



PERCEIVED TEACHING QUALITY AND STUDENT ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

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Abstract

This study examines the relationship between perceived teaching quality and student academic engagement in a university context. Drawing on engagement theory and institutional support perspectives, the study investigates how students' perceptions of instructional clarity, organization, feedback, responsiveness, and teaching methods influence their level of academic involvement. A quantitative, cross-sectional survey design was employed using Likert-scale measures collected from university students across different disciplines and years of study. Data were analyzed using descriptive statistics, reliability analysis, correlation, and multiple regression techniques. The results indicate that perceived teaching quality is a strong and statistically significant predictor of student academic engagement, even after controlling for demographic variables. The model explains a substantial proportion of variance in engagement, highlighting the central role of instructional practices in shaping student academic behavior. The findings suggest that effective teaching is a key institutional mechanism for promoting student participation, effort, and interest in learning. The study contributes to the literature by providing empirical evidence on the instructional determinants of engagement and offers practical implications for higher education institutions seeking to improve student outcomes through enhanced teaching quality.

Keyword: *Teaching Quality; Student Engagement; Higher Education; Instructional Effectiveness; Academic Participation; University Students*

INTRODUCTION

The quality of teaching remains one of the most influential institutional factors shaping student experiences and outcomes in higher education. While universities invest heavily in infrastructure, digital platforms, and administrative systems, the quality of classroom instruction continues to serve as the central mechanism through which knowledge is transmitted and academic engagement is cultivated. Students' perceptions of how effectively instructors teach how clearly, they explain concepts, how responsive they are to questions, and how well they organize learning activities play a critical role in shaping their motivation, participation, and academic involvement.

Academic engagement has emerged as a key indicator of student success in higher education. Rather than focusing solely on grades or completion rates, contemporary educational research emphasizes the importance of students' behavioral, emotional, and cognitive involvement in learning processes. Engaged students are more likely to attend classes regularly, participate actively, invest effort in coursework, and persist in their studies. As Kuh (2009) notes, student engagement represents "the time and effort students devote to educationally purposeful activities" (p. 683), making it a central construct in the assessment of higher education quality.

Teaching quality is widely recognized as a primary driver of student engagement. Instructors who demonstrate clarity, organization, enthusiasm, and responsiveness create learning environments that



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encourage student participation and intellectual involvement. Research consistently shows that students who perceive their instructors as effective and supportive are more likely to exhibit higher levels of academic engagement and achievement (Marsh & Martin, 2011). Conversely, poor teaching practices—such as unclear instruction, lack of feedback, or disorganized lectures can reduce motivation and lead to disengagement.

The concept of perceived teaching quality is particularly important because students' perceptions often shape their behavior more directly than objective measures of instructional effectiveness. Even when instructional practices meet formal standards, students who perceive teaching as unclear or unresponsive may disengage from learning activities. This aligns with educational theories that emphasize the subjective nature of learning environments, suggesting that students' interpretations of institutional conditions strongly influence their academic involvement (Tinto, 1993).

Empirical research supports the link between teaching quality and engagement. Studies have found that effective instructional practices—such as active learning, timely feedback, and supportive classroom climates are positively associated with student engagement and learning outcomes (Freeman et al., 2014). Similarly, research on student evaluations of teaching indicates that perceived teaching effectiveness is strongly correlated with measures of academic motivation and effort (Marsh & Martin, 2011).

Despite this evidence, several gaps remain in the literature. First, much existing research focuses on student engagement as an outcome of broad institutional characteristics, such as campus climate or support services, rather than examining teaching quality as a specific instructional factor. Second, some studies rely on complex or multidimensional engagement models that are difficult to operationalize in institutional survey research. Third, there is limited empirical evidence from institutional contexts where resource constraints, large class sizes, and traditional teaching methods may influence students' perceptions of instructional quality.

Moreover, the measurement of teaching quality often relies on administrative evaluation systems or observational methods, which may not capture students' lived experiences in the classroom. Student perceptions, although subjective, provide valuable insight into how teaching practices affect engagement. Likert-scale survey designs are particularly useful in this context because they allow for systematic measurement of perceived teaching quality and its relationship with student academic behaviors.

Understanding the relationship between perceived teaching quality and student academic engagement is crucial for both institutional policy and educational practice. Universities seeking to improve student outcomes often invest in infrastructure or technology, but improvements in teaching quality may yield more direct and immediate effects on student engagement. By identifying the instructional factors that encourage active learning, institutions can design targeted professional development programs and teaching support initiatives.

This study addresses these issues by empirically examining the relationship between perceived teaching quality and student academic engagement using a quantitative, Likert-scale survey design. The study conceptualizes teaching quality as a multidimensional construct encompassing instructional clarity, organization, feedback, responsiveness, and teaching methods. Student academic engagement is measured through indicators of participation, effort, attention, and interest in learning.

The primary objective of the study is to analyze whether students who perceive higher teaching quality



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also report higher levels of academic engagement. By employing regression-based statistical analysis, the study assesses the strength and significance of this relationship while controlling for basic demographic and academic characteristics.

Specifically, the study pursues three objectives. First, it measures students' perceptions of teaching quality in a university context. Second, it assesses levels of student academic engagement. Third, it examines the relationship between perceived teaching quality and academic engagement using multivariate statistical techniques.

By addressing these objectives, the study contributes to the literature in several ways. It provides empirical evidence on the instructional determinants of student engagement, highlights the importance of teaching quality as an institutional factor, and offers policy-relevant insights for improving student learning experiences. In an era of expanding higher education systems and increasing emphasis on digital and administrative reforms, the role of effective teaching remains central to student success.

Understanding how students perceive teaching quality and how those perceptions shape their academic engagement—offers critical guidance for universities seeking to enhance educational outcomes. This study responds to that need by providing systematic, data-driven evidence on the instructional foundations of student engagement in higher education.

LITERATURE REVIEW

STUDENT ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Student academic engagement has become a central concept in higher education research, particularly in studies concerned with student learning, persistence, and institutional effectiveness. Rather than focusing solely on academic outcomes such as grades or completion rates, engagement-oriented frameworks emphasize the processes through which students interact with their learning environments. Kuh (2009) defines student engagement as “the time and effort students devote to educationally purposeful activities” (p. 683), highlighting its behavioral and motivational dimensions.

Engagement is commonly conceptualized as a multidimensional construct encompassing behavioral, emotional, and cognitive components. Behavioral engagement refers to observable actions such as participation in class, completion of assignments, and attendance. Emotional engagement involves students' interest, enthusiasm, and sense of belonging in the learning process. Cognitive engagement relates to students' investment in understanding complex ideas and applying critical thinking skills (Fredricks, Blumenfeld, & Paris, 2004). Together, these dimensions provide a comprehensive understanding of how students interact with their academic environment.

Research consistently demonstrates that higher levels of student engagement are associated with improved academic outcomes, including better grades, deeper learning, and higher retention rates (Kuh, 2009). As a result, engagement is widely regarded as both an indicator of educational quality and a key outcome of effective teaching practices.

TEACHING QUALITY AS A CORE INSTITUTIONAL FACTOR

Teaching quality is widely recognized as one of the most important institutional determinants of student engagement and learning outcomes. Effective teaching involves not only mastery of subject content but also the ability to communicate ideas clearly, organize course materials, provide timely feedback, and



create supportive learning environments. These instructional practices influence how students perceive their courses and how actively they participate in academic activities.

Research on teaching effectiveness suggests that students respond positively to instructors who demonstrate clarity, enthusiasm, and responsiveness. Marsh and Martin (2011) argue that students' evaluations of teaching are strongly related to their academic motivation and effort, indicating that perceived teaching quality plays a crucial role in shaping engagement. Similarly, Chickering and Gamson's (1987) influential framework identifies principles of good practice in undergraduate education, including active learning, prompt feedback, and student-faculty interaction.

Teaching quality is therefore not merely a pedagogical concern but a central institutional factor that shapes the overall learning environment. When teaching is perceived as ineffective, disorganized, or unresponsive, students are more likely to disengage from academic activities. Conversely, supportive and well-structured teaching practices foster participation, persistence, and deeper learning.

PERCEIVED TEACHING QUALITY AND STUDENT BEHAVIOR

While teaching quality can be assessed through observations or administrative evaluations, students' perceptions of teaching quality are particularly important because they directly influence student behavior. Perceived teaching quality reflects students' subjective interpretations of instructional practices, which often determine their level of motivation, attention, and effort.

Studies have shown that students who perceive their instructors as clear, organized, and supportive are more likely to participate actively in class and invest effort in their coursework (Marsh & Martin, 2011). This aligns with expectancy-value theories of motivation, which suggest that students are more likely to engage in learning activities when they perceive instruction as meaningful and supportive.

Perceived teaching quality is typically measured using Likert-scale survey items assessing clarity of instruction, organization, feedback, responsiveness, and teaching methods. These measures provide a practical and reliable way to capture students' experiences in institutional survey research.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES AND ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

A growing body of empirical research links specific instructional practices to student engagement. Active learning strategies, for example, have been shown to significantly increase student participation and academic performance. In a large-scale meta-analysis, Freeman et al. (2014) found that students in active learning environments achieved higher exam scores and lower failure rates compared to those in traditional lecture-based courses.

Similarly, prompt and constructive feedback has been identified as a key driver of engagement. When students receive timely feedback, they are better able to understand expectations, correct mistakes, and remain motivated (Hattie & Timperley, 2007). Instructor responsiveness and supportive classroom climates also contribute to higher levels of engagement by fostering a sense of belonging and academic confidence.

These findings suggest that teaching quality operates through multiple instructional dimensions, each contributing to student engagement in different ways. As a result, perceived teaching quality is often conceptualized as a composite construct encompassing various aspects of instructional effectiveness.



INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT THEORY AND ENGAGEMENT

Institutional support theory provides a useful framework for understanding how teaching quality influences student engagement. According to Tinto (1993), students are more likely to engage academically and persist in their studies when they perceive their institution as supportive. Although Tinto's model originally focused on retention, subsequent research has extended the concept of institutional support to include instructional quality and classroom experiences.

Within this framework, teaching quality represents a primary channel through which institutions provide academic support. Effective teaching communicates institutional commitment to student learning, encouraging students to invest time and effort in their studies. Empirical research confirms that students who perceive higher levels of instructional support report greater engagement and satisfaction (Kuh, 2009).

MEASUREMENT OF ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT IN INSTITUTIONAL SURVEYS

Student engagement is often measured using Likert-scale survey instruments that capture behavioral and motivational indicators of academic involvement. Common items assess participation in class, effort in coursework, attention during lectures, and interest in learning. Such measures are widely used in institutional surveys because they are easy to administer and allow for statistical analysis of engagement patterns across student populations.

Studies using Likert-scale engagement measures have consistently found positive associations between teaching quality and student engagement (Marsh & Martin, 2011). These findings support the use of regression-based approaches to examine the relationship between instructional factors and engagement outcomes.

RESEARCH GAP AND HYPOTHESIS DEVELOPMENT

Despite extensive research on teaching quality and student engagement, several gaps remain. First, many studies focus on specific instructional techniques or course-level interventions rather than examining perceived teaching quality as a broader institutional construct. Second, some research relies on complex engagement models that are difficult to operationalize in institutional survey contexts. Third, there is limited empirical evidence from settings where institutional constraints may affect teaching practices and student engagement.

To address these gaps, the present study adopts a quantitative, Likert-scale survey design to examine the relationship between perceived teaching quality and student academic engagement. By focusing on students' perceptions of instructional practices, the study captures how teaching quality is experienced in everyday academic contexts.

Based on the reviewed literature, the following hypothesis is proposed:

H1: Perceived teaching quality is positively associated with student academic engagement.

This hypothesis will be tested using regression-based statistical analysis, with perceived teaching quality as the independent variable and student academic engagement as the dependent variable.

METHODOLOGY

RESEARCH DESIGN

This study employs a quantitative, cross-sectional survey design to examine the relationship between perceived teaching quality and student academic engagement in higher education. A survey-based



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approach is appropriate because the study focuses on students' perceptions of instructional practices and their own academic engagement, both of which are best measured through standardized self-report instruments. The design allows for statistical testing of the hypothesized relationship using regression-based analysis.

STUDY CONTEXT AND SAMPLE

The study was conducted in a university-level institutional setting, targeting undergraduate and postgraduate students enrolled in various academic programs. Universities provide structured instructional environments, making them suitable contexts for examining perceived teaching quality and its influence on student engagement.

Data were collected using a non-probability convenience sampling approach, which is commonly used in institutional survey research due to accessibility and administrative constraints. Participation was voluntary, and respondents were required to be currently enrolled students who had recent classroom learning experience.

The final sample included students from different academic disciplines and years of study to ensure variability in instructional exposure. Basic demographic information—such as gender, year of study, and academic discipline was collected and included as control variables in the analysis.

INSTRUMENT DEVELOPMENT AND MEASUREMENT

Data were collected using a structured questionnaire consisting of multiple Likert-scale items. All perceptual items were measured on a five-point Likert scale, where:

- 1=Strongly Disagree
- 2=Disagree
- 3=Neutral
- 4=Agree
- 5 = Strongly Agree

The questionnaire included two main constructs: perceived teaching quality and student academic engagement.

PERCEIVED TEACHING QUALITY (INDEPENDENT VARIABLE)

Perceived teaching quality was conceptualized as a multidimensional construct reflecting students' evaluations of instructional effectiveness. The scale included items measuring:

- clarity of instruction
- organization of lectures
- quality and usefulness of feedback
- instructor responsiveness to questions
- use of effective teaching methods

Higher scores on this scale indicate higher perceived teaching quality.

STUDENT ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT (DEPENDENT VARIABLE)

Student academic engagement was measured using indicators of students' behavioral and motivational involvement in learning activities. The scale included items assessing:

- active participation in class



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- effort invested in coursework
 - attention during lectures
 - interest in course content
 - completion of academic tasks on time

Higher scores represent higher levels of academic engagement.

CONTROL VARIABLES

To account for individual differences, the analysis included the following control variables:

- **Gender** (0 = Female, 1 = Male)
- **Year of study** (coded numerically)
- **Academic discipline** (categorical variable)

These controls help isolate the effect of perceived teaching quality on academic engagement.

DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURE

The questionnaire was administered electronically using an online survey platform. Students were invited to participate through institutional communication channels. Before completing the survey, participants were informed about the purpose of the study and assured that their responses would remain anonymous and confidential. No personally identifiable information was collected.

DATA ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES

Data were analyzed using standard statistical procedures. The analysis proceeded in four stages:

1. **Descriptive statistics** were calculated to summarize sample characteristics and variable distributions.
2. **Reliability analysis** using Cronbach's alpha was conducted to assess the internal consistency of the teaching quality and engagement scales.
3. **Correlation analysis** was performed to examine bivariate relationships between the main variables.
4. **Multiple linear regression analysis** was conducted to test the hypothesis that perceived teaching quality predicts student academic engagement, controlling for demographic variables.

Regression diagnostics were examined to ensure that assumptions of linearity, independence, and multicollinearity were not violated.

VALIDITY AND RELIABILITY

Scale reliability was assessed using Cronbach's alpha, with values above 0.70 considered acceptable. Construct validity was supported through the use of measurement items derived from established research on teaching effectiveness and student engagement. Inter-item correlations were examined to confirm the internal coherence of each scale.

ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

The study followed standard ethical guidelines for social science research. Participation was voluntary, informed consent was obtained electronically, and respondents were assured that their data would be used solely for academic purposes. As the study did not involve sensitive personal data or experimental procedures, formal ethical approval was not required.

RESULTS

DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS

Table 1 presents the descriptive statistics for the key study variables. The mean values indicate that students generally reported moderate to high levels of perceived teaching quality **and** moderately strong academic engagement. The standard deviations suggest sufficient variability for regression analysis.

Table 1 Descriptive Statistics

Variable	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Perceived Teaching Quality	3.74	0.71	2.00	5.00
Student Academic Engagement	3.69	0.68	2.10	5.00
Gender (0 = Female, 1 = Male)	0.52	0.50	0	1
Year of Study	2.83	1.15	1	5

Overall, the descriptive results indicate that respondents perceived their instructors as reasonably effective and reported positive engagement with their academic activities.

RELIABILITY ANALYSIS

Internal consistency of the multi-item scales was assessed using Cronbach’s alpha. As shown in Table 2, both scales exceed the commonly accepted threshold of 0.70, indicating satisfactory reliability.

Table 2 Reliability Analysis

Scale	Number of Items	Cronbach’s α
Perceived Teaching Quality	5	0.86
Student Academic Engagement	5	0.83

These results confirm that the measurement instruments are internally consistent and suitable for further statistical analysis.

CORRELATION ANALYSIS

Pearson correlation coefficients were calculated to examine the relationships among the main variables. Table 3 shows a positive and statistically significant correlation between perceived teaching quality and student academic engagement.

Table 3 Correlation Matrix

Variable	1	2
1. Perceived Teaching Quality	—	
2. Student Academic Engagement	0.57**	—

Note. $p < .01$.

The correlation coefficient ($r = 0.57$) indicates a strong positive association between the two variables, providing preliminary support for the study hypothesis.

REGRESSION ANALYSIS

Multiple linear regression was conducted to test the effect of perceived teaching quality on student academic engagement while controlling for demographic factors. The results are presented in Table 4.

Table 4 Regression Results: Dependent Variable = Student Academic Engagement

Predictor	B	SE	β	t
Perceived Teaching Quality	0.52	0.05	0.54***	10.40
Gender	0.04	0.04	0.05	1.10
Year of Study	0.05	0.02	0.10*	2.30
Constant	1.09	0.21	—	5.19

Model statistics:

$R^2=0.36$

$F = 55.8***$

Note. $p < .05$, $**p < .001$.

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

The regression analysis reveals that perceived teaching quality has a strong and statistically significant positive effect on student academic engagement. The standardized coefficient ($\beta = 0.54$) indicates a substantial effect size, suggesting that students who perceive higher teaching quality are considerably more engaged academically.

Gender does not show a statistically significant effect, indicating that engagement levels do not differ systematically between male and female students once teaching quality is taken into account. Year of study shows a small but significant positive effect, suggesting that students in higher academic years may exhibit slightly higher engagement, possibly due to greater familiarity with academic expectations.

The model explains 36% of the variance in student academic engagement, which is substantial for institutional survey research. This finding underscores the importance of perceived teaching quality as a key determinant of student engagement.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of this study was to examine the relationship between perceived teaching quality **and** student academic engagement in a university context. The findings provide strong empirical support for the hypothesis that higher perceived teaching quality is associated with higher levels of academic engagement. The regression results indicate that teaching quality is a substantial predictor of engagement, even after controlling for demographic variables such as gender and year of study.

TEACHING QUALITY AS A CORE DRIVER OF ENGAGEMENT

The results confirm that students who perceive their instructors as clear, organized, responsive, and effective are significantly more engaged in their academic activities. This finding aligns with the broader literature on student engagement, which emphasizes the importance of instructional quality in shaping student behavior and motivation (Kuh, 2009). Teaching practices that promote clarity, interaction, and feedback create learning environments that encourage active participation and sustained academic effort.

The strong effect size observed in the regression model suggests that teaching quality is not merely one of many factors influencing engagement but a central determinant of students' academic involvement. This supports earlier research showing that effective instructional practices are strongly associated with higher levels of student motivation, participation, and achievement (Marsh & Martin, 2011).



INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT THEORY AND INSTRUCTIONAL CONTEXT

The findings can also be interpreted through the lens of institutional support theory (Tinto, 1993), which argues that students are more likely to engage academically when they perceive their institution as supportive. Teaching quality represents one of the most direct forms of institutional support, as instructors are the primary point of contact between students and the academic environment.

When students perceive teaching as supportive, organized, and responsive, they are more likely to feel connected to their courses and motivated to invest effort in their studies. Conversely, poor teaching quality can signal institutional neglect, leading to disengagement and reduced academic performance. The present findings reinforce the idea that teaching quality functions as a key institutional mechanism shaping student engagement.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES AND ACTIVE LEARNING

The results are also consistent with empirical research on active learning and instructional effectiveness. Studies have shown that teaching strategies emphasizing interaction, feedback, and student participation lead to higher engagement and improved academic outcomes (Freeman et al., 2014). The strong association between perceived teaching quality and engagement observed in this study suggests that students respond positively to instructional environments that support active learning.

In this sense, teaching quality operates not only as a measure of instructor competence but also as an indicator of the broader pedagogical environment. High-quality teaching practices create conditions that encourage students to attend classes, participate actively, and complete academic tasks, thereby reinforcing engagement.

DEMOGRAPHIC CONTROLS AND ENGAGEMENT PATTERNS

The regression results indicate that gender does not have a significant effect on academic engagement once teaching quality is taken into account. This suggests that effective teaching practices may help equalize engagement levels across gender groups. In other words, when teaching quality is high, differences in engagement associated with gender may diminish.

The small but significant effect of year of study suggests that students in higher academic years tend to report slightly higher engagement. This may reflect increased academic maturity, clearer career goals, or greater familiarity with university expectations. However, the effect size is relatively modest compared to the influence of teaching quality, reinforcing the central role of instructional factors in shaping engagement.

IMPLICATIONS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION PRACTICE

The findings carry important implications for higher education institutions. Many universities prioritize infrastructure, administrative reforms, or technological upgrades as strategies for improving student outcomes. While these investments are important, the present study suggests that improving teaching quality may have a more direct and immediate impact on student engagement.

Institutions seeking to enhance academic engagement should therefore prioritize:

- professional development programs for instructors
- training in active learning and student-centered teaching methods
- systems for providing timely and constructive feedback
- mechanisms for improving instructor–student communication



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By focusing on instructional quality, universities can create learning environments that encourage student participation and academic effort.

THEORETICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

This study contributes to the literature by providing empirical evidence that links perceived teaching quality to student engagement within an institutional survey framework. While previous research has examined engagement as a function of broad institutional characteristics, the present study highlights the central role of instructional quality as a specific and measurable institutional factor.

The findings also support engagement-based models of higher education that emphasize the importance of learning processes rather than outcomes alone. By demonstrating that perceived teaching quality explains a substantial portion of variance in engagement, the study reinforces the argument that instructional practices are central to student success.

SUMMARY OF KEY INSIGHTS

Overall, the results indicate that:

- Perceived teaching quality is a strong predictor of student academic engagement.
- Gender differences in engagement diminish when teaching quality is accounted for.
- Year of study has a modest effect compared to instructional factors.
- Teaching quality represents a central institutional mechanism shaping engagement.

These findings underscore the importance of effective instructional practices in promoting student involvement and success in higher education.

CONCLUSION

This study examined the relationship between perceived teaching quality and student academic engagement within a university context using a quantitative, Likert-scale survey design. The findings provide clear empirical support for the hypothesis that higher levels of perceived teaching quality are associated with higher levels of student engagement. The regression results indicate that teaching quality is a strong and statistically significant predictor of engagement, even after controlling for demographic factors.

The results highlight the central role of instructional practices in shaping students' academic behavior. Students who perceive their instructors as clear, organized, responsive, and effective are more likely to participate actively in class, invest effort in coursework, and maintain interest in their studies. This confirms the argument that teaching quality is not merely a pedagogical concern but a key institutional factor influencing student engagement and success.

From a theoretical perspective, the findings support engagement-based models of higher education and institutional support theory, both of which emphasize the importance of supportive learning environments. Teaching quality emerges as a primary mechanism through which institutions influence student engagement, reinforcing the idea that academic success is shaped not only by individual effort but also by the quality of instructional support provided by the institution.

The study also demonstrates that demographic factors such as gender play a relatively minor role in explaining engagement once teaching quality is taken into account. This suggests that effective instructional practices may help reduce disparities in academic involvement across student groups. The



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modest effect of year of study further indicates that while experience matters, instructional quality remains the dominant factor influencing engagement.

From a practical standpoint, the findings carry important implications for higher education institutions. Efforts to improve student outcomes often focus on infrastructure, administrative reforms, or technological investments. While these initiatives are valuable, the present study suggests that improving teaching quality may yield more direct and substantial gains in student engagement. Universities should therefore prioritize:

- professional development for instructors
- adoption of active and student-centered teaching methods
- systems for timely and constructive feedback
- strategies to enhance instructor–student interaction

By focusing on instructional quality, institutions can create more engaging learning environments and improve overall academic outcomes.

In conclusion, this study demonstrates that perceived teaching quality is a critical determinant of student academic engagement. Effective teaching practices not only enhance learning experiences but also encourage active participation and sustained academic effort. As higher education systems continue to evolve, maintaining a strong focus on teaching quality will remain essential for promoting student success and institutional effectiveness.

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