

The good example

- Teaching and Learning with Social Media

Twitter – where less is more (Twitter.com)

What's to like?

- Use it as a student response system
- Use subject-related hashtags and categorise tweets
- Encourages micro-blogging by all
- Encourages immediate knowledge sharing and collaborative learning with co-responsibility by asking and answering questions.
- Access wider research or practitioner communities.
- Requires succinct and precise writing (only 140 characters).

But:

- Not so commonly used in Denmark
- Global access to tweets

Ways to Use Twitter

[The Twitter Essay](#) – introduced in a Digital Humanities classes.

Student Response System – whilst watching a video, listening to a lecture, engaging with a workshop etc. Encourage students to tweet queries which the teacher or peers reply to, show Twitter feed on the screen. Facilitates class interaction.

Engage with an academic text – students adopt a role relevant to the text e.g. they are characters in a novel and tweet in response to a question or hypothesis based on the text.

Composing replies – students work in groups, one group member tweets a question relevant to a reading, class activity, concept and others tweet consecutive replies. Helps develop attentive reading, synthesis of ideas and succinct writing.

Guidance on Using Twitter for Courses

- Clarify its purpose for the course
- Create a professional Twitter account and encourage students to do the same
- Use agreed hashtags to categorise tweets and facilitate searching
- Agree on Netiquette

In short

Using Twitter as an educational resource is relatively recent and research is in an emergent phase.

The [Socio Media Education Experiment](#) supports the use of Social Media (SM) in Danish gymnasiums; see their [article](#) for the project's rationale and ways to use Twitter in class.

[Prestridge's \(2014\)](#) found that students used Twitter for paraphrasing learning and for teacher-student interaction and clarification.

Access an [online guide to Twitter](#). Learn about tweeting, retweeting, hashtags and more. Visit also Twitter's own [help page](#).



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