Instructor Feedback for Lawrence Dallman

Marx and Philosophy
University of Chicago, Winter 2019

Student Takeaways

1. This course challenged me intellectually.
   a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
   b. Disagree (0) – 0%
   c. Neutral (0) – 0%
   d. Agree (0) – 0%
   e. Strongly Agree (4) – 100%

2. I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.
   a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
   b. Disagree (0) – 0%
   c. Neutral (0) – 0%
   d. Agree (2) – 50%
   e. Strongly Agree (2) – 50%

3. I understood the standards for success on assignments.
   a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
   b. Disagree (1) – 25%
   c. Neutral (0) – 0%
   d. Agree (0) – 0%
   e. Strongly Agree (3) – 75%

4. Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.
   a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
   b. Disagree (0) – 0%
   c. Neutral (0) – 0%
   d. Agree (1) – 25%
   e. Strongly Agree (3) – 75%

5. I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve subsequent work.
   a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
   b. Disagree (0) – 0%
   c. Neutral (0) – 0%
   d. Agree (1) – 25%
   e. Strongly Agree (3) – 75%

6. My work was evaluated fairly.
    a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
    b. Disagree (0) – 0%
    c. Neutral (1) – 25%
    d. Agree (0) – 0%
    e. Strongly Agree (3) – 75%

7. I felt respected in this class.
    a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
    b. Disagree (0) – 0%
    c. Neutral (0) – 0%
    d. Agree (0) – 0%
    e. Strongly Agree (4) – 100%

8. Overall, this was an excellent course.
    a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
    b. Disagree (0) – 0%
    c. Neutral (0) – 0%
    d. Agree (2) – 50%
    e. Strongly Agree (2) – 50%

The instructor …

1. organized the course clearly.
    a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
    b. Disagree (0) – 0%
    c. Neutral (0) – 0%
    d. Agree (0) – 0%
    e. Strongly Agree (4) – 100%

2. presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.
    a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
    b. Disagree (0) – 0%
    c. Neutral (0) – 0%
    d. Agree (0) – 0%
    e. Strongly Agree (4) – 100%

3. facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.
    a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
    b. Disagree (0) – 0%
    c. Neutral (0) – 0%
    d. Agree (2) – 50%
    e. Strongly Agree (2) – 50%

4. stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.
    a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
    b. Disagree (0) – 0%
    c. Neutral (0) – 0%
    d. Agree (2) – 100%
    e. Strongly Agree (2) – 100%

5. challenged you to learn.
    a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
    b. Disagree (0) – 0%
    c. Neutral (0) – 0%
    d. Agree (0) – 0%
    e. Strongly Agree (4) – 100%

6. helped you gain significant learning from the course content.
    a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
    b. Disagree (0) – 0%
    c. Neutral (0) – 0%
    d. Agree (1) – 25%
    e. Strongly Agree (3) – 75%

7. was available and helpful outside of class.
    a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
    b. Disagree (0) – 0%
    c. Neutral (0) – 0%
    d. Agree (0) – 0%
    e. Strongly Agree (4) – 100%

8. motivated you to think independently.
    a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
    b. Disagree (0) – 0%
    c. Neutral (0) – 0%
    d. Agree (1) – 25%
    e. Strongly Agree (3) – 75%

9. worked to create and inclusive and welcoming environment.
    a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
    b. Disagree (0) – 0%
    c. Neutral (0) – 0%
    d. Agree (0) – 0%
    e. Strongly Agree (4) – 100%

10. Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.
     a. Strongly Disagree (0) – 0%
     b. Disagree (0) – 0%
     c. Neutral (0) – 0%
     d. Agree (1) – 25%
     e. Strongly Agree (3) – 75%

Student Information

1. Prior to starting the class, my interest level was?
     a. Very Low (1) – 33.33%
     b. Low (1) – 33.33%
     c. Neutral (0) – 0%
     d. High (1) – 33.33%
     e. Very High (0) – 0%

2. Now that the course is over, my interest is?
     a. Diminished (0) – 0%
     b. Satisfied (1) – 33.33%
     c. Heightened (2) – 66.67%

What are the most important things that you learned in this course? Please reflect on the knowledge and skills you gained.

1. Very close reading of Marx and the scholarly issues/debates surrounding interpretation.

2. Marx's epistemology, extracting philosophical content from polemical/stylistically difficult works (i.e. the German Ideology)

3. I learned the theoretical underpinnings of Marx's theory: its origins in Hegel and Feuerbach and its evolution over Marx's career. I also gained exposure to the methods of history of philosophy.

Describe how aspects of this course (lectures, discussions, labs, assignments, etc.) contributed to your learning.

1. Lecture-discussion hybrid was a good mix and the reading selections were good (on top of Lawrence's fantastic optional reading list)

2. Having us write 2 short reading reflections over the course of the quarter was a VERY good exercise, in my opinion. The texts for this course were generally difficult—especially just stylistically, they were not easy to read—and in all honesty I do not think I understood any of the readings which I did not write reflections on, at least before coming to the lectures. (This attests more to my laziness as a reader than to anything wrong with the syllabus, obviously, so this is all just by way of saying that the reflections were a very

helpful exercise!) They also took some of the onus off the final paper, grade-wise, which was nice.

3. Lectures and discussion were always great, felt like they covered all the reading well and left me feeling like I understood it. The reading responses were surprisingly helpful for understanding that section of the material but I think I would have preferred a shorter paper instead so that I would have been more prepared for the final one. As it was I didn't feel like I understood the standards of success for the final paper.

4. Seminar drew out the meaning of class texts and linked them to course themes.

Thinking about your time in class, what aspect of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

1. Lawrence's outside reading recommendations were always extremely relevant and he obviously knows just about everything when it comes to the topic of this course.

2. Lawrence is a very good lecturer, very clear, and really helpful in office hours. The class wasn't even supposed to be a lecture course so it's impressive that he stepped up the way that he did as a lecturer. I thought he was a great teacher and I learned a lot from this class. I didn't have any particular interest in Marx before taking the course, but Lawrence made a very persuasive case for the merit of his thought on issues you wouldn't usually think of Marx as central too–e.g. epistemology, philosophy of language. And Lawrence did an excellent job presenting and weaving both philosophical and historical threads, as well.

3. Clearly knew a lot about the material and explained it really well.

4. Lawrence structured the course well to give important background to Marx. He gave clear explanations and maintained a friendly atmosphere.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

1. Nothing.

2. This is a relatively small suggestion. Having a handout each class with important quotes from the readings was good, but I don't think it was necessary to read through it during class. Maybe it could have been useful as more of an anchor/reference point for discussion, but not explicitly the centerpiece of each class? The readings were almost always difficult enough that just getting the interpretation on the table took up most of the class time, which I think was very helpful and necessary, and not a bad thing as such, but we might have saved a little more time for discussion at the end if we hadn't read each of the quotes *aloud*.

Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

1. More challenging that the other tutorial I took for the Intensive Track, but still appropriate. Challenging in a good way.

2. Was appropriate level of difficulty for having general philosophy background but little knowledge of Marx.

College Course Evaluations

PHIL 29200: Junior Tutorial

Section 2 - Winter 2019

Instructor(s): Dallman, Dustin
Number Enrolled: 8
Number of Responses: 1

The Course

What are the most important things that you learned in this course? Please reflect on the knowledge and skills you gained.

- I learned the theoretical underpinnings of Marx's theory: its origins in Hegel and Feuerbach and its evolution over Marx's career. I also gained exposure to the methods of history of philosophy.

Describe how aspects of this course (lectures, discussions, labs, assignments, etc.) contributed to your learning.

- Seminar drew out the meaning of class texts and linked them to course themes.

	N/A	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**	0%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve subsequent work.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
My work was evaluated fairly.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
I felt respected in this class.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
Overall, this was an excellent course.	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**	0%

Additional Comments about this course:

I would recommend this course to:

highly motivated and well-prepared students

Yes	1 / 100%
No	0 / 0%

anyone interested in the topic

Yes	1 / 100%

No	0 / 0%

The Instructor

Thinking about your time in class, what aspect of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

- Lawrence structured the course well to give important background for Marx. He gave clear explanations and maintained a friendly atmosphere.

What could she/he modify to help you learn more?

- Maybe a broader intro to the complex, technical writing of the German authors covered would've helped me become more comfortable with the readings.

	N/A	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Organized the course clearly.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**	0%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**	0%
Challenged you to learn.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
Was available and helpful outside of class.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
Motivated you to think independently.	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**	0%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming environment.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**

The Teaching Assistant, Course Assistant, Intern

Did this class include instruction by a TA, CA or Intern?

Yes	0 / 0%
No	1 / 100%

What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning?

What could she/he modify to help you learn more?

The TA/CA or Intern...

	N/A	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	**0%**	**0%**	**0%**	**0%**	**0%**	**0%**

Gave you useful feedback on your work.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Challenged you to learn.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Helped you succeed in the class.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Overall, the TA/CA made a significant contribution to your learning.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Additional feedback to the TA/CA/Intern:

Additional Course Elements

Did this course include special design elements (labs, field trips, extra sessions, writing seminars)?

Yes	0 / 0%
No	1 / 100%

How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	NA	No Gains	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain
Laboratory Experience	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Field Trips	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Library Sessions	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Review sessions	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Writing Seminars	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Other course elements not mentioned above:

Student Information

Is this class a requirement of some sort?

Yes	1 / 100%
No	0 / 0%

Prior to starting the class, my interest level was?

Very Low	0 / 0%
Low	1 / 100%
Neutral	0 / 0%

High	0 / 0%
Very High	0 / 0%

Now that the course is over, my interest is?

Diminished	0 / 0%
Satisfied	1 / 100%
Heightened	0 / 0%

Why, primarily, did you take this course over others?

It fulfills a requirement	1 / 100%
There were no other choices	0 / 0%
Meets at a convenient time	0 / 0%
The topic interests me	0 / 0%
Reputation of the faculty member	0 / 0%

How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?

< 5 Hours	1 / 100%
5-10 Hours	0 / 0%
10-15	0 / 0%
15-20	0 / 0%
20-25	0 / 0%
25-30	0 / 0%
> 30	0 / 0%

What proportion of classes did you attend?

None	0 / 0%
25%	0 / 0%
50%	0 / 0%
75%	0 / 0%
All	1 / 100%

Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

- I was new to 18th-century German philosophy, and I consistently felt behind. Lawrence's lectures definitely kept me afloat, and the course structure helped (reading introductions, reading Feuerbach before Marx), but it was hard to gain understanding from the readings.

College Course Evaluations

PHIL 29300: Senior Tutorial

Section 2 - Winter 2019

Instructor(s): Dallman, Dustin
Number Enrolled: 9
Number of Responses: 3

The Course

What are the most important things that you learned in this course? Please reflect on the knowledge and skills you gained.

- Very close reading of Marx and the scholarly issues/debates surrounding interpretation
- Marx's epistemology, extracting philosophical content from polemical/stylistically difficult works (i.e. the German Ideology)

Describe how aspects of this course (lectures, discussions, labs, assignments, etc.) contributed to your learning.

- Lecture-discussion hybrid was a good mix and the reading selections were good (on top of Lawrence's fantastic optional reading list)
- Having us write 2 short reading reflections over the course of the quarter was a VERY good exercise, in my opinion. The texts for this course were generally difficult -- especially just stylistically, they were not easy to read -- and in all honesty I do not think I understood any of the readings which I did not write reflections on, at least before coming to the lectures. (This attests more to my laziness as a reader than to anything wrong with the syllabus, obviously, so this is all just by way of saying that the reflections were a very helpful exercise!) They also took some of the onus off the final paper, grade-wise, which was nice.
- Lectures and discussion were always great, felt like they covered all the reading well and left me feeling like I understood it. The reading responses were surprisingly helpful for understanding that section of the material but I think I would have preferred having a shorter paper instead so that I would have been more prepared for the final one. As it was I didn't feel like I understood the standards of success for the final paper.

	N/A	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	0%	0%	0%	0%	33%	**67%**
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	**67%**
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	0%	0%	0%	0%	33%	**67%**
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve subsequent work.	0%	0%	0%	0%	33%	**67%**
My work was evaluated fairly.	0%	0%	0%	33%	0%	**67%**
I felt respected in this class.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
Overall, this was an excellent course.	0%	0%	0%	0%	33%	**67%**

Additional Comments about this course:

I would recommend this course to:

highly motivated and well-prepared students

Yes	3 / 100%

No	0 / 0%

anyone interested in the topic

Yes	3 / 100%
No	0 / 0%

The Instructor

Thinking about your time in class, what aspect of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

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- Lawrence is a very good lecturer, very clear, and really helpful in office hours. The class wasn't even supposed to be a lecture course so it's impressive that he stepped up the way that he did as a lecturer. I thought he was a great teacher and I learned a lot from this class. I didn't have any particular interest in Marx before taking this course, but Lawrence made a very persuasive case for the merit of his thought on issues you wouldn't usually think of Marx as central too -- e.g. epistemology, philosophy of language. And Lawrence did an excellent job presenting and weaving both philosophical and historical threads, as well.

- Clearly knew a lot about the material and explained it really well.

What could she/he modify to help you learn more?

- Nothing

- This is a relatively small suggestion. Having a handout each class with important quotes from the readings was good, but I don't think it was necessary to read through it during class. Maybe it could have been useful as more of an anchor/reference point for discussion, but not explicitly the centerpiece of each class? The readings were almost always difficult enough that just getting the interpretation on the table took up most of the class time, which I think was very helpful and necessary, and not a bad thing as such, but we might have saved a little more time for discussion at the end if we hadn't read each of the quotes *aloud*.

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Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	0%	0%	0%	0%	33%	**67%**
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	0%	0%	0%	0%	33%	**67%**
Challenged you to learn.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	0%	0%	0%	0%	33%	**67%**
Was available and helpful outside of class.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
Motivated you to think independently.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming environment.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	**100%**
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	0%	0%	0%	0%	33%	**67%**

The Teaching Assistant, Course Assistant, Intern

Did this class include instruction by a TA, CA or Intern?

Yes	0 / 0%

No	3 / 100%

What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning?

What could she/he modify to help you learn more?

The TA/CA or Intern...

	N/A	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Challenged you to learn.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Helped you succeed in the class.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Overall, the TA/CA made a significant contribution to your learning.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Additional feedback to the TA/CA/Intern:

Additional Course Elements

Did this course include special design elements (labs, field trips, extra sessions, writing seminars)?

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How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

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Library Sessions	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Review sessions	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Writing Seminars	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Other course elements not mentioned above:

Student Information

Is this class a requirement of some sort?

Yes	2 / 67%
No	0 / 0%

Prior to starting the class, my interest level was?

Very Low	1 / 33%
Low	0 / 0%
Neutral	0 / 0%
High	1 / 33%
Very High	0 / 0%

Now that the course is over, my interest is?

Diminished	0 / 0%
Satisfied	0 / 0%
Heightened	2 / 67%

Why, primarily, did you take this course over others?

It fulfills a requirement	3 / 100%
There were no other choices	1 / 33%
Meets at a convenient time	1 / 33%
The topic interests me	2 / 67%
Reputation of the faculty member	0 / 0%

How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?

< 5 Hours	1 / 33%
5-10 Hours	2 / 67%
10-15	0 / 0%
15-20	0 / 0%
20-25	0 / 0%
25-30	0 / 0%
> 30	0 / 0%

What proportion of classes did you attend?

None	0 / 0%

25%	0 / 0%
50%	0 / 0%
75%	0 / 0%
All	3 / 100%

Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

▪ More challenging than the other tutorial I took for the Intensive Track, but still appropriate. Challenging in a good way.

▪ Was appropriate level of difficulty for having general philosophy background but little knowledge of Marx.