

Title: Backward design. Backward design is planning your course in reverse.

In your classroom, the order of events happening looks like this: content and activities, then assessment, then skills and results. But sometimes, your content, assessment, and student results do not always match. This often happens when the course was designed a long time ago and hasn't been updated recently.

How do I use backward design? You can use backward design for each section, module, or lesson in your course.

First, you should ask: what should my students be able to do after this lesson? These are your learning objectives!

Next, you should ask: what is acceptable evidence that students can do these things? These are your assessments!

Finally, you should ask: what content and activities do students need so they are ready for assessment? These are your teaching strategies!