Caring & Flexibility in the Classroom
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Agenda

• Caring

• Flexibility

• Conclusion/Resources
NO MATTER HOW MUCH PEDAGOGY WE KNOW, NO MATTER HOW MANY DEGREES WE HAVE, UNLESS OUR STUDENTS KNOW THAT WE CARE, THEY WILL NOT LEARN FROM US.
What makes “caring” hard?
Caring: Strategies

- Student info sheet.

- Wellness checks (every week or every other week)

- Guidelines (in person and online).

- If teaching remotely and asynchronously: synchronous office hours via Zoom or weekly email check ins.
Flexibility
What are the challenges to flexibility?
Flexibility: Strategies

Vary teaching techniques
(Emory Flexible Teaching Toolkit)
- Asynchronous/Synchronous
- Individual/Group
- Socratic/Reflection

Contingency plan for illness & closures:
- Attendance
- Recording class
- Due dates (managing vs. meeting deadlines, passes, deadline sign ups, submission window)
Are your Zoom meetings on Middle Class Standard Time?

Many of our teams have shifted to Zoom, and despite the obvious reasons...
Resources

Flexible Teaching Toolkit
Emory College Online Teaching Strategies (ECOTS)
Humanizing Online/Remote Classes
Humanized Personalized Learning
Questions? Comments?

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