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# Enhancing Students' Critical Thinking Skill through Flipped Classroom

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#### **Research Questions**

- Can a flipped learning model enhance critical thinking skill of students in a research method class?
- What are the relationships between students' attitude towards flipped learning and other outcomes, i.e., their learning behaviours, perceived critical thinking skill, and score on critical thinking test?



## **Critical Thinking**

- The ability to actively analyse and evaluate arguments (Abrami et al., 2008)
- Consists of 6 skills, i.e., interpretation, analysis, evaluation, inference, explanation, and self-regulation,
   16 subskills, and 19 dispositions, e.g., inquisitive, open-mindedness (by American Philosophical Association in Facione, 1990)
- One of the essential skills for students to succeed in life and work in the 21<sup>st</sup> century (Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning, 2015)



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#### Framework for 21st Century Learning

Learning and Innovation Skills – 4Cs Critical thinking • Communication Collaboration • Creativity Core Subjects – 3Rs and 21st Century Themes Information, Life and Media, and Career Skills **Technology** Skills Standards and Assessments Curriculum and Instruction Professional Development **Learning Environments** 

http://www.p21.org/about-us/p21-framework



"Flipped learning is a pedagogical approach in which direct instruction moves from the group learning space to the individual learning space, and the resulting group space is transformed into a dynamic, interactive learning environment where the educator guides students as they apply concepts and engage creatively in the subject matter."

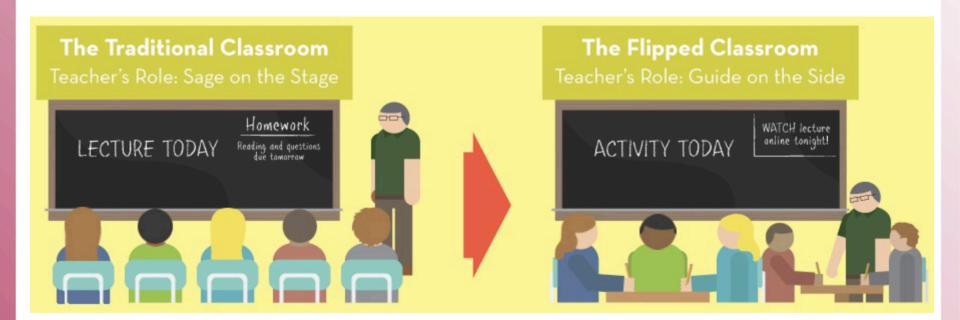
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## Flipped Learning



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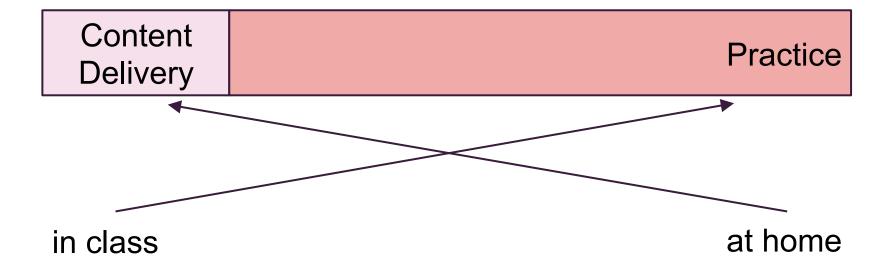


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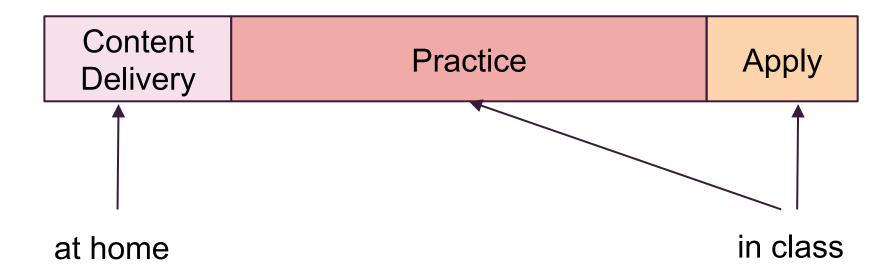


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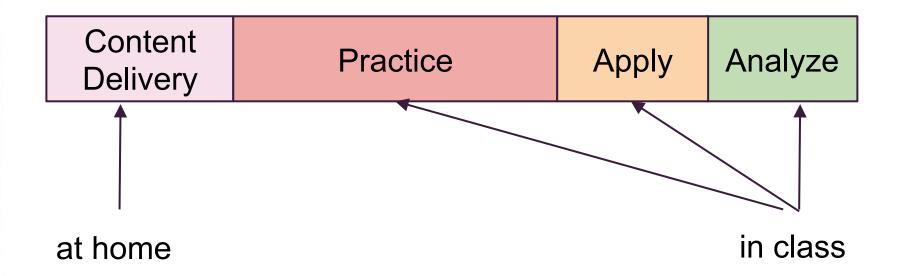


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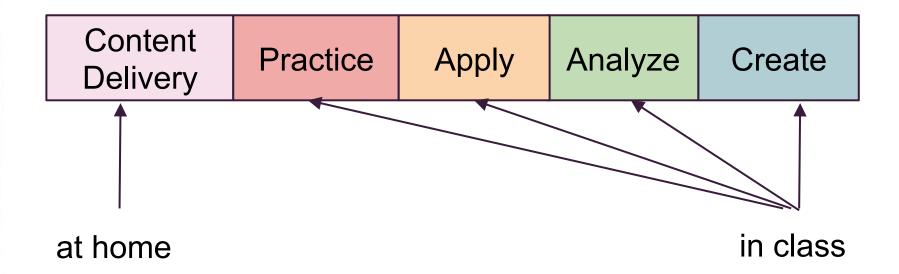


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#### Method

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#### Participants:

 85 students (59 females and 26 males) enrolled in the Fall 2014 Research Method in Psychology

#### **■** Learning Management System:

- Blackboard
- Facebook

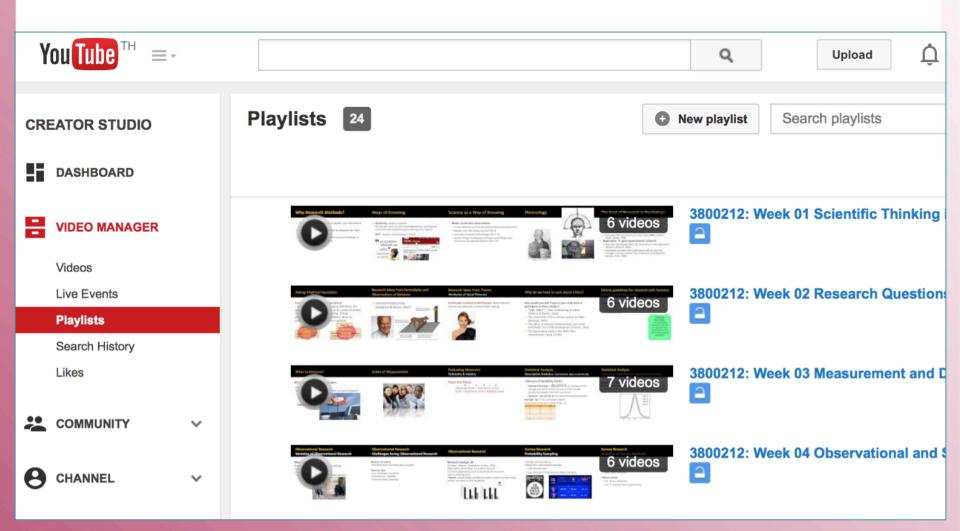




- Content Delivery
- Classroom Activities
- Outcome Measures



#### Method: Content Delivery





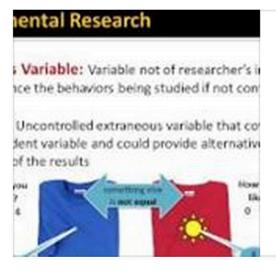
#### Method: Content Delivery





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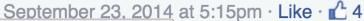


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# Method: Content Delivery

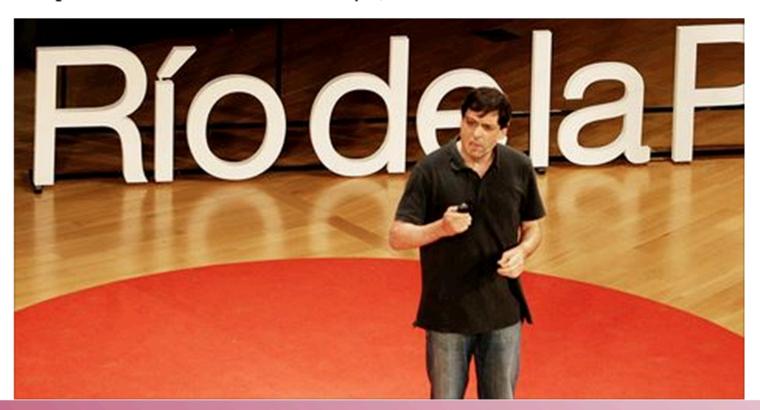
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November 5, 2014

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#### **■** Classroom Activities:

- Weekly quizzes and instant feedback
- Group discussion of case studies
- Coming up with research projects
- Data analysis and writing up reports
- Peer assessment of group reports



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อ.ดร.ทิพย์นภา หวนสุริยา asked a question. October 26, 2014

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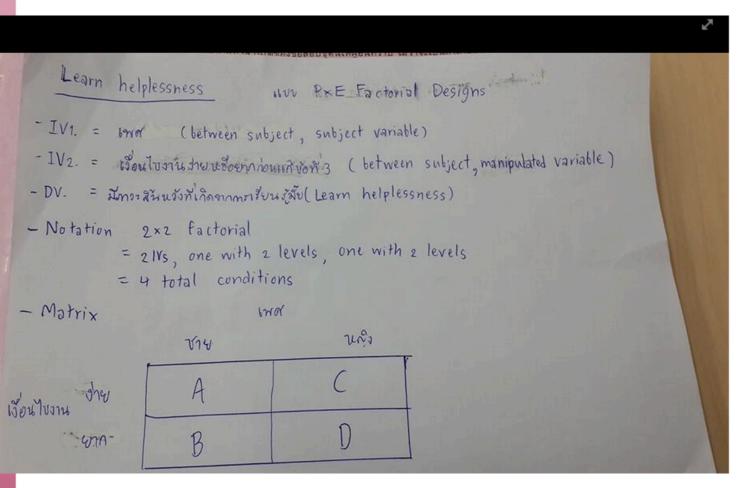








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#### Method: Outcome Measures

- Critical thinking skill test
- Perceived critical thinking skill
- Self-reported learning behaviours
- Attitudes towards flipped classroom



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#### Critical thinking skill test

- Developed in Thai using Watson-Glaser Critical Thinking Appraisal (Watson & Glaser, 2002) as a framework.
- Measured three times during the semester
- Consisted of five dimensions:
  - inferences
  - recognition of assumptions
  - deductions
  - Interpretations
  - evaluation of arguments



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■ Critical thinking skill test: Sample Questions

#### **Evaluation of arguments**

"Should the government provide 'baby grants' to help support each dependent child in a family so that the family standard of living is not lowered by having children?"

- Yes; many families who cannot now afford it would then provide better childcare, and this would greatly improve the general health of the nation. (Strong or Weak argument?)
- No; government provision of 'baby grants' would involve additional public expenditure of money. (Strong or Weak argument?)

(Watson, & Glaser, 2002)



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- Perceived Critical Thinking Skill
  - Four items on a 0 4 scale

#### "Please evaluate yourself on each of the following skills before and after taking this class"

- 1. analysing incoming information with critical mind
- 2. selecting appropriate statistics for each research design
- 3. analysing the strengths and weaknesses of a research study
- 4. understanding the importance of research in psychology

(none) 0 1 2 3 4 (proficient)



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- Self-reported learning behaviours
  - Four items on a 0 5 scale

#### "How often did you engage in each of these behaviours in this class?"

- 1. watching all the videos before coming to class
- 2. taking notes while watching the lectures
- 3. attending class
- 4. participating and fully engaging in classroom activities

(never) 0 1 2 3 4 5 (almost all the time)



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- Attitude towards Flipped Classroom
  - One item on a 0 5 scale

"What do you think of the flipped classroom model?"

(do not like at all) 0 1 2 3 4 5 (like it very much)

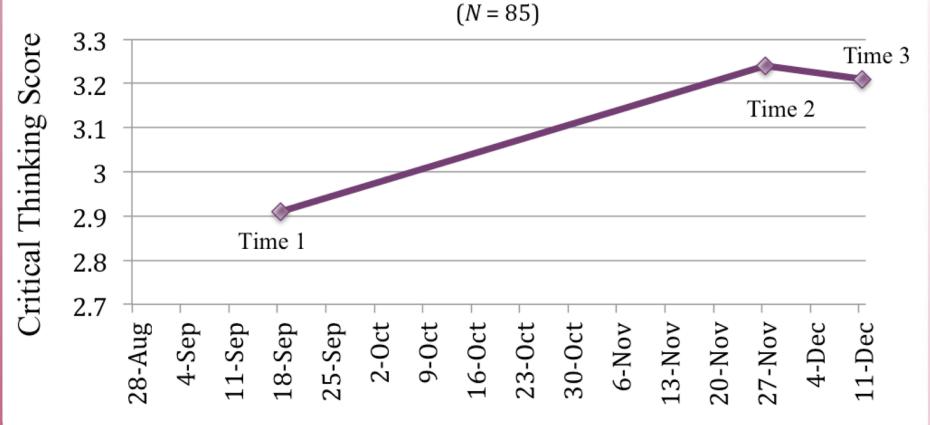


■ Can a flipped learning model enhance critical thinking skill of students in a research method class?

- Time 1 --  $M_1$  = 2.91,  $SD_1$  = 0.54
- Time 2 --  $M_2$  = 3.24,  $SD_2$  = 0.47
- Time 3 --  $M_3$  = 3.21,  $SD_3$  = 0.54



Figure 1. Mean critical thinking scores



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• Wilks' Lambda = .809, F(2, 83) = 9.80, p < .001

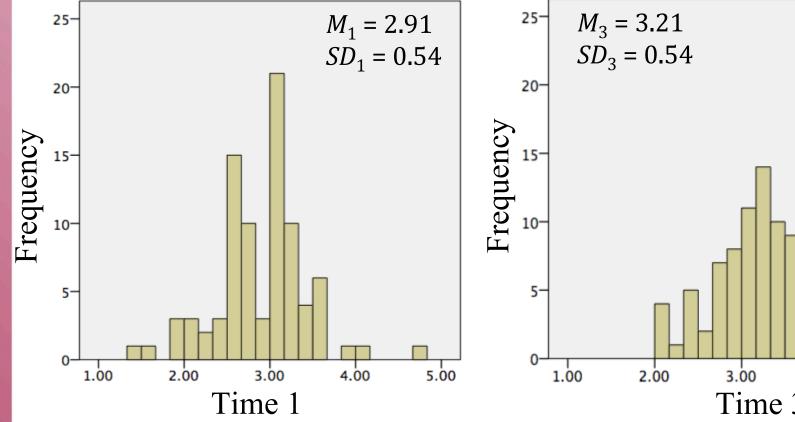
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$$M \ Difference_{2-1} = 0.33, SE = 0.08, p < .001$$

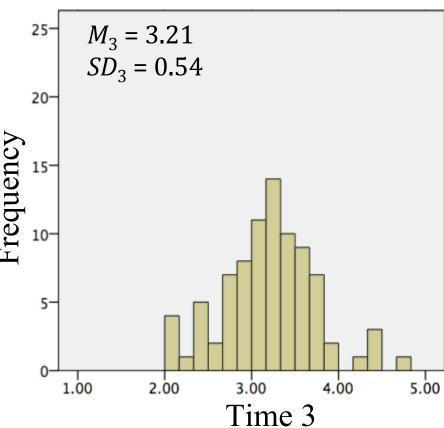
• *M Difference* 
$$_{3-1} = 0.30$$
,  $SE = 0.08$ ,  $p < .001$ 

• *M Difference* 
$$_{2-3} = 0.03$$
,  $SE = 0.07$ ,  $p = 1.00$ 



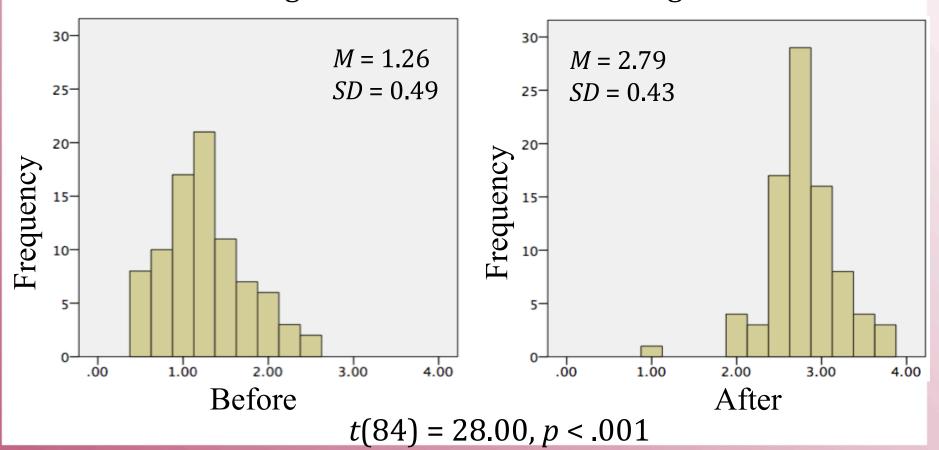
Figure 2. The distribution of critical thinking scores at Time 1 and Time 3







# Figure 3. The distribution of students' perceived critical thinking skill before and after taking the class





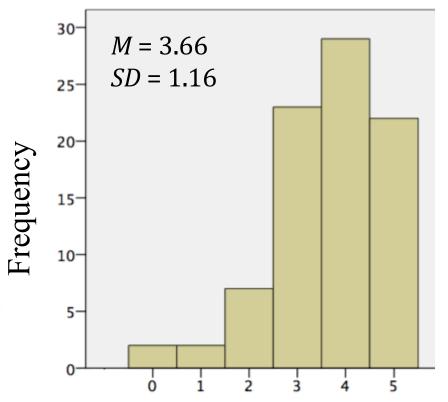
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#### Results

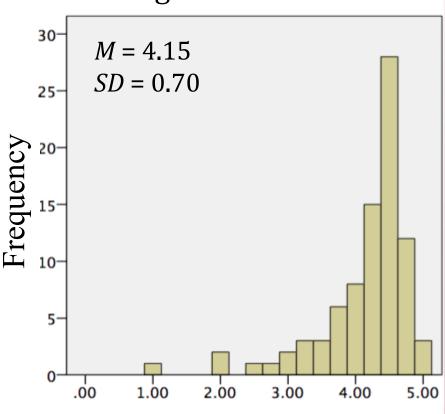
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Figure 4. The distribution of attitude towards flipped classroom and Self-report learning behaviours



Attitude towards Flipped Classroom

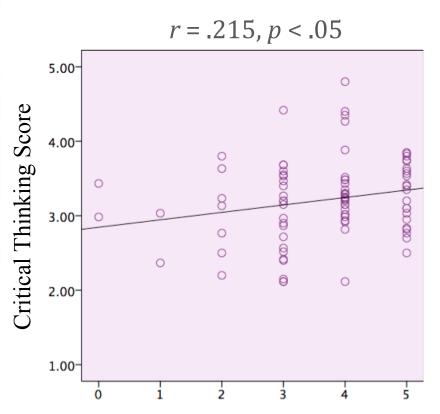


Self-reported learning behaviors

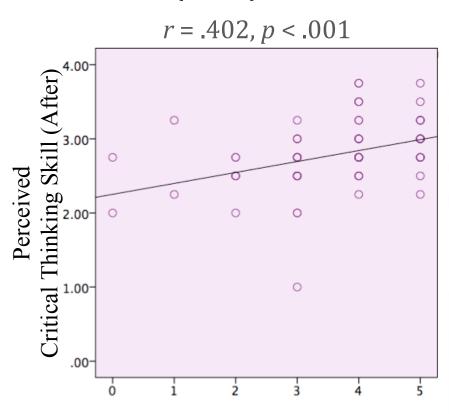


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#### Correlations between variables (N = 85)



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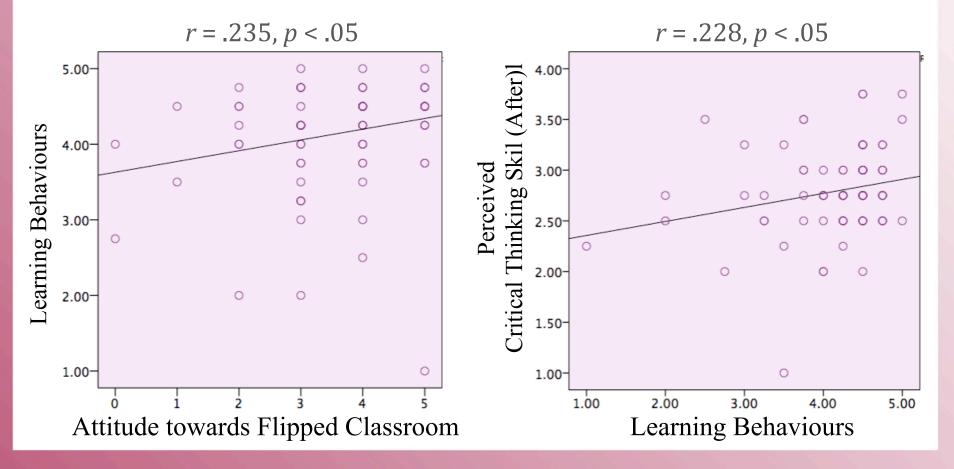


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#### Correlations between variables (N = 85)





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# Means, Standard Deviations, and correlations among Variables (N = 85)

Variables	M	SD	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 Critical thinking score Time 1	2.91	0.54						
2 Critical thinking score Time 2	3.24	0.47	031					
3 Critical thinking score Time 3	3.21	0.54	.086	.304**				
4 Perceived CT skills – before class	1.26	0.49	.122	.001	020			
5 Perceived CT skills – after class	2.79	0.43	.022	041	.071	.399***		
6 Self-reported learning behaviors	4.15	0.70	024	.024	071	.075	.228*	
7 Attitude towards flipped classroom	3.66	1.16	.113	003	.215*	035	.402***	.235*

*Note:*  ${}^*p < .05$ ,  ${}^{**}p < .01$ ,  ${}^{***}p < .001$ 



#### Students' comments

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■ 70% of the comments were positive. Students like flipped classroom because they:

gain new perspectives from classmates during the discussion

have opportunities to practice applying what they have learned

can go back and review the lecture videos anytime



gain deeper understanding of the materials through practice



#### Students' comments

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■ 30% of the comments were neutral or negative. Students don't like flipped classroom because they:

think the workload is much more than traditional classroom

prefer live lecture in traditional classroom

still don't understand the purpose of flipped classroom





#### Students' Suggestions

- More dynamic videos with better-quality sound
- More exciting in-class activities, e.g., a debate, role play
- Videos should be posted at least one week ahead of time so they have enough time to watch and learn before coming to class
- Online discussion board where they can leave questions or comments anonymously



#### **Next Steps**

- Improve the quality of the lecture videos
- Integrating quiz questions into the videos
- More and better designed classroom activities
- Smaller class size, quicker and more thorough feedback
- Better measures of outcome variables
- Better research design





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Lessons Series Community Clubs

# What Aristotle and Joshua Bell can teach us about persuasion - Conor Neill

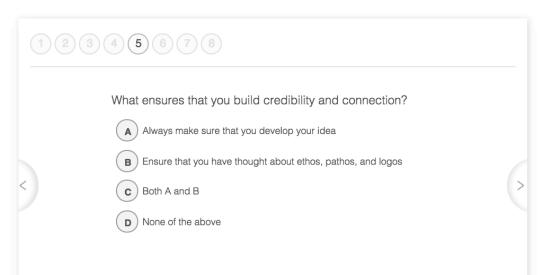


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# Q&A







