Teaching Summer Classes

Summer classes generally move at a faster pace than semester-long classes. Here are some tips from the Academy of Art University for making the most of your summer class:

- Create a timeframe/calendar for the class and give it to your students on the first day. Highlight key due dates and exams so that students are well-aware of what’s coming up.

- Dive into the course material on the first day of class, and assign homework right away. This will signal to students that they need to keep up with the material to stay on top of things.

- Create assignments that are directly related to course objectives and desired learning outcomes; skip any readings, assignments, or projects that are secondary to these goals.

- Keep your teaching style active and varied to engage students’ attention; the more engaged they are in the course, the less time they’ll spend wishing they were somewhere else over the summer.

Check out more ways to teach summer courses here:

http://faculty.academyart.edu/resource/tips/1785.html