



packback
Fearlessly curious.





Packback is an AI-supported online discussion platform for developing critical thinking, curiosity, and writing skills.



Student Feedback

Spring 2019 Student Feedback Survey

"In past classes where Packback wasn't used, I wasn't all that interested in the material. I just did what I had to do to pass the class. I didn't think I'd care about a GenEd ever before Packback."

Critical questioning skills are *essential* to college and post-grad life:

- In asking effective questions while interviewing to select the right job after graduation.
- In identifying opportunities for innovation, when starting a business, or working within a team.
- In learning new skills independently after graduation, to keep adapting to a changing world!

Our specific Packback course objectives

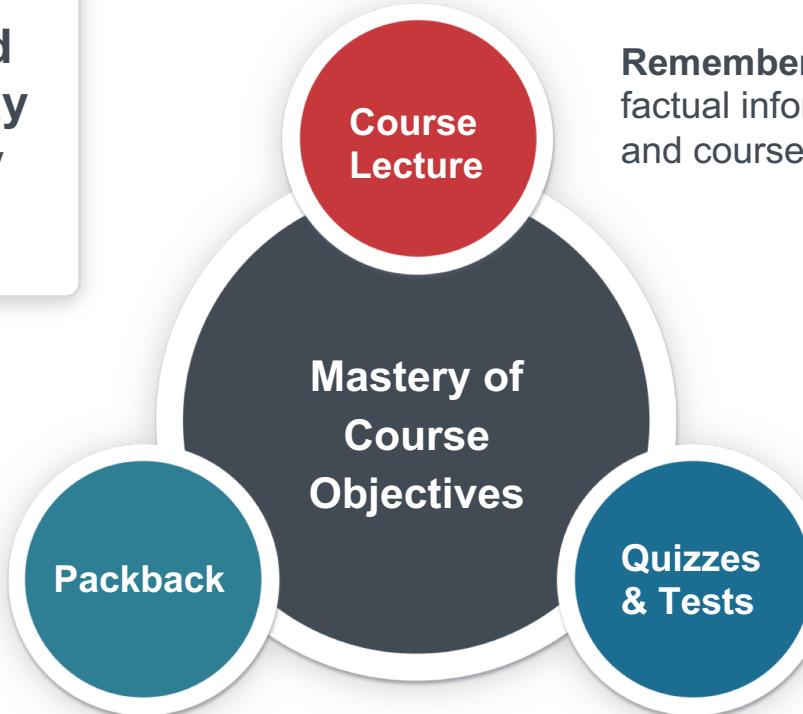
In this class we're using Packback to:

- Share Computational Thinking Problems and Solutions
 - Because if forces citation, our collective CCMR improves.
- Share scripts that you find, with only classmates
 - This is the tolerated venue for program sharing in this class – again because there is a citation
- Capture nature of difficulties you are having [Instructor will use these to modify course in the future]



How Packback discussion fits into this course

Packback will be used in this course as a way to integrate and apply course concepts.



Analyzing, Evaluating, and Generating discussion into broader contexts.

Remembering new factual information and course concepts.

Proving Understanding of course information and concepts.

Participation requirements & How you will be graded

Packback is worth **[15%]** of your final grade!

This is an *important* assignment, please take it seriously as it will affect your final grade.

Participation requirements



Weekly Deadline

[Monday] at [11:59 PM]



What to Post per deadline period

Post [1] Question

Post [2] Responses

(Your choice of a Response,
Counterpoint, or Supporting
point)



Other Expectations

- [Posts must have a minimum Curiosity Score of 50]
- [Partial Credit / No Partial Credit]

Packback's AI & How to check your grade

Posts on Packback are reviewed by AI

Packback's AI

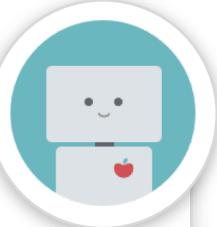
Packback's AI "flags" posts that may be violating community guidelines.

Posts are then reviewed by Packback moderators.

Offending posts are **moderated** and no longer count for credit **until they are re-published**.

Packback's AI flags for:

- **Plagiarism**
- **Closed Ended Questions** (e.g. "What is the definition of mitosis?")
- **Class Logistics Posts** (e.g. "When is the next test?")
- **Low Effort/Low Detail Posts**



What happens if your post is moderated?



Post is “Flagged”

If your post is “Flagged”, you have not yet lost points!

At this time, your post is still published and still counts for credit.



Post is “Moderated”

If your post is moderated, it is unpublished and no longer counts for credit.

If your post is “Moderated”, you receive an email notifying you.



Post is “Republished”

From the email, you can “edit & re-publish” the post.

Doing so will earn back your points for the post without penalty, so long as you edit before grades are entered.

Track your participation

You can check your current participation by deadline period to make sure you've earned your full points for the week.



Note: If you have any moderated posts, you can track them here!

The screenshot shows the 'My Community Stats' dashboard for a user named Jessica Tenuta. At the top right, there's a summary box with a lightbulb icon showing 400 available sparks. Below it, under 'My Questions' and 'My Responses', are counts of 12 All-Time for both. A large blue button labeled 'Track my own participation' is highlighted with a red oval and a red arrow pointing from the 'Moderated Posts' section below to it.

Learner Profile for Introduction to Sociology
Jessica Tenuta
Student at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Rank: #1, Sparks Received: 22, Featured Posts: 3, Professor posts answered by this learner: 2

Curiosity Points: 3334, Avg. Points / post: 78

Questions Asked: 14, Responses Shared: 11, Main Responses: 8, Counter Points: 5, Supporting Points: 5

Discussion Posts **Participation Report**

My Participation Report

Deadline(s) for this course: Sundays at 11:59PM CST, Mondays at 4:00PM CST

Current Grading Period	Questions	Responses	Avg. Curiosity Score	Total Curiosity Score	Moderated Posts
Grading Period 1 1/1/2019 - 1/7/2019	1	2	50 CP	150 CP	0 Question 0 Responses

Getting started & Getting help

Registering for Packback



You will have received an invitation in your school email inbox.

- Follow the instructions in the email to checkout and finish registration.
- Be sure to create an account with the **same email** where you were sent the invitation!

Don't see it? Check spam!

Didn't get an email?

- Sign up directly on Packback
- Click “Join Community” button
- Enter the **“Community Look-Up Key”** from our course syllabus
 - *You only need this key if you didn't get the invite.*

Need Help? Email help@packback.co

Packback's support team is available 7 days a week, and will help you with all technical issues.

Do NOT email me with Packback issues; their team will be able to help faster!