

### **Response to reviewer-1**

Thank you for your valuable comments. The feedback is well received

### **Response to reviewer-2**

Thank you for the title recommendation, we accept it.

Prefer to use language “Asynchronous Seven Week course” throughout for semantic consistent format.

We have removed the term Deeper. However, Deeper learning is reflected in the themes through critical thinking, active engagement and communication.

The number of narratives is explained under the results section on page 6.

The papers were numbered/coded to maintain anonymity of the peer review. The emails are private and confidential compared to the learning management system (LMS). Students received detailed rubrics along with video instructions on writing a constructive peer feedback. This is added to the manuscript on page 5. Clarified on page 5 under Analysis. Clarifications were made on page 6 in purple color.

Limitations were inserted on page 12.

The article referenced from 2019 is considered important explaining the role of the educators.

### **Response to reviewer-3**

We have change made to title. Adjustments made for clarity.

### **Response to reviewer-4**

The numbers are written in words when it is less than ten or if it is at the beginning of sentence. Otherwise, numbers are written in numerical form. Clarified on page 2.

### **Response to reviewer-5**

Thank you the manuscript has been thoroughly reviewed

### **Response to reviewer-6**

Thank you so much to review our manuscript We wanted to keep our focus on the importance on the pedagogy of developing critical thinking.

We focused on the asynchronous 7-week courses, and clarified that.

We have added clarification related to the use of the full 105 narratives and then the review of the subthemes with the smaller randomized group.

Limitations has been added.

Reference has been added.