

Teaching (Lecture) (27 comments)

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

- 1 Learned a bunch, opened my eyes to different interests
- 2 Powerpoints are helpful for students to understand time lines, people, and technology advances. I enjoyed days were students were able to share their thoughts to the class, however some days were dragged on and any ones opinion could be correct thus, we could have moved on. I think giving time to discuss is great, just limit the time.
- 3 I found that the attitude of the instructor put me off the course. Though throughout the course I grew to enjoy the course, which helped me to engage in the material.
- 4 My guy Carlos ran a really awesome classroom. We had some really open discussions on very sensitive subjects. Carlos made sure to keep all discussion respectable and allowed for all students to project their opinion if they wanted too.
- 5 I thought that Carlos was very helpful in many ways and knowledgeable about the subject. He was always willing to allow the students to ask questions or share their opinions. He always seemed to value the opinions of the students and would affirm various concerns that students had. Overall, he has been one of the most sympathetic professors that I have had and also seemed to not have a sense of superiority over his students even though he has had much more experience with the subjects that were discussed in class. Carlos was very relatable and conveyed a sense of lightheartedness even in the midst of sad or controversial topics. I learned a lot from him and I very much appreciate his enthusiasm for his field of study as well as for the well being of his students. To be quite honest I was very apprehensive about taking a philosophy class since I had not taken one before but his style of teaching allowed it so that nearly every student had the ability to share something even without prior knowledge of philosophical arguments or conversations.
- 6 The discussion and information gained in class was thought provoking and overall very interesting. One thing that could have been made clearer is the outcome of the lecture, what students are supposed to have gained from it.
- 7 Professor Mariscal is a well informed professor and provided a substantial amount of information.
- 8 Strong knowledge base, affable, connects well with students.
- 9 Always willing to answer questions or help when needed.
- 10 The class is composed of lots information, names, dates, and technology, the teacher has a very strong level of content knowledge on what he teaches but sometimes it is hard to keep up without a slideshow. The teacher kept the class interesting and relevant.
- 11 The instuctor showed knowledge of the subject matter through the lectures and taught the class how to make connections between complex global issues. The readings had good content we could refer too as well. I think though, the power points could be more cleare. while the slides provided good content, some just showed images and sometimes it was hard to get a precise grasp of content.
- 12 Professor Mariscal is an absolute treasure. He's very knowledgeable and an amazing professor. He loves to teach and loves the subject in which he teaches. He is a new professor, so of course he is getting used to the UNR system, there is no fault there. He engages with the entire class and allows for everyone to speak and give opinions. He makes for an awesome environment and one that I love to go to. Of all my classes this semester, his is my favorite.
- 13 Exceptional everything. I have never experienced a better course structure.
- 14 I loved the class, the discussions were often very interesting. However, I had an issue with the clarity of the instructions for assignments and still am not sure how much I learned about science and technology in society.
- 15 The instructor seemed to know a lot of material, but didn't put any structure to the class.

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

- 1 The course was excellent.
- 2 Good course, great as a capstone for science majors.
- 3 The readings give a good insight to the topics covered and allow for good in class discussions.
- 4 I always like the option to respond to writings of my choice. Often times a student can't read every piece of text throughout the entire semester. With your method, 10 was required, I almost felt that it should be 15. 10 allowed too many people to assume they had time to do them later, yet turns out they had procrastinated too long and had less than 10 at the end (also their own time management problem).

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- 5 A lot of the class was spent on students rambling about their opinions on certain topics and students talking over students. This made it hard to focus on what was important and also talk in class because there would always be someone talking over you.
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- 6 Please try to grade in a bit more time. It was difficult, to know what to improve on in my writing.
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- 7 The course as a whole provided excellent skills in interpretation and how the subjects of philosophy, technology, and science relate to each other and global issues. I think though that there was a lot of content from the readings to cover a 250 word response for every other day. Maybe have a weekly paper of 1 to 2 pages to there's more to write about.
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- 8 I loved this course. I have a biased opinion because STS is an area i discuss regularly with friends. I enjoyed every lecture and its free flowing nature.
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- 9 The structure of the class was very different from all the other courses that I have previously taken but I say this in the best way possible since it was a refreshing take. Many of the subjects that were discussed in class I had rarely been exposed to or thought about and it actually made me very excited to learn more about the topics. I enjoyed how Carlos gave us the ability to explore various topics and listen to a variety of opinions. After several particularly interesting classes I found myself thinking about the topics discussed in that class for hours and sharing my intrigue with others around me. For this reason, it was always quite easy to go to class and it did not feel like an obligation because I was certain to learn something new and interesting about the evolving world around me.
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- 10 The course itself is a good one for all STEM majors. It lets us get into topics that we otherwise wouldn't see. For example, I'm a Geosciences major and therefore mostly learn those topics. This class' topics range from biology to astronomy and everything in between.
- Again, the reason why the class is so great though is because of the professor teaching it. He engages us in topics that allow for heavy thinking and critical responses.
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- 11 The course was very interesting and fun to take.
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- 12 I am very disappointed in the course. There was no structure. Half of the readings that were assigned were not discussed in the class. Class discussion took over half the class time. Subjects brought up in class discussions were mainly irrelevant. If I knew how this class was, I honestly would have taken a different class.