Howard Shaeffer
PHIL 391 - Seminar in Philosophy (31701)
No. enrolled = 16 / No. of surveys returned = 14
2102

Survey Results

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1. Background Information

1.1) My class standing is:

- Freshman/Sophomore: 7.1%
- Junior: 21.4%
- Senior: 42.9%
- Graduate Student: 14.3%
- Other: 14.3%

1.2) This course:
(Select "applies to my major" if the course fulfills both GE and major requirements)

- Applies to my major: 8.3%
- Is a GE requirement: 0%
- Is an elective on a topic related to my major: 58.3%
- Is a free elective not related to my major: 16.7%
- Other: 16.7%

2. Instructor Rating

2.1) The instructor's contribution to my understanding of concepts/ideas was...

- Poor: 0%
- 0%
- 0%
- 21.4%
- 78.6%
- Excellent

2.2) The instructor's accessibility/availability for consultation outside of class (office hours, by appointment, email, phone) was...

- Poor: 0%
- 0%
- 0%
- 28.6%
- 71.4%
- Excellent

2.3) The instructor's explanation of the grading system was...

- Poor: 0%
- 7.1%
- 14.3%
- 28.6%
- 50%
- Excellent

2.4) The instructor's ability to present information clearly was...

- Poor: 0%
- 0%
- 0%
- 100%
- Excellent
2.5) The instructor's ability to challenge me was ...

2.6) The instructor's ability to create an atmosphere where students were comfortable asking questions and/or engaging in discussion was ...

2.7) The instructor's ability to create a classroom environment that was respectful of diversity (ethnicity, socio-economic background, sexual-orientation, nationality, age, ability, religion, gender) was ...

2.8) The instructor's ability to demonstrate knowledge of the subject matter was ...

2.9) The quality of the instructor's overall preparation for class was ...

2.10) The instructor's overall teaching effectiveness in this course was ...

3. Philosophy Department Questions

3.1) The instructor's ability to relate course objectives with course content/assignments/tests was ...

3.2) The instructor's returning of work in a timely manner was ...
Histogram for scaled questions

The instructor's contribution to my understanding of concepts/ideas was...
- Poor: 21%
- Excellent: 79%
  - av. = 4.8
  - dev. = 0.4
  - n = 14

The instructor's accessibility/availability for consultation outside of class (office hours, by appointment, email, ...
- Poor: 25%
- Excellent: 75%
  - av. = 4.7
  - dev. = 0.5
  - n = 14

The instructor's explanation of the grading system was ...
- Poor: 7%
- Excellent: 93%
  - av. = 4.2
  - dev. = 1
  - n = 14

The instructor's ability to present information clearly was ...
- Poor: 25%
- Excellent: 75%
  - av. = 5
  - dev. = 0
  - n = 14

The instructor's ability to challenge me was ...
- Poor: 100%
- Excellent: 0%
  - av. = 5
  - dev. = 0
  - n = 13

The instructor's ability to create an atmosphere where students were comfortable asking questions and/or ...
- Poor: 25%
- Excellent: 75%
  - av. = 4.8
  - dev. = 0.6
  - n = 14

The instructor's ability to create a classroom environment that was respectful of diversity (ethnicity, ...
- Poor: 5%
- Excellent: 95%
  - av. = 4.9
  - dev. = 0.3
  - n = 14

The instructor's ability to demonstrate knowledge of the subject matter was ...
- Poor: 50%
- Excellent: 50%
  - av. = 4.7
  - dev. = 0
  - n = 14

The instructor's overall teaching effectiveness in this course was ...
- Poor: 15%
- Excellent: 85%
  - av. = 4.8
  - dev. = 0.4
  - n = 13

The instructor's ability to relate course objectives with course content/assignments/tests was ...
- Poor: 29%
- Excellent: 71%
  - av. = 4.5
  - dev. = 0.7
  - n = 13

The instructor's returning of work in a timely manner was ...
- Poor: 8%
- Excellent: 92%
  - av. = 4.7
  - dev. = 0.7
  - n = 12
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![Rating Scale]

av. = 4.8
4) Please comment on the instructor's overall teaching effectiveness:

Very good, kept info interesting.
Teacher respectful of student's questions.

Sheaffer,
I liked that your conversation/contect was
more structured. I felt clearer parts
I thought the test and belief about your
discussions were more clearly.

Benjamin's ability to deliver information
without bias and his expectations for us
to follow his thought are high. It merit
he actually requires us to critically think.

This was my first class with Professor Sheaffer. He is an evaluable
person with good inputs which helped me a better understand the subject
he is discussing.

Having a lecture from Ben is like talking with someone trained. His
way with text is almost written as made up of all the 5
disciplines.

No professor in the philosophy department is more clear and
concise than Benjamin Sheaffer. He can explain complicated
philosophies in a small amount of words. His lectures
always have terrific discussions because he makes his
lectures content rich enough, and short enough to allow for discussion.

Exhibited high level of effectiveness
with hints of irony.
I feel this class spent a lot of time spinning its wheels & going nowhere, sometimes much worse than others. Much is to be gained, I feel, from the impetus of style & basic guiding the class to remain on topic. The class had some great discussions. Benjamin is very passionate about the topic.

Well worth an urgent medical check.

Please comment on the content of the course (for example, topics, tests, texts, organization, etc.):

Liked it -
Note: book was not helpful in getting its message across. The lack of
subversive methods left it wide open
for misinterpretation. Many could claim him.

This was a unique approach to philosophy, in that I
involved reading a book and then discussing it.

I think that we should be discussed again, offered
again in the Schedule. It was not until his views
became more widely known

The content of the course was challenging as
both texts were excellent.

For the topic consciousness, philosophy could
have been better than it was. With
we could have got through most of it and
related. Organization lacking good as idea
of what or when most of the time.
The class combined elements of a variety of disciplines which made it interesting.

Other comments:

My first Philosophy course. I'd like to take a class with this instructor again.
Great class.

I much enjoyed the class, thanks!

Only caveat: didn’t always know what to do.

Could have been a bit more focused.