Learner-centered teaching: Reflections on an explorative practice of teaching new Chinese students Library Orientation in their native language

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Interests:
IL and International Students
IL and Engineering Students
International Students
International students as a proportion of all university enrolments, Canada, 1992 to 2008

(Statistics Canada, 2011)
Chinese students as a proportion of McGill University enrolments, 2002-2012

(McGill University, 2012)
Distribution of international and Canadian students, by field of study, Canada, 1992 and 2008

(Statistics Canada, 2011)
Value of International Education Services by Top Ten Countries, 2010

(Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada & Roslyn Kunin & Associates, 2012)
Language Difficulties

listening
understanding
talking
writing
reading
Cultural Differences
Different Learning Habits
Unfamiliar with University Policies and Services

Pre-Departure Guide

Ready, set...
Before you leave, find out everything you need to know about...
Chinese Students’ Strengths
Learner-Centered Teaching
Transforming Information Literacy Instruction Using Learner-centered Teaching

By Joan R. Kaplowitz
Published in 2012 by Neal-Schuman Publishers
“I expect you all to be independent, innovative, critical thinkers who will do exactly as I say!”
Collaboration
Participation
Shared responsibility
Dr. Kaplowitz’s Principles of LCT

1. Collaboration
2. Participation
3. Shared Responsibility
Why I believe LCT can grow
How memory works
LEARNER-CENTERED
PSYCHOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES:
A Framework for School
Reform & Redesign

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- Learner-Centered Psychological Principles

Prepared by the Learner-Centered Principles Work Group of the American Psychological Association's Board of Educational Affairs (BEA)

November 1997
• Principle 1: Nature of the learning process.

“The learning of complex subject matter is most effective when it is an **intentional process of constructing meaning** from information and experience.”

(APA, 1997)
• Principle 7: Motivational and emotional influences on learning.

“What and how much is learned is influenced by the motivation. Motivation to learn, in turn, is influenced by the individual's emotional states, beliefs, interests and goals, and habits of thinking.”

(APA, 1997)
• Principle 11: Social influences on learning.

“Learning is influenced by social interactions, interpersonal relations, and communication with others.”

(APA, 1997)
• Principle 13: Learning and diversity.

“Learning is most effective when differences in learners' linguistic, cultural, and social backgrounds are taken into account.”

(APA, 1997)
• Principle 14: Standards and assessment

“Setting appropriately high and challenging standards and assessing the learner as well as learning progress -- including diagnostic, process, and outcome assessment -- are integral parts of the learning process.”

(APA, 1997)
Guide on the side
Active learning
Recommendations
Dr. Kaplowitz’s Teaching Tripod

- Creating expected learning outcomes
- Selecting instructional activities
- Assessing expected learning outcomes
## Expected Learning Outcomes

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Delivery
“Tell me and I will forget. Show me and I may not remember. Involve me and I will understand.”

- Native American proverb
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