

Resource Guide for Teaching with Twitter

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UC Merced Twitter Handles:

- @ucmerced
- @ucmercedlib (Library)
- @ucmercedcrte (Center for Research on Teaching Excellence)
- @ucmercedOSL (Office of Student Life)
- @ucmercedbobcats (Athletics)
- @ucmercedcareer (Career Services)
- @ucmerced_intl (International Center)

Key Educational hashtags:

- #highered
- #infolit
- #STEM
- #writers
- #edtech
- #edcause
- Inside Higher Ed Twitter Directory: <http://goo.gl/lellS>
- Hashtag Directory and Hosting: <http://twubs.com/>

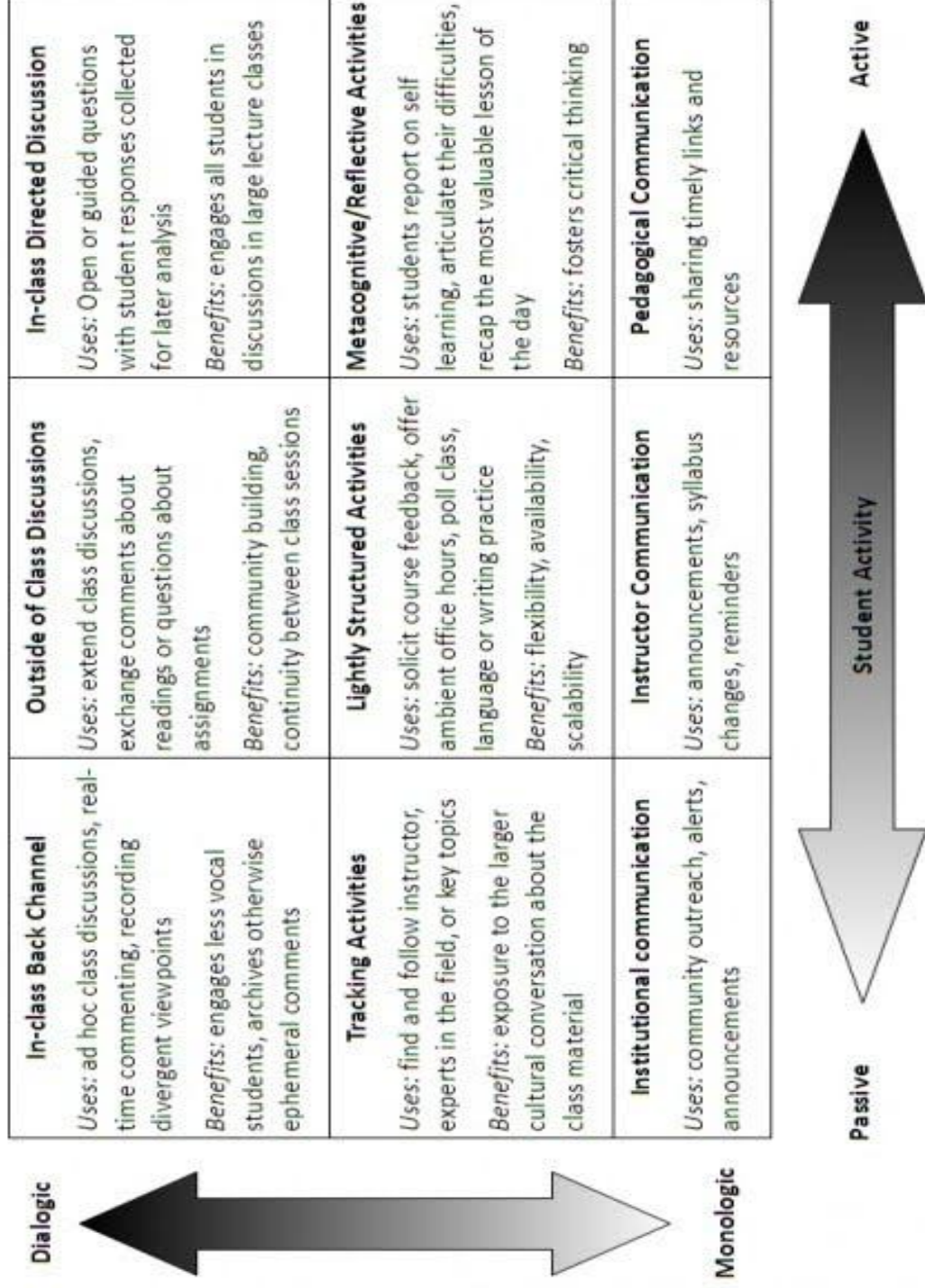
Common Ways to use Twitter:

- *Communication*: announcements, bulletin boards, instant feedback, reminders, bite-size info, etc.
- *Organization*: recap, collating ideas, collecting comments, etc.
- *Resources*: research and news from the field, follow experts, ask for advice and feedback, etc.
- *Engagement*: class discussions, links to interesting readings, conversation overflow, etc.
- *Writing Skills*: vocabulary building, punctuation, grammar, concise writing, etc.
- 60 Ways to Use Twitter by Category (TeachThought): <http://goo.gl/as5Vl>
- 50 Ways to Use Twitter in the Classroom (Teachhub): <http://goo.gl/GPrTs>
- 100 ways to Use Twitter by Degree of Difficulty (Edudemic): <http://goo.gl/V4OfL>

Citing Twitter:

MLA and APA now provide guidelines and examples addressing how to cite information found on Twitter. Please find links below, in addition to examples of information order (hanging indents omitted) taken from the MLA and APA style guide websites, respectively:

- MLA -- http://www.mla.org/style/style_faq/mlastyle_cite_a_tweet
Athar, Sohaib (ReallyVirtual).
“Helicopter hovering above Abbottabad at 1AM (is a rare event).” 1 May 2011, 3:58 p.m.
Tweet.
- APA -- <http://www.apastyle.org/learn/quick-guide-on-references.aspx#Twitter> (scroll down) BarackObama. (2009a, July 15). Launched American Graduation Initiative to help additional 5 mill. Americans graduate college by 2020: <http://bit.ly/gcTX7> [Twitter post]. Retrieved from <http://twitter.com/BarackObama/status/2651151366>



Twitter Adoption Matrix from Sample, Mark. "A Framework for Teaching with Twitter." Web log post. *ProfHacker*. Chronicle of Higher Education, 16 Aug. 2010. Web. 19 Feb. 2013. <<http://chronicle.com/blogs/profhacker/a-framework-for-teaching-with-twitter/26223>>.