

Bruce Ravell

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Term: 200504
Instructor: 201007132

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Student Evaluation Summary

	Strongly Agree		Neither		Strongly Disagree		N	Median	Mean	
	5 %	4 %	3 %	2 %	1 %	No Basis %				No Answer %
1. The instructor appears to be knowledgeable about the subject.	16	0	0	0	0	0	16	5.00	5.00	
2. The instructor shows respect to individual students.	13	1	6	1	6	0	16	5.00	4.63	
3. The instructor fosters an environment of openness and respect in which students feel comfortable participating	9	6	38	1	6	0	16	5.00	4.50	
4. The instructor shows a respect for diversity (e.g. age, ethnic origin, colour, religion, gender, sexual orientation).	12	3	19	0	0	0	16	5.00	4.69	
5. Opportunities for assistance are available (e.g. office hours, telephone, e-mail, or web-site).	14	2	13	0	0	0	16	5.00	4.88	
6. The instructor is approachable.	8	7	44	0	0	0	16	4.50	4.38	
7. The instructor is helpful.	11	5	31	0	0	0	16	5.00	4.69	
8. The instructor communicates course content in ways that help me learn.	8	7	44	0	0	0	16	4.50	4.38	
9. The instructor encourages student participation (e.g. questions, comments, or input).	13	3	19	0	0	0	16	5.00	4.81	
10. The instructor makes effective use of instructional time.	14	2	13	0	0	0	16	5.00	4.88	
11. The instructor is well prepared.	12	4	25	0	0	0	16	5.00	4.75	
12. The instructor clearly communicates student responsibilities in this course.	10	6	38	0	0	0	16	5.00	4.63	
13. The instructor explains clearly how my work will be evaluated.	10	5	31	1	6	0	16	5.00	4.56	
14. The instructor effectively relates the subject matter to areas of study beyond this course.	8	8	50	0	0	0	16	4.50	4.50	
15. The instructor is responsive to my learning needs as a student.	8	6	38	2	13	0	16	4.50	4.38	
16. The instructor gives effective examples, illustrations, or applications to clarify concepts.	10	5	31	1	6	0	16	5.00	4.56	
17. The instructor provides fair assessment of my learning.	10	3	19	1	6	1	16	5.00	4.25	
18. The instructor gives timely feedback to students.	13	3	19	0	0	0	16	5.00	4.81	
19. Instructor feedback aided my learning.	8	6	38	2	13	0	16	4.50	4.38	
20. For this course, I would recommend this instructor to others.	10	4	25	1	6	0	16	5.00	4.38	
21. I would describe the instruction I receive in this course as:	Excellent 5 % 11	Very Good 4 % 4	Good 3 % 1	Fair 2 % 0	Poor 1 % 0	No Basis 0 % 0	No Answer 0 % 0	16	5.00	4.63

52% Only 18 students completed this course
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Overall Mean: 4.60
See table

Total Number Of Respondents 16 % responding out of # registered

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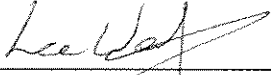
	Median	Mean
A) Learning Environment (Q.1 - Q.4)	5.00	4.70
B) Assistance to Students (Q.5 - Q.7)	5.00	4.65
C) Facilitation of Learning (Q.8 - Q.14)	5.00	4.64
D) Evaluation of Learning (Q.15 - Q.19)	5.00	4.48
E) General Evaluation of Instructor (Q.20 - Q.21)	5.00	4.50
Overall :	5.00	4.60

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1. Bruce can be very intimidating – he did talk about working on this for his next courses he will be teaching. The intimidation is both good and bad – it weeds out the non serious student – and personally did stress me out a little bit, but also motivates students to do well and work hard. Having both the final and essay 50% of a students grade due in one week – when everything else is due is terrifying! I did like the idea of the take home exams – however perhaps an in class will help us get over and done with the exams – rather than leaving the take-homes to do last minute – and having Bruce expect more (grammar – and a Good price of work) I had difficulties understanding the course content from a Sociological view point. Maybe take a class or two explaining how to get into the mind of a sociologist – How to see the world through Sociological ‘eyes’. Sociological theory is difficult to grasp – I felt like I was getting all of the information Bruce lectured about – but had a hard time connecting it all and understanding it Sociologically. I love the quality teaching and the passion Bruce has. This is appreciated! Thanx.
2. This is not an easy class, but at the end of the day when you get your marks back you do feel as if you’ve earned them. Bruce is very knowledgeable about the theories he talks about and provides awesome examples that allow you to relate the theories back to happenings in your everyday lives. There are times though when he talks about marks and quality of some work that does make him seem unapproachable, but once you do get to his office he does listen and offer helpful suggestions. It’s the getting there part that is hard. The opportunities he provides to get help beforehand are great if you take advantage of them. Sometimes I’ve found he starts off making things sound more complicated than they are, things being assignments. Not to take away from the fact that they are serious assignments and without oversimplifying he could make things easier.
3. Overall instructor is excellent. If the final exam and the term paper due date weren’t on the same day I think that would be better.
4. The only comment I can make is that is the beginning of the semester, you shouldn’t intimidate your students so much; I could see why students would chicken out of this course. I truly enjoyed this course & your teaching, thank you.
5. Bruce, You are a great teacher and have helped my learning in this subject greatly. I didn’t like the take home mid-term and final as much as a straight up test, but it was still effective. I liked the term paper process and the way it was talked about so much in class. Keep up the good work and I’ll definitely continue to recommend you to other students.
6. The lecture portion of this class was highly enjoyable and forced me to think in different ways. The assignments were tough but that’s not to say we weren’t warned how intensive this class would be from the first day. The only thing I did not like was having a paper and final due on the same day. Personally a take home paper/Final is more stressful than a written in class. But he does do what he feels is for the common good of the students. His enthusiasm for teaching was evident in every lecture!
7. This is definitely a tough course but Bruce makes it more enjoyable through his teaching methods. Always encourages student participation, which helps apply what we are learning to our everyday lives. The only thing I would suggest would be to have future student hand in one or two lit reviews at the end of September, beginning of October, to help ensure students really know what is expected of them in the assignment. The personal websites provides so many resources for this course. Its a huge help and definitely shows that Bruce cares and is interested in the material he’s teaching. Would highly recommend Bruce to other students. Its too bad he’s not at the U of C as well though!!!
8. I understand how he could get frustrated about people not doing their work or doing horrible work, but I don’t think the classroom is where he should show these frustrations. For those who know they bad job feel even worse which is not appropriate. But despite this, he really challenged me to learn.

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My expectations of myself and how well I do were brought out and I think that I should improve my abilities. His efforts to provide feedback and help are excellent.

9. I believe Bruce is very knowledgeable about this course. He is well prepared & informative. I have no doubts about that, but I do not like the way he evaluates his class. Everything is based on papers and I cannot write papers. I think there should be more tests involved & only 1 year end term paper. There needs to be a better assessment in grading in his class. However he takes a lot of time trying to improve students work, lots of looking over rough drafts & such. He takes a lot of time trying to help out.
10. The subject matter is dry but Bruce clearly loves what he's teaching so he makes the class entertaining. I like his teaching style but it's not what I'm used to so I did have some difficulty adjusting to the rigidity of his expectations. I love that there's no textbook. I find this is the only class I attend consistently because I know being here is the only way I'm gonna get the info that I need.
11. The best class yet, it is challenging but still very interesting. The mark break down is very fair with regards to exams and papers. The only change I recommend is the earlier submission of one of the article summaries and other than that everything is great. Definitely a class I would recommend with this instruction as long as they can handle alot of work.
12. You are one of my favorite instructors. You know what you are talking about. From the first class I knew what I was getting into, you made it pretty clear! I don't think you should worry too much about the people that dropped this course becasue this is not impossible to do, they obviously weren't trying hard enough. For me, I am doing 5 courses and I stuck it out and got awesome grades, so you're not doing anything wrong, they are. I love the fact that you mark our rough draft, always do that! It's extremely helpful. Get other professors to do it too! I personally, had no problem with the assignments, I think they were reasonable. You are right that the summaries are pointless to students at first, but when you get down to work they couldn't have been better for the papers. I will do this for all my essays from now on! Thank you for teaching me. P.S. In the first class, your really got me pumped with the whole A grade thing.
13. I think is would be a good idea to find a way to motivate the students to begin working on the Article Summaries as early as possible. Also I found that the overlap between the paper and exam assignments could be frustrating. Overall this was a very good class, I have learned a great deal.
14. Of all the course that I have taken (in english) this was the most challenging but also the most rewarding. I learned so much about a subject that I love and that will be very important to me throughout my future carreer (sp?) as an underpaid sociologist. The material in this course was very well presented and made easy to understand its complexity. Dr. Ravelli is a passionate and very knowledgable lecturer and truly cares about what the students actually learn. I would suggest this course, as taught by Dr. Ravelli, to anyone. The manner in which the course is taught is well designed and allows a student to actually learn the material.
15. Interesting class but I have a few issues. The marking was very hard, perhaps the hardest I have ever had but this is not my problem it is just that I didn't realize how hard it was going to be. So I would suggest that you give a small assignment at the beginning of the year so students know how hard it will be. I know you told us the difficulty but we just needed to see it.