

**Thammavong Teaching Philosophy (General):**

I've gathered and assembled the best parts of my ongoing experiences from both my academic life, as well as my professional artistic life, to guide the way I teach. In short, the ideas behind my teaching methods are what I've found to be successful for teachers and mentors I've had the privilege of learning from. The strength of this philosophy is that the core essence has been distilled from ideas that withstood trials of time from various perspectives including, but not limited to, my own.

***The foundations of my philosophy:***

I am first, and foremost, a Guide in the process of learning. I show the students several paths but let them choose for themselves which way to travel.

Second, I am a fellow traveler on their path. I will discover and learn with them; keeping the relationship symbiotically beneficial and alive and keeping me current with the times.

Third, I adapt my methods to student needs on an individual basis in real time. We follow the backbone of basic foundations skills but explore the nuance of individual expressive interest to best nurture each student toward a productive path in more advanced settings.

Fourth, I actively apply my craft in order to set the best example I can for success in the field. I've discovered that you teach what you know; and since you know what you do, it's best to do a lot.

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