

Phil Cognitive Science (Spring 2017)

Instructor: **Mariscal, Carlos**
Subject: **PHIL**
Catalog & Section: **434 1001**
Course ID: **25753**
Objectives:

Enrollment: **31**
Responses Incl Declines: **17**
Declines: **0**

Teaching (Lecture) (22 comments)

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

- 1 His main method was to get us to think critically about the material on our own, which you kind of have to do with philosophy.
- 2 The instructor is very much a human, and there is no reason to question otherwise. Very much a human. In all seriousness, he's an exceptional teacher and keeps his students engaged and eager to learn about the subject.
- 3 I love coming to lecture because it is a very relaxing atmosphere where learning is made easy and fun. Your exceptional knowledge on the subject shines through, you are extremely intelligent, however, YOU NEED TO GO OVER THE SYLLABUS THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS!!! I have never needed a teacher to go over a syllabus before, but yours was difficult to follow (regarding the discussion questions) and things on the syllabus were wrong (like on the syllabus it says the exams are between 300-800 words and then on the exam you say to not exceed 500 words). That honestly is my biggest problem with the entire course. Otherwise, phenomenal and I am so glad I was able to have you as my instructor.
- 4 Weird dude. I liked him tho.
- 5 He is enthusiastic about what he teaches, realistic about the times, and pretty funny; making the class more interesting.
- 6 Lecture was interesting and enjoyable thanks to the way he lectured.
- 7 I think slides should be condensed, for clarity sake.
- 8 Philosophy used to be a real go-getter of a profession back in the days of Newton and Locke. Most philosophy classes are seen for what they are; pure drudgery. However, Dr. Mariscal helps bring the science side of the profession back to life. Only stupid people will not enjoy his class.
- 9 Really fun, interesting class. I looked forward to coming to this class. This subject seems like it would be difficult to teach and I think that Carlos did a great job helping us through it and explaining complex subjects in ways that we could understand.
- 10 We never stayed on topic, and students seemed to feel justified in butting in whenever they felt like it with ideas/stories/jokes that hardly related to the class. Grading standards (on reading assignments) were unclear and assignments were chronically late to be graded.
- 11 one of the most understanding teachers, interesting discussion and overall easy homework assignments

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

- 1 It would have been nice if assignment instructions were a little easier to find, but it was a very small problem.
- 2 This professor is by far one of my favorites. Philosophy is difficult to swallow at times, but he was very persistent. The dry humor was also a huge plus!
- 3 The course was wonderful for my fellow humans and we certainly learned things to philosophize about in our brain minds.
- 4 This class has effectively taught me that I will never pursue a career in the Philosophy field. It takes a lot of work for me to understand what is trying to be communicated by the various authors of the papers we read.
- 5 The material was slow at first. The Turing point came somewhere mid-semester.
- 6 This was a good psychology cluster course! I'm glad I stepped out of my box to take it!
- 7 The course was slightly confusing but that is because it is a philosophy class.
- 8 I think the argument reconstructions were a good addition to the class. I would have liked to have them spaced throughout the course and have a bit more active discussion about them.
- 9 This is an interesting course. I didn't understand what was going on at some points but I figured it out eventually, and Carlos was very helpful.
- 10 Since this course doesn't require any introduction to philosophy of science, I think it would be helpful to include more on the origins of the field and how it relates to the rest of what philosophy students study. It's the end of the semester and I'm not sure how to integrate this class with the rest of my education.
- 11 one of the best

