

## Virtue-Based Self-Assessment

Deep in Thought: A Practical Guide to Teaching for Intellectual Virtues (Harvard Education Press, 2021).

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 mistakes.\*
- 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.\*