

# Phil Cognitive Science (Fall 2019)

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Catalog & Section: **434 1001**

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Responses Incl Declines: **16**  
Declined: **0**

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## Course and Subject Matter (Lecture)

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## Application of Evaluation Standards (Lecture)

**How fair was the application of evaluation standards?** Very fair

## Guidelines for Evaluating Student Work (Lecture)

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## Teaching (Lecture)

**What was the overall quality of the instructor's teaching?** Exceptional

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

Instructor's teaching was very clear throughout the course. Evaluations were fair and knowledge of assignments were easy to obtain/understand.

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

Overall course was very good. Very informative and connected well to many of my previous classes in psychology.

## Learning Outcomes (Lecture)

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**Please provide your thoughts on the instructor's teaching, including strengths and areas for possible improvement.** Very clear and organized thinking on difficult topics. I would like some of the topics to be explained with more context, but cognitive science is naturally quite abstract. Could make more effort to remove jargon, words become meaningless or so esoteric when explaining mental architecture. Overall very good teaching! Very open lectures, inviting to students.

**Please provide your thoughts on the course as a whole, including strengths and areas for possible improvement.** Overall course was quite good, loved the poster symposium! Argument reconstructions weren't my favorite, could be replaced with something else. Mental architectures need more context when taught. Moral psychology and animal cognitive were extremely interesting. Very well done syllabus. Very organized slides. Very clear expectations. Very fair grading.

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## Teaching (Lecture)

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**Please provide your thoughts on the instructor's teaching, including strengths and areas for possible improvement.** He easily encourages student participation. He is funny; he is very intelligent without a huge ego; he explains how students can do better. Easygoing and willing to help. Everything one needs in a professor and everything one could want in a professor. That poor soul needs a vacation though, when isn't he working?

**Please provide your thoughts on the course as a whole, including strengths and areas for possible improvement.** It is hard to get a perfect balance for undergraduate students in two fields such as philosophy and neuroscience. It seems that the neuroscience students had issues with the philosophical aspects, and I as a philosophy student had trouble keeping up with the neuroscientific aspects. Unfortunately I do not feel that we reached a perfect balance, however Dr. Mariscal tried his best. I do not have any recommendations for reaching this balance either as it is truthfully very difficult.

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**Please provide your thoughts on the instructor's teaching, including strengths and areas for possible improvement.** Lecture was engaging and I felt like i learned how to look at the world in a different light. The class was very interesting to learn about.

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### Teaching (Lecture)

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**Please provide your thoughts on the instructor's teaching, including strengths and areas for possible improvement.** It was always fun and interesting coming to class. He also made it very clear what he wanted.

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**Please provide your thoughts on the course as a whole, including strengths and areas for possible improvement.** Grade assignments more accordingly and have canvas assignments be corrected for the semester.

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**How well did the syllabus and the instructor convey course expectations and learning outcomes?** Good

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### Learning Outcomes (Lecture)

How well did the syllabus and the instructor convey course expectations and learning outcomes? Good

How well did the course help you achieve these learning outcomes? Good

How many hours per week did you work on this course, other than time in class? No time other than scheduled classes

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Carlos is a great professor who is passionate about what he teaches on and is all about student involvement. I think his organizational skills and intentionality of assignments is the greatest strength, and the only area for improvement is a clearer delineation of which events are worth extra credit.

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

The course was more interesting than expected. I hated the first few days because I had never taken a philosophy class, but he really made the information digestible and interesting.

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**Please provide your thoughts on the instructor's teaching, including strengths and areas for possible improvement.** Professor was super fun to listen to during lecture. Office hours scheduling was helpful and easy to approach. I think you should have specific argument reconstructions due within a period of time like 3 for the first half of the semester and 3 for the last half so it's disbursed better. With 6 due anytime it was easily forgettable and made students not want to read the readings for specific lectures.

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**Please provide your thoughts on the course as a whole, including strengths and areas for possible improvement.** First part made me want to sleep. Computational theory isn't the most exciting but Carlos did his best to keep it interesting so I didn't fall asleep every class.

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After a visiting professor gave a lecture in a completely differing format, was it clear students were struggling with foundational definitions as well as conceptualizing the connections between the subjects covered previous. Once this oversight was brought to the surface, Professor Mariscal corrected his method of presenting and the information was better contextualized and understandable. Besides this, his power points were certainly of the highest quality and he well educated on the field, even though he presented on topics outside of his specialty. At times, he was vocally brazen about how great he is, but as long as you were familiar with humor, the jokes were more than passable.

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The course was well organized and everything went according to schedule for the most part. I most enjoyed the poster presentations, as it was a great opportunity to make a bunch of mistakes and receive good feedback prior to actually presenting a poster at a conference.

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