

Introduction

ASSU would like to thank the faculty and staff at Victoria College for their kind assistance in providing the following course evaluations.

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VIC 1201Y1Y INTRODUCTION TO SEMIOTICS AND COMMUNICATION

Instructor(s): M. Danesi

Enr: 482			Resp:	112		F	Retake: 97%	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	1	0	0	6	24	26	40	5.9
Explains	0	0	0	0	11	22	64	6.5
Communicates	0	0	0	1	0	5	91	6.9
Teaching	0	0	0	1	3	18	74	6.6
Workload	9	11	30	43	2	0	1	3.3
Difficulty	4	9	25	52	4	0	1	3.5
Learn Exp	0	1	2	14	30	24	27	5.6

Students had so much fun taking this course. They loved Danesi's method of teaching. He was enthusiastic and accommodating of students' needs. A majority described him as one of the best instructors at UofT.

VIC 160Y1Y MINDS AND IDEAS IN THE EDUCATED IMAGINATION

Instructor(s): A. Moritz

Enr: 24			Resp	I	Retake: 93%			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	26	53	20	5.9
Explains	0	0	0	0	0	18	1	6.8
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	7.0
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	13	86	6.9
Workload	0	0	6	81	12	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	0	31	37	31	0	5.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	6	6	87	6.8

Moritz's teaching style was much appreciated. He was very patient with students' questions and ideas. He was everyone's favourite instructor for the year. "It was great to learn from a master such as Moritz", commented one student. The readings and assignments were superb.

VIC 161Y1Y THE ROLE OF THE ARTS IN THE EDUCATED IMAGINATION

Instructor(s): D. Duffy

Enr: 24			Resp	Retake: 53%				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	25	12	25	18	18	0	3.9
Explains	0	12	12	31	6	18	18	4.6
Communicates	0	0	0	6	0	33	60	6.5
Teaching	0	12	12	12	25	25	12	4.8
Workload	0	6	25	56	12	0	0	3.8
Difficulty	6	0	6	60	20	6	0	4.1
Learn Exp	8	16	8	16	16	16	16	4.3

The archival research portion of the course was very beneficial. Many agreed that Duffy's decision to change the course content and reading requirements halfway through the year was ludicrous - students had to buy new reading material and they couldn't get a refund on the books they had already bought. Duffy was brilliant and passionate.

Instructor(s): D. Duffy

Enr: 26	•		Resp	Retake: 76%				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	٥	0	٥	23	38	23	15	53

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Explains	0	0	0	7	15	38	38	6.1
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	23	76	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	30	23	46	6.2
Workload	0	0	0	69	23	7	0	4.4
Difficulty	0	0	0	46	38	7	7	4.8
Learn Exp	0	0	20	20	0	40	50	5.5

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Duffy's enthusiasm was contagious. As a result, students enjoyed the course. Some students would have appreciated the course more had there been an established syllabus to help guide lecture topics.

VIC 180Y1Y INDIVIDUALS AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE

Instructor(s): P. Harris

Enr: 22			Resp	R	etake: 89%			
	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	15	31	31	21	0	4.6
Explains	0	0	0	5	21	31	42	6.1
Communicates	0	0	0	0	10	21	68	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	5	10	36	47	6.3
Workload	0	0	11	61	27	0	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	10	73	15	0	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	25	37	37	6.1

Harris was an outstanding instructor who taught with a relaxed attitude, which made students feel comfortable in class. He shared a lot of his insights and personal anecdotes. The classes were also filled with very interactive activities: students loved the discussions on the movies viewed and the presentations.

Instructor(s): P. Harris

Enr: 17			Resp	Retake: 92%				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	31	12	43	12	5.4
Explains	0	0	0	6	20	53	20	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	0	6	31	62	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	6	12	31	50	6.2
Workload	0	0	0	37	31	31	0	4.9
Difficulty	0	0	6	62	31	0	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	7	0	7	7	42	35	5.9

Students found the course very interesting. It was a great learning experience for most. They weren't keen on one of the readings callEd "Thinking Clearly" and thought it was a waste of time. Overall, however, it was an excellent course.

VIC 181H1F EVENTS AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE: WORLD AFFAIRS

Instructor(s): D. Wright

Enr: 22	_		Resp:	21		Re	take: 100%	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	0	5	95	6.9
Explains	0	0	0	0	4	4	90	6.9
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	4	95	7.0
Teaching	0	0	0	0	4	4	90	6.9
Workload	0	0	4	42	42	9	0	4.6
Difficulty	0	0	10	55	30	5	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	0	6	0	13	80	6.7

Students really loved this course and Wright! Students appreciated Wright's enthusiasm, his insight and his real life examples. He greatly enriched everyone's learning experience. Students described him as "amazing", "wonderful", "fantastic" and an "absolute delight".

VIC 181H1S EVENTS AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE: WORLD AFFAIRS

Instructor(s): D. Wright

Enr: 17			Resp:	Retake: 100%				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	7	21	71	6.6
Explains	0	0	0	0	0	28	71	6.7

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Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	23	76	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	28	71	6.7
Workload	0	0	7	57	35	0	0	4.3
Difficulty	0	0	0	64	35	0	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	0	18	81	6.8

Wright demonstrated insightful ideas. His knowledge of the material was, undoubtedly, in-depth. He taught with a lot of passion and thoroughness. He successfully motivated and inspired his students, especially when he shared his experiences. An amazing experience.

VIC 182H1F EVENTS AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE: CASE STUDIES

Instructor(s): R. Hutchinson									
Enr: 17			Resp	R	etake: 80%				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean	
Presents	0	5	5	29	35	23	0	4.6	
Explains	5	5	5	23	17	23	17	4.8	
Communicates	0	0	0	0	17	35	47	6.3	
Teaching	0	0	5	11	17	23	41	5.8	
Workload	0	0	5	58	35	0	0	4.3	
Difficulty	0	0	0	41	29	29	0	4.9	
Learn Exp	0	7	15	7	15	46	7	5.0	

Students appreciated Hutchinson's enthusiasm and vast experience, citing that they were beneficial to their learning experience.

VIC 182H1S EVENTS AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE: CASE STUDIES

Instructor(s): R. Hutchinson

Enr: 22			Resp	Retake: 50%				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	16	38	33	5	5	4.4
Explains	0	5	5	16	55	16	0	4.7
Communicates	0	0	0	5	0	72	22	6.1
Teaching	0	0	11	0	16	61	11	5.6
Workload	0	5	5	72	16	0	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	0	11	38	38	11	0	4.5
Learn Exp	0	12	0	12	62	12	0	4.6

Although Hutchinson was friendly and approachable, students would have had a much more positive learning experience if more diverse case studies were brought up in class.

VIC 201Y1Y ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL LITERARY MODES: CONVENTIONS AND CONTINUITIES

Instructor(s): J. Patrick

Enr: 14			Resp	R	etake: 90%			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	10	50	30	10	5.4
Explains	0	0	0	10	10	50	30	6.0
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	10	90	6.9
Teaching	0	0	0	0	10	40	50	6.4
Workload	0	0	0	90	10	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	0	40	60	0	0	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	0	20	20	50	10	5.5

Patrick was a fabulous instructor who was very passionate about the material, and very successful in sharing this passion and knowledge. He thoroughly explained the concepts with many examples to support them.

VIC 210Y1Y LITERARY STUDIES II: EMPIRE, LITERATURE AND MODERNITY

Instructor(s): M. Nyquist

Enr: 29			Resp:	Retake: 90%				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	4	4	27	63	6.5
Explains	0	0	0	0	13	40	45	6.3
Communicates	0	0	0	0	4	31	63	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	0	13	36	50	6.4

Workload	0	0	0	45	31	13	9	4.9
Difficulty	0	0	0	66	28	4	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	5	63	26	5	5.3

Nyquist was an astounding instructor whose lectures were intellectually stimulating and entertaining. She provided a lot of valuable information. Her enjoyment of the course material was very apparent.

VIC 240Y1Y THE CIVILIZATION OF RENAISSANCE EUROPE

Instructor(s): K. Bartlett; M. Loudon

Enr: 62			Resp	: 41			3 29 5.9					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean				
Bartlett:												
Presents	0	0	2	4	19	43	29	5.9				
Explains	0	0	0	4	4	60	29	6.1				
Communicates	0	0	0	0	5	17	76	6.7				
Teaching	0	0	0	5	10	40	45	6.2				
Loudon:												
Presents	0	0	5	15	30	38	10	5.3				
Explains	0	0	2	12	24	48	12	5.6				
Communicates	0	0	0	5	25	41	28	5.9				
Teaching	0	0	0	10	27	45	17	5.7				
Course:												
Workload	0	0	5	82	10	0	2	4.1				
Difficulty	0	0	5	75	17	0	2	4.2				
Learn Exp	0	0	0	18	21	42	18	5.6				

Bartlett's teaching was fantastic! He was zealous and completely into the material. He presented the topics in a gripping way and it was a real joy to attend his lectures.

Loudon was a wonderful instructor who was very organized which made his lectures easy to follow. He was also very friendly.

The course was excellent. Students really enjoyed coming to class, despite both instructors' tendency to sometimes speak too quickly.

VIC 310Y1Y LITERARY STUDIES III: READINGS IN 20TH CENTURY LITERATURE

Instructor(s): J. Levine

Enr: 41			Resp	Retake: 85%				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	20	17	34	27	5.7
Explains	0	0	0	10	17	37	34	6.0
Communicates	0	0	0	3	6	17	72	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	0	17	31	51	6.3
Workload	0	0	0	44	31	20	3	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	3	48	17	20	10	4.9
Learn Exp	0	0	0	13	13	26	47	6.1

Students thought Levine was a gifted instructor. Even when her intelligence was intimidating, she made her students feel comfortable dealing with her and the material. She was extremely helpful and accommodating, encouraging students to meet with her after class to talk about any concerns or questions. Students loved "Ulysses" even though it was a difficult reading. Levine successfully conveyed the concepts of the course - she was articulate and patient.

VIC 320Y1Y SEMIOTICS OF VISUAL ART

Instructor(s): D. Santeramo

Enr: 49			Resp	R	etake: 67%			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	5	2	13	27	25	16	8	4.5
Explains	0	0	2	13	33	33	16	5.5
Communicates	0	0	0	5	16	27	50	6.2
Teaching	2	2	0	28	22	22	20	5.1
Workload	5	2	30	58	2	0	0	3.5
Difficulty	2	5	11	58	19	2	0	3.9
Learn Exp	4	4	12	40	12	12	46	4.5

Santeramo was absent for a month during the first term, so students

felt disadvantaged as a result. As a lecturer, however, he was entertaining and very approachable. Students enjoyed the class discussions.

VIC 343Y1Y SEX AND GENDER

Instructor(s): K. Eisenbichler

Enr: 60			Resp	- 1	Retake: 75%			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	2	5	5	35	35	15	5.4
Explains	0	0	2	7	23	43	23	5.8
Communicates	0	0	2	5	10	46	35	6.1
Teaching	0	2	0	7	13	50	26	5.9
Workload	0	0	20	72	5	2	0	3.9
Difficulty	0	5	20	75	0	0	0	3.7
Learn Exp	0	0	7	25	18	25	22	5.3

Eisenbichler was a very good instructor - approachable, fun and very witty. The class particularly enjoyed the discussions, but a few were disappointed that participation marks were weighed at 20%.

VIC 345H1F MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS IN THE EARLY MODERN ERA

Instructor(s): K. Eisenbichler

Enr: 12			Resp	: 10			R	Retake: 90%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	20	20	40	20	5.6
Explains	0	0	0	20	10	30	40	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	0	20	60	20	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	10	30	30	30	5.8
Workload	0	0	10	90	0	0	0	3.9
Difficulty	0	0	10	90	0	0	0	3.9
Learn Exp	0	0	0	22	33	33	11	5.3

VIC 350Y1Y CREATIVE WRITING: A MULTICULTURAL APPROACH

Instructor(s): A. Moritz

Enr: 22			Resp	Retake: 100%				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	17	29	29	23	5.6
Explains	0	0	0	5	29	29	35	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	0	17	17	64	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	0	11	47	41	6.3
Workload	0	0	11	70	4	11	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	17	52	29	0	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	14	28	35	21	5.6

Moritz was a kind teacher who taught with a lot of patience and thoroughness. He provided very constructive advice. He facilitated interesting workshops, which students enjoyed immensely. The course was a positive experience for everyone.

VIC 410Y1Y SEMINAR IN COMPARATIVE STUDIES

Instructor(s): R. Comay

Enr: 18			Resp	Retake: 92%				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	14	21	42	21	5.7
Explains	0	0	0	14	21	50	14	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	0	21	64	14	5.9
Teaching	0	0	0	0	30	46	23	5.9
Workload	0	0	0	15	46	30	7	5.3
Difficulty	0	0	0	30	23	46	0	5.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	11	44	33	11	5.4

Comay's style of instruction was admirable. She provided a highly critical analysis of the text. She was articulate and her knowledge of the material was tremendous. Students recommended that presentations should be spread out throughout the year instead of allowing them to dominate the second term. Overall,a very valuable learning experience.

VIC 411Y1Y POSTMODERNIST APPROACHES TO FILM AND LITERATURE

Instructor(s): J. Patrick

Enr: 28	Resp: 21							Retake: 85%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	14	28	38	14	4	4.7
Explains	0	0	9	23	23	38	4	5.0
Communicates	0	0	0	4	4	42	47	6.3
Teaching	0	0	4	9	14	52	19	5.7
Workload	0	9	19	57	9	4	0	3.8
Difficulty	0	0	9	42	23	23	0	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	0	23	41	17	17	5.3

There was no reading list for the topics discussed but Patrick was a very good instructor. Students were motivated to participate in class.

VIC 420Y1Y SIGN, CULTURE AND HISTORY

Instructor(s): I. Kalmar

Enr: 19			Resp	Retake: 84%				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	15	30	53	0	5.4
Explains	0	0	0	15	38	38	7	5.4
Communicates	0	0	0	15	38	38	7	5.4
Teaching	0	0	0	21	28	28	21	5.5
Workload	0	0	15	38	30	15	0	4.5
Difficulty	0	0	0	30	38	12	7	5.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	25	25	41	8	5.3

Kalmar displayed deep knowledge about the subject and was always enthusiastic. He was also readily available for help.

VIC 440Y1Y FLORENCE AND THE RENAISSANCE

Instructor(s): K. Bartlett

Enr: 15			Resp	Retake: 100%				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	38	23	38	6.0
Explains	0	0	0	0	7	46	46	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	7	7	84	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	7	46	46	6.4
Workload	0	0	7	76	7	0	7	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	0	75	16	0	8	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	44	22	33	5.9

Students enjoyed taking this course. Bartlett communicated the goals of the course well.

WORLD LITERATURE

WLD 300Y1Y PROVOCATIONS: LITERARY TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE 20TH CENTURY

Instructor(s): C. Hogan

Enr: 16			Res	Retake: 75%				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	25	37	25	12	5.2
Explains	0	0	0	0	50	37	12	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	25	75	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	12	75	12	6.0
Workload	0	0	0	62	37	0	0	4.4
Difficulty	0	0	0	50	37	12	0	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	0	16	33	50	0	5.3

Hogan was a very good instructor. He attended to his students' needs promptly.

