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# Learner-centered teaching: Preparing students to be independent responsible learners

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## Abstract:

This paper discusses features of learner-centered teaching. The balance of power between the instructor and students, involving students in making decisions about their learning, helping students to accept the responsibility for their learning, and valuing students' interests, perspectives and speech are key features for producing a learner-centered environment. This paper suggests that instructors should take into consideration these elements to consciously create a learner-centered environment with which to prepare students to be independent responsible learners.

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