

STUDENT EVALUATION COMMENTS

Below I quote selected student comments from my evaluation forms over the last several years.

"I enjoyed how laid back and relaxed class was. There was never a time that I felt pressured or uncomfortable to speak and join discussion. I felt as if Alex respected our time as students and treated us as equals more than as students who were below him." (Fall 2018)

"I have really enjoyed this class. You made a class that could've been very boring so interesting and interactive. This class helped change the way I think about some things and I have learned so much taking it." (Fall 2018)

"I love Alex's teaching style!! He mixes up the class structure to cater to different learning styles (lecture, interactive activities, role playing, etc.) and to enhance students' comprehension. He is always on time and approachable; his friendliness makes it easy to enjoy class and I think students feel welcome to go to office hours as a result. I can tell Alex is passionate about philosophy and teaching, and it shows in the way he makes his students a top priority. Alex is amazing and I hope the department appreciates him as much as he deserves to be!!!" (Fall 2018)

"Alex does a phenomenal job of continuing important discussions in class and keeping us on topic. He finds new and exciting ways to teach course content and keep us entertained. I would highly, highly recommend him as a professor as he goes above and beyond simply teaching course content." (Spring 2018)

"Alex has an awesome teaching style that promotes discussion throughout the course, as well as an awesome drive to understand where you are coming from and what you are saying." (Spring 2018)

"Alex is pretty awesome. We in no way had it "easy" because we did have to read a significant amount before each class and had to write a lot in this class, but Alex helped us all through it. He's open to critiquing papers before we turn them in (which is awesome) and he grades very fairly." (Spring 2018)

"[Alex] is an incredibly respectful and easy to talk to instructor who genuinely tries to open up a conversation to enhance our learning. He cares deeply about what we are getting out of the course and does everything he can to change what he needs to to better his approach." (Fall 2017)

"Alex was a very helpful and organized teacher, you can tell he actually enjoys philosophy and knew all the material he was teaching really well. He always encouraged us to email him or come to office hours any time we needed help and also gave really helpful feedback on writing assignments." (Fall 2017)

"The teaching was phenomenal and really contributed to my understanding, Alex did an excellent job of clarifying and questions we might have as clearly as possible, and then going back to make sure we really understood what he had just explained. Overall very friendly, funny and a fun class to

take.” (Summer 2017)

“Alex is a pretty awesome teacher. He is always listening to his students and giving good feedback. He tries to understand his students and learn their names. There is a lot of reading but if you are struggling with something you can always go to his office hours.” (Spring 2017)

“Alex was a great teacher and he was always accessible and willing to help. He did a great job conveying all of the topics and explaining them. He encouraged discussion and used activities to help you learn. Be sure to participate in class, and do the readings. Overall, the class was enjoyable and I would highly recommend him.” (Fall 2016)

“Alex was always very approachable and made himself available to us outside of class to the best of his abilities. His teaching style is nuanced, and very accessible to the average college student.” (Fall 2016)

“Alex is a great teacher. I honestly recommend him for anyone who is looking to take a philosophy class. He is very effective in conveying the information and making you think. A great atmosphere that is very conducive to discussion and very fun!” (Summer 2016)

“Alex is a wonderful instructor. He is incredibly accessible through several outlets, and he genuinely cares about you.” (Summer 2016)

“Alex is the best professor on this campus. Seriously if you go to his office hours he will take the time to make sure you completely understand. I was dreading taking philosophy, but he actually makes the class really enjoyable. He's young, funny, knows what he's talking about, and has a contagious passion for philosophy. Take him kids.” (Spring 2016)

“I loved this class! Continue to do all the things you have done and every single student you teach will be able to say that they got something out of this class from the way you taught it!” (Spring 2016)

“The class is very well thought out and you can tell he really cares about what he's talking about. He is very passionate but also flexible during class discussions. He is open to discussing topics that students care about, even if it is a little off topic. Very good lecturer and helpful professor. Overall, I would recommend Alex!” (Spring 2016)

“[Alex is] a great teacher and gives great feedback. Class is enjoyable and keeps your attention very well. I would definitely take another class with him.” (Spring 2016)

“Alex is great! Very helpful. He loves philosophy and knows a lot about it. He is super nice, personable, and funny. He made philosophy interesting. Would take again!” (Spring 2016)

“Alex made sure that the class was always a part of the conversation, and he wanted to ensure that everyone left this class with a broadened view of contemporary problems that each of us can find useful in our own way.” (Fall 2015)

“Alex’s course offered many different view points on current philosophical issues and debates that helped me put my own opinions into words and to stretch my thinking and develop my own answers to various problems, topics, and arguments.” (Fall 2015)

“Alex did an AWESOME job of making sure that every student was following along and felt comfortable asking questions. He taught us the fundamentals of the readings that the professor often glossed over. His creativity with the games he presented were super cool and helpful... One of the things that I think Alex did a wonderful job on was his ability to juggle professionalism and being fun... Our discussion section was completely comfortable with saying anything they felt they wanted to say, but also had a general understanding that it needed to be relevant to the class time. YOU ROCK, ALEX!” (Spring 2015, TA)

“Even though I won't use this class in my field of study, I learned a great deal that had never been taught to me before. I feel like this class is full of information to help us better understand the world around us and how/why it operates the way it does.” (Spring 2015, TA)