview:

1. Students are asked to respond individually to questions such as:
 - a. What is helping you learn in this course?
 - b. What changes would you suggest to assist you in learning?
 - c. What could you change/do differently in this course?
2. Small groups of students share their answers and write their responses on the board.
3. The consultant then facilitates a class discussion seeking clarification and consensus.

Following the in-class interview, the consultant meets with the instructor to review the student feedback.

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