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The CDIO approach for engineering education development

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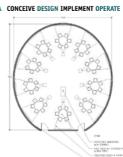
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Some publications

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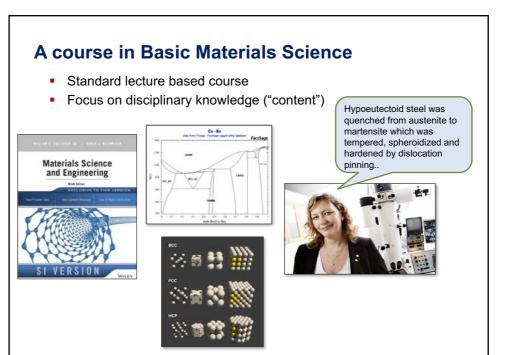
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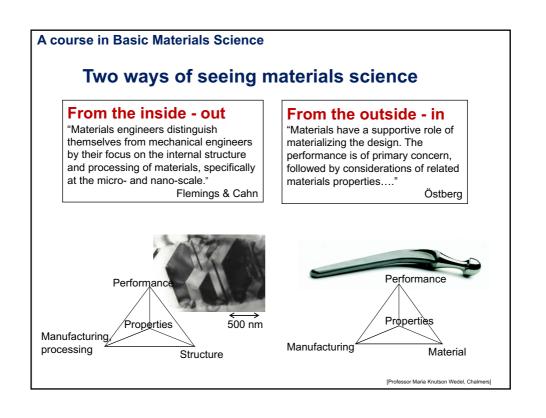
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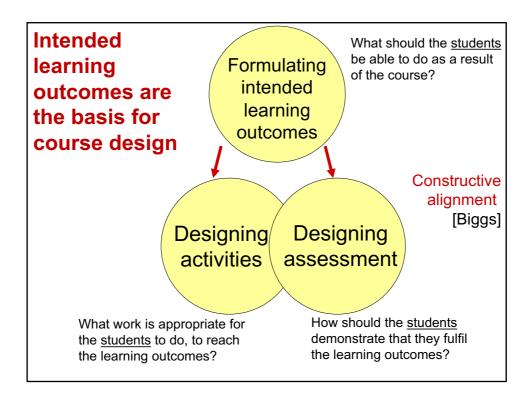
COURSE LEVEL

 A course in basic materials science (at Chalmers)









A course in Basic Materials Science

1. Changing the learning objectives

Intended learning outcomes Designing Designing activities assessment

Before disciplinary knowledge in itself

- ...describe crystal structures of some metals...
- ...interpret phase diagrams...
- ...explain hardening mechanisms...
- ...describe heat treatments...

Now performances of understanding

- ...select materials based on considerations for functionality and sustainability
- ...explain how to optimize material dependent processes (e.g. casting, forming, joining)
- ...discuss challenges and trade-offs when (new) materials are developed
- ...devise how to minimise failure in service (corrosion, creep, fractured welds)

[Professor Maria Knutson Wedel, Chalmers

A course in Basic Materials Science

2. Changing the learning activities



Still lectures and still the same book, but framed differently:

- from product to atoms
- focus on engineering problems



And...

- Study visit in industry, assessed by written reflection
- Material selection class (CES)
- Active lecturing: buzz groups, quizzes
- Test yourself on the web
- Students developed animations to visualize

[Professor Maria Knutson Wedel, Chalmers]

A course in Basic Materials Science

3. Redesigning assessment



2011:

New type of exam, aimed at deeper working understanding

- More open-ended questions many solutions possible, the quality of reasoning is assessed
- Interconnected knowledge integrating the parts of the course

2012:

Added formative midterm exam, with peer assessment

- Communicates expectations on the required level and nature of understanding (Feedback / Feed forward)
- Generates appropriate learning activity
- Early engagement in the basics of the course (a basis for further learning)

Professor Maria Knutson Wedel, Chalmers]

Not just about getting a good mix of Project-based and Subject-based courses

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What view of knowledge is the teaching in your programmes and courses based on?

The disciplinary knowledge in itself or

What an engineer can do with that understanding

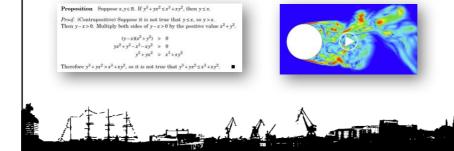
Computational mathematics

LET'S TAKE ANOTHER EXAMPLE

PROGRAMME LEVEL

Traditional mathematics

 Integration of computational mathematics (in the Mechanical Engineering programme at Chalmers)



Integrating computational mathematics

Mechanical Engineering at Chalmers, Sweden



THE AIM

to modernize the mathematical content while also strengthening the connection between engineering and mathematics

Students need to:

- learn to solve more general, real-world problems
- spend less time "solving oversimplified problems that can be expressed analytically and with solutions that are already known in advance"
- work on complete problems
 - setting up a mathematical model and solving it,
 - simulation of the system,
 - using visualisation to assess the correctness of the model and the solution and compare with physical reality

(Enelund et al. 2011)

Programme-driven approach with collegial collaboration

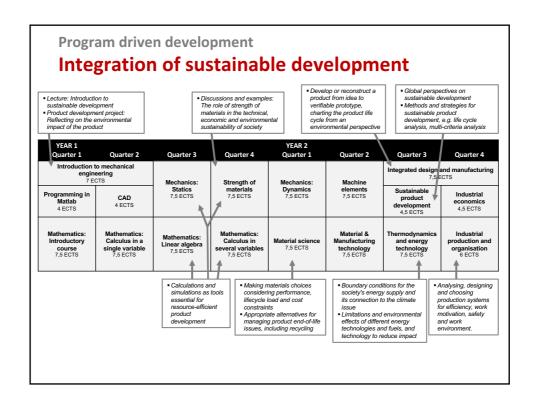
This was not framed as a task for mathematics teachers to solve within the mathematics courses!

Making connections to mathematics in engineering subjects was at least as important as making connections to engineering in mathematics

Integrating computational mathematics

Interventions in the programme:

- New basic math courses including a an introduction to programming in a technical computing language and environment (Matlab)
- Production of new teaching materials (since few textbooks take advantage of the development in computing)
- Integration of relevant mathematics topics in fundamental engineering courses such as mechanics and control theory
- Cross-cutting exercises, assignments and team projects shared between the mechanics and strengths of materials courses and mathematics courses



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What kinds of problems / improvements are best addressed in a programme level approach?

BUT WHAT WERE THESE CASES EXAMPLES OF?

CDIO is a community for developing engineering education

The CDIO Initiative





- The CDIO Initiative started in 2000 with 4 partners:
 MIT, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Chalmers, and Linköping University
- Soon other institutions expressed an interest in joining
- Today about 160 CDIO Collaborators worldwide

The international CDIO community North America A rizona State University California State University Deal University State University LaSPAU Asia Beijing Institute of Petrochemical Technology (giPi) Beijing Jistoring University LaSPAU Massachusetts Institute of Technology Novari Postgratuate School (U.S.) Navari Postgratuate School (U.S.)

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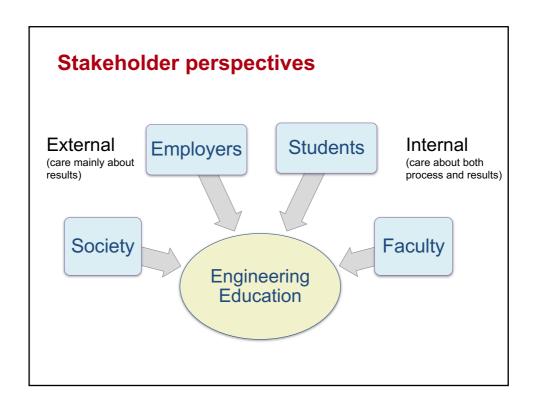
It is based on an idea of what students should learn to become good engineers

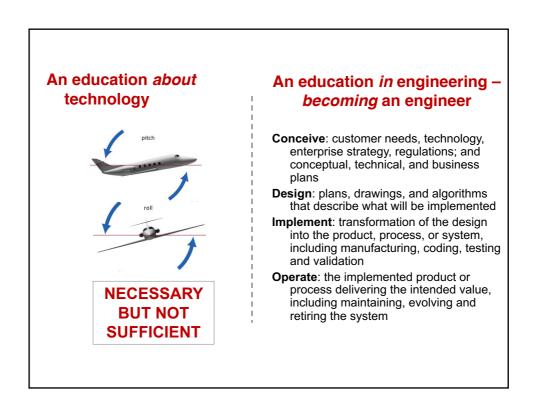
(who can develop technology, or Conceive, Design, Implement and Operate products, processes and systems)



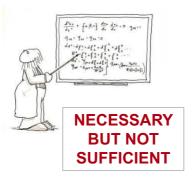
CDIO Standard 1 – The context

Adoption of the principle that product, process, and system lifecycle development and deployment – Conceiving, Designing, Implementing and Operating – are the context for engineering education.





Disciplinary theory applied to "problem-solving"



Theory and judgement applied to <u>real</u> problems

- Cross disciplinary boundaries
- Sit in contexts with societal and business aspects
- Complex, ill-defined and contain tensions
- Need interpretations and estimations ('one right answer' are exceptions)
- Require systems view

Jonassen, D., Strobel, J., & Lee, C. B. (2006). Everyday problem solving in engineering: Lessons for engineering educators. Journal of Engineering Education (96/2), 139

Individual approach



NECESSARY BUT NOT SUFFICIENT

Communicative and collaborative approach

- Crucial for all engineering work processes
- Much more than working in project teams with well-defined tasks
- Engineering is a social activity involving customers, suppliers, colleagues, citizens, authorities, competitors
- Networking within and across organizational boundaries, over time, in a globalised world

CDIO Standard 1: The context Educating for the context of engineering

Education set in Engineering science

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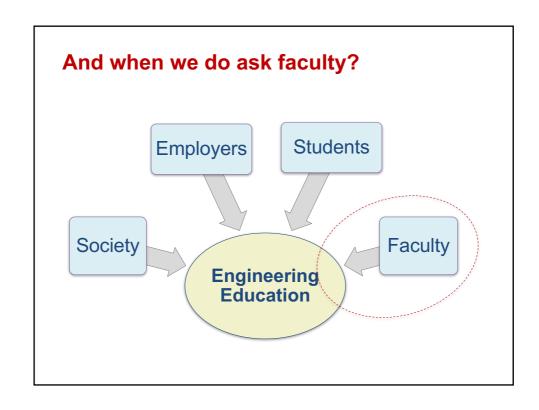
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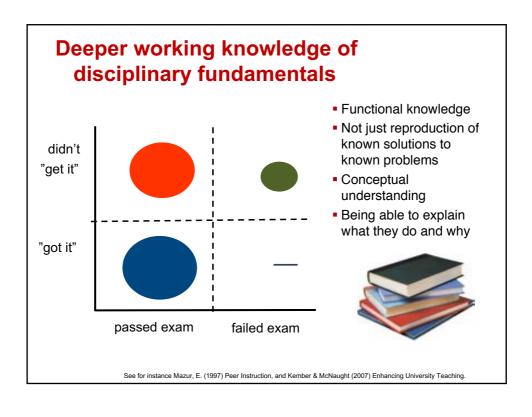
Educate for the context of *Engineering*

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Engineers who can engineer!



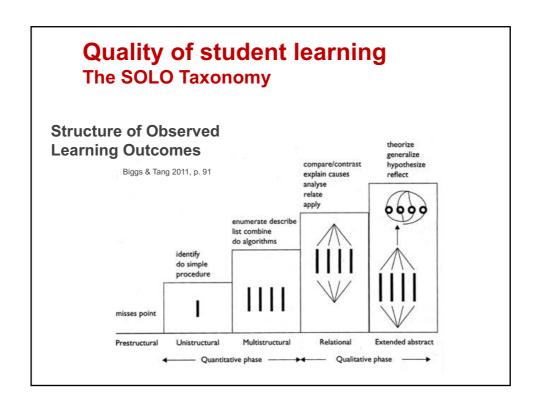


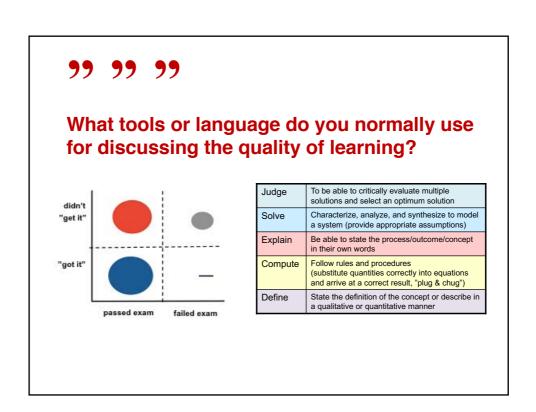
Quality of student learning

Feisel-Schmitz Technical Taxonomy

| Judge Bedöma | To be able to critically evaluate multiple solutions and select an optimum solution |
|-------------------------|--|
| Solve Problemlösning | Characterize, analyze, and synthesize to model a system (provide appropriate assumptions) |
| Explain Förklara | Be able to state the process/outcome/concept in their own words |
| Compute Räkna typtal | Follow rules and procedures (substitute quantities correctly into equations and arrive at a correct result, "plug & chug") |
| Define Aterge | State the definition of the concept or describe in a qualitative or quantitative manner |

[Feisel, L.D., Teaching Students to Continue Their Education, Proceedings of the Frontiers in Education Conference, 1986.]





CDIO is a community for developing engineering education

It is a methodology

The 12 CDIO Standards



CDIO Standard 2: Learning Outcomes Recognising the dual nature of learning

Understanding of technical fundamentals

and

Professional engineering skills







CDIO Standard 2 - Learning Outcomes

Specific, detailed learning outcomes for personal and interpersonal skills, and product, process, and system building skills, as well as disciplinary knowledge, consistent with program goals and validated by program stakeholders.

National level learning outcomes



For Master of Science in Engineering, students must demonstrate:

Knowledge and understanding

- knowledge of the scientific basis and proven experience of their chosen area of engineering, together with insight into current research and development work; and
- both broad knowledge in their chosen area of engineering, including knowledge of mathematics and natural sciences, and substantially deeper knowledge in certain parts of the field.

Chille and abilities

- an ability, from a holistic perspective, to critically, independently and creatively identify, formulate and deal
 with complex issues, and to participate in research and development work so as to contribute to the
 development of knowledge;
- an ability to create, analyse and critically evaluate different technical solutions;
- an ability to plan and, using appropriate methods, carry out advanced tasks within specified parameters;
- an ability to integrate knowledge critically and systematically and to model, simulate, predict and evaluate
 events even on the basis of limited information;
- an ability to develop and design products, processes and systems taking into account people's situations and needs and society's objectives for economically, socially and ecologically sustainable development;
- an ability to engage in teamwork and cooperation in groups of varying composition; and
- an ability to clearly present and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments behind them, in dialogue with different groups, orally and in writing, in national and international contexts.

Judgement and approach

- an ability to make assessments, taking into account relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects, and demonstrate an awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work;
- insight into the potential and limitations of technology, its role in society and people's responsibility for its use, including social and economic aspects, as well as environmental and work environment aspects; and
- an ability to identify their need of further knowledge and to continuously upgrade their capabilities.



The strategy of CDIO is integrated learning of knowledge and skills



Standard 3 – Integrated curriculum Integrating the two learning processes



Acquisition of technical knowledge

The CDIO strategy is the integrated curriculum where knowledge & skills give each other meaning!



Development of engineering skills

CDIO Standard 3 – Integrated Curriculum

A curriculum designed with mutually supporting disciplinary courses, with an explicit plan to integrate personal, interpersonal, and product, process, and system building skills.

Every learning experience sets a balance and relationship



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Discipline-led learning

- Well-structured knowledge base
- Evidence/theory, Model/reality
- Methods to further the knowledge frontier

CONNECTING WITH PROBLEM/PRACTICE

- Deep working understanding = ability to apply
- Seeing the knowledge through the lens of problems, interconnecting the disciplines
- Integrating skills, e.g. communication and collaboration

Problem/practice-led learning

- Integration and application, synthesis
- Open-ended problems, ambiguity, tradeoffs
- Real problems, in a context
- Professional work processes
- "Creating that which has never been"

CONNECTING WITH DISCIPLINARY KNOWLEDGE

- Discovering how the disciplinary knowledge is useful
- Reinforcing disciplinary understanding
- Motivational context

Design-Implement Experiences

student teams design and implement actual products, processes, or systems

- Projects take different forms in various engineering fields
- The essential aim is to learn through near-authentic engineering tasks, working in modes resembling professional practice
- Progression in several dimensions
 - > engineering knowledge (breadth and depth)
 - ➤ size of student teams
 - > length of project
 - increasingly complex and open-ended problems
 - > tensions, contextual factors
 - > student and facilitator roles

How to teach these courses sustainably

CDIO Standard 5 – Design-Implement Experiences
A curriculum that includes two or more design-implement experiences, including one at a basic level and one at an advanced level.



Learning in Design-Implement Experiences

The purpose is not to build things, but to learn from building things

- it is key that students bring their designs and solutions to an operationally testable state.
- To turn practical experiences into learning, students are continuously guided through reflection and feedback exercises supporting them to evaluate their work and identify potential improvement of results and processes.
- Assessment and grading should reflect the quality of attained learning outcomes, rather than the product performance in itself



Integrated curriculum – main ideas

Start by forming a vision

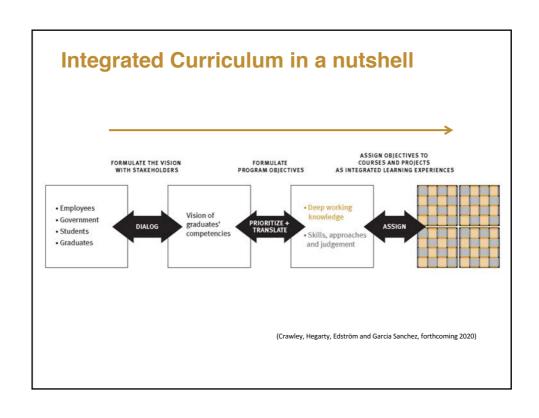
- Form a vision for the graduate in dialogue with stakeholders
- Prioritise and translate to learning outcomes for the programme

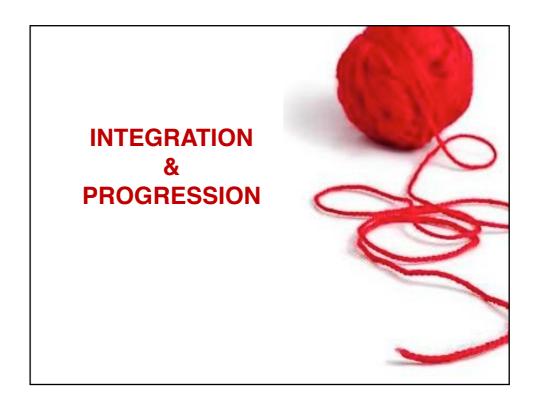
Integrated learning

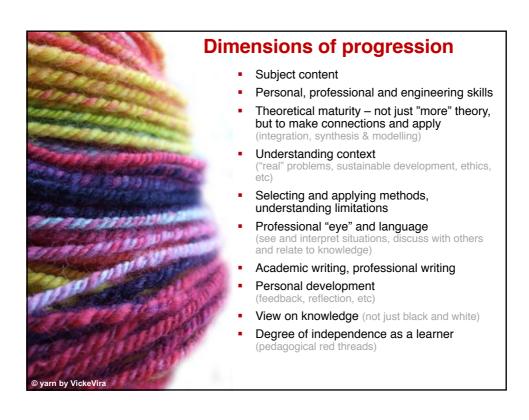
- Connection knowledge and understanding with skills, approaches and judgement
- Learning in the logic of disciplines (theory) and the logic of problems (practice)

Connection and progression

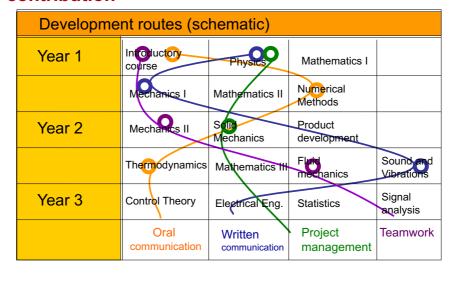
- The contribution of the course is made explicit (connection between course and program)
- Connection between courses, progression
- Program driven course development







Systematic assignment of program learning objectives to courses - negotiating the contribution



Example: Communication skills in Lightweight design & FEM modelling

In this course, communication means being able to

- Use the technical concepts comfortably
- Discuss a problem of different levels
- Determine what factors are relevant to the situation
- Argue for, or against, conceptual ideas and solutions
- Develop ideas through discussion and collaborative sketching
- Explain technical matters to different audiences
- Show confidence in expressing oneself within the field

The skills are **embedded** in, and **inseparable** from, students' application of technical knowledge.

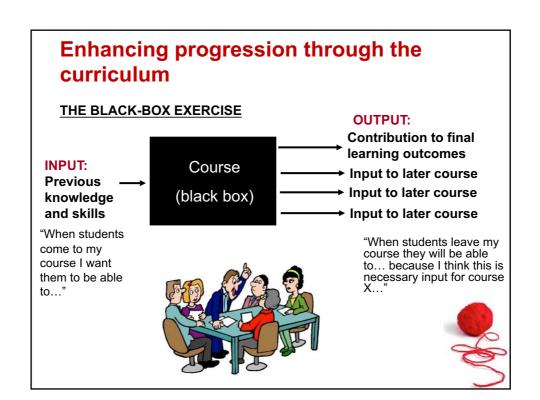
The same interpretation should be made for teamwork, problem solving, professional ethics, and other engineering skills.

"It's about educating engineers who can actually engineer!"

What does communication skills mean in the specific professional role or subject area?



[Barrie 2004]



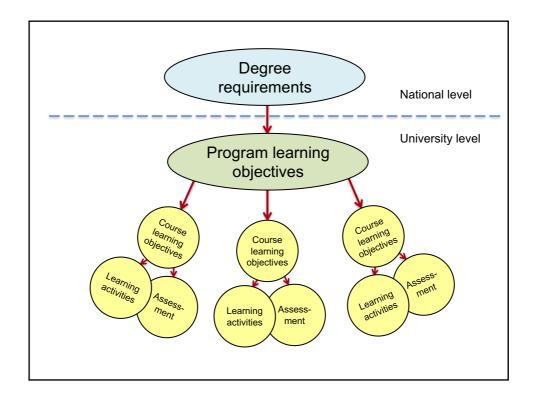
The curriculum has 2 logical links

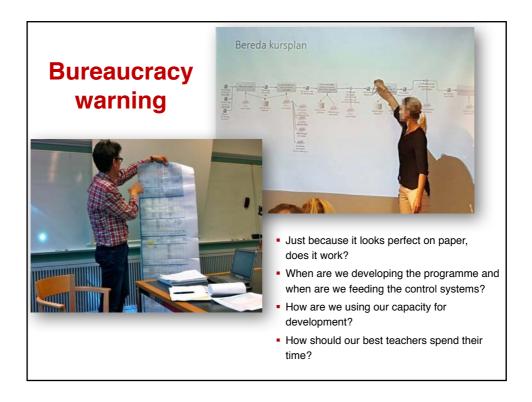
The strength of the chain – the extent to which graduates will actually meet the program learning objectives – hinges on:

 the connection between courses and programs that the sum of course learning objectives <u>actually</u> equals the program objectives,

and

 the constructive alignment that each course <u>actually</u> teaches and assesses students according to its learning objectives.





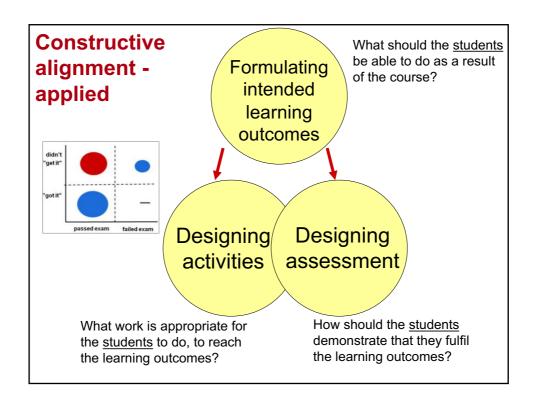


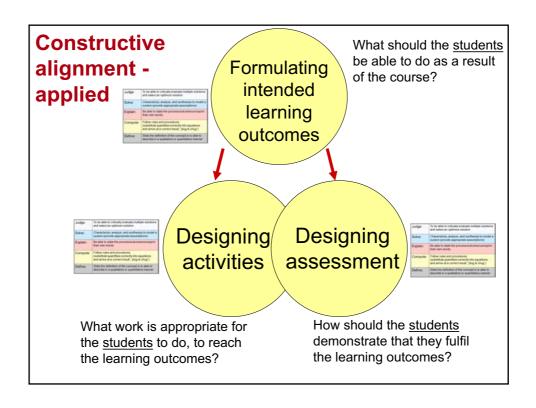
Anyone can improve a course if it means that the teacher works 100 hours more

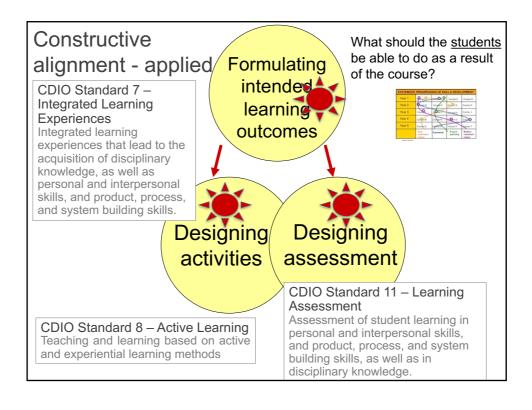
That is not a valid solution...

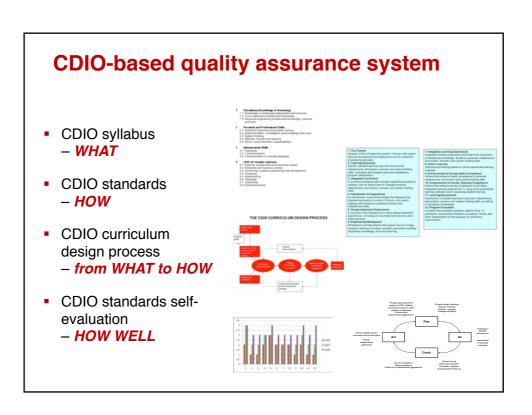
This is about how to get better student learning from the same teaching resources

CDIO Standard 10 - Enhancement of Faculty Teaching Competence
Actions that enhance faculty competence in providing integrated learning experiences, in using active experiential learning methods, and in assessing student learning.











In the book shelf

Book in 2nd edition

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(Also in Chinese, Russian, Vietnamese)

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What is CDIO?

- 1. A community to develop the concept & share experiences
 The CDIO Initiative
- 2. An idea that we should educate engineers who can actually engineer
- 3. A methodology for curriculum development
 The 12 CDIO Standards

