

Loyola University Chicago

Fall 2019, PHIL_PHIL 182 Social&Political Philosophy Section 8

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There were: 34 possible respondents.

	Question Text	N	Avg	SD	PHIL_PHIL Avg	Sch Avg	LUC Avg	Major	Minor	Core	Program	Elective	Schedule	Subject	Instructor	Other
1	Primary reason I am taking this course	34						6% (2)	9% (3)	82% (28)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	3% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)
								Greatly (5)	Exceeded (3.75)	Met (2.5)	Not Met (1.5)					
2	Material learned	34	3.9	0.9	3.5	3.6	3.6	32% (11)	47% (16)	21% (7)	0% (0)					
								St Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neutral (3)	Disagree (2)	St Disagree (1)				
3	Course content effectively organized	34	4.5	0.6	4.2	4.2	4.2	53% (18)	44% (15)	3% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)				
4	Course developed abilities/skills	34	4.3	0.8	4.1	4.2	4.2	47% (16)	38% (13)	12% (4)	3% (1)	0% (0)				
5	Course developed critical thinking	34	4.4	0.8	4.3	4.2	4.2	59% (20)	26% (9)	12% (4)	3% (1)	0% (0)				
								V Effect (5)	Effective (4)	Neutral (3)	Ineffective (2)	V Ineffect (1)				
6	Course effectiveness	34	4.4	0.7	4.1	4.2	4.2	53% (18)	35% (12)	12% (4)	0% (0)	0% (0)				
								St Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neutral (3)	Disagree (2)	St Disagree (1)				
8	Instructor effectively presented content	34	4.5	0.6	4.3	4.3	4.3	56% (19)	38% (13)	6% (2)	0% (0)	0% (0)				

9	Instructor clearly articulated the standards of performance	34	4.5	0.7	4.3	4.3	4.3	62% (21)	29% (10)	6% (2)	3% (1)	0% (0)				
								St Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neutral (3)	Disagree (2)	St Disagree (1)	N/A			
10	Instructor provided guidance with difficulties/questions	34	4.6	0.6	4.3	4.4	4.4	59% (20)	29% (10)	3% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	9% (3)			
11	Instructor provided constructive feedback	34	4.5	0.6	4.3	4.2	4.2	59% (20)	35% (12)	6% (2)	0% (0)	0% (0)				
12	Instructor facilitated student participation	34	4.5	0.7	4.3	4.3	4.3	59% (20)	32% (11)	9% (3)	0% (0)	0% (0)				
								V Effect (5)	Effective (4)	Neutral (3)	Ineffective (2)	V Ineffect (1)				
13	Instructor effectiveness	34	4.7	0.5	4.3	4.3	4.3	71% (24)	26% (9)	3% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)				
								Mid - 3:00	3:01- 6 a.m.	6:01- 9 a.m.	9:01- noon	12:01- 3 p.m.	3:01- 6 p.m.	6:01- 9 p.m.	9:01- mid	
	Time of day evaluation completed	34						0% (0)	3% (1)	3% (1)	9% (3)	62% (21)	9% (3)	6% (2)	9% (3)	

Text Responses

Please share any additional comments about the course.

The assignments didn't feel very evenly spaced out- - especially with having papers due right around the time of the midterm and final exams which are already quite a bit of writing.

Thank you!

good course!

The class was good, I wish there were more debate topics and that there were more modern examples.

Through this course, my ability to read, and more importantly comprehend, complicated texts has really grown. The method you gave us at the beginning of the semester was very beneficial to me and it is something I have implemented on almost all of our readings.

Enjoyed the examples used in the slides. Readings were well discussed, and I felt prepared for the exam.

I enjoyed the broad range of philosophers and readings that were covered and analyzed.

The quizzes should be done after we have discussed the material in class because the material can be difficult to read.

Great course and overall a very knowledgeable experience

I didn't particularly enjoy this class. I don't really care for ethics or philosophy and I don't like that we are required to take it. It's hard for me to want to show up for and do work for a class I don't really feel passionate about at all. Classes are a lot more interesting and productive when the students want to be there in that class and are excited to learn about the topic.

I thought it was well-balanced in terms of topics & philosophers and taught in a way that was sufficient to manage.

I enjoyed this course a lot more than the other core requirements. I like the small assignment and paper topics. I likes the class discussion assignments and topics. Did not really do the readings unless there was a quiz or at least until I saw the topics for the midterm - there was far too much reading than I've had to do for other courses.

Some of the readings are very long and very hard to read.

Very interesting course, but I think that this probably depends on the professor.

Please share any additional comments about the instructor.

Professor Skibra is an amazing professor! I love how knowledgeable he is. I enjoyed his class this semester.

This was a really fun class that I truly learned a lot from. I am glad I took this class and I think all this information will be beneficial in my life and future profession. One of the best philosophy classes. Thats hard to do.

easy to follow.

The class was good I would like if the readings were discussed the day we were supposed to read them and if there could be a small discussion about the reading before the quiz.

Awesome. This class actually/really made me reflect on the material I learned in class and improved my overall ability to engage with concepts. Dr. Skibra is a great lecturer and makes complicated philosophical concepts easy to understand and is open to answering any questions or discussions you might want to bring up.

Daniel is an excellent philosophy instructor because the way he presented the material not only helped my understanding of it, but was also very interesting so that I had no problem engaging with material that can be very dense and hard to understand. I also appreciated that there was no busy work- each assignment felt very purposeful for our understanding of the material.

I would have loved more comments on my midterm exam.

Professor Skibra made class enjoyable and philosophy fun. He is a great professor:

He is a good teacher, but less straight lecturing and more in class participation would be nice.

Great explanations on all of the philosophers and their views. Professor Skibra sure to go in-depth when the readings may have been a bit difficult to read. Great professor, thank you Professor Skibra !

Makes lectures super interesting and gives ways to apply material to real life. Very great professor

He puts in the time and effort to make sure we are receiving quality information.

He is very nice and lays out the material well.

Makes sure students participate and tries to help them understand content

See next

Honestly, great professor. Very clear about expectations and really broke down the harder concepts.

What would you say are the particular strengths or weaknesses of this instructor?

The professor ensured that the class was not just lecture. Having in class activities and discussions was a good break from taking notes all class.

Strengths: great presenting skills, talks loud and clear Weaknesses: assigns too much reading

Strengths: detailed powerpoints, lots of examples

strengths - ability to answer questions in an understandable way for students, processing the information into lectures from the more challenging reading assignments for students, welcoming environment for all students to participate

Strengths include that he is approachable and doesn't take himself too seriously. Good at making slides & presenting them in clear ways that help us break down some of the dense readings. Weaknesses really are just that sometimes he goes through slides too fast & I'm unable to write everything down. But that's pretty small

Perhaps a weakness could be always running class later than the set end time and not finishing in time. Other than that, a huge positive is the overall effectiveness of Professor Skibra's lectures and his enthusiasm towards the course, nothing short of phenomenal. Occasional humor makes it a bit easier to pay attention as lectures can sometimes get a bit dry.

He is very good at explaining difficult topics and making it as simple as possible. Also does a very good job at relating what we learned in class to the real world.

Very well organized. Explained material very clearly, and in a easy to follow presentation

Lecture is easy to understand and organized. But at times lectures go a bit fast. But overall, there is a good balance of discussion and lecture, and then we have some assignments. The quizzes are fairly straight forward as well.

I think this instructor's strength is the way he speaks in the classroom. There is an ability he has of projecting his voice in the most kindest and just way. Students are able to stay focused and intrigued. I can't think of a weakness

Dr. Skibra knows how to make the material easy to understand and keeps everyone engaged.

He is a very good lecturer. Kept the lectures interesting and I always was looking forward to class. Maybe there should be more documentaries

I would say strength is making everyone feel comfortable and weakness is not giving clear instructions for certain assignments and deducting points for no particular reason.

The professor makes this boring stuff interesting with contemporary examples.

Professor Skibra does a great job at making the classroom a space where all are encouraged to participate and contribute. His class activities were also very helpful and really aided in furthering understanding of readings.

Daniel did an incredible job of creating a safe learning environment for students, where I felt comfortable contributing to discussion and asking questions as they came up. nothing in particular.

I wish he made the course slides more understandable and the class more engaging.

I think the topics and lectures were very helpful in understand the readings. However, I think some of the readings are way too long and half of the information in the longer readings were not even mentioned in the lecture. I would suggest giving sections from longer readings instead of having to read all the pages.

strengths: explains things very clearly, kind weaknesses: sometimes doesn't balance workload

Strengths: Good slides to help understand the difficult readings, very organized, knowledgeable, always willing to help and answer questions if we are confused, assignments that help critical thinking Weaknesses: No weaknesses that I can think of!

Feedback for other students: What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking this course (or section)?

Do all the reading. You need it. Make sure you come to class, even if all the info is on the slides.

I enjoyed this course a lot! I advise to participate in the class discussions, you'll get the most out of the course and learn a lot if you do!

Keep up with the readings. It's a large volume of material, but it's worth it to do well in this class.

Try to read at least some of the reading for each class

ask questions when you have them do the assigned readings

Do the readings and show up for class

Take notes, do the readings.. the obvious stuff.

Make sure you read and have a decent understanding of the reading that was assigned. You won't always understand the readings and it may get difficult, but Professor Skibra's lectures will help you understand them much more. Quizzes are random, so make sure you are at least fairly prepared.

Do the readings, it helps a lot with understanding the material we go over in class and the quizzes can come up at any time! Don't leave studying for exams until the day before because there is a lot of preparation.

Make sure you do the reading BEFORE you come to class! There could be a pop quiz for that reading.

Read and read wisely. Make sure to make time for the readings and comprehension

Try and read a head of time so you can ask questions before quizzes.

Do the readings, even if they are long. Watch videos.

Lots of reading without understanding. If you pay attention in class you will be fine.

Read. GO TO CLASS!

Do the readings!

Take good, detailed notes!!!!!! This will help a ton when trying to write your papers and when preparing for your exams.

do the stugy guide.

be ready to read

I would encourage other students to do the readings and participate in class. the quizzes are usually about the overall topic of the reading and you should be able to do well on them even if you get confused.

READ THE ASSIGNMENTS

Definitely do all the readings even if they are hard to understand because you want to get good grades on the quizzes. Even use online resources to help further your understandings of the readings. Make sure to do the study guides for the exams because he gives you all the questions that will be on the exams.