

Urszula Pruchniewska

Summary of Teaching Evaluations

| | JRN3705 Fall 2016 (mean) | JRN3705 Spring 2017 (mean) | JRN2701 Fall 2018 (mean) | MSP2421 Fall 2018 (mean) |
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| I came well prepared for class. | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.0 |
| The instructor clearly explained the educational objectives of this course. | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| The instructor was well organized and prepared for class. | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| The instructor was conscientious in meeting class and office hour responsibilities. | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| The instructor promoted a classroom atmosphere in which I felt free to ask questions. | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| The instructor provided useful feedback about exams, projects, and assignments. | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| So far, the instructor has applied grading policies fairly. | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| The instructor taught this course well. | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.5 |
| The course content was consistent with the educational objectives of this course. | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| The course increased my ability to analyze and critically evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view. | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.6 |
| I learned a great deal in this course. | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.4 |

(Strongly Agree = 5 Agree = 4 Neutral = 3 Disagree = 2 Strongly Disagree = 1)

Sample Evaluation Comments

What aspects of the course or the instructor's approach contributed most to your learning?

Her personal experience in multiple countries allowed her to show us a first hand look at media/popular culture globally.

I loved the small class atmosphere. I enjoyed how much she engaged each of us, making it more of a discussion than a lecture. I also enjoyed the real life context that she put everything into. It made topics that I had never heard of make more sense.

Her enthusiasm really helped get the class comfortable and involved. She made every feel welcome, and laugh, and made us all more willing to participate.

Great readings and good powerpoints. Very clear lectures and informative and relatable videos. This professor is really cool and I learned a lot in this class. All of the papers/projects/exams were very true to the course material. I also liked the group discussions.

Relating the material to trending media so as to understand how concepts that were theorized ages ago are still relevant and have evolved with changing media today.

I really enjoyed the debates we had on the last day of class. I also liked the graded material (the response papers, case study, media project, and research paper) because they allowed us to go further with what we learned.

I enjoyed the visual aspects, the videos and constant updated to references of pop culture were awesome. I loved the write it down section for attendance, because the next class we always went over everyones notes and it introduced me to new topics.

Having open discussion to the point where I felt safe. My viewpoints were too biased/out there sometimes and I appreciate the fact that we could have dialogue as a class. We could agree to disagree in this class and we could challenge each other when having group discussions.... There were some hard-hitting topics, but they helped challenge my bias more than any other class.

The readings were appropriate lengths and the discussions opened up new ideas for me. I was completely uninformed about gender prior to this class, and now I find myself discussing it with people all the time because it is such a controversial topic.

Urszula used current media examples with every concept we covered that kept me engaged and wanting to learn more.

Urszula was concerned about what approach would work best for us to understand gender and American mass media, so that it would contribute the most to our learning experience.... Working best for us, discussing the readings in groups through assigned questions based on those readings was extremely inventive and useful way of learning.... Even when I came into the class knowing a lot about gender and the media, I always left with food for thought.

She showed us what pop culture media was in the funnest and relatable way.

I am a visual learner so I greatly appreciated the powerpoints that went along with the readings.

Trying to find examples in popular culture that we really enjoyed or knew about made the theories learned in class much easier to understand.

Friendly, insightful, responsive toward merging discussion and class content

Open environment and made complicated ideas understandable somehow. Her enthusiasm made me care about the material.

Please comment on the instructor's sensitivity to the diversity (for example, political viewpoint, race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, etc.) of the students in the class.

Urszula should be commended on her sensitivity to diversity. Explaining gender and feminism can be difficult, but she did an exceptional job at trying to explain those concepts with close-minded students (to whom she approached with patience.) She provided an atmosphere where diverse views were welcomed. Urszula is a great listener to students and our diverse backgrounds and experiences.

Professor was super open-minded, encouraged multiple view points and different aspects of concepts.

She pushed for a more inclusive and modern perspective on diversity and politics, which i thoroughly enjoyed.

Displayed awareness of the sensitivity around certain topics, gave space for all students to express opinions and always gave multiple perspectives to topics.

She was great at allowing for an open environment for discussion and was always wanting to hear everyones opinions.