Considering Your Teaching Persona
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What version of yourself do you want to present to your students? It’s important to note that you don’t have full control over how your students see you: however unfairly, your visible identities may play a role in how you are perceived by your students. You can, though, think about how you might anticipate and moderate those perceptions.

- How will you convey authority? Is this even important to you?
- How will you convey approachability?
- How will your age, gender, race and/or ethnicity influence your persona?
- How will you dress?
- How will you convey enthusiasm for your course/discipline?