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OVERVIEW

In the next few pages, I include a summary of my quantitative and qualitative student evaluations. For the quantitative evaluations, I provide data on courses from the last three years. I've organized the data by course and distinguish average scores for Overall Class Rating from scores for Overall Instructor Rating. Where available, I've included both raw and adjusted scores. Adjusted scores consider student reports on the following prompts: "student desire to take the course regardless of who taught it," "student work habits," "instructor reported class size," "student effort not attributable to the instructor and course difficulty," and "course difficulty not attributable to the instructor." I also include all qualitative comments from a few recent courses taught at Loyola University Chicago. In the final two pages are letters from former students who describe their experience with me and my impact on them.

For sample syllabi, see my website: www.marcellalinn.weebly.com. Please contact me (mrusso2@luc.edu) if you have any questions or would like any more information, such as the PDFs for any of the course evaluations.

Quantitative Evaluations

Below is a summary of the quantitative data from 28 courses taught between Fall 2018-Summer 2021.

1. Phil. 130 (Fall 2018): Philosophy and Persons (2 sections)
 - a. Overall Class Rating
 - i. Raw: 4.4/5
 - ii. Adjusted: 4.9/5
 - b. Overall Instructor Rating:
 - i. Raw: 4.8/5
 - ii. Adjusted: 5/5
2. Phil. 181 (Fall 2018- Summer 2021): Ethics (4 sections)
 - a. Overall Class Rating: 4.6/5
 - b. Overall Instructor Rating: 4.6/5
3. Phil 279 (J-term 2019-Summer 2021): Judgment and Decision Making (21 sections)
 - a. Overall Class Rating: 4.4/5
 - b. Overall Instructor Rating: 4.6/5
4. Phil 284 (Spring 2019): Health Care Ethics (1 section)
 - a. Overall Class Rating: 4/5
 - b. Overall Instructor Rating: 4.2/5

Qualitative Data

Below I have copied every comment from student evaluations on two recent courses.

Philosophy 279 Judgment and Decision Making (Spring 2021)

Please share any additional comments about the online course design and/or delivery.

asynchronous design with the forums and feedback was set up super well!

Please share any additional comments about the instructor.

Professor Linn has been my favorite professor this semester. I came into this class kind of dreading it because I tend to overthink and that isn't really great for me in philosophy courses. However, Professor Linn has done absolutely everything possible to help every single one of her students understand the content and succeed. The way she formatted the course was impeccable and the weekly breakdown she provided us was an absolute game changer, especially in the difficult times we currently face. I appreciate all of her hard work to make sure we all understand the course content and to make sure we have opportunities to connect with classmates as well.

This was overall a great course and you are immaculate at teaching an online course. Thank you for having much sympathy during times of covid, it made the course much easier than with some professors who do not understand how difficult this has been for all of us. -Nick

loved that I could work this class in in my free time, but always felt supported by my professor, she was available and provided feedback!

Dr. Linn is an outstanding professor and teacher. I truly enjoyed being in this class. While philosophy is not my strong suit, she made it interesting and doable for everyone, regardless of your comfortability with the subject. I have never learned more from a class than from hers. Absolutely outstanding!

Philosophy 181 Ethics (Spring 2021)

Please share any additional comments about the online course design and/or delivery.

Content and material was important and engaging and created a space for meaningful conversation. Forums worked very well for this class which isn't always the case. Instructor participation was :) Living Philosophy really helped to understand the material better.

This course gives me a chance to look at the U.S. and it's cultures more closely, which makes me love this place even more. I agree many of the thoughts of philosophers and theologians, I live my own life with them. What's even more interested is the convenience of the course structure. Kind of like a group chat, and you can find all the materials quickly. Love our teacher, she is such a caring and loving person. Although I haven't participated all the live sections because I still gain much knowledge than I could imagined. Appreciate this class, valuable and fun.

I really like Marcella Linn and I'm thankful I got into her class. She is a great prof who cares about her students.

The option to take this course asynchronously or synchronously as was convenient and made the class very accessible.

The layout and organization of the class was well thought out in a way for students to still effectively learn and be able to discuss and apply the material to their lives.

I think that the optional meetings and zoom discussions were really helpful.

Please share any additional comments about the instructor.

Professor Linn obviously knew a lot about about the class subject and was helpful and passionate.

Dr. Linn is one of my favorite professors. This class was very well done and I learned a lot. She facilitates discussion and application of the reading material in an effective way.

very accommodating and would help out in any way possible

Dr. Linn lets her students know that she is available to meet with them and responds to her emails quickly. She has understood the difficult times we are in and has helped make her course flexible while still learning all the material. She cares about her students and truly wants them to do well in her class.

Marcella Linn is one of the most sweetest Professors I've had. She wants you to succeed, she wants to help.

Nice and easy going :)