



Principles of Systematic SoTL Analysis

Chapter 9 describes five principles of systematic SoTL analysis (see table 9.2). Use the prompts below, which are adapted from the five principles, to plan for how you can be (even more) systematic in a SoTL inquiry you will conduct.

Table 9.2. Principles of Systematic SoTL Analysis
Be <i>intentional</i> in choosing your analytical approach.
Be <i>methodical</i> in applying the approach.
Be <i>careful</i> with each step.
Be <i>receptive</i> to unexpected results and insights.
Be <i>connected</i> throughout your process.

Questions for Planning Your Systematic SoTL Analysis

1. What analytical approach (or approaches) *could* you use in your inquiry? Why are you choosing the one(s) that you are going to use?
2. How will you specifically apply that approach in your inquiry? What are the steps you will take or the processes you will use in your analysis?
3. In your analysis, how will you ensure you are being true to the goals of your inquiry and taking care of the students affected by your work?
4. What will you do to be open to surprises and challenges you encounter in your analysis?
5. How will you maintain or build connections between your inquiry and the relevant scholarly literature? Between your inquiry and the people who are most affected and (potentially) interested in your work?