

Instructor course sections

SIRS SUMMARY REPORT FOR: IAH 231B 004 (TERM: FS16)

- Instructor: CHRISTIAN LOTZ
- Number of students enrolled: 56
- Number of replies: 42
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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	76.1%	14.2%	9.52%	0%	0%	0%	1.33	0.64
2 The instructor's preparation for classes	69.0%	7.14%	23.8%	0%	0%	0%	1.54	0.85
3 The instructor's success in communicating clearly	54.7%	9.52%	30.9%	4.76%	0%	0%	1.85	1.01
4 The instructor's interest in and/or concern about student learning	69.0%	14.2%	14.2%	2.38%	0%	0%	1.5	0.82
5 The instructor provided timely and appropriate feedback	63.4%	12.1%	21.9%	2.43%	0%	2.38%	1.63	0.90
6 The instructor was available for help outside class	36.5%	21.9%	36.5%	4.87%	0%	2.38%	2.09	0.95
7 The instructor was open to different viewpoints expressed the students	69.0%	16.6%	11.9%	2.38%	0%	0%	1.47	0.79
8 The instructor applied grading policies fairly	57.1%	21.4%	21.4%	0%	0%	0%	1.64	0.81
9 Clarity of course objectives	47.6%	23.8%	19.0%	9.52%	0%	0%	1.90	1.01
10 Organization and efficient use of class time	40.4%	28.5%	28.5%	2.38%	0%	0%	1.92	0.88
11 Contribution of lectures and/or discussions to your understanding	54.7%	19.0%	21.4%	4.76%	0%	0%	1.76	0.94

SOCT

In addition to results from SIRS Online surveys, the SOCT survey (Students' Opinion of Courses and Teaching) results are also available. SOCT is a brief, optional survey that students can take. Students, faculty and the MSU community can view results from this survey at soct.msu.edu.

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12 Contribution of reading assignments to your understanding	41.4%	21.9%	34.1%	2.43%	0%	2.38%	1.97	0.92
13 Contribution of writing assignments to your understanding	45.2%	23.8%	26.1%	4.76%	0%	0%	1.90	0.94
14 Your interest in learning the course content	33.3%	23.8%	28.5%	11.9%	2.38%	0%	2.26	1.11
15 The course's impact on your knowledge of the subject matter	57.1%	19.0%	16.6%	7.14%	0%	0%	1.73	0.97
16 The course as an intellectual challenge	54.7%	23.8%	21.4%	0%	0%	0%	1.66	0.80
17 The quality of your own performance in the course	29.2%	36.5%	26.8%	7.31%	0%	2.38%	2.12	0.91
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	53.6%	21.9%	24.3%	0%	0%	2.38%	1.70	0.83
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	52.3%	21.4%	23.8%	2.38%	0%	0%	1.76	0.89
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	54.7%	21.4%	23.8%	0%	0%	0%	1.69	0.83

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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	45%	22.5%	27.5%	2.5%	2.5%	4.76%	1.95	1.02
22 This course helped me to learn (1) to use a variety of inquiry strategies incorporating multiple views to make value judgments, solve problems, answer questions	54.7%	14.2%	28.5%	2.38%	0%	0%	1.78	0.93
23 Overall, how do you rate the quality of this course?	47.6%	23.8%	26.1%	2.38%	0%	0%	1.83	0.89
24 Overall, how do you rate the quality of the instructor's performance?	60%	25%	15%	0%	0%	4.76%	1.55	0.73
25 Each year, IAH recognizes teaching excellence in IAH courses with teaching awards for faculty and graduate teaching assistants. Would you nominate your instruct	62.5%	17.5%	12.5%	5%	2.5%	4.76%	1.67	1.03
27 What is your sex?	45%	55%				4.76%	1.55	0.49
28 What is your overall GPA?	0%	5%	10%	52.5%	32.5%	4.76%	4.12	0.78
29 What is your class level?	0%	24.3%	58.5%	17.0%		2.38%	2.92	0.63
30 On average, how many hours per week did you spend outside of the scheduled class meetings preparing for this course (e.g., reading, writing, studying for exams,	7.31%	43.9%	43.9%	4.87%	0%	2.38%	2.46	0.70

RESPONDERS' COMMENTS FOR IAH 231B 004 (FS16)

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

- Because it was incredible how smart he was and how many real-life examples he brought up during lectures.
 - Because my instructor truly challenged everyone to really think in this course rather than forcing us to memorize facts that we would only forget within a month two. I think that the way he taught this course was really beneficial in helping everyone to understand and apply the knowledge outside of the classroom.
 - Bottom Line: Professor Lotz is the best professor I have ever had at MSU and probably will ever have. Never have I had a teacher that cared as much about w his students learned and UNDERSTOOD from the course rather than just what they could memorize out of a text book and forget by summer time. His teaching style is refreshing; I feel that I can actually focus on learning the material rather than just cramming in information I would forget in a few weeks because of the way he sets his class up. This is the second course I have taken with Professor Lotz (I actually organized my entire schedule around this semester in order to able to take another class with him); I've never had to think more critically (versus simply memorizing) in any other course and I feel as if I have never learned/retained as much information in any other course because of this. I've never enjoyed learning so much than in his classes; it seems his passion toward what he's teaching directly translates to the students in his class that are willing to put effort in. Just an overall phenomenal professor that teaches students not just the material, but how to critically think—one of the most important things I think you could ever teach someone. Truly thankful I've had the opportunity to be under him.
 - Christian Lotz is a teacher that has changed my whole college experience. He has broadened my perspective on a number of societal issues in a way that is educational and thought provoking. This professor and class is the best class experience I've ever had in my life because it is so relevant to what is happening our world today. Christian is an extremely nice man who is genuinely concerned with a student's education in the topics that we discussed in class. I am so thankful to have taken this class with Dr. Lotz because he has found a way to grab the attention of a whole class and stimulate our brains with topics that we not have paid attention to before or may not have found interesting. I wish more of MSU's classes were this effective in my understanding of the world I live in.
 - Excellent class wonderful instructor
 - Excellent teacher that emphasizes critical thinking applied to the real world.
 - Great class , Amazing professor... Changed my life actually
 - Great instructor and extremely knowledgeable on the subject matter. Although the structure of the class struggled a bit, I felt he was very open to interpretation class and explanations of any concepts we struggled to understand. I also felt that he very much cared about his students, and really tried to help them to understand the problems facing our current economic system, and really critically think on how to solve them. Hands down the one class I learned far more in than any other class this semester. Even though it was outside of my college, very much enjoyed being challenged on current issues.
 - He is dedicated to making sure the students are understanding what he is teaching and he goes above and beyond outside of class to provide students with additional information.
 - He is great! Very enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and open to other opinions.
 - He is very interested in what he teaches. He not only is interested but he knows what he is talking about, he wants his students to learn but more importantly understand the material and that is not the easiest thing to teach.
 - his enthusiasm and knowledge is unrivaled
 - His explanations, feedback, and knowledge when learning further about capitalism and its effects was very valuable and effective to learning the information.
 - interacts with the students much more than normal, and spends class time talking about questions students have asked. makes sure students know the material and their questions are answered
 - Professor Lotz has inspired me. I had always taken an interest in the subject of capitalism, towards both the positive and negative aspects of it. However, I never quite knew how our socioeconomic system worked, how it came to be, and what is required for it to maintain itself. Through the class discussion inspired teachings of Professor Lotz, I have developed the most clear understanding of the topic I have ever had. Professor Lotz's teaching style is unique as it inspires fundamental understanding of the subject. It does this by enabling class discussion to bring in every view of a particular discussion, and then guide it as so to have us come to our own understanding. Professor Lotz has inspired me through his teachings to use the knowledge I learned in his class in the real world, on a day to day basis. Thank you ProfLotz!
 - Professor Lotz has so much enthusiasm when teaching a subject that is dry to most college students. He makes learning about capitalism in the world much more fun and interesting with his one of a kind personality. I have talked to classmates who told me normally they don't understand or prefer this kind of material but professor Lotz is such a character
 - Professor Lotz is a rare breed in modern education. He is far more concerned with students' ability to process information and learn than he is with memorization. Before the class was even over, I had recommended his class and his class resources, books and videos, to others. He is one of the most objective, yet simultaneously thought-provoking professors I have encountered. He is exemplary. As a science major, I can say he has opened my eyes to the importance of humanities classes.
 - Professor Lotz is very very passionate about not only the topic of post capitalism, but he truly wants his students to learn. He appreciates and accepts all questions and engages students through the entire course. He is extremely intelligent and although the economy and politics have never been of high interest to me, I came to every class because I knew Professor Lotz would make it worthwhile.
 - Professor Lotz loves what he is teaching and wants us to love what he is teaching. Although he has strong opinions on things he accepts when people have different views and actually encourages different views. He doesn't just lecture his entire class period. He makes everyone get involved and discover the answers to the questions he is asking through collaboration of all opinions. He knows how to teach where people aren't just memorizing from a text book but are actually learning and critically thinking. I feel like I am actually taking something away from this class that I can apply in the real world and that is a wonderful feeling.
 - Professor Lotz takes an earnest interest in his students. He does a great job of allowing all students to voice their opinion on a subject. Took excellent care of relating class material to past and current societal issues or events. Provides insight on the economic workings of global societies. Overall a dynamic, thought provoking class that enhance my university experience. Wouldn't be possible without ProfLotz.
 - Professor Lotz was great at teaching the topic of capitalism. He was able to get students involved in discussions.
 - This was one of the few classes that I've taken where I have had to actually think critically about the subject and not just take information at face value. He did an excellent job of selecting appropriate material as well as stimulating thoughtful conversation during lecture. I am actually going to use what I have learned in class to develop my understanding of communism, socialism, and capitalism. I would love the opportunity to take an advanced version of this course that offers deeper analysis as a sequel to this one
 - YES.
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