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EA Competency: Adaptability

Fear, Fear, Fear of Failing.... That incessant drumbeat accompanies so much of students' experiences of exams. What if, instead of being afraid of making a mistake, students could learn from their mistakes? Well, PHL 100 Introduction to Philosophy with Dr. Ross allows students to correct their mistakes, meet with her in person to explain their revised understanding, and earn credit toward their exam. This allows resilience to replace fear.

EA Competency: Communication

"Sometimes taking things as they come, make you forget to put anything in" *The English Beat*. This remains as true today as when it appeared in the lyrics of 1980s pop culture. The advent of PowerPoints posted to CANVAS has created a student experience where taking notes in class is seen as optional—however, it is not. Taking notes are not only memory-aids but also help to literally make meaning out of dense material. In PowerPoint-Free lectures, learning from the spoken word and making meaning in conversation are key to philosophical progress.

EA Competency: Communication

Do we still make music playlist for those we love? Can we be in love with ideas? Students in Dr. Ross' class are provided the opportunity to create playlists that touch upon key philosophical concepts. Since "philosophy" literally means the love of wisdom, a philosophy playlist allows the student to put the love into philosophy and make memorable content that will transcend the semester.

EA Competency: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Screen Time? How about Screen-Meaning or how to use one's critical thinking and knowledge about how moving images are made in order to view all of this content more critically? Courses in Philosophy and Film and International Multicultural Philosophy use film and other moving images as their primary texts. Students learn how the elements of film construction are integral to making meaning.

EA Competency: Career and Self-Development

What if I live in Korea and need to take an ethics class to get my degree at another UW System school? No worries! PHL 201 is frequently offered online so that anyone in the world can take it for credit.

EA Competency: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Logic as a means to compassion. One way to start any philosophy class is by introducing logic. Typically there has been a stark dichotomy between reason and emotion, but there are ways of teaching logic to show how reasonably people might hold very different positions based on equally valid forms of logic. Therefore, logic can engender compassion.

