

The Modern World (Fall 2021)

Instructor: **Rodriguez, Bretton**
Subject: **CH**
Catalog & Section: **202 1013**
Course ID: **90076**
Objectives:

Enrollment: **118**
Responses Incl Declines: **59**
Declines: **0**

Teaching (Lecture) (99 comments)

Q: Please provide your thoughts on the instructor's teaching, including strengths and areas for possible improvement.

- 1 instructors were very clear on the topics that we were learning for that chapter.
- 2 I like how the professor seems engaged in the material he is teaching. He makes it seem more interesting for the students.
- 3 He was a good and knowledgable teacher, would sometimes go through lecture info too fast.
- 4 I love his structure of the course to first identify and interpret what a human is, and then addressing the affects of technology within a society.
- 5 Classes were interesting and informative, but the pace was quick due to being a fifty minute class.
- 6 Love the engagement they held during lectures.
- 7 This class was so fun! I really enjoyed coming to this class because the teachers were so funny and so entertaining.
- 8 Dr. Rodriguez is very knowledgable on the course material and. He uses the slides as a guideline and extends on the information with things he knows. There is almost no time to write down any information on the slides, however the notes are posted later so it is not necessary to write everything down.
- 9 I thought that the professors went a little fast during class so it was hard to retain information during class but I think they went fast due to the short amount of time that class was
- 10 I think that given the limitations of a large class count like this, the professor did everything possible to make it an engaging and informative class.
- 11 My instructor's teaching was great and engaging. The only thing that would need improvement is slowing down the information sometimes.
- 12 I think they both were very good teachers. They had engaging powerpoints and they were also funny to listen to as they made jokes during the lessons. They also let us engage with one another which was another positive. I can't really think of any areas of improvement for these two.
- 13 I felt that the lectures didn't pertain to the assignments we had each week. I was able to do the readings at home and still get decent scores on my assignments. What brought my grade down was that I felt it was unnecessary to attend class which I lost out on attendance points and in-class question points which were a surprisingly big percentage of my final grade. Overall, I just wish the lectures pertained more to the assignment which would, in turn, incentivize me to go to class and receive a better grade.
- 14 A few strengths this instructor had was making the lecture more interesting and giving many details so his students can understand what is going on throughout each lecture.
- 15 Very engaging. Goes a little too fast. Should use menti.com more.
- 16 It is clear that Professors Mariscal and Rodriguez are very knowledgeable and passionate about their areas of teaching. They are wonderful at explaining concepts and the corresponding slides are very helpful for review once they are posted. If I could change anything, I would ask that the timing of the lectures is a little slower or that the lecture slides are posted prior to the lecture. I know they post the slides after on purpose since there is a small quiz for each class. However, it is very difficult to take notes with the rapid pacing of the lectures. Notes aside, though, I don't know what anyone could do better.
- 17 Both professors are fantastic lecturers
- 18 The professors should be more assertive at times when telling people to be quiet when they're lecturing and there are still people talking in class.
- 19 Great teacher
- 20 Very engaging and fun to listen to.
- 21 Some lectures moved extremely fast.
- 22 The instructors teaching was very well. The instructors strengths were making the lectures intriguing. The areas of improvement for the instructor is to double check the powerpoints the instructor uploads onto canvas. There were several power point lectures with missing slides and/or slides that were unreadable. (I personally like to go over lecture slides over again)
- 23 I really enjoyed the way the instructors taught this course. They taught the class well and were clearly very passionate about the subject. I do wish we had been allowed to type our notes, though. I tend to have a hard time focusing, especially when I have to write at

the same time.

- 24 I enjoyed how the instructors combined their presentations with student interactions, specifically with time for students to discuss. With this type of instruction, many students can build ideas off each other and further their understanding of the subject.
- 25 Knowledgeable, handled questions well, got through an immense amount of material in a reasonable time with time left over to let students discuss.
- 26 The lectures were very good and full of information, the only thing I would change is if the instructors could give a little more time for every slide. Other than that the instructors were very clear and precise with their information.
- 27 Strengths: very engaging. You can tell both of the instructors put a lot of thought and effort into their presentations and they genuinely want to help students learn
- 28 The lectures were entertaining which made the material more interesting to learn about.
- 29 n/a
- 30 The two professors were well versed in the content that they taught. They were engaging and did a good job of getting the class to participate in discussion questions. They helped us to learn about complex topics throughout history and provided a challenging course that was still fun.
- 31 I really enjoyed the way the instructor taught, it made the class very fun to be in.
- 32 Breton is wonderful! He has such a passion for what he teaches and really brings a fun and innovative approach to his teaching! He does go a little too fast in lectures which makes it difficult to follow and take notes, but I still felt like I learned a lot and really enjoyed the class!
- 33 I loved this course! Breton taught very quickly but made sure everything was clear and concise.
- 34 very knowledgeable. lectures were a little boring but it was presented in the best way
- 35 way to fast
- 36 Manuela was awesome
- 37 I loved the material taught in class I thought it was always very engaging and the professors have amazing personalities. I loved how they had the class really engage in discussions during the lecture. One thing I would say is that the lectures often went way too fast to take adequate notes and I often found myself lost towards the end of the lecture.
- 38 They went fast, but understood the material very well.
- 39 Great Professor
- 40 Professor Breton is amazing and does his job really well. He is full of knowledge and just an amazing teacher.
- 41 There is a lot of content that is taught in each lecture, making it hard to absorb the information. It is taught a bit too fast. But the class is entertaining and fun to be in.
- 42 None
- 43 I enjoyed the teaching always made lecture enjoyable and was straight to the point.
- 44 I absolutely loved this class. The content was incredibly interesting and lecture was always engaging. I think time management could be improved but other than that, no complaints.
- 45 Maybe go a little slower. The only thing I disliked were the attitudes of some of the other students. Lectures were great and informative. Two aspects of the course were very informative.
- 46 Amazing professors.
- 47 n/a
- 48 i like having two teacher, different views and now always the same thing
- 49 Both instructors were very knowledgeable in their subject and taught with a clear understanding.
- 50 Good lectures. A lot of information but they made the class fun.
- 51 Breton spoke really quickly so sometimes it was hard to take notes, but there was a lot of information to teach in 50 mins so I get it.

Q: Please provide your thoughts on the course as a whole, including strengths and areas for possible improvement.

- 1 overall the class was good and would take it again
- 2 The course was interesting and I was able to learn a lot.
- 3 n/a
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- 4 The course was very interesting and I learned a lot about history, science, philosophy, and many issues that the world has faced. The course was rigorous and the information was presented very well.
- 5 The content was taught very quickly, but it wasn't too much of a problem since the lectures were posted online. The discussion sessions we had after clarified anything we may have missed during lecture.
- 6 The course was pretty fun! I felt like they kept it brisk and entertaining and I didn't feel incredibly overwhelmed ever!
- 7 I think the professor does a great job at laying out the lectures into two parts and the organization of the class. Some weaknesses in the class are the time management. Personally I feel like we spent too much time talking about the discussion questions. Versus the actual material for the lecture.
- 8 Get rid of so many questions during lecture and just go over the material.
- 9 The course of the material presented in this class truly challenged myself and my peers into critical thinking through each topic before defining our stance(s).
- 10 I learned a lot through taking this course for the slides truly helped comprehension
- 11 This wasn't a normal CH class that everyone complains about, it was so much fun.
- 12 The course design was good, the weekly critical responses allow us to apply what we learned in class. I think that the course focused on communism in cases that were unnecessary sometimes. It is something that should be learned about, but it was a main focus for many classes where it did not need to be highlighted.
- 13 The course load was the perfect amount - weekly readings and short responses with no big exams. Loved the material.
- 14 I think that this class might need longer class times because it does not give much time to fully learn concepts
- 15 great course
- 16 Discussing subjects as a spectrum rather than a right or wrong, was very constructive for discussing these issues.
- 17 A great course.
- 18 I thought it was a good class overall. I enjoyed listening to what they had to say and the powerpoints were easy to follow. Like above, there's no areas I can think of for improvement. I think they did very well.
- 19 too much reading to fast of lectures
- 20 I believe core humanities is just not my area of interest which made this course very difficult to sit through.
- 21 I really enjoyed how this class was set up. The assignments really helped engage my mind to think in different ways and helped improve my writing skills.
- 22 I think the course is fine as it is.
- 23 Wonderful class
- 24 This course was good, however, the only feedback I have is that the lectures should be posted after each class instead of the end of the week so students can follow along easier in case the professor goes to fast. Also the midterm and final should not be timed because there is not enough time to type all of the details for each question.
- 25 Easy.
- 26 The course overall was really good, but a bit hard lol.
- 27 The course as a whole covers very interesting, important areas of subject matter. Other than the long, rapid lectures, this class is fairly engaging with the use of Menti and with the additional discussion section.
- 28 The overall assignments and expectation from the students is fair and reasonable. Most assignments are just a way to show the professors that you have an understanding of what we are currently going over.
- 29 I thought the material was interesting. It was engaging and the material went through many different subjects so it wasn't always boring.
- 30 Great class
- 31 Good information
- 32 The content was very informative and interesting.
- 33 N/A.
- 34 The course as a whole was pretty good.
- 35 The course was fair and enjoyable as there was lots of room for discussion
- 36 I personally learned a lot in this course, and I found it pretty interesting. I enjoyed the class discussions every lecture, finding them to be very helpful in remembering the content. However, in the future, I would recommend using fewer weekly readings. With so much to read and listen to before every class, it became hard to study the sources enough to actually understand them, especially for the more difficult reads.
- 37 I immensely enjoyed the dialogues with the instructor and fellow students. Being able to discuss with each other helped develop my understanding.

38 Well done, lacking very, very little.

39 Time management in lecture and prioritizing the whole class discussion versus individual discussion and moving through lecture.

40 I really enjoyed the course. Discussion was amazing and I recommended this class to all my friends

41 This course was pretty easy.

42 This course as a whole was very interesting and I can say that I did learn a lot.

43 n/a

44 None

45 n/a

46 The course as a whole was kind of boring because most of the material to me is basic knowledge.

47 N/A

48 I loved this class.