Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology



Introduction

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Editor

HPS 100H1F Introduction to History and Philosophy of Science

Instructor(s): J. Berkovitz

Enr: 140		Re	esp: 8	3			Reta	ıke: 60%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	4	13	32	28	20	5.5
Explains	0	1	6	17	25	34	15	5.3
Communicates	0	2	1	12	29	28	26	5.6
Teaching	0	0	4	10	28	32	23	5.6
Workload	0	1	12	69	16	0	1	4.0
Difficulty	0	0	3	37	40	16	2	4.8
Learn Exp	0	1	8	37	16	31	4	4.8

Many students agreed that this course was titled incorrectly, as it focussed on Philosophy rather than science. Also, the course was too broad, and would have served better as a full year. Also, material was too difficult for a first year course. The tutorials were unhelpful, and students would have preferred more assignments and tests to spread out marks.

Berkovitz was very kind, knowledgeable, and approachable, but his lectures were monotone and dull. Examples used were good and adding more of them would have been helpful. Powerpoints were also of help, but Berkovitz did not deviate from wording on the slides.

HPS 202H1F Technology in the Modern World

Instructor(s): J. Langins

Enr: 81	_	Re	esp: 4	4	Retake: 51%			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	5	10	33	23	20	7	4.7
Explains	0	0	0	28	28	33	10	5.3
Communicates	0	0	0	12	25	38	23	5.7
Teaching	0	0	2	13	31	34	18	5.5
Workload	0	0	2	32	35	22	7	5.0
Difficulty	0	0	5	77	12	5	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	9	35	29	22	3	4.7

Langins was a little monotone, but gave organized lectures.

HPS 250H1S Introductory Philosophy of Science

Instructor(s): E. Earnshaw-Whyte

Enr: 137		Re	esp: 38	3	Retake: 72%			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	13	28	31	26	5.7
Explains	0	0	0	5	42	34	18	5.7
Communicates	0	0	5	2	36	28	26	5.7
Teaching	0	0	0	5	36	42	15	5.7
Workload	2	2	10	73	7	2	0	3.9
Difficulty	0	5	7	44	26	15	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	3	30	36	20	10	5.0

Students found the lecture to be enthusiastic and knowledgeable. He encouraged and helped students develop critical thinking skills. He was organized and explained concepts in class well.

HPS 306H1F Technology and War

Instructor(s): B. Hall

Enr: 44		Re	esp: 3	0			Reta	ake: 84%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	3	0	10	13	13	30	30	5.4
Explains	3	0	3	6	20	26	40	5.8
Communicates	3	0	0	3	3	26	63	6.4
Teaching	6	0	3	3	10	37	37	5.8
Workload	0	0	0	60	30	10	0	4.5
Difficulty	0	0	10	70	13	3	3	4.2
Learn Exp	4	0	0	20	20	16	40	5.6

Students liked Hall's lectures and admired his knowledge, but most would have liked more discussion. Also, a better use of email and Portal was suggested.

Some didn't like the marking structure, as most of the marks came at the end of the course. More evening distributed marking would have been preferred. Also, this course should be full year.

HPS 318H1F History of Medicine I

Instructor(s): L. Dacome

Enr: 64		Re	sp: 19	9			Reta	ıke: 88%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	10	26	31	31	5.7
Explains	0	0	0	0	31	36	31	6.0
Communicates	0	0	0	0	16	33	50	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	0	16	61	22	6.1
Workload	0	0	5	55	22	16	0	4.5
Difficulty	0	5	11	61	11	5	5	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	9	0	27	54	9	5.5

Most students agreed that Dacome was friendly, and very approachable. She was prepared and enthusiastic about course material, and made effective use of slides and images in lectures. The course was a good blend of history and medicine, but some students felt it moved too slowly and catered too much to non-history students.

HPS 319H1S History of Medicine II

Instructor(s): L. Dacome

Enr: 68		Re	sp: 18	3			Reta	ake: 81%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	22	50	27	6.1
Explains	0	0	0	0	16	61	22	6.1
Communicates	0	0	0	0	27	33	38	6.1
Teaching	0	0	0	0	5	72	22	6.2
Workload	0	0	11	22	44	11	11	4.9
Difficulty	0	5	5	38	27	22	0	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	0	25	37	18	18	5.3

The course was well organized and slides were made available by the lecturer. However, a few students suggested having slides available before class. Some students found that the last assignment was worth too much and would like the assignment be weighted differently.

Dacome was liked by her students as an effective lecturer.

HPS 350H1S Revolution in Science

Instructor(s): J. Berkovitz

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Enr: 19	Resp: 12					Retake: 58%			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean	
Presents	8	0	0	25	25	16	25	5.1	
Explains	8	0	0	16	16	25	33	5.4	
Communicates	8	0	0	16	0	25	50	5.8	
Teaching	8	0	0	16	8	41	25	5.4	
Workload	0	0	16	50	33	0	0	4.2	
Difficulty	0	0	8	58	16	16	0	4.4	
Learn Exp	0	0	0	22	22	44	11	5.4	

HPS 391H1S History of Mathematics after 1700

Instructor(s): C. Fraser

Enr: 100		Re	esp: 4	9			Reta	ıke: 76%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	2	0	2	2	35	25	33	5.8
Explains	2	0	0	12	20	31	33	5.8
Communicates	2	0	0	16	12	29	39	5.8
Teaching	2	0	0	8	31	27	31	5.7
Workload	0	0	12	61	14	10	0	4.2
Difficulty	2	4	10	65	13	4	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	2	0	27	29	29	10	5.2

Generally, students found this course enjoyable. Fraser was a good, knowledgeable instructor.

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