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Introduction

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Editor

HPS 100H1F Introduction to History and Philosophy of Science

Instructor(s): P. Thompson

Enr: 131		Resp: 77					Retake: 57%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	1	7	17	43	30	5.9
Explains	0	0	2	7	20	44	24	5.8
Communicates	0	0	1	3	15	42	36	6.1
Teaching	0	0	0	3	20	45	29	6.0
Workload	2	5	14	63	9	3	1	3.9
Difficulty	1	1	9	61	18	9	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	1	8	41	12	24	11	4.8

Despite the challenging material, Thompson made it interesting with good explanations, enthusiasm and enjoyable lectures. However, most students found his tests difficult with insufficient time to write them.

HPS 200H1S Technology in the Modern World

Instructor(s): J. Langins

Enr: 97		Resp: 46					Retake: 71%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	4	10	21	43	19	5.6
Explains	0	0	0	11	24	44	20	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	4	10	47	36	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	8	15	57	17	5.8
Workload	0	2	8	63	13	8	4	4.3
Difficulty	0	2	8	56	21	10	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	3	39	33	24	0	4.8

While students appreciated Langins' enthusiasm, some thought he spoke too quickly during lectures for adequate note taking. Students also suggested posting lecture notes online. However, the lectures and the course were interesting.

HPS 210H1F Scientific Revolutions I

Instructor(s): B. Baigrie

Enr: 354		Resp: 102					Retake: 81%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	8	18	34	26	13	5.2
Explains	0	0	4	14	32	26	23	5.5
Communicates	0	0	2	5	11	38	44	6.2
Teaching	0	1	0	9	20	43	26	5.8
Workload	3	14	20	53	4	4	0	3.5
Difficulty	2	4	20	48	18	4	2	4.0
Learn Exp	0	1	0	26	28	29	14	5.3

Baigrie was a good instructor whose informative presentations made the material interesting, though a few students thought that he spoke too fast. Students also didn't feel that adequate time was given for tests.

HPS 250H1F Introductory Philosophy of Science

Instructor(s): A. Chakravartty

Enr: 117		Resp: 45					Retake: 84%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	4	8	40	46	6.3
Explains	0	0	2	0	4	46	46	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	6	26	66	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	2	11	44	42	6.3
Workload	0	2	17	64	13	2	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	0	4	45	34	13	2	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	2	10	36	34	15	5.5

The instructor was well-liked and revered by all his students. One student commented, "Chakravartty's lectures is one of the few good reasons to wake up for a 10 a.m. lecture on a Monday." Although a few students believed that a background in science would have been helpful, they still enjoyed his teaching skills. His friendly and incredibly helpful attitude made students want to learn. Overall, a very good course.

HPS 276H1S Science and Technology in the Realms of Islam, 600-1600, Part II: The Life Sciences

Instructor(s): I. Hehmeyer

Enr: 58		Resp: 38					Retake: 72%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	2	2	8	18	35	32	5.8
Explains	0	5	0	2	18	44	28	5.8
Communicates	0	7	0	5	15	23	47	5.9
Teaching	5	2	0	10	24	29	27	5.4
Workload	0	5	10	55	18	10	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	2	10	65	10	10	0	4.2
Learn Exp	5	2	0	19	25	36	11	5.1

Most students thought Hehmeyer was very knowledgeable of the subject and gave good lectures. A few thought her tests/exams were long, difficult and covered a lot of material. Also, they thought clearer explanations would have been helpful.

HPS 306H1F Technology and War

Instructor(s): B. Hall

Enr: 48		Resp: 24					Retake: 95%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	4	0	4	25	33	33	5.8
Explains	0	0	0	4	4	54	37	6.2
Communicates	0	0	0	0	20	25	54	6.3
Teaching	0	0	4	4	16	37	37	6.0
Workload	0	0	0	20	37	37	4	5.2
Difficulty	0	0	4	33	33	16	12	5.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	9	23	33	33	5.9

Students really enjoyed the course material. A few thought that the tests were difficult. Hall was a very good an enthusiastic instructor.

HPS 311H1S History of Physics

Instructor(s): D. Monaldi

Enr: 21		Resp: 7					Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	0	57	42	6.4
Explains	0	0	0	0	42	14	42	6.0
Communicates	0	0	0	14	14	28	42	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	0	14	57	28	6.1
Workload	0	0	28	71	0	0	0	3.7
Difficulty	0	0	28	42	28	0	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	33	66	0	0	4.7

Monaldi did a good job presenting and explaining the concepts.

HPS 312H1F History of Chemistry

Instructor(s): T. Levere

Enr: 25		Resp: 22					Retake: 89%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	14	9	52	23	5.9
Explains	0	0	0	5	30	35	30	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	47	52	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	0	5	65	30	6.2
Workload	0	0	23	47	26	4	0	4.1
Difficulty	4	0	19	57	9	9	0	4.0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Learn Exp	0	0	0	26	40	26	6	5.1

Students enjoyed both the course and the instructor. He explained concepts clearly and attended to questions promptly. As for the course, they found it to be fun and informative. They only wished that it wasn't held late afternoon on Fridays.

HPS 318H1F History of Medicine I

Instructor(s): P. Mazumdar

Enr: 76   Resp: 47   Retake: 65%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	4	2	4	33	24	17	13	4.8
Explains	0	2	6	9	40	25	15	5.3
Communicates	0	0	0	9	13	34	43	6.1
Teaching	0	0	4	11	29	40	13	5.5
Workload	2	0	4	53	16	18	4	4.6
Difficulty	0	2	0	69	11	16	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	9	22	32	19	16	5.1

It was an interesting course, however, the students found that there was a lot of reading material. Through the instructor was passionate about the subject matter, a few students would have liked her to have clarified and summarized some of the extensive reading.

HIS 319H1S History of Medicine II

Instructor(s): N. Krementsov

Enr: 86   Resp: 51   Retake: 81%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	6	18	24	34	18	5.4
Explains	0	0	4	12	41	29	12	5.3
Communicates	0	2	6	16	35	18	20	5.2
Teaching	0	0	2	24	28	36	10	5.3
Workload	0	0	6	56	20	16	2	4.5
Difficulty	0	0	6	63	20	8	2	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	5	33	38	19	2	4.8

Students praised Krementsov for being knowledgeable, organized and a good instructor. Although his powerpoint lecture presentations were interesting, and welcomed, he went through them too quickly. Others wished he had given them a short break during class.

HPS 322H1S Complexity, Order and Emergence

Instructor(s): D. Walsh

Enr: 13   Resp: 7   Retake: 83%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	16	0	33	33	16	0	4.3
Explains	0	0	0	33	16	50	0	5.2
Communicates	0	0	0	14	28	0	57	6.0
Teaching	0	0	14	0	14	28	42	5.9
Workload	0	0	28	28	42	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	0	14	85	0	0	4.9
Learn Exp	0	20	0	20	20	0	40	5.0

HPS 323H1F Darwinism

Instructor(s): C. Burns

Enr: 76   Resp: 33   Retake: 60%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	3	0	15	15	42	18	6	4.7
Explains	3	0	6	21	33	24	12	5.0
Communicates	0	0	6	6	9	24	54	6.2
Teaching	6	0	0	15	24	33	21	5.4
Workload	3	0	6	48	30	12	0	4.4
Difficulty	0	3	6	51	27	9	3	4.4
Learn Exp	0	4	4	36	28	20	8	4.8

Most students felt that Burns was enthusiastic although he could be a little disorganized at times, but with practise he will certainly make a very good instructor. The web notes were very much appreciated as was his

sense of humour. One student even described him as "dreamy" (?!).

HPS 326H1F History of Science and Religion

Instructor(s): A. Khan

Enr: 44   Resp: 20   Retake: 22%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	10	20	20	30	20	0	0	3.3
Explains	5	15	15	15	36	10	0	3.9
Communicates	0	5	5	20	35	30	5	4.9
Teaching	10	10	15	30	25	10	0	3.8
Workload	0	0	5	50	35	10	0	4.5
Difficulty	0	0	0	40	25	20	15	5.1
Learn Exp	7	15	23	30	15	7	0	3.5

Khan was knowledgeable about the material. However, he failed to convey that knowledge effectively. His lectures were disorganized and his expectations of students' assignments were confusing.

HPS 333H1S Topics in History of Biology

Instructor(s): C. Burns

Enr: 71   Resp: 37   Retake: 62%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	5	2	18	27	35	10	0	4.2
Explains	0	0	10	21	37	29	0	4.9
Communicates	0	0	2	2	16	37	40	6.1
Teaching	0	0	2	18	40	29	8	5.2
Workload	2	2	54	24	13	0	0	4.4
Difficulty	2	2	5	67	10	10	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	3	3	43	36	10	3	4.6

While students thought Burns was entertaining, enthusiastic, approachable, funny and a good teacher, his lectures lacked organization. Students often had a difficult time taking notes or following along.

HPS 350H1S Revolution in Science

Instructor(s): A. Chakravartty

Enr: 17   Resp: 12   Retake: 100%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	0	16	83	6.8
Explains	0	0	0	0	0	25	75	6.8
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	25	75	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	25	75	6.8
Workload	0	16	0	58	16	8	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	0	16	50	25	8	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	22	0	44	33	5.9

Students had a lot of praise for Chakravartty. They called him an "amazing", "extraordinary", and "excellent" instructor. He was very knowledgeable, enthusiastic, and organized. His lectures were engaging and presented clearly and effectively.

HPS 391H1S History of Mathematics after 1700

Instructor(s): C. Fraser

Enr: 59   Resp: 50   Retake: 80%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	6	0	8	23	40	21	5.6
Explains	0	2	2	4	28	39	23	5.7
Communicates	0	2	2	6	18	37	33	5.9
Teaching	2	0	2	2	22	47	22	5.8
Workload	2	4	6	66	14	4	2	4.1
Difficulty	2	6	8	64	14	4	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	2	2	24	32	27	10	5.1

Fraser was very passionate and enthusiastic about the subject material. Lectures were interesting and enjoyable, and well-communicated. Students also appreciated the use of visual aids - such as the videos.