# Assignment 1: Philosophy of Teaching (15%)

Based on the activities you completed this week, write a reflection on your own theory of teaching and learning in a specific educational setting. Your reflection should include:

* A discussion of the way the TPI illuminates your reflection on teaching and learning;
* A discussion of how your content knowledge informs your ideas of teaching;
* A tentative identification of the theory of teaching and learning you feel is most relevant and meaningful for you;
* A description of the impact this theory has on your approach to teaching and course design.

Please note, the idea of a theory informing teaching may be new to you. You are not required to pretend that the theory has informed your teaching in the past as you write your reflections. Rather, think about the way you think the theory will have an impact as you plan courses and teach in the future.

## Assignment length

This assignment should be quite brief, between 500–750 words.

You may wish to include a table or diagram outlining the connection between the theory you identified and the way you organize your teaching, though this is not a requirement.

## Submitting the assignment

The assignment should be:

* Posted on your blog for comments by other participants in the course;
* Submitted to the instructor for feedback.

## Marking Criteria

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| The paper contains a clear statement of the writer’s philosophy of teaching. This may be stated as a philosophy of teaching, or it may be a description of what “good teaching” means in a particular, identified, teaching situation. | 3 |
| The connection between the Teaching Perspectives Inventory (TPI) and the philosophy of teaching is clear, whether TPI results are seen as accurate or not. | 2 |
| The connection between content knowledge and teaching philosophy is clear and made explicit. (The approach to helping students learn content knowledge is clearly stated, and is based on the philosophy of teaching.) | 3 |
| A theory of teaching and learning is identified, and accurately described. | 1 |
| A description of how the concept of indigenization of curriculum will inform your approach to curriculum development. | 1 |
| The impact the identified theory has on teaching approach is explicitly and logically described. | 3 |
| Assignment meets technical requirements and is clearly written:   * Length between 500-750 words * APA style used * Writing is clear, with appropriate paragraphing, technically correct grammar, and appropriate use of subheadings | 2 |

### Due: End of Week 3