

1. How could the instructor improve the course?

provide written material to read -
accessing it on computer isn't
always an option. I'd pay for
a course reader, if it could be done.

I dislike the mandatory journal - it's
not helpful. It's just a burden.

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Good discussions
close-knit group
Interest level enhanced

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The leading of class discussion, good lectures,
and drawing interesting material into what
we study.

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Make journals optional — or make the journals topic/specific in some way as well as free form

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Preparation, knowledge of subject, flow of information & breakdown of topic

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- Handing back essays sooner
- I hate the journal

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- Reading assignments are very interesting.
- Course topics, division of time is excellent.
- Rewriting essays a number of times is really helpful in realizing what goes into good literary work.

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It is difficult to establish how an instructor plays a role in something as personal as student motivation, yet Dan Ryan has done just that for me. His discussions on social phenomena has motivated me in such a way that I'm now thinking of graduate work in the field of Sociology. Perhaps his assignments also played a role in developing my curiosity for in depth work in Sociology. →

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- STRUCTURE. Due dates clearly defined at beg. of semester
Update the online syllabus w/ changes in assignments, due dates, etc.

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- I love the readings, especially Zarubavel

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& Syllabus is confusing.

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DAN is obviously quite knowledgeable in this subject matter and is able to coherently convey the information to students.

I appreciate his "pickiness" when grading papers. I feel it has improved my writing.

He is more available than most for feedback + consultation.