

Student comments- PHIL 348: Philosophy of Mind

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

- This professor is all-knowing and all powerful. He had no weaknesses.
- This professor's strengths were his attitude of making students comfortable in class and his current knowledge of the field. His weaknesses were that expectations were sometimes unclear and scheduling was a bit hard with the hurricane and him having a baby!
- good at telling us the simple version and complex version of things HE SHOULD STAY HERE FOREVER
- strengths: he connects to the class and engages with us as opposed to just lecturing no weaknesses - Strengths: Brilliant, kind, respectful, engaged, structured class and outside meetings to help best suit the students' success.
- Dr. Smithson was very funny, and his outgoing personality allowed him to garner the students' respect and attention. By making class entertaining, he made me want to go to class and pay attention.
- Amazing professor
- the professor is a great guy really smart
- The professor clearly explained difficult concepts and was extremely helpful in offering to meet students outside of class all the time.
- Dr. Smithson's humor made this course comfortable and light despite difficult topics. He was very willing to address class needs.
- I really enjoy the professor, so I am motivated to come to class and participate.
- professor has a good sense of humor and really takes the time to ensure we understand the material
- Smithson is a fun, engaging professor. He teaches well and is patient with students.
- Dr. Smithson was so engaging and well-liked by the students, which made the students respect him and want to learn and engage in discussions in class.
- Dr. Smithson is thorough and available.
- Dr. Smithson's willingness to assist with our understanding of each complex philosophical topic.
- Professor emphasized not moving on unless the material was understood.
- I loved Dr. Smithson's fun and jokes throughout classes. I was also very appreciative of his understanding for the student's needs. We worked through the course material effectively.
- Dr. Smithson is incredibly prepared and knowledgeable about this subject. His enthusiasm and passion for his students to excel was extremely helpful and inspiring for me and my fellow classmates to submerge in the material
- Dr. Smithson was so funny, engaging, interesting, and great to learn from! No weaknesses!
- Strengths: Funny -Knowledgeable -Entertaining -Easy to communicate with. Weaknesses -didn't simplify the concepts sometimes
- Very passionate about the material. Could be unorganized at times

- Very clear and thorough, he was always willing to take the time to explain the material.
- strengths were really interested in everything that was taught but weakness was not enough examples
- Funny guy, cares about his job, takes his time to explain complicated concepts. No weaknesses to speak of.
- The professor is very well prepared with the documents in blackboard, everything is posted, and syllabus is regularly updates, the feedback on the essays is useful and he is very good with accommodating time to meet with students. I would honestly take a class just because Dr Smithson teaches it. He is amazing
- Major strengths include in-depth knowledge and willingness to communicate with students at all times. No weaknesses.
- Dr. Smithson is a very intellient and talented professor. He found ways to make the material cohesive and interesting to students. Dr. Smithson also has a good understanding for the student's needs and was very open to students coming in to meet with him on confusing material and any other needs.
- Mixing humor with the lessons always kept dense material interesting.
- Dr. Smithson was always available to meet outside of class with students and kept class entertaining with endless jokes that engaged students with the material.
- professor had good office hours.
- Dr. Smithson is open to all ideas and discussion of all perspectives in class; he even encourages it. I am never afraid to speak up in class.
- he is AMAZING.
- everything was great
- The material is extremely difficult in this course, however there were times that I felt it could've been explained a little more clearly. Besides that he was great.
- Heckuva guy.
- Always willing to help anyone understand the topic and at office hours
- At some points, it felt as though he was winging the class but still display a wonderful understanding of what was presented.
- always helpful
- All around great professor, made the class really enjoyable and interesting
- Loved it
- I think reading quizzes would be helpful
- I just had trouble participating because I feel like I was confused most of the time, and it was better to just listen.
- This class was very fun to attend and I had to work hard for my grade.
- This is some of the most difficult material I've encountered in philosophy. The huge quantity of readings and their level of difficulty discouraged me to prepare as well as I would have liked. Some of the Chalmers readings were so dense and so laden with terms only an expert in the philosophy of mind would know, that reading them could be demoralizing.
- the course was difficult for me, because I had never done philosophy at such an intense level.
- entertains the class while also teaching us
- enjoyed the class a lot

-This class was fun and challenging, but the readings were often so long and dense that I did not read them. -Classes were always engaging, even when the material was difficult and dry.

-Was more enjoyable if philosophy was your major.

-Great stuff.