

Intro Phil Science (Spring 2017)

Instructor: **Mariscal, Carlos**
Subject: **PHIL**
Catalog & Section: **224 1001**
Course ID: **25763**
Objectives:

Enrollment: **24**
Responses Incl Declines: **16**
Declines: **0**

Teaching (Lecture) (22 comments)

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

- 1 I really liked Professor Mariscal's enthusiasm for the subject. It was so nice how he took the time to get to know all his students and remembered almost everyone's name. I am really happy that he wore shoes too. However, he needs to grade more promptly in a timely manner and respond to emails more quickly. It might help if there was only one way to turn in assignments rather than by webcampus, in person, and/or, email. It also would have been nice if he was clearer about the poster board and final paper requirements earlier than the week before the assignment was due. Otherwise professor Mariscal is a great teacher that really cares about what he does.
- 2 He is always willing to listen to all opinions on subjects, thus making a welcoming classroom environment
- 3 Lectures were always interesting with a good degree of depth, instructor was capable of adding appropriate and educational anecdotes quite often.
- 4 Carlos wonderful I love how every class is a discussion rather than him just teaching at us.
- 5 Instructor was knowledgeable, I felt like I should have had a background in Philosophy just to break even. Class seemed cliquy, with the Philosophy students bullshitting with the Professor. Also, he was allergic to grading papers in a reasonable time frame.
- 6 Not really much room for improvement--every day, the instructor would come in and it was super obvious that he knew what he was talking about. Even the driest material was taught pretty interestingly, in my opinion. Concepts that were explained terribly in the textbook were made pretty clear during the lectures. If I had to pick something to improve, I'd say that pacing was a little slow at some of the beginnings of presentations, but only a few.
- 7 I really enjoyed the way professor Mariscal taught. He kept every class interesting and completely opened my mind to the idea that we probably should not be so sure of our sciences. It is important to keep questioning everything always.
- 8 None
- 9 I've been in college for longer than I care to admit. Dr. Fiset is by far the best lecturer I've ever had. He Montaigned a good pace throughout the semester, I found him Humerous, and I Kant imagine it being taught better by anyone else. (In essence: he's amazing.)
- 10 really smart and very engaging but can get distracted and go off topic very quick.
- 11 Carlos is pretty cool and he has good rapport with the students in my section. Almost too good of a rapport, to the point were we have strayed too far from the topic at hand twenty minutes later.

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

- 1 The lectures and papers helped me learn the material however the textbook was sometimes unclear about the arguments that certain philosophers were portraying. Plus, the book was very dull.
- 2 Maybe a clearer understanding about what is needed for the argument reconstructions.
- 3 Good philosophy course for students in the sciences, highlighting traits that may be over looked by a purely empirical thinker.
- 4 The class was wonderful the only thing I thought could be better was the poster assignment at the end. We could have conveyed our project in a presentation type of way rather than spending a bunch of money on making a poster. Although I do understand why he did it this way.
- 5 Interesting and important subject matter, poorly executed.
- 6 Again, not much--the class was really good. Perhaps more, but shorter assignments so that the final poster and essay comprise less than 50% of the grade? That'd have to be my only gripe. Otherwise, a super well-structured course, really, really well done and well taught.
- 7 I do believe the class structure was a little unorganized. Feedback was slow to receive but very helpful when I got it. Besides this, I think professor Mariscal was one of the best professors I have had at UNR.
- 8 None
- 9 Well paced. Well thought out.
- 10 even with some of the historical background it is sometimes hard to follow the theories in philosophy of science if you havent taken or

haven't been in the scientific field

- 11 I just don't like philosophy. I'm a business student and I just really don't care for most of the material, especially when I get bored five minutes in. It bothers me that philosophers don't speak in standard English, they have to fancy it up with an abundance of meaningless words. Its like reading poetry and not proper thoughts.