

# Teachnology Philosophy Statement

*Due Thursday, February 14 as a .pdf emailed to me (arola@wsu.edu)*

## A bit of context...

A teaching philosophy statement is a clear, concise account of your approaches to teaching. It should provide a sense of who you are as a teacher and what you value. It should address why you teach, what you teach, how you situate yourself as a teacher, and how you reflect upon and assess your teaching methods.

In addition, teaching philosophy statements typically always do a bit of work in anchoring you to a particular field and that field's practices, beliefs, and values. This isn't a research document, but it does typically include nods and shout-outs to key theorists, researchers, and sometimes even teachers who have shaped your beliefs and values.

A technology philosophy statement is a statement that focuses on your stance toward and values related to technology in the classroom. It might address the tools you use to teach, why you use these tools, how you situate yourself vis-à-vis these tools, and how you reflect upon and assess your teaching with technology methods.

## The Assignment....

For this assignment, prepare a 2-4 page double-spaced (or the equivalent of that should you choose to mess with format) technology, or "teachnology," philosophy statement. You are encouraged to play with using images, or unique formatting, or font choices, or... just consider audience and purpose and play with your strategies accordingly.

Look to our course readings for theories and ideas, as I expect you to at least make a nod to some of the theories and questions we've addressed thus far.

As you get started, you might consider reflecting on your experiences being a student and your experiences teaching, such as:

- What are the least effective ways I've seen teachers use technology in the classroom?
- What are the most effective ways I've seen teachers use technology in the classroom?
- What are some of the best possible outcomes of teaching with technology?
- What are my teaching goals in general and how can technology support that?
- What can XYZ tool or technology allow that more traditional means do not allow or facilitate?
- How can I illustrate the claims I want to make about teaching with technology?  
How can I not only tell but also show my readers about my beliefs and values?

### note:

Sample statements (some dealing w/ technology, some just general teaching philosophy statements) will be available on the resources page. To make a .pdf, just type up your document in Word, go to "Print" and on the bottom-left of the print box you will see a button that says PDF. Click this to save as a .pdf.