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Comments:

- He is very confident with the material covered. He knows exactly what he is talking about and presents it in a way that it is easy for me to understand. He makes the material interesting and encourages class participation.
- Excellent examples; especially the personal stories. It helps bring the material to a realistic level and make class fun. Bruce is a top-notch instructor. He seems to have a great passion for teaching and sociology.
- Love your style of teaching. I hate missing class because they are always so interesting and insightful. Keep up the hard work and hopefully I will have the pleasure of being your student once more.
- Bruce tries his best to make a very boring class seem interesting and fun, and he does it well.
- Bruce does a fantastic job. This is the one class I've had at MRC where I've truly felt I am learning and thinking about not only the course, but life as well. I've never met a Prof. that is dedicated to his students as Bruce is...there is always a line up at his door. He is by far the best prof I've had and the most enjoyable class as well.
- Bruce is an excellent instructor. He communicates class information to the students in a fun and exciting way. He is always prepared for class and seems to know classical sociology well. He could however go into greater detail on what he expects from the term paper and perhaps go over referencing styles a little better.
- On exams, perhaps there should be focus on aspects other than essay-style answers. Exams might be better rounded if they included short answer, multiple choice, etc. Bruce is one of the best instructors I have ever had.
- This is my second time taking a sociology course with Bruce and I think he is an excellent instructor and would recommend him to other students. Class lecture is very interesting and presented in a manner that is easy to comprehend and absorb. He is very concerned with students reaching their potential and takes the time to make sure everyone is on task, is doing well, and that he is making himself available to everyone.
- All I have to say is that he is a great teacher in every aspect. I love coming to classes and I have recommended him to fellow students. He makes a class, such as this one interesting.
- I think the only thing that could be worked on is giving out the questions earlier. It's hard to write and research 12 pages in 2 days.
- Bruce is one of the best instructors I have ever had (in my 2 years of post secondary). His passion for the subject matter is inspirational and motivating. He makes you strive for the "A", I have registered for Bruce's Contemporary theory next semester, entirely because of his instruction. Bruce is always available to offer help, he returns emails and questions promptly. He is awesome.
- I really think Bruce is a wonderful teacher. I have recommended his classes to many other students. I have no big complaints.

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- Bruce, I've taken 2 of your classes now and have benefited from them. I appreciate your instructional style and your attempts at increasing fairness and equality among students. I comment though - you hand out your exam questions 2 days before the test Tuesday - Thursday. You said that this is to be fair to students who work on the weekends. I work on the weekends but I have obligations Tuesday night and all day Wednesday. I would prefer to have the weekend to study even though I work. Just a thought. Keep up the great work!
- I have really enjoyed being in this class and would recommend Bruce to anyone interested in sociology. One thing is the 2 days before the midterm did not seem like enough time to prepare for the questions.
- Dr. Ravelli is an extremely motivated and inspiring instructor. Coming to his classes are generally a treat. Although it appears that he is very well educated in the areas of Social theory, sometimes it is hard to understand what exactly he is wanting from us as far as midterms assignments etc. I feel as though I am understanding the material in class but when it comes time to apply the material, I do not feel he is consistent in his grading and teaching techniques.
- Bruce, the paper for the course needs to be laid out earlier. I am not saying that we didn't have enough time; but the required parts were to open ended for too long. Otherwise, excellent job.
- This course is very informative in classical theorists; applying the classical theories to today's society (or examples of today's society) may aid in the learning process. Other than that very good course and excellent instructor.
- Theory made fun, who would have ever thought it possible. When an instructor feels as passionately about a topic as Bruce does, it is contagious. Paper - a little more structure. It is nice to have the opportunity to write on anything...just anything is too much to choose from.
- I thoroughly enjoyed your course. The instruction I received was very helpful and enjoyable. I hope you continue to be enthusiastic about the subject matter and the whole teaching experience. All the best to you in the future. ☺
- Bruce is the most passionate professor I have ever encountered in my academic career. His enthusiasm for course material inspires me (if not the whole class) to be just as passionate. With this level of passion, however, the standard for work quality is dramatically increased. This can also be looked at as a challenge to overcome. You can sit and stare at the bar in Bruce's class, or make a fantastic attempt to jump over it. Keep with the challenge!
- Bruce uses great examples to aid and clarify theorists thoughts and relate sociology to the outside world. His enthusiasm and passion for his work and sociology is evident and inspiring and makes you want to achieve. His use of technology (putting the lectures, discussions and grades) on the web are very helpful and useful.
- Bruce, I really like your teaching style for relating to certain theories that have helped me understand them. The humor you use is effective in gaining trust and participation from the class (you're just a funny guy I think). There is a lot of material in this class and the concepts can be hard to grasp. I can see that you really try to identify when the class doesn't get it. This is appreciated, as sometimes I don't even know what question to ask. You are able to see the confusion on my face and explain. Thanks.

- I feel that Bruce is a great instructor, he lays out the material in a very manageable fashion. His commitment is obvious. I do, however wish that other forms of exams were available. This course is based on 100% essay writing. I also feel that Bruce need not loose sight that this is a second year undergrad course, some students did not take him for the first year and do not know his expectations. He should clearly explain them again at the beginning - not everyone knows what the "SOCIAL" wrist thing is.