

Instructor course sections

SIRS SUMMARY REPORT FOR: IAH 231B 005 (TERM: FS13)

- Instructor: CHRISTIAN LOTZ
- Number of students enrolled: 106
- Number of replies: 63
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						OMIT	MEAN	STD. Deviation
CUSTOM QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 The instructor's knowledge of the subject matter	66.6%	23.8%	7.93%	1.58%	0%	0%	1.44	0.70
2 The instructor's preparation for classes	47.6%	36.5%	14.2%	1.58%	0%	0%	1.69	0.76
3 The instructor's success in communicating clearly	24.1%	29.0%	41.9%	3.22%	1.61%	1.58%	2.29	0.92
4 The instructor's interest in and/or concern about student learning	46.7%	33.8%	17.7%	1.61%	0%	1.58%	1.74	0.80
5 The instructor provided timely and appropriate feedback	33.3%	30.1%	23.8%	11.1%	1.58%	0%	2.17	1.06
6 The instructor was available for help outside class	33.3%	34.9%	28.5%	3.17%	0%	0%	2.01	0.86
7 The instructor was open to different viewpoints	54.0%	27.8%	14.7%	1.63%	1.63%	3.17%	1.68	0.89

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expressed the students								
8 The instructor applied grading policies fairly	43.3%	28.3%	18.3%	6.66%	3.33%	4.76%	1.98	1.08
9 Clarity of course objectives	31.7%	33.3%	25.3%	7.93%	1.58%	0%	2.14	1.00
10 Organization and efficient use of class time	31.6%	38.3%	25%	3.33%	1.66%	4.76%	2.05	0.92
11 Contribution of lectures and/or discussions to your understanding	44.2%	37.7%	13.1%	4.91%	0%	3.17%	1.78	0.85
12 Contribution of reading assignments to your understanding	27.4%	35.4%	22.5%	11.2%	3.22%	1.58%	2.27	1.08
13 Contribution of writing assignments to your understanding	28.5%	39.6%	25.3%	4.76%	1.58%	0%	2.11	0.92
14 Your interest in learning the course content	14.2%	36.5%	25.3%	17.4%	6.34%	0%	2.65	1.11
15 The course's impact on your knowledge of the subject matter	36.0%	37.7%	18.0%	4.91%	3.27%	3.17%	2.01	1.01
16 The course as an intellectual challenge	53.9%	30.1%	14.2%	1.58%	0%	0%	1.63	0.78
17 The quality of your own	20%	38.3%	35%	6.66%	0%	4.76%	2.28	0.85

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performance in the course								
18 This course helped me to learn (1) to acquire, analyze, and evaluate information from multiple sources; (2) to synthesize and apply information within and across	34.4%	26.2%	29.5%	9.83%	0%	3.17%	2.14	1.00
19 This course helped me to learn (1) to reflect on experiences with diversity in order to demonstrate knowledge and sensitivity; and (2) to demonstrate awareness	31.7%	36.5%	23.8%	4.76%	3.17%	0%	2.11	1.00
20 This course helped me to learn (1) to apply knowledge and abilities to solve societal problems in ethical ways; (2) to understand the structures of local, national	34.9%	38.0%	22.2%	1.58%	3.17%	0%	2	0.95
21 This course helped me to learn (1) to identify how contexts affect communication strategies and practices; and (2) to engage in effective communication practice	26.9%	33.3%	34.9%	3.17%	1.58%	0%	2.19	0.92
22 This course helped me to learn (1) to use	30.6%	27.4%	33.8%	3.22%	4.83%	1.58%	2.24	1.07

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a variety of inquiry strategies incorporating multiple views to make value judgments, solve problems, answer questions								
23 Overall, how do you rate the quality of this course?	30.6%	38.7%	17.7%	9.67%	3.22%	1.58%	2.16	1.06
24 Overall, how do you rate the quality of the instructor's performance?	47.6%	31.7%	15.8%	4.76%	0%	0%	1.77	0.88
25 Each year, IAH recognizes teaching excellence in IAH courses with teaching awards for faculty and graduate teaching assistants. Would you nominate your instruct	53.9%	17.4%	20.6%	4.76%	3.17%	0%	1.85	1.09
27 What is your sex?	58.0%	41.9%				1.58%	1.41	0.49
28 What is your overall GPA?	1.61%	1.61%	12.9%	43.5%	40.3%	1.58%	4.19	0.83
29 What is your class level?	1.61%	35.4%	41.9%	20.9%		1.58%	2.82	0.77
30 On average, how many hours per week did you spend outside of the scheduled class meetings preparing for this course	19.0%	47.6%	22.2%	7.93%	3.17%	0%	2.28	0.96

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(e.g., reading, writing, studying for exams,								

RESPONDERS' COMMENTS FOR IAH 231B 005 (FS13)

Question 26: If you would nominate your course faculty or graduate teaching instructor for a teaching excellence award, please explain why.

- Dr. Lotz is an amazing professor! While many of the reading assignments were difficult, he took the time in class to go through, section by section, to help the students understand what the author was trying to say. Dr. Lotz was very in tune with the struggles of the class in terms of understanding the readings, as he saw it reflect in our quiz scores. He altered the structure of the quizzes to better help each student prepare adequately for quizzes and assignments. Furthermore, Dr. Lotz shows a passion in regards to this class that I have not often seen from other professors. He truly WANTS his students to understand certain ideas, encourages class discussions, and requires us to think critically; often outside of the small box that many of us have been thinking in our whole lives.
- Dr. Lotz is king. His knowledge of subject matter is the best I've seen. He should win the award for his German accent, and expertise regarding American capitalism.
- He is enthusiastic about teaching. He wants us to learn and to understand how the world works, its reality under the surface. He taught me how to look things differently in a critical way of thinking. I found this class with this instructor very rewarding.
- He just did an outstanding job, the class really opened your eyes. Made the entire class discuss rather than us listen to him lecture for 2 hours straight. Also was very professional.
- He was able to encourage well thought and interesting answers out of a semi-interested class and was very enthusiastic about our learning of the material. He was also very fair with grading and efficient with time, which is a rare occurrence for lecturers at this university. It was difficult but worth taking, normally a class that hard would end poorly, but I think this professor was very open to change and was good about making sure his students learned the selected material.
- He was passionate about the material.
- I believe that Dr. Lotz has a superior knowledge and interest in the information that he is teaching the class. It has been a pleasure to take his course and learn from him.
- I was as uninterested in large scale economic and social issues as they come before I took this class, and now I believe this course is one every student should take before they graduate. I have a night shift job, and therefore spend most of my day sleeping. I take online courses whenever possible, and when I don't, I would estimate I attend class 25% of the time. I rely largely on teaching myself and studying at unconventional hours to earn my degree. Because of Professor Lotz, I attended class almost every day, and would have continued to do so even if he told me I could stop attending and still get a 4.0. This class was among the most valuable of my college experience.
- I would love to nominate my instructor because he did his very best to help us understand the information we received.
- I would nominate Professor Lotz because he is very passionate about his work. He is very knowledgeable, but very open to hear student's opinions and generally wants to learn more from them.
- I would nominate Professor Lotz for a teaching excellence award because his intelligence on the topics of capitalism and globalization is displayed well in every class. He tries to make sure everyone understands what he is trying to say and encourages class participation. He uses relevant examples and tries to use multiple methods of teaching including slides, videos, lectures from other professors along with his own lectures to make sure students grasp the subject. I am sure most students in this class can attest to the fact that Professor Lotz has truly opened our eyes to the effects of capitalism and globalization that we have not been taught before because of America's encouragement of this practices. Professor Lotz is an excellent and extremely intelligent instructor.
- I would nominate this professor because he clearly cared about the class content and about what we had to say during the class with the response sheets and how much time he spent on questions. The books he picked were very difficult but it paid off, I felt I did learn a lot. Even though it was an IAH and I only took it because I need to graduate, he made it worth the cost and I learned just as much if not more as I would in a major class. 3.8 on rate my professor .com- lost .2 because he graded based off everyone else which made me nervous.
- Instructor knew vast amounts of knowledge off the top of his head, really cared that you were learning, and challenged

students to critically think about the world outside of our own.

- Knew everything about the subject matter. Challenged us to critically think and analyze information from text as well as videos and interviews. The class was challenging, but he made it very open, interactive, and a fun environment for as fun as capitalism and globalization can get.
 - Lotz not only demonstrated a mastering of the course material he teaches, but he strives to educate his students to the highest degree. He pays careful attention to any questions students may have and constantly asks questions of the class, making sure the students must constructively think during the class rather than dose off and memorize tedious facts in their own time. Professor Lotz continuously encouraged the students of the class to be critical of his teaching styles, methods, and opinions during class. Professor Lotz is both an intelligent man and philosopher, but also a phenomenal teacher, who truly cares about his students learning.
 - My instructor listened to student feedback and was always open to hear it. When I personally approached him because I was having trouble understanding the material and gave him suggestions to help us learn better, he actually listened to me and changed the way he taught in order to help us understand the topic.
 - No he didn't come to class often.
 - Professor Lotz is a very smart guy but he doesn't intimidate you with his intelligence in his class. in fact he encouraged us to express ourselves and challenge him or concepts we were talking about. He was interactive and through his 5 class analyses he could get our feedback on the course WHILE it was going on. WHILE the class was going on he found out what was working and what wasn't and adjusted himself and the course and it was so great because in most classes the time we can give feedback is too late.
 - Professor Lotz is the most knowledgable professor I have ever had in my life. Not only is he open to student discussion, he was very tough. Lotz is brilliant.
 - Professor Lotz is very passionate about teaching his students about globalization and does a great job interacting and encouraging the perspectives of his students by frequently calling upon the class for participation.
 - Professor Lotz was by far the most engaging professor I have ever had at MSU. While the reading material and assignments of the course were challenging, I never felt discouraged about the course because of Professor Lotz's reasonable grading system. I truly enjoyed this class and would recommend it to others.
 - Professor Lotz, demonstrated a lot of enthusiam for the material he was presenting and really knew his stuff. A lot of the time the material was very abstract but P. Lotz did a great job of making it easier to understand. By the end of the class I felt I had really learned a lot about the material that was taught, overall he did a great job.
 - Professor Lotz, thus far, has been one of the best college professors I have ever been taught by. He genuinely wants his students to learn and succeed but also challenges us with material that takes patience to understand and get through. His demeanor in class is highly enjoyable and I have learned more in this class than I planned too. My major has nothing to do with what he teaches but I would consider taking more of his classes because I truly enjoy how much he makes you think and work but all the while wanting his students to achieve greatness in his class. He is the mark of a great professor.
 - Professor was very friendly, energetic, and enthusiastic on the topic. His 2 hour lectures were surprisingly interesting while also being informative and on topic. I thoroughly enjoyed this class
 - The course has an extremely hard subject matter. With no economics or political science background almost all of the material was new to me. Professor Lotz did a good job explaining and going over the reading because it was very dense and difficult.
 - This instructor had the goal to make the course suitable for the students to learn in the best possible way. From day one, this instructor shaped the class in order to have the students excel in the course.
 - Very intelligent and strong knowledge of the course material, was very involved in students learning and readily provided resources for students to gain more understanding of the course topics outside of class.
 - Yes, he was excellent in opening up discussion for a wide variety of views that his students had. He also did a great job in challenging our minds.
 - Yes, he was very knowledgeable and very "down to earth". He made the whole class laugh, and really seemed to enjoy his job.
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