

Seven Bricks to Lay the Foundation for Difficult Dialogue

1. Intentionally structure hot topics into your lesson plan.
2. Connect the hot topics to the learning objectives or course outcomes at the beginning of class.
3. Build a trusting classroom climate.
4. Include a statement about conduct expectations in the syllabus or learning agreement.
5. Collaborate with the class to create dialogue “rules of engagement”.
6. Help students develop productive conversation skills as part of learning.
7. Start practicing your rules of engagement and conversation skill building early in the course with less divisive conversations.

Reference:

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