

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation at the request of Prof. Tracy Peterchak, who was my Social Problems 102 Instructor for the fall semester 2013. I took Social Problems 102 because it was necessary to complete my electives but what I found out about myself makes this class invaluable to me personally. I am a non-traditional student and veteran of the United States Army. I have an Associate's degree from Morrisville State College in Dietetics. I am currently continuing my education at Syracuse University as a full time student in the Bachelors program for Nutrition.

Prof. Tracy Peterchak has a number of strengths to offer her students. She is always interested in helping her students understand the course material by offering personal experience, using readings and in classroom discussion/activities. Prof. Peterchak also uses videos to aid in her teaching with question sets. Her use of question sets while watching the films makes students do more than watch but also absorb and dissect the material, determine the social problems in each. Additional strengths of Prof. Peterchak, her teaching style, she is passionate about the subject she teaches which allows even the most stubborn students to be more open to listening to topics that are often sensitive issues. Most importantly she was relatable, as a student I felt comfortable offering comments and even felt she took any suggestions offered seriously.

Another exceptional strength of Tracy Peterchak is she challenges her students to be open minded and see matters she is teaching with a broader scope. I found this very difficult because of some of my own beliefs and experiences she often tested. For example, Prof. Peterchak had us write on many subjects, but the one that most challenged me was on White Privilege. I had to step outside of my comforts and even some stereo types and write from an entirely foreign prospective. Ultimately this allowed me an opportunity to grow personally.

In conclusion, I would highly recommend Tracy Peterchak to continue teaching Social Problems 102 at Syracuse University. She will be an extremely positive addition to your organization. If you need any additional information, feel free to contact me by email alblood@syr.edu anytime.

Sincerely,

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