

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
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 B100 BASIC

COURSE-INSTRUCTOR SURVEY  
 INTRO TO PHILOS OF THE ARTS

Spring 2018 DEPARTMENT COPY  
 Enrollment = 48  
 Surveys Returned = 26

NO. REPLIES  
 THIS ITEM AVG.

NUMBER CHOOSING EACH RESPONSE

	Str	Disag	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str Agree		
1 COURSE OBJECTIVES DEFINED-EXPLAINED	0	0	0	2	8	16	26	4.5
2 INSTRUCTOR PREPARED	0	0	0	2	8	16	26	4.5
3 COMMUNICATED INFORMATION EFFECTIVELY	0	0	0	2	10	14	26	4.5
4 STUDENTS ENCOURAGED-ACTIVE ROLE	0	1	0	4	3	18	26	4.5
5 INSTRUCTOR AVAILABILITY	0	0	0	0	11	15	26	4.6
6 COURSE WELL-ORGANIZED	0	0	0	2	10	14	26	4.5
7 STUDENT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION	0	0	0	0	8	18	26	4.7
8 HELPFUL COURSE MATERIALS	0	1	0	5	9	11	26	4.2
9 STUDENT PERCEPTION OF AMOUNT LEARNED	1	0	0	6	10	9	26	4.0
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10 OVERALL INSTRUCTOR RATING	0	1	0	3	7	15	26	4.4
11 OVERALL COURSE RATING	0	3	0	6	8	9	26	3.9
	Excessive	High	Right	Light	Insuff			
12 STUDENT RATING OF COURSE WORKLOAD	0	3	22	1	0		26	
	Less 2.00	2.00-2.49	2.50-2.99	3.00-3.49	3.50-4.00			
13 OVERALL UT GRADE POINT AVERAGE	0	1	4	9	12		26	
	A	B	C	D	F			
14 PROBABLE COURSE GRADE	15	9	2	0	0		26	

For the computation of averages, values were assigned on a 5-point scale so that the most favorable response was assigned a value of 5 and the least favorable response was assigned a value of 1

COMMENTS:

Total Number of Comments: 8

1. Great teacher, TA kinda harsh on grading though.
2. UT Administration: Please give us, or at least future students, a writing flag for this course. Blaesi should not change the structure of the course, but we should be rewarded for our efforts.
3. The course helped me broaden my ideas in philosophy beyond the Ancient philosopher to more modern philosophy and how philosophy can be done about basically any issue. Zachary Blaesi was a great professor that knows a great deal about what he is talking about, and he is an excellent instructor. He tells you exactly what is required of you.
4. I appreciate how open to change the instructor is. I.e. Mid semester surveys
5. The debate over whether cultural appropriation is morally/aesthetically wrong was wack. It's frustrating that people left that classroom thinking cultural appropriation is acceptable in any way, shape, or form. Not Professor Blaesi's fault necessarily, just annoying and without adequate time to fight all of the people whose opinions were different from mine.
6. I think this class would've been much better without one question quizzes. Having such a bad grade even when doing the readings really killed all my interest in the class. I think Prof. Blaesi is very passionate about philosophy and knowledgeable about the subject, which I really admire as this isn't an easy field. But I do wish he had a stronger Art background, as I felt that was what was really lacking in the course. I'm an Art History major, and I think that this lack of knowledge on art (not necessarily on purpose or anything, I know this isn't his section of study) was my least favorite part of class.
7. The instructor was very knowledgeable about the topic and was approachable, while still being professional. The class was entertaining and his lectures were informative. In addition, the instructor was incredibly receptive to suggestions to improve the class. Overall, the instructor showed a lot of effort to better our understanding of the material and our general appreciation of philosophy and created a good environment for us to learn in.
8. I originally took this course for the VAPA credit, but ended up enjoying it a lot more than I thought. The topics we covered, for the most part, were very interesting, and some I was aware of but hadn't known it was an actual concept or theory (e.g.the male gaze). Zach was very knowledgeable on the topics in lecture but also kept us entertained and engaged. Zach was a wonderful instructor that showed his passion for the subject, which allowed us to become interested in it as well. This class helped me gain a new perspective in looking at art, and has already changed how I watch films. Thanks for a great class and semester!