

Instructor: **Mariscal, Carlos**

Subject: **PHIL**

Catalog & Section: **712 1002**

Course ID: **83091**

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

**1. summarize current research and critically review the secondary literature for a specialized area of major historical significance in philosophy.**

**2. explain and interpret the ideas associated with the seminar topic in a research paper, with reference to historical texts or the contemporary philosophical literature.**

**3. distinguish better and worse reasoning, and recognize conceptual relationships, in historical or contemporary texts dealing with the seminar topic.**

**4. show how the seminar topic is connected to broader philosophical concerns, and show what is at stake in its investigation.**

**Enrollment: 25**

**Responses Incl Declines: 9**

**Declines: 0**

Teaching (Lecture) (13 comments)

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

- 1 Dr. Mariscal is an exemplary professor. Not only does he have a deep and nuanced base of knowledge, but he is very adept at making what are often esoteric and abstract concepts understandable and approachable. He also takes care to provide context, both historical and philosophical, for course material, which is much appreciated.**
- 2 I enjoyed the engagement in class discussions. Carlos is very inviting and easy to engage with, you can tell he is passionate and that makes him a good professor.**
- 3 Carlos is a great professor; he's super patient with difficult concepts and he cares not only about his students academic success, but also their mental health. I also thought the class was well-structured in terms of the order the lessons were in. In terms of improvement, I would prefer more real time learning as opposed to youtube videos.**
- 4 I liked that the professor provided pre-recorded lectures and allowed the class time for discussion and answering questions.**
- 5 He definitely elaborated more on topics that was difficult to comprehend at times which was very helpful**
- 6 Carlos was a great instructor. This is my first and only philosophy course and I started out as very confused. Carlos always cleared up questions and made lecture easy and entertaining. He is a very interesting guy and it makes class time fun. He is caring as well and wanted the best for us all. I am curious to see how he grades our presentations and papers, because so far I am doing pretty well.**
- 7 Dr. Mariscal did a great job at teaching the content of the course to us in a reasonable way. He was fair in testing us on our knowledge of the content as well. He knows what he is talking about too which was very nice.**

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

- 1 This class was great. I learned a lot, but learned it by thinking about it rather than by merely reading about it. Class discussions were always interesting, and we were always given the opportunity to disagree or walk out counter-arguments.**
- 2 Expectations were somewhat unclear when it came to presentations and papers, there is no real guideline, but I suppose that is to encourage us to be creative.**
- 3 I wish there were more writing assignments and less quizzes. The glossary quiz made sense; I'm thinking more about the reading quizzes. I think summarizing the readings would be more effective than answering multiple choice questions. It's harder to cheat when writing summaries, and I think being able to summarize a reading will help us remember it more than multiple choice questions. However, I liked the research paper presentation. Learning how to present ideas in a succinct way is a good skill to have.**
- 4 I appreciated the discussion time in breakout rooms as the opportunity to participate in class.**
- 5 I enjoyed this course. It moved fast sometimes, but it was bearable. Some concepts were easier than others but I appreciate the challenging bits.**
- 6 The course was really interesting and I came out of it with more questions than I can in with, but that's the point of a philosophy, so I would say the Dr. Mariscal did a great job in teaching this content. He worked with us instead of**

philosophy, or even say the content was a good one for learning, and even the notion that we needed to  
**putting it all on us to learn the content thoroughly.**