

Instructor: **Mariscal, Carlos**

Subject: **PHIL**

Catalog & Section: **480 1001**

Course ID: **94067**

Objectives: **Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:**

- 1. state a thesis about a societal issue arising from science and/or technology, and provide evidence and philosophical argument (including replies to counter-arguments) in its defense.**
- 2. explain a scientific development or technological innovation in lay terms, and analyze different (and perhaps incompatible) cultural implications or policy responses.**
- 3. distinguish between sound and unsound interpretations of a scientific theory, or of the evidence marshaled for or against a scientific hypothesis, in a sociopolitical setting.**
- 4. show philosophers' tools (argument, conceptual analysis, etc.) are able to clarify what is at stake in a culturally significant scientific development or technological innovation.**

Enrollment: 44

Responses Incl Declines: 17

Declines: 0

Teaching (Lecture) (28 comments)

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

- 1 I love Carlos. He's a skilled teacher and an equally delightful human being. I appreciate how welcoming he is. He never makes you feel stupid or embarrassed for your input. Carlos was accommodating when life got in the way of my school work, which I really appreciate. The class could be improved if Carlos checked his emails and organized the materials on Canvas.**
- 2 I liked the format of youtube and in person discussions. I wish more professors utilized youtube recording. I think the discussion element could be more guided and geared toward applying our material like we did with the test questions.**
- 3 I specifically appreciated the quality of the lectures, and how understanding this professor was about the difficulties of COVID.**
- 4 Dr. Mariscal was very accommodating with the class due to it being online. He went in depth on topics that allowed for students to gain a deep understanding and apply the knowledge to the world around them. During office hours he was great in giving one on one help to fix any of the confusion from lectures and discussions.**
- 5 He had fun ways to learn new material.**
- 6 Carlos was awesome. It's been a rough semester for us all, and I really feel that he was able to bring a sense of levity to the situation that was very much appreciated.**
- 7 N/A**
- 8 Nothing this class was fantastic.**
- 9 I think Carlos is well versed in the material- VERY much so. I wish I could have taken an in person class with him. I do think he could have been more clear on what he was looking for on his exams/writing style wise because previous to the exam we had written nothing that was evaluated by him. This led to me personally getting an okay grade when I think I could have done better if I had a better idea of what he liked in response to his writing prompts.**
- 10 Professor Mariscal is incredibly intelligent and delivers everything with a great sense of humor. It's a nice balance to the dark and disturbing nature of most of the content. I can tell he put a lot of time into his lectures. The slides were well-done and up to date with current data. He also constructed his own research and presented it in chart form which I respect.
He could improve on being quicker at grading assignments. It is a weird year though so I won't hold it against him :-)**
- 11 Very personable,
May be hard to get in touch with at certain times**
- 12 I loved Carlos's teaching and the way he ran this class.**
- 13 Professor Mariscal is excellent at hosting engaging discussions, creating wonderful lecture videos, and allowing for the flexibility to learn at our own pace as we shifted online due to covid-19.**

14 I think Dr. Mariscal is a very insightful, funny, and intelligent professor. His lecture content was good and the readings were useful and thought provoking. My main concerns would be in grading, since at the time of writing this evaluation, I'm missing my grades for the last two tests. I understand that COVID has made things busy but it would be good to receive any form of feedback on test 1 to know what to do on test 2.

15 N/A

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

1 The course was more loosely structured than my other classes, which I liked. It was up to the student to keep up. The exam structure was modified for online classes, which made them much more difficult and time consuming. I hope he changes the structure next semester to have less essay questions. That being said, it was easy to get a good grade if you did the work.

2 I liked the course, specifically how the last third focused on current events and how the class was made dynamic to fit those current events. My biggest thing would be that it didn't feel like a philosophy class in that we didn't practice rhetoric and building arguments like I've done in previous classes it felt more like a history or humanities class but I guess that could be a strength too

3 Dr. Mariscal tried his best to make the class as engaging as possible through the discussions over Zoom. This would have been better in person, but Dr. Mariscal structured the class to make student engagement as good as it could be due to the current situation.

4 The smallest of suggestions, a zoom tab. I didn't realize the class was meeting via zoom for the first week. That said, I thoroughly enjoyed the discourse in this class and am very pleased I took it.

5 N/A

6 This class was my favorite part of my week every week. The material is depressing sure but having other people to discuss it with who also care really made the class one of the best I've taken. Carlos is hilarious and the material was informative but never boring. The issues discussed are issues many of us are concerned with on a daily basis making the class that much more relevant to our lives.

7 I think there could have been more assignments that weren't automatic quizzes. Even if it was a reading response for every other reading I think it would have been helpful and less stressful than the give or take all fashion of the short quizzes.

8 This class was so interesting. I feel like I learned so much about the societal context of science and technology over the last hundred years and how that affects us today. It helped converge some additional insight onto areas of interest I had already been interested in. The chosen texts were excellent and a great addition to my personal library. I will definitely be making my friends read them!

9 Course content was hard to find sometimes, due to modules and files being buried in canvas. Make things visible assignments perhaps earlier?
Content however is very engaging.

10 The course was interesting and my professor did a great job at teaching it.

11 Posting of the lectures to YouTube, as well as allowing for flexibility in the discussions really helped me learn the subject while not adding stress to this already stressful year

12 I really like this course. The material is thought provoking and very applicable to anybody interesting in science as a career. I think that the assignments, readings, and lecture material are relevant and thought-provoking.

13 Thank you for the class!