

Student comments- PAR 317: Epistemology (Spring 2019)

-One of the best professors i've had at UNCW!! Don't change a thing!

-This class was genuinely very enjoyable. Dr. Smithson is an amazing professor, he can explain very difficult concepts really well and can tell when the class needs some levity. The class is structured really nicely, and the option of which essays to complete is a huge plus. I would take this class again if I had the choice!

-Great guy who really pushes his students to excel in the work they turn in. Sometimes asks for a bit much to achieve an A on an assignment, but I understand his reasoning in doing so. Would definitely take again.

-Smithson brings the juice! Dr. Smithson was a great professor, his class was very engaging and I always felt encouraged to participate and give my input. He made the course content relatable and interesting, and was always helpful when students needed help. Dr. Smithson is a very enthusiastic, fun, engaging professor and I would highly recommend this class and professor to other philosophy students.

-I'm not a huge fan of an "A" paper being equivalent to a "B" paper with the exception of conversing outside of class material grading wise. If the papers didn't weigh so heavily, I don't think they would have given me as much anxiety to submit. I know nothing about the course in general, which is where I found myself looking to professors for education. I found in my papers that attempting to evaluate the course material beyond the classroom reflected negatively on my overall score and resulted in losing confidence in my writing skills. Overall, I did enjoy this course as it touched on topics I'd never been exposed to in philosophy before.

-Dr. Smithson presented complex topics in a lighthearted manner that created a pleasant, accessible, and intriguing learning environment. I would take another class taught by Dr. Smithson in a heartbeat for this and many other reasons.

-I enjoyed the class discussion and Dr. Smithson's energy. I felt we came unfocused at times but not much more than other classes with other teachers. I felt there could have been a more clear expectation for what we should have understood by the end of each section, but we learned a substantial amount in each section regardless.

-Made the concepts easier to learn and great at keeping the attention of the class. Was very funny and great at relating the ideas to real life. Also frequently stressed the importance of philosophy which i think was very beneficial.

-Great teacher, good jokes and he relates everything to real life. Give him a raise.