

Student comments- IMW 100: Knowledge and Democracy

The comments provided below are complete and unedited (except when needed to protect anonymity).

-For me, the engaging discussions in class made this course a positive learning experience. I have learned lots about philosophy that I didn't know about before, certainly eye-opening.

-I enjoy the simplicity of his classes and how it revolves around our discussions in class. He makes things easy for us in every possible way. He is a very easy-going professor yet he always knows when to be serious and stay on subject. I can't think of any major weaknesses of the instructor.

-My experience with the professor was worthwhile. He is the kind of individual who wants to see everyone improve. Always lending a hand when students do not understand a particular subject throughout the course. Teaching is an art, and he exceeded my expectation for a class that is quite challenging.

This course definitely pushed me to think about the world in a different way. I will definitely apply some of the concepts and topics we discussed in this class in future classes.

-This course caused me to think about the world in a different way.

-Learned a lot of theories and ideas on stuff relevant to casual conversation

-I enjoyed the comfortable learning environment in this course. Students were always welcome to share their opinions. Class discussions were always very interesting and engaging.

-Great teacher.

-The professor and amount of engagement he has with the students

-The professors personality is very engaging and makes it fun to be in class.

-New perspectives on world around me.

-this was a positive learning experience

-Dr. Smithson always encouraged discussion and sharing of ideas. Bonded with students on a personal level, always willing to joke around when it would not interfere with class.

-Enjoyed the professor and the interesting class discussions.

-Smithson definitely encouraged open, respectful discussion.

-Interesting class discussion.

-in class discussions

-the teacher and his enthusiasm

-It has opened my views on being more skeptical about other different topics of perception.

-He obviously enjoys teaching this subject very much which makes it enjoyable to learn about.

-The open discussion and interesting readings.

-He was very good at facilitating discussion and introducing new perspectives.

-Great teacher.

-The instructor has a good method of explaining topics

-Strengths very understanding. No weaknesses.

The professor is very funny and intelligent. However, he should be a little more affirmative on some things.

-the major strengths are the teachers enthusiasm and weaknesses are the lecturing
-No weaknesses, but strengths include speaking their mind and holding engaging discussions.

-only strengths. learned too much lol

-The major strengths of the instructor were being able to use different types of examples for anyone to understand the topic being discussed. Also being very understanding.

-Very knowledgeable in his field of study. Sometimes would be difficult to follow class discussion.

-Great with leading discussion and involving students, Good at keeping students interested.

-The major strength of the professor were that he created a comfortable learning environment where no opinion was judged. In addition, he was organized and graded assignments in a timely manner.

-Funny, personable, easy to talk to. As much as I enjoyed the discussions, he could be better at steering the class back to the topic at hand when we strayed.

-strength was that he was able to talk about the topics covered with lots of interest.

-Strengths: encouraged discussion, very knowledgeable. Weakness: gets off topic a lot

-No reservations about Smithson. A great person to have a rapport with. His various teaching methods serves everyone well. In other words, his ability to communicate the material in different ways is so valuable. I highly recommend this class for those who need a humanities credit.

-Sometimes the different theories would blur together, they were all similar and teaching them back to back was a little confusing sometimes.

-Always responded to emails in a timely manner.

-Very respectful and engaging.

-Dr. Smithson is a great professor and knows exactly what he's doing.

-He's incredibly understanding

-Great teacher.

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-The professor always created a comfortable learning environment, in addition to having students discuss interesting and engaging topics in class. This professor was also very knowledgeable.

-Very willing to help out and provide extra help and explanation. Available at all hours of the day.

-Although I did not have a one-on-one meeting with this instructor outside of class, he is very easy to approach in that he consistently replies to my emails fast.

-This professor shows good characteristics

-Fabulous

-Wasn't clear about attendance policy

-The part of the syllabus that clarified the structure of the course, including goals and three parts of the term was very clear. But, we didn't stick to the schedule of the syllabus, it changed throughout the semester. The professor notified us of these changes respectfully, but it would be nicer if they were all laid out as they are supposed to be in order on the syllabus. Or, the professor could have informed us at the beginning that

this was just a tentative schedule and he would notify us the readings as we needed to do them.

-all fields were fine

-He had everything prepared well and on time.

-He has been very nice with required neighborhood events and made more events count as those required events to help out with other students' schedules.

-Always provides excellent feedback.

-I wouldn't understand why certain papers were docked one or two points, especially the one paper short responses.

-This professor was always very organized and graded assignments fairly and in a timely manner.

-Great teacher.

-this professor has good teaching practices

-Organization of syllabus made it hard to follow. Changed often on short notice.

-Course load was not difficult and everything was useful.

-This course made me think about topics and concepts that I had never explored before, and challenged me to think about ideas in depth. In addition, I enjoyed the topics that were taught in this course.

-There are always lively discussions being held in class.

-Discussion usually centered around one or two people.

-I enjoyed the class very much but wasn't sure why papers were graded a little harshly.

-Due to the class being very interesting I found myself being fully involved.

-I thought this course was a good experience

-Loved the course

-Great teacher.

-Learning in this class was enjoyable.

-Sometimes difficult to participate in discussion due to how class was run.

-The information was interesting, I just do not like to speak in class.

-I have gained new perspectives on the world around me cause of this course.

-Great teacher.

-I definitely learned a good amount about the topic and found the readings to be informative and interesting.

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-changed my way of thinking

-This course increased my understanding in multiple areas

-all fields were fine

-I just wish there was more of majority participation in the class since for most people there seems to be like a disinterest or disconnection from them and the material.

-Topics that were brought up really helped facilitate critical thinking.

-I learned much more about many topics that are common throughout our society and my skills in these topics have increased.

-It opened up my mind for sure!