Instructor Rowan Haus

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Student Evaluation of Teaching

Enrollment 90
% responding 90

	Excellent		Very Good		Good		Fair		Poor					
	5	%	4	%	3	%	2	%	1	%	$\bar{x}$	SD	M	N
Please indicate the overall educational value of the course. (excellent | very good | satisfactory | fair | poor)	72	89%	8	10%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	4.9	0.5	5.0	81
How would you rate the quality and relevance of the course materials (readings, outlines, slides, films, etc.)?	69	87%	8	10%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	4.8	0.5	5.0	79
How would you rate the effectiveness of assignments and exams in assessing your learning?	63	79%	13	16%	3	4%	1	1%	0	0%	4.7	0.6	5.0	80
How would you rate the value of the discussion section (if applicable)?	43	73%	12	20%	3	5%	1	2%	0	0%	4.6	0.7	5.0	59
How would you rate the overall effectiveness of the reader/teaching assistants (if any)?	55	71%	18	23%	3	4%	1	1%	0	0%	4.6	0.6	5.0	77
How would you rate your own participation in this course (e.g., attending classes, discussion sections, reading assignments)?	44	55%	18	23%	13	16%	5	6%	0	0%	4.3	0.9	5.0	80
What grade do you expect to receive in this course?	42	52%	25	31%	11	14%	2	3%	0	0%	4.3	0.8	5.0	80
Please indicate the overall teaching effectiveness of the instructor. (excellent | very good | satisfactory | fair | poor)	74	91%	5	6%	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	4.9	0.4	5.0	81
How would you rate the instructor's enthusiasm for the subject matter?	75	93%	4	5%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	4.9	0.4	5.0	81
How would you rate the instructor's ability to stimulate interest?	73	90%	6	7%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	4.9	0.5	5.0	81
How would you rate the instructor's sensitivity to and respect for students?	78	96%	2	2%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	5.0	0.3	5.0	81
How would you rate the instructor's accessibility to students outside of class?	67	84%	10	13%	2	3%	1	1%	0	0%	4.8	0.5	5.0	80
How would you rate the clarity and organization of the instruction?	66	81%	14	17%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	4.8	0.4	5.0	81

What were the strongest features of the course?

I thought the weekly reading portfolios were a good assessment of our reading.

Material was interesting and fair

visual aids, class involvement during lecture

The strongest features were the reading portfolios. These helped us better engage with the readings and also the cultural artifacts gave us content to look forward to watching in class.

The lectures as it allowed students to discuss the course material and add in personal input.

The flexibility

I LOVE the Weekly Reading Portfolios. Prof. Haus also did a very insightful section on Harvard reading that made the course material even more doable and taught a valuable college skill. Also zoom accessibility was AMAZING. I took way too many units this term and being able to attend online and still participate was really a life saver.

It's a class that can go into a lot of depth.

N/A

How we looked at so many aspects of gender giving a very wholesome view on the subject matter and testing of our knowledge through weekly reading portfolios

The readings and discussion

The variety in course material from tiktoks to YouTube videos.

The strongest feature was the way it was organized as well as excellent choices of articles that was similar to the lectures.

Both Rowan and Beth were very communicative and really took the time to explain things for better understanding.

Allowing the option of Zoom and in-person lecture; that way, students are able to rewatch lectures and not miss out on class.

lectures and course materials

Openness to conversation, allowed everyone the space to speak. Rowan is an amazing lecturer, I wish her the best and hope she can receive some recognition for how amazing they are!

the readings

Our instructor is very transparent with class and understanding of extenuating circumstances allowing students to prove themselves and catch up. In class they go over the general information of the readings and prompts students to dive deeper into the text.
In addition very few students are new to them/they non binary pronouns and the professor does a settler job at providing understanding and tolerance of any mistake the students are making when addressing them. None of which was on purpose.

I really liked that the lectures were in-person and on Zoom, allowing students to be able to attend the class safely and without any pressure.

The readings were very informative and educational and the instructor did an amazing job going into detail in explaining course concepts and ideas.

The instructor is very passionate about this class and the topics, provided many information as well as many resources that help to enhance understanding on the provided material. The weekly portfolios are great to keep track of your reading and the important quotes throughout the course to refer back.

The strongest features of this course were the weekly reading portfolios because it was a great way to engage with the reading. I felt I learned more through reading portfolios than in previous classes that incorporated reading quizzes. The instructor is very knowledgeable about course materials and made it easier to understand topics. Instructor Haus was very accomodating with students and always took time to answer questions or concerns. In all, the course was very organized and appropriately challenging.

The instructor (Rowan Haus) was genuinely one of the best I have ever had. They are very very personable, which made their delivery of the material seamless. They are very in touch with student life and culture, and are extremely inclusive, so the class space felt very safe. They knew the material like the back of their hand, and specifically curated full lessons around student questions each week to make sure the class was engaging and relevant to what we were interested in learning. They were clear, approachable, humble, and brilliant, and I will miss this class so much.

I think the strongest feature was having engagement throughout the class by asking us to discuss and participate

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I liked the structure of the lectures the most. I felt like it was interesting and let students engage with the material rather than just listening to the instructor.

The predictability of assignments and what was expected of us.

The course went over so many beliefs and compared them to each other.

That you were very accommodating to peoples situations which all teachers should. We're still humans and our entire life doesn't revolve around school so I appreciate you recognized that!!

I liked the flexibility of the course being in person and online

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The readings and discussions relate to tangible and relevant topics.

The in-class discussions for sure! I really enjoyed this class and the professor made the material engaging and interesting. I would definitely take a class with this professor again.

Discussions

Rowan not only provided a very safe and comfortable environment for all, they expanded conversations and dialects that I will carry with me my whole life. They were always organized when it came to the structure of the class and prepared with materials and thought provoking questions. One of the best teachers Ive had at Uc Davis and one of my favorite classes.

The strongest feature of this course was how interesting it is even the readings!

Rowan was a great professor and was so accommodating and articulate.

The variety of teaching methods really helped ingrain the material

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Open discussion to better understand concepts, and the use of current day examples

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The strongest features of this course was how well organized all lessons and readings were. The course discussed topics on the gender binary and how it influences all individuals in our society and how some may or may not follow the norms of the expectations of the gender binary. Also, The course discussed how intersectionality influences different experiences for those within and out of the gender binary. The PowerPoints that were created for each chapter were really well organized and gave a great insight to the topics. The instructor was passionate on the subject of gender and really put time and effort to make sure all students understood the concepts and topics in class.

The strongest feature of the course is that lecture was built on the questions that students have, so that material was easier to understand.

Great information and very well designed

This course was very interactive and related to many concepts that I learned in other courses as well. There were a lot of opportunities to show how the class was consuming the material presented to us and the instructor was very open to different discussions. I also really enjoyed the relaxed nature of the class because it helped me focus on the lecture and discussion.

I really appreciated the reading portfolio assignments and felt that they were perfect for helping me critically analyze our various readings which strengthened my understanding and ability to participate in the class. It's also extremely generous and helpful that they were weighted at 50%, which made them able to offset lower evaluations towards a more beneficial final course grade.

I loved how organized and interactive it was. Lectures were very engaging and it always felt like we could contribute our own ideas and experiences.

Having students add a cultural artifact based on the topic of the week was very helpful- ties in what students see on the internet with class content

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The reading portfolios were great for engaging with the material and I really enjoyed seeing the media and tiktoks that related to the topics in class.

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no

The discussions and article readings

I think that the overall set up of the course was great. The weekly reading portfolios made the class more interesting because Rowan would clear up many common questions which made the material more interesting. I really enjoyed doing the interview as well it gave me a great insight to many things we discussed throughout the quarter. Rowan was very helpful and open to questions from students. They would not move on until they made sure that they had cleared up questions or concerns and made themselves very accessible. Rowan made this class more of our interests which was great because students were more engaged and very interested throughout the whole quarter

The reading as well as the short videos we watched to explain the concepts.

The strongest features of this course were Professor Rowan's open mindedness and their ability to hold open conversations on difficult topics. I never once felt uncomfortable, unseen, or made to feel dumb and my questions were always answered clearly. I am so glad I took this course because I have learned so much about varying topics that most people feel uncomfortable talking about. Rowan also had a very relaxed energy that made class very comfortable, and they were very understanding of people's concerns and varying circumstances. I wish more of my professors were like Rowan.

I genuinely enjoyed this course — while it's still intensive learning, and places a large emphasis on fully understanding gender theory, it's structured with readings and discussions to make the material flow naturally. Rowan works to create a respectful and understanding environment without skirting around possibly difficult topics, and obviously has a lot of passion for gender theory, causing a very enjoyable and engaging classroom.

The course overall was very clear, organized, and detailed. I would say the strongest feature was the material that was presented and how it was presented. I learned a lot from the class and feel the information will stick with me for the rest of my life. Rowan used great videos and readings that really connected with the reading.

The strongest features of the course was the organization and passion for concepts to be understood. The availability the TA and instructor provided was prompt and extremely helpful.

I loved how engaged I got in the material due to the lectures and assignments in this course. I also loved how it was live on zoom, as I have health issues and could not attend every class.

The zoom classes along with the in person class gives us an opportunity to look back on lectures.

clear structure

assignments

Videos and reading portfolios

Everything about this course was strong. Rowan fostered such a safe environment that made course discussions a lot more approachable. I don't usually participate in my classes because I'm afraid of what others would think, but I've participated in this class pretty regularly, which speaks a lot to Rowan's ability to facilitate a discussion and the level of comfortability I felt under their facilitation. They were never condescending, which I also really appreciated because I've never taken a course, nor spoken much about gender. Our weekly Reading Portfolios were also an integral contribution to my success and enjoyment of this course. I was challenged to have actually done readings, but not in a way that felt overwhelming. Rowan and Beth opened up the floor to feedback halfway through the course, and after receiving feedback that the Reading Portfolios were challenging due to the amount of readings we'd be assigned, Rowan made sure to spend adequate time in our next class to discuss tips on how to read efficiently. These were such helpful tips, and I just really appreciated how much time they took to ensure that we weren't so overwhelmed by their assignments. It spoke a lot to how they genuinely care about feedback and the wellbeing of their students. Rowan also ensured the class was accessible to all, offering an in-person and remote discussion of the class. They didn't require remote students to provide a reason for why they couldn't make it in-person, which showed me that Rowan was doing everything they could to develop an inclusive course. Rowan shared that they were hoping to teach courses surrounding the topic of gender once they're done with their PhD, and I cannot imagine a better candidate to teach these courses. I've said it before, but I was really nervous going into this course because I didn't know anything about gender and have never really spoken of it. But at the end of this course, I can say with full confidence that my level of comfortability and increased knowledge on the topic of gender has been fully credited to Rowan's teaching style, authenticity, and organization of the course. Our TA, Beth, also provided excellent feedback on our final papers and was always fair in grading our Reading Portfolios. Though I didn't get much face time with her, I have no doubt that the excellence of this course was due to the behind-the-scenes work that Beth and Rowan had done. Thank you so much to you both, for such an amazing course.

The things learned.

the professor obviously deeply cares about the subject, and their enthusiasm is easily transferred to their students. They also were very good at adjusting the course as needed when problems did arise. They were also able to handle deeply personal, nuanced, and controversial topics flawlessly.

The course material

The feeling of inclusivity and respected throughout the topics discussed.

The strongest features of the course were that we spent a lot of time discussing the material instead of just reading over it and moving on. I really appreciated how the professor asked us for our personal input and how we felt about certain topics.

Discussions and constant assignments relating to the courses that tested our comprehension.

What could be improved?

Greater motivation to attend class, like participation points or using iClicker.

less reading

shorter readings

N/A

The weekly assignment could be extremely tedious at times.

N/A

Honestly nothing this course is amazing as is.

This particular class honestly felt more like a Women's Studies class than a Sociology of Gender class. It seemed like only issues pertaining to women were thoroughly discussed, even in the section that the instructor titled "Men and Masculinities". It's 100% possible to talk about how men are treated unfairly at times due to gendered expectations, but it felt like it was brushed under the rug to focus on how much worse women have it.

N/A

The readings could be lessened

A bit more feedback on assignments.

No input at this time.

assign less readings for homework

Nothing!

Much of the course includes triggering content, especially for me as a woman, so I believe there should be some kind of accommodations for that.

Only thing I will say could be improved is the take-home exam which was very convenient but it was very lengthy and hard in terms of using right quotes for each reading upon beginning of the class It took me almost 4 entire days to complete the exam.

N/A

I would have liked to have more flexibility in our interview project to create my own interview questions, rather than being provided a set of interview questions to use. Otherwise, the course was great! I wish it was longer so we could keep learning.

I think something that could be improved is not making everything so heavy on the reading content. A lot of the times I felt like I was just being read the article.

This was my first time writing a research in the way we did and I felt a bit lost at times. I wish we could have had some dedicated time to discuss progress or check up on if we were meeting expectations.

The peer group process and communication between peers.

The class is doing great.

You did very well tbh an amazing teacher

The only improvement I would say is more feedback on assignments

It felt a little stretched out—like not limited content for the length of time.

Reading assignments

N/A

n/a

Nothing.

Maybe time management

Number of readings per week included in the reading portfolio

Overall the course was really great. The readings were really interesting and eye opening and the discussions were good as well.

I think the course is great as is.

Everything was perfectly taught! Great instructor and TA :)

I honestly do not have many areas of suggestion for improvement, I truly enjoyed every aspect of this course. If I had to give any criticism, it would be for the weekly portfolios in regards to the kinds of questions asked. I thought that the practical use question felt out of place at times and difficult to apply for every reading. Besides that one thing, I loved this course!

I can't really think of anything that needed improvement.

n/a

Not a big fan of only having articles to read for homework- maybe mixing it up would be better

no

The weekly portfolio assignments

I cannot think of something that could be improved. I think it was all well set up.

Nothing everything was excellent.

I wouldn't change anything about this course,

I have no comments on what can improve. I feel the workload was efficient, the material was great, and the way they taught it was very clear.

The structure of the course was very fair. No improvements needed.

Nothing! I loved this class.

nothing!

More preparation for the research paper

I don't know if this is excessive, but more feedback or check-ins may be helpful - Perhaps a feedback check 3 weeks in, as opposed to just one in the middle of the quarter. But aside from that, I can't think of many more necessary improvements.

N/A

Nothing, I truly enjoyed my time in the class.

Having assignments due on Monday was really hard to keep up.

I think the way Rowan set up the structure of the class was great, maybe the only thing that needed improvement was the wifi connection at times. However, the readings and videos all were used to keep us intrigued by the topic.

Term	Eval Opened	CRN	Subject	Course	Section	Enrollment	% Response
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