

1. How could the instructor improve the course?

More tighter organization Throughout the course
~~Needs even~~

It needs to be more clear exactly what reading
Needs to be read for the next class - sometimes
there would be 4, I would only get to read 3, and
we'd end up talking about the one I did not read

2. What has the instructor done especially well in the teaching of the course?

Brought the class together over the
electronic board, & email. The experience of
having my peers read, critique and
be exposed to my ideas & writing helped not
only my writing ability but my approach
to essay writing in general → I wanted to
work harder on it and think deeper.

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We don't always talk about every thing we read. That's okay, but sometimes I think that what we didn't get to was the most interesting thing we read.

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You are really good at explaining a theory in ways that I can understand. You make the class layh, and you make me interested in what we are learning.

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Have a syllabus available at the beginning. It was very difficult to keep on top of things when I wasn't sure what we were going to talk about next. If possible when there ~~are~~ is more than one readings for a class - be more explicit which one will be discussed - I often focused on the wrong thing.

I hated doing the journal - but that might just be me.

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Great examples and ways to connect ideas to my own life and area of study.

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lectures were informative + engaging.
no social aspect to this course was
imposed on it.

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- ~~path~~ having two papers due in April is intense, would be nice if they were more spread out
- posting comments of topics took a lot of extra time, it would be better if we got into groups in class & talked about the papers, ~~if~~ if it has to be done through the computer it would be easier to give thorough comments to fewer people (maybe 2 or 3)

2. What has the instructor done especially well in the teaching of the course?

- very interested in subject matter
- great examples, illustrations, humor
- good advice on papers
- willingness to give time to students

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I think The instructor could improve the course by somehow, allowing for more time for the reading and possibly less to read. A little more organization of the deadlines for assignments would also help students from experiencing anxiety.

2. What has the instructor done especially well in the teaching of the course?

The instructor inspires, pushes, and challenges students to think in new ways. Through the teacher's ability to make the reading and concepts "real" students gain insight to knowledge that might (would) otherwise pass us by

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I feel that the course has no structure or organization. Make clear the due dates for the papers and assignments. Just as when you say Thursday, do you mean Wednesday midnight or Thursday ~~before~~ midnight? (Technically it's not Friday yet.)

2. What has the instructor done especially well in the teaching of the course?

Dan is passionate ~~and~~ about the course, his students, and teaching. His passion reflects through the class. He ~~also~~ explores ~~everything in life has meaning.~~ ~~Everyday~~ everyday life in such a way that everything has ~~to~~ meaning, which it does.

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The syllabus could have been more concise. Sometimes the class was unaware of the readings that ^{we} were to do and this caused some confusion. The instructor handled the confusion that erupted very well, but it is comforting to know what is expected and when it is expected.

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The material that we covered was broad enough to give me an idea of the scope of sociology of everyday life and focused enough to allow me to dwell on specific ideas and theories. The instructor's lectures were always clear ~~and~~, interesting and engaging. As always, he handled class discussions and questions well, keeping the students focused on the topic at hand.

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This course needs a serious overhaul in terms of organization. The subject is interesting, but the lack of organization and the ~~unreasonable~~ unreasonable expectations regarding the workload meant that I never knew where I stood in this class. Also, I feel that this course would benefit from the integration of a multi-cultural perspective. This would allow students

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(over)

Dan is always enthusiastic and entertaining. He is good at increasing student interest in his chosen topic and clearly has a wealth of information.

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Giving the assignment earlier having a well planned syllabus.

2. What has the instructor done especially well in the teaching of the course?

- Keeping assignments posted on the internet
- Allowing time for the given topic
- ~~Having~~ Being engaged & interest in the subject

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- * More organized with syllabus before course begins.
- More clarity on assignments as to what's expected, when.
(on readings and papers)
- Stop talking closer to class end time (tended to run on to very end ^{or beyond} sometimes making it difficult to leave on time to get to other places.)

2. What has the instructor done especially well in the teaching of the course?

Shown great enthusiasm for the subject and encouraged us to think outside of what we already know. Introduced us to more than we could take in, but allowing us the freedom to focus on our interests. Easy to approach and talk to.

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Overall this class was great! organization is an area in need of improvement. This includes a syllabus on the first day of class. It was also frequently unclear about an assigned reading for a class period. It should be made clear exactly what is expected so as to avoid confusion & frustration. It might also be nice to talk more about the readings in class, maybe break into smaller group discussions.

2. What has the instructor done especially well in the teaching of the course?

Your interest and excitement for the material was contagious. Also your insistence on pushing us further was frustrating sometimes, but also extremely rewarding. I also really think your flexibility and willingness to change the schedule made this class successful.

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Just have a more planned out syllabus.
Structure improvement.

2. What has the instructor done especially well in the teaching of the course?

Everything else!

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Lack of a set syllabus w/ grading stipulations threw me off a bit sometimes.

Biggest annoyance was finding reading materials listed on class reading assignment sheet. I would've loved to have a reader in place of articles on reserve.

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Lectures are fabulous & engaging - the kinds of things I'd like to listen in on even if I was not taking the class.

Dan's interest in this topic, as well as his availability and concern for student progress have earned him an especially high level of respect in my eyes.

Dan, thanks for being the kind of professor I hoped for when choosing a small college!

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a few areas could be organized better - although we all understand the difficulties you were having mid-semester...

the most frustrating thing for me was not being able to get all the necessary readings without a lot of extra work/photocopying... esp. readings in Inside Social Life, where the copy on reserve didn't have all the required articles.

the emailing paper topics was very messy, and I felt like I never got feedback on my journal, not even a thumbs up or anything so I never even knew if you read it...

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I've really enjoyed this class - both lecture and readings were great! I particularly liked the bulletin board format, and I liked that you had us do annotations b/c I feel I got more out of the readings this way. I just get the sense that you have a lot of confidence in our abilities, which is really wonderful and unfortunately, a rare feeling to get from professors sometimes... Thanks!

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PROFESSOR RYAN IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT HIS SUBJECT. HE USES A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WRITTEN/ELECTRONIC MEDIA TO SUPPORT HIS PHILOSOPHY. MAY I SUGGEST THAT A STRONG BASE BE IMPLEMENTED WITH SUPPLEMENTAL READINGS OFFERED AS EXTRA CREDIT. I HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMED AND HAVE EASILY GOTTEN "LOST" AMIDST THE LANGUAGE OF SOCIOLOGY.

2. What has the instructor done especially well in the teaching of the course?

PROFESSOR RYAN ENCOURAGES STUDENT INTERACTION AND BRINGS THE BEST OUT OF US ALL. I LEARN BETTER WITH AUDITORY EXPLANATION INSTEAD OF VISUAL, SO HIS PRESENTATIONS ARE OFTEN FAR MORE INFORMATIVE THAN WHAT I READ THE EVENING BEFORE.

HE DOES A SUPERB JOB AND WELCOMES HIS STUDENTS INTO HIS ENJOYMENT OF THE SUBJECT. HE IS AN ASSET TO THE MILLS PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY.

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Better organization - keep us more updated about our grades so we have more of an idea of how we ~~are~~ are doing so far. Also maybe some instruction about getting reading material that is on reserve or on the web because I don't really know much about that.

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Good use of examples. ~~Really~~ Very interested in subject matter. Also liked that the class could discuss and critique our papers together through the class website (though please more instruction on how to do that), and I found that extremely helpful in doing my paper.

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THE ORGANIZATION OF THIS CLASS NEEDS ATTENTION AND THERE WERE MANY UNCLEAR MOMENTS ABOUT WHAT WE WERE TO BE WORKING ON. I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A TROUGH SEMESTER IN MANY ASPECTS SO FOR THE MOST PART WE ALL MADE IT THROUGH UNSMOOTH. DAN'S RELIANCE ON THE COMPUTER HAS MADE SOME ASPECTS OF THE CLASS MORE COMPLICATED THAN NECESSARY. AS NOTE EVERYONE HAS CONSISTENT ACCESS TO

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DAN CAN MAKE EVEN THE DRIEST MATERIAL INTERESTING AND ENGAGING. HIS CLASSES ARE FUN, AND HE DOESN'T TAKE HIMSELF TOO SERIOUSLY.