

Instructor course sections

SIRS SUMMARY REPORT FOR: IAH 231B 001 (TERM: FS15)

- Instructor: CHRISTIAN LOTZ
- Number of students enrolled: 60
- Number of replies: 48
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SOCT

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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	77.0%	16.6%	6.25%	0%	0%	0%	1.29	0.57
2 The instructor's preparation for classes	60.4%	27.0%	12.5%	0%	0%	0%	1.52	0.70
3 The instructor's success in communicating clearly	47.9%	31.2%	18.7%	2.08%	0%	0%	1.75	0.82
4 The instructor's interest in and/or concern about student learning	58.3%	27.0%	14.5%	0%	0%	0%	1.56	0.73
5 The instructor provided timely and appropriate feedback	60.4%	22.9%	14.5%	2.08%	0%	0%	1.58	0.81
6 The instructor was available for help outside class	41.6%	27.0%	27.0%	2.08%	2.08%	0%	1.95	0.97
7 The instructor was open to different viewpoints expressed the students	63.8%	23.4%	10.6%	2.12%	0%	2.08%	1.51	0.76
8 The instructor applied grading policies fairly	60.4%	18.7%	20.8%	0%	0%	0%	1.60	0.80
9 Clarity of course objectives	56.2%	20.8%	14.5%	8.33%	0%	0%	1.75	0.98
10 Organization and efficient use of class time	50%	22.9%	16.6%	10.4%	0%	0%	1.87	1.03
11 Contribution of lectures and/or discussions to your understanding	60.4%	18.7%	20.8%	0%	0%	0%	1.60	0.80
12 Contribution of reading assignments to your understanding	51.0%	25.5%	23.4%	0%	0%	2.08%	1.72	0.81
13 Contribution of writing assignments to your understanding	57.4%	17.0%	25.5%	0%	0%	2.08%	1.68	0.85
14 Your interest in learning the course content	39.5%	25%	18.7%	10.4%	6.25%	0%	2.18	1.23
15 The course's impact on your knowledge of the subject matter	58.3%	20.8%	16.6%	4.16%	0%	0%	1.66	0.89
16 The course as an intellectual challenge	52.0%	27.0%	18.7%	2.08%	0%	0%	1.70	0.84
17 The quality of your own performance in the course	41.6%	31.2%	22.9%	4.16%	0%	0%	1.89	0.89
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	46.8%	34.0%	17.0%	2.12%	0%	2.08%	1.74	0.81
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	47.9%	35.4%	14.5%	2.08%	0%	0%	1.70	0.78
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	50%	31.2%	14.5%	4.16%	0%	0%	1.72	0.85

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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	47.9%	25%	22.9%	4.16%	0%	0%	1.83	0.92
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	50%	26.0%	21.7%	2.17%	0%	4.16%	1.76	0.86
23 Overall, how do you rate the quality of this course?	60.8%	21.7%	13.0%	4.34%	0%	4.16%	1.60	0.87
24 Overall, how do you rate the quality of the instructor's performance?	66.6%	18.7%	14.5%	0%	0%	0%	1.47	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	61.7%	19.1%	17.0%	2.12%	0%	2.08%	1.59	0.84
27 What is your sex?	45.8%	54.1%				0%	1.54	0.49
28 What is your overall GPA?	0%	8.51%	14.8%	38.2%	38.2%	2.08%	4.06	0.93
29 What is your class level?	2.08%	43.7%	41.6%	12.5%		0%	2.64	0.72
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,	20.8%	45.8%	25%	6.25%	2.08%	0%	2.22	0.91

RESPONDERS' COMMENTS FOR IAH 231B 001 (FS15)**Question 26: If you would nominate your course faculty or graduate teaching instructor for a teaching excellence award, please explain why.**

- Dr. Lotz challenges students to think out of the box and analyze global issues.
 - Dr. Lotz truly cares about his students. He wants us to learn about the subject matter and think deeply regarding it and how it relates to our own life. He was my favorite professor ever in terms of caring about the students.
 - Extreme clarity in explanation and understanding of course. He gave us ample opportunity to critically think and form our own opinions while clearly laying out the problems that today's world faces. 10/10 would refer a friend to this professor and course.
 - He always stays in contact with students through email and sends out many interesting links to articles about current events that relate to the course. He always does his best to inform students what is going on in the class, through email
 - He is engaging, entertaining and informative what more would you ask for?
 - He knows the material extremely well. He is always willing to help and always does a great job with lectures.
 - He made the class topic easy for people outside of philosophy or political science major to understand and inspire student to think deeply afterwards. The design of homework assignments are great help of the course and he gives feedback very efficiently. He knows the course topic very much and has a true passion for it. It is overall a very inspiring and overwhelming and interesting class.
 - He was extremely passionate about the content of the course! He continuously identified where our knowledge lacked as a class, and would re-introduce the topic for our benefit of clarification. I truly believe that he is the reason I took an interest in the course (capitalism, labor forces, wage, famine, etc.)
 - he's awesome
 - I was taught how to question and think about the world around me in new and challenging ways. The thinking processes I learned are noticeable in my every day life. Class engagement and discussion was superior for retaining what I learned.
 - I would nominate professor Lotz because he truly cares about the learning of his students.
 - Loved it! He makes the students think critically about the world and the society we are living in and makes the class enjoyable and creates a great environment for learning
 - My professor loves what he does and is very smart.
 - Our professor wanted us to think, he wanted to present a variety of information that made us question ethics as well as question the world around us. There were many things that we were shown in this class that were going on in the world that we had no knowledge of. It was an eye-opening course and the instructor was always enthusiastic to teach and get us to participate and think.
 - Prof. Lotz knows his work.
 - Professor Lotz is a great guy who cares about the students in his class. He always makes sure we understand the concepts and has a great discussion-based class that allows anyone to give input. He is super funny and knows how to keep our attention.
 - Professor Lotz is extremely knowledgeable and I thoroughly enjoy his class. IAH 231B with Lotz is the one class that I actually look forward to attending in my schedule. Not only is it intellectually challenging, but I feel like I am able to have mature, thought-provoking discussions with others around me because of the viewpoints and information that are presented in this class. Professor Lotz eliminates the pressure of having to regurgitate information through multiple-choice exams, rather he is vested in the learning of his students, and chooses for us to write papers instead. I prefer this method because I get more out of the information and am given an opportunity to express my viewpoints, rather than just memorize facts. I would 100% take this class over again if I had the opportunity to.
 - Professor Lotz knows a very high amount of information regarding this topic. He teaches in a way different from other professors I have had but the class is very enjoyable. I took the class because it sounded interesting and I wanted to learn more about our capitalist economy. Professor Lotz's lectures were beyond what I was expecting for an IAH course. I have learned more in this class than any other so far and looked forward to attending each week. Sadly, the lectures have changed my views in a way where even grocery shopping is now cluttered with observing capitalism practices and possible flaws. He was also very resourceful with books, articles, and documentaries that were supplemental to the course. He ran his course exactly how he said he would in the syllabus and provided the most feedback of any of my professors. Each week we would be given multiple emails of links, supplemental readings, feedback on grades, and any important information regarding the upcoming week. Even though Professor Lotz and I did not agree on certain topics, I still enjoyed the class and was forced to think on an intellectual level. He is an outstanding teacher and deserving of recognition.
 - Professor Lotz takes great care in his students' opinions. He is always willing to take our thoughts and ideas into consideration during lectures. Also, he presents tons of useful information about the topic of the course that I am now using in my everyday life when I think about things.
 - Professor Lotz went above and beyond to fill every class time with knowledge from beginning to the end. He was clearly passionate about the subject and wanted us to grow not only as students but as individuals.
 - So interesting, knowledgeable and funny. Never a dull moment, and really cares about the understanding of the students.
 - There is nobody on this campus that works harder and cares more about teaching and making students more knowledgeable about the subject he taught than Lotz. I have been in the school 4.5 years, and wish everyone at this university cared as much as he does. Truly an extremely smart and dedicated teacher who sparked a passion for learning about a subject I knew nothing about.
 - This instructor had a great personality and kept the students engaged. He was very passionate about his subject and had an enormous amount of knowledge on the topic.
 - This professor (Lotz) was the best professor I have ever had, and trumps all professors I have had at MSU. Makes me proud that I spent all the money for the course. He made a class in which could have been very boring and horrible very fun and entertaining. He made the class VERY interactive and forced you to know the material in the best way possible. If this professor does not win this nomination, I would be very, very surprised.
 - This professor did a very good job explaining all the content and he was very clear on what he wants from each assignment and he had stimulating lectures.
 - This professor goes above and beyond in his teaching. His methods work very well so people understand the content and are not left behind. Very engaging and interesting in class. I would take this professor again in a heartbeat.
 - Very engaging and helpful professor.
 - Very passionate and knowledgeable about what he teaches.
 - WOW! Professor Lotz was easily the best professor I've had at MSU. His ability to stimulate the class discussion and actually get students to THINK about what we were learning and the effects of our decisions and relations in society is unparalleled. No class I've taken has contributed to my overall understanding of the social, economic, and political system as much as this. Also, he was incredibly open to all viewpoints expressed by students in class even if they conflicted with his own. I feel honored to have been taught by Professor Lotz and he is every bit deserving of the award.
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