

# TEACHING IN A VIRTUAL WORLD: ARE YOU SERIOUS?!?

If you asked me a year ago whether teaching an online philosophy course was wise, I would have said "No" without hesitation. However after teaching an entire course in Second Life last summer, I wouldn't dream of teaching another online course without the virtual world. Second Life® is a free, 3-dimensional, multi-user, online, virtual world program created in 2003 by Linden Research Inc. In this workshop, I recount the course I taught in Second Life and address four areas of interest: (1) traditional vs. non-traditional learning environments, (2) communication, (3) illustrative props, and (4) student feedback. My conclusion is that courses can be taught online in Second Life effectively and that instructors need to be more aware of the educational possibilities of Second Life as education becomes increasingly more digital.



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