## RSI at a Glance

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**Regular and Substantive Interaction Components\***

* Providing direct instruction
* Assessing or providing feedback on a student’s coursework
* Providing information or responding to questions about the content of a course or competency
* Facilitating a group discussion regarding the content of a course or compete
* Other instructional activities are approved by the institution’s or program’s accrediting agency



**RSI Examples:**

* You post a discussion question and actively facilitate the ensuing conversation.
* You moderate small working or study groups.
* You ask a student to visit you during student hours or to schedule a phone call or video conference.
* You provide personalized feedback on an assignment submitted by a student.
* You provide post-assessment debriefings

\*The U.S. Department of Education requires the use of **at least two of these five components.**

A recommended practice is to use **at least two RSI components per week.**

**RSI Planning and Interaction Calendar**

Use this calendar to plan out recurring or special instructor tasks (e.g., synchronous sessions, special preparation work, non-assignment feedback).

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| EXAMPLE RSI Planning and Interaction Calendar |
|  | **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| Week Before Class |  | Review course in Blackboard |  |  | Post week 1 announcementE-mail students | Open Blackboard course |  |
| Week 1  | Post weekly announcement | Record and post weekly overview video | Example RSI Calendar | E-mail students who haven’t logged in |  | E-mail students who have not participated the course |  |
| Week 2  | Post weekly Announcement | Record and post weekly overview video | Begin to grade Week 1 Assignment and give grades and feedback |  |  | E-mail students who have not completed Week 1 assignment |  |
| Week 3  | Post weekly announcement | Record and post weekly overview video |  |  |  | Contact any at-risk students |  |

**Please complete this portion of the RSI Planning and Interaction Calendar.**

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|  | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| Week Before Class  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Week 11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 14 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 15 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 16 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| After Class |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

More on RSI can be found at: <https://www.csuohio.edu/center-for-elearning/regular-and-substantive-interaction>

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