

Student comments- PAR 101: Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2020)

Complete, unedited student comments for the course:

-This class made me think in completely new ways. This was difficult for me in the beginning, but as time progressed, I started to get the hang of thinking in new ways and challenging the norm. It was interesting to have this new perspective on everyday things. I enjoyed this class and you as a professor!

-I was excited to take another class by Dr. Smithson. He is by far one of the best professors I have had to date. I enjoy the way he teaches material. It is presented in a clear way with relevant connections to current issues. He can be a tough grader, but his feedback has made me a better student and writer.

-Dr. Smithson made philosophy understandable and interesting. I was very concerned about this course matter as I had never taken any sort of philosophy before, but he has truly showed that he cares and makes himself available no matter what. He is very dedicated to his students and not only their success, but also their well-being.

-An amazing teach who puts in the time and effort to try and make sure his students are successful. 10/10 as a teach here at the university

-Fantastic Philosophy professor. Professor Smithson was able to make even the most difficult topics easier to grasp with his teaching abilities.

-Dr. Smithson is an amazing professor. He keeps the class fun but also teaches students a lot. I looked forward to every class because of the great discussion in the class. He is available to help each student and makes sure you get the answer you need from him. He makes philosophy fun and interesting. He is everything you want in a philosophy professor.

-Amazing class. Even better Professor.

-Great professor, made the material interesting and encouraged conversation! Class was always fun and interesting! Despite challenges with switching to online professor Smithson made it a wonderful course!

-The lack of organization in Canvas was difficult for me.

-Professor Smithson is one of the best at UNCW. He made every topic we talked about interesting and I actually looked forward to going to his class. The classroom was very relaxed, which took the pressure off of the course load. He is very accommodating to his students and truly cares about them learning and doing well.

-Such a great teacher and one I would recommend (and I have) to others wanting to take this course!

-I enjoyed his class discussions and appreciate his video lectures. He really was engaged with the students and allowed us to verbally talk out our ideas.

-Even before classes were shifted to online instruction, the professor always expressed his care for us, for our learning and our well being. It's nice to have a teacher that was close to their students.

-thanks for a good semester :)

-I really enjoyed Dr. Smithson's class. He did a great job at explaining things and always wanted to make sure we understood where he was coming from. A great teacher and fun class.

-I appreciated the format but the professor made the class of 30 feel like a class 200. Didn't connect with students in class. However, I appreciate how he is so easy to reach and is always ready to help as long as you take initiative. Very laid back class.

-Dr. Smithson was a great teacher all in all. He was clear when explaining the material and made sure everyone understood it. In general, this wasn't the most interesting class but I enjoyed our discussions and the various units we covered.