Sample Questions for Anonymous Online Surveys

The Four Essential Questions

- What is working well for you in this class? What are you struggling with?
  - Consider listing particular learning goals/course objectives, and ask students to assess how well the class is helping them achieve each goal/objective.
- What is helping you learn? What is not working?
  - Ask about the utility of particular class components, e.g. readings, class discussions, lecture organization, sections, problems sets, group projects, online components.
- What could the instructor change to improve your learning experience in this class?
- What could you do differently to improve your learning experience in this class?

Student-Learning Focused Questions

- What is the most important/valueable thing you have learned in this course so far?
- What is the least important/valueable thing you have learned?
- What, if anything, is still unclear?
- Is the pace of lectures too fast/too slow/about right?
- How many hours a week, on average, do you spend on this class?

Course Material Questions

- Is the assigned coursework appropriate to the evaluations/class expectations?
- Has the coursework enhanced your understanding?
- Is the volume of coursework appropriate?
- What are the most important concepts you’ve learned so far in the course?
- Which concepts are you struggling most to understand in this class?

Lecture Questions

- Rate your responses for the following statements from 1-5, with 5 being highest:
  - Lectures are organized and presented clearly.
  - Lectures are thought provoking.
  - The instructors show interest in their teaching.
  - The instruction helps me think critically about course material.