

**SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY**

Department: Sociology

Term: Summer 2014

Form: Sociology In-person Course Evaluation Form

Instructor: Peterchak, Tracy Lynn

Class: SOC102 Section M001 (Social Problems)

Responses: 15 Enrollment: 26 Response Rate: 57.7%

	1 Strongly Disagree		2 Disagree		3 Neutral (neither disagree nor agree)		4 Agree		5 Strongly Agree		Summary Stats		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	Mean	StD
1. The instructor clearly defined the course objectives, requirements and grading procedures.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	53.3%	7	46.7%	15	4.47	0.52
2. The instructor's presentations were well organized and understandable.	0	0.0%	1	6.7%	2	13.3%	4	26.7%	8	53.3%	15	4.27	0.96
3. The instructor appeared to have a thorough knowledge of the subject.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	46.7%	8	53.3%	15	4.53	0.52
4. The instructor provoked thought and stimulated critical thinking.	1	6.7%	1	6.7%	1	6.7%	6	40.0%	6	40.0%	15	4.00	1.20
5. The instructor encouraged students to ask questions, express ideas and participate in class.	0	0.0%	1	6.7%	4	26.7%	4	26.7%	6	40.0%	15	4.00	1.00
6. The instructor was available to students for assistance outside of class.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	26.7%	6	40.0%	5	33.3%	15	4.07	0.80
7. The writing assignments contributed to my learning in this course.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	13.3%	6	40.0%	7	46.7%	15	4.33	0.72
8. The reading assignments contributed to my learning in this course.	0	0.0%	1	6.7%	4	26.7%	3	20.0%	7	46.7%	15	4.07	1.03
9. Exams and quizzes appropriately tested material covered in the class and the readings.	1	6.7%	0	0.0%	5	33.3%	5	33.3%	4	26.7%	15	3.73	1.10
10. The grading in this course was fair.	0	0.0%	1	6.7%	0	0.0%	7	46.7%	7	46.7%	15	4.33	0.82
11. I studied and put effort into this course.	0	0.0%	1	6.7%	1	6.7%	6	40.0%	7	46.7%	15	4.27	0.88
12. I found this class intellectually challenging.	0	0.0%	1	6.7%	3	20.0%	6	40.0%	5	33.3%	15	4.00	0.93
13. Overall, I rate the teaching assistant as excellent.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	50.0%	3	21.4%	4	28.6%	14	3.79	0.89
14. Overall, I rate this instructor as an excellent teacher.	0	0.0%	1	6.7%	1	6.7%	4	26.7%	9	60.0%	15	4.40	0.91
15. Overall, I rate this an excellent course.	0	0.0%	2	13.3%	3	20.0%	6	40.0%	4	26.7%	15	3.80	1.01

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**Which aspects of this course were most valuable to your overall learning experience?**

- everything had some value
- I enjoyed the way the papers were structured per week and how it allowed us to apply our knowledge of sociology
- I feel that the assigned readings that Ms. Peterchak gave us were really good as well as the presentations she gave in class. I also enjoyed that engaged the class, allowing us to form groups and discuss social problems.
- I think just the subject matter was really interesting to me
- Overall the topics we learned about
- The in-class activities
- The new perspective I am now aware so I can become a better member of society.
- The writing assignment were a lot of help to improve my writing
- To train myself to write a lot

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**Which aspects of this course would you suggest changing?**

- All the reading
- it was a great course
- Less lectures or split the class into lectures and some sort of activity.
- More discussion based instead of lecturing
- No comment
- None
- She only read off the powerpoints and never really engaged the class in discussions. I found it really boring at times. Although I understand she is squeezing so much introductory material into six weeks, I think I would've absorbed the information a lot faster if she had the class engage into more discussion
- the powerpoints with excess information have to go
- the teaching style
- Too much readings

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**Please provide any other comments you think would be helpful.**

- make the class more interactive
- More in-class discussions would really make the class more interesting and create the chance to hear and share valuable thoughts and opinions.
- N/A
- No comment
- The teacher is insanely intelligent on the subject of sociology but she has no knowledge of how to actually teach a course and get students to speak out about her lectures. She just lectures at you with powerpoints that have so much information, my eyeballs started to ache
- There was way too much material that was squeezed into 6 weeks. It was a whole different topic per week. I think discussions would have helped more.