Virtue-Based Self-Assessment


Responses to the scale items can be conveyed using a likert-type scale (e.g. 1 = “very different from me”, 2= “different from me”, 3 = “neither different from me nor like me”, 4 = “like me”, and 5=“very much like me”). An asterisk (*) indicates items that should be reverse-scored (these items describe an absence of the virtue in question.

Curiosity
___ My classes often leave me wondering about the topics we discussed.
___ I wonder about how things work.
___ I often ask “what-if” questions like “what if something else had happened?”
___ The world is a fascinating place to discover.
___ I ask a lot of “why” questions.
___ I like to study things I already know rather than learning something new.*
___ I rarely think of questions about what we are learning in class.*
___ Learning is boring.*

Intellectual Humility
___ I feel comfortable asking for help when I don’t understand something,
___ I have a lot to learn.
___ Some of my friends are smarter than I am.
___ It is easy for me to admit when I am wrong.
___ I like to impress others with what I know.*
___ I like to correct my classmates miskates.*
___ I feel as if I don’t know anything.*
___ I am right about most things.*

Open-Mindedness
___ I like to hear different perspectives.
___ I am open to considering new evidence.
___ I enjoy learning why other people believe what they believe.
___ I am willing to change my beliefs.
___ I am a flexible thinker.
___ I find it difficult to think outside the box.*
___ I feel uncomfortable around people who see things differently than I do.*
___ I often ignore perspectives I don’t agree with.

Intellectual Courage
___ I am willing to answer a question even if I think my answer might be wrong.
___ I stand up for what I believe in.
___ I speak up in class even when I am nervous about doing so.
___ I am willing to take risks to learn more.
___ When my answer is different from everyone else’s, I avoid speaking up.*
___ Fear often prevents me from learning more.*
___ If I think my friends might laugh at me, I keep my opinion to myself.*
___ I don’t ask questions in class, because I don’t want to be embarrassed.*