

Signed Comments for Ethics in Science PHIL1050-1 (Carlos Mariscal)

Student Ratings of Instruction (SRI) Fall 2015-2016

Subject Details

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Comments

This report displays the signed Comments provided by the students. All the Comments provided here were signed and approved by students. Hence these comments will be displayed for department Heads/Chairs/Academic Directors.

NOTE: The SRI team has not reviewed the following comments. If any comment indicates that a student is in distress; that is, in danger of hurting themselves or others, please report it to the SRI Administrator so that appropriate action can be taken.

The Dalhousie University Guide to identifying and responding to students in distress states that "Regardless of the circumstances or context, any reference to wanting to die/ suicide should be taken seriously and a health professional should be contacted."

What did your instructor do that helped your learning in this class or clinical setting?

Students
Carlos was very engaging in class. He would pose thought experiments that helped us to think about the concepts learned that class.
the thought experiments really got the message across
Professor Mariscal was engaged in his course in that he provided controversial arguments and encouraged students to engage in analytical and thoughtful discussions. No matter what, all point views were welcomed in these discussions.
He was always open to meeting to talk about the course. He was very good at keeping the class engaged with discussions and thought experiments.
Meetings. Helpful advices.
Carlos was an incredibly inspired lecturer whose passion for his material kept me engaged and interested throughout the entire semester. I would love to take another class from Carlos!
Provided really helpful advice on how to write a science/ethics paper. Allowed class discussion and participation.
Open discussions in class.
Carlos was very open to hearing different opinions while helping us to understand how out opinions on certain topics related to ethics. He was very good at facilitating stimulating discussion that was helpful in better understanding the concepts at hand. He was also very available if help was needed.
He made the class fun and interesting, and gaves many examples of cases in which the class has to apply ethical thinking. He answers emails quite fast and he has office hours that fit our busy schedules. He is a radical teacher in general.
Carlos conducted the class in such a way that everyone was involved and different opinions were welcomed with open arms. All of his lectures related back to something that was relatable to us, o he would form a scenario in which we had to put ourselves in and then form our thoughts from that point on, which really grasped my attention.

Do you have any suggestions for what the instructor could have done differently to further assist you in your learning?

Students
No!
nothing, you are fabulous
I understand that this is not a politics course but sometimes there were current events that directly related to course content that could strengthen the background knowledge for the upcoming topics.
Organize the class time better to have more structured learning experience. Clearly define the theme and learning outcome for each lecture. Clarify some of the expectations and assignment requirements. Have more office hours.
Carlos could have had a bit more structure to the classes so that less time was wasted at the beginning of class and if a discussion was going on too long it could be cut off.
Sometimes I didn't understand the ethical concepts like intrinsic and utilitarian. Maybe he could explain them in more detail. I was a bit confused about the difference between them.
Form a more structured class, one where we have to refocus and all the students are listening. I felt sometime I would get lost and forget the initial topic, so a more structured class would help with that.

Additional comments:

Students
I was pleasantly surprised by this class. I ended up enjoying it far more than I expected. Thank you.
He was an amazing instructor and the course was extremely enjoyable.
Dr. Mariscal is a great guy, really fun to be around. Have a dark, sexy voice. Can easily interact with students, young at heart. Super nice. Always value students' opinions. We want him to continue teaching.
Great teacher, really glad I had him. I am not a philosophy student at all but I really enjoyed the topic in his class.