

INSTITUTE FOR THE HISTORY & PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



Introduction

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HPS 100H1F Introduction to History and Philosophy of Science

Instructor(s): M. Thicke

Enr: 153		Resp: 77					Retake: 66%	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	1	4	17	26	40	10	5.3
Explains	0	0	4	17	29	34	14	5.4
Communicates	1	0	6	16	33	34	8	5.2
Teaching	0	0	2	20	28	37	12	5.4
Workload	2	6	22	56	9	0	2	3.7
Difficulty	2	6	13	60	12	2	2	3.9
Learn Exp	0	3	10	34	24	18	9	4.7

This was a good course with a good instructor. Thicke was an organized instructor who used effective methods such as blog postings to keep the course interesting. Although some students commented that he rushed through class, students enjoyed this course.

HPS 200H1F Science and Values

Instructor(s): P. Thompson

Enr: 75		Resp: 38					Retake: 80%	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	10	31	39	18	5.7
Explains	0	0	0	2	31	26	39	6.0
Communicates	0	0	0	2	15	31	50	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	5	5	60	28	6.1
Workload	2	2	27	54	10	2	0	3.8
Difficulty	2	0	13	54	21	5	2	4.2
Learn Exp	0	2	0	26	35	14	20	5.2

This course covered very broad but interesting topics. The instructor was very knowledgeable and kept the class interesting.

Overall, an enjoyable class with a great instructor.

HPS 202H1F Technology in the Modern World

Instructor(s): G. Garbutt

Enr: 97		Resp: 43					Retake: 78%	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	4	4	16	46	27	5.9
Explains	0	0	0	6	9	62	20	6.0
Communicates	0	0	0	6	18	37	37	6.0
Teaching	0	0	2	7	16	50	23	5.9
Workload	0	0	14	57	23	4	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	7	59	28	4	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	3	33	36	18	9	5.0

HPS 210H1F Scientific Revolutions I

Instructor(s): J. Stegenga

Enr: 167		Resp: 86					Retake: 74%	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	2	4	6	24	44	17	5.6
Explains	0	1	5	4	19	45	23	5.7
Communicates	0	0	3	5	20	37	32	5.9
Teaching	2	2	2	4	17	49	21	5.7
Workload	0	2	4	54	24	13	0	4.4
Difficulty	0	2	13	60	15	5	2	4.2
Learn Exp	2	2	10	26	21	28	7	4.8

This was a very interesting course taught by a very enthusiastic and knowledgeable instructor. Stegenga was a great instructor who explained lecture material very clearly and it was easy for students to understand. He also made the classes fun and enjoyable. The only negative comments were regarding the organization of the course, although this improved as the course progressed.

HPS 211H1S Scientific Revolutions II

Instructor(s): C-P. Yeang

Enr: 248		Resp: 59					Retake: 52%	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	3	5	20	27	30	13	5.2
Explains	0	1	8	22	32	28	6	5.0
Communicates	0	1	8	18	33	32	5	5.0
Teaching	0	3	3	25	34	27	5	4.9
Workload	0	0	5	55	30	1	6	4.5
Difficulty	0	1	5	57	27	3	5	4.4
Learn Exp	2	2	8	57	19	8	2	4.2

Students agreed the tests for this course were hard and not reflective of the classes. They also agreed that the tutorial sizes were too large and it would have been more helpful and effective if they were smaller.

HPS 230H1F Quantifying the Renaissance

Instructor(s): P. Thompson

Enr: 23		Resp: 11					Retake: 81%	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	9	36	45	9	5.5
Explains	0	0	0	9	27	45	18	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	9	27	27	36	5.9
Teaching	0	0	0	9	36	27	27	5.7
Workload	9	9	0	81	0	0	0	3.5
Difficulty	0	0	9	72	18	0	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	9	27	18	36	9	5.1

Students would have appreciated more ways of evaluation than just two big papers.

HPS 250H1S Introductory Philosophy of Science

Instructor(s): H. Barseghyan

Enr: 145		Resp: 59					Retake: 79%	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	6	28	64	6.6
Explains	0	0	0	3	10	32	54	6.4
Communicates	0	0	1	0	3	23	71	6.6
Teaching	1	0	0	0	6	35	55	6.4
Workload	1	0	6	79	10	1	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	1	8	53	31	3	1	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	4	24	28	28	13	5.2

Barseghyan was an excellent instructor who was enthusiastic and well-organized. He explained and communicated the course material very well and made the classes enjoyable.

Some students commented that his slides were the best they had seen. Overall, a very good class.

HPS 308H1F Technology and Prosperity

Instructor(s): J. Langins

Enr: 62

Resp: 13

Retake: 50%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	23	7	46	23	0	4.7
Explains	0	0	7	0	53	30	7	5.3
Communicates	0	0	0	7	15	53	23	5.9
Teaching	0	0	15	0	23	46	15	5.5
Workload	0	7	0	30	15	38	7	5.0
Difficulty	0	0	0	46	15	30	7	5.0
Learn Exp	0	18	9	18	18	36	0	4.5

The course was interesting, but some students would have preferred more advice and feedback on writing.

HPS 318H1S History of Medicine I

Instructor(s): L. Dacome

Enr: 99

Resp: 19

Retake: 89%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	21	68	10	5.9
Explains	0	0	0	0	10	63	26	6.2
Communicates	0	0	0	0	5	36	57	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	5	10	63	21	6.0
Workload	0	0	0	61	22	16	0	4.6
Difficulty	0	0	5	55	38	0	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	0	22	27	38	11	5.4

This was a great and interesting course with an enthusiastic instructor.

HPS 319H1F History of Medicine II

Instructor(s): L. Dacome

Enr: 91

Resp: 34

Retake: 76%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	5	11	26	35	20	5.5
Explains	0	0	0	11	23	35	29	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	2	23	38	35	6.1
Teaching	0	0	0	6	27	42	24	5.8
Workload	0	0	11	55	23	8	0	4.3
Difficulty	0	0	17	58	20	2	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	26	23	19	30	5.5

The few students that commented agreed that this course was an excellent class with interesting material and clear and entertaining lectures.

HPS 326H1S History of Science and Religion

Instructor(s): Y. Fehige

Enr: 52

Resp: 32

Retake: 75%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	3	0	6	6	36	33	13	5.3
Explains	0	0	6	10	44	20	17	5.3
Communicates	0	0	0	10	27	10	51	6.0
Teaching	3	3	0	16	26	30	20	5.3
Workload	0	3	16	70	6	3	0	3.9
Difficulty	0	0	20	60	16	0	3	4.1
Learn Exp	5	0	10	25	10	45	5	4.9

Students agreed that this course covered very interesting material. They had many guest lectures and Fehige only lectured a handful of classes. The guest lectures ranged from excellent ones to not so interesting ones.

HPS 350H1S Revolution in Science

Instructor(s): C. Forbes

Enr: 21

Resp: 11

Retake: 90%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	18	63	18	6.0
Explains	0	0	0	0	0	36	36	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	45	54	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	63	36	6.4
Workload	0	0	0	81	18	0	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	0	45	27	27	0	4.8
Learn Exp	0	0	0	25	37	25	12	5.2

Forbes was an enthusiastic and knowledgeable instructor who was very approachable, helpful, and well-organized. Overall, a great instructor.

HPS 360H1S History of Modern Cosmology

Instructor(s): C. Fraser

Enr: 24

Resp: 12

Retake: 36%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	8	8	41	25	16	0	4.3
Explains	0	8	0	8	50	33	0	5.0
Communicates	0	8	0	16	16	41	16	5.3
Teaching	0	0	0	33	41	25	0	4.9
Workload	8	0	0	50	8	25	8	4.6
Difficulty	0	0	16	33	25	16	8	4.7
Learn Exp	0	0	0	60	10	20	10	4.8

Students commented that the tests did not effectively evaluate their knowledge of the course material.

