**Selected Resources for Online Instruction**

*Angel Help*
<http://kb.its.psu.edu/cms>

 If you have questions or need training on Angel, access this link. You may also be interested in these animated tutorials at <http://kb.its.psu.edu/cms/article/428>

*Instructor and Student Resources for Working in Teams*
<http://tlt.its.psu.edu/suggestions/teams/manage/links.html>

When deciding to include student collaborations in online courses, you have to think not only about the outcomes, but about the processes. Begin by thinking about the “why” and the “how” because the success of teamwork is based on the relationship between online students’ interpersonal needs and interaction preference.

*Rubrics*
 [http://www.schreyerinstitute.psu.edu/Tools/Rubric/l](http://tlt.its.psu.edu/suggestions/teams/manage/links.html)

The use of rubrics may take some initial development time, but it is worth the investment. Not only do rubrics ease the grading process, but they are useful in aligning objectives and assessment. Your students will be better informed about their expectations and in an online environment it is advantageous to be as clear as possible.

*Social Presence in Online Teaching and Learning*
<http://www.slideshare.net/alexandrapickett/teaching-presence>

 Online course environments provide many avenues for interaction, but often require your planning and deliberate actions. The presentation link provided shares background and helpful tips on creating a supportive and active online presence.

*Syllabus Preparation*
<http://www.schreyerinstitute.psu.edu/Tools/Syllabus>

A syllabus for an online course can be a modification of a traditional class syllabus since much of the same information needs to be included. You will, however, want to consider including policies and approaches to communicating and learning online. How do you want students to communicate with you? Will you establish a timeframe for feedback? For example, they will receive feedback within 48 hours. Should students’ question about the course be placed in a discussion forum? Are there guidelines for effectively communication in the form of netiquette rules?