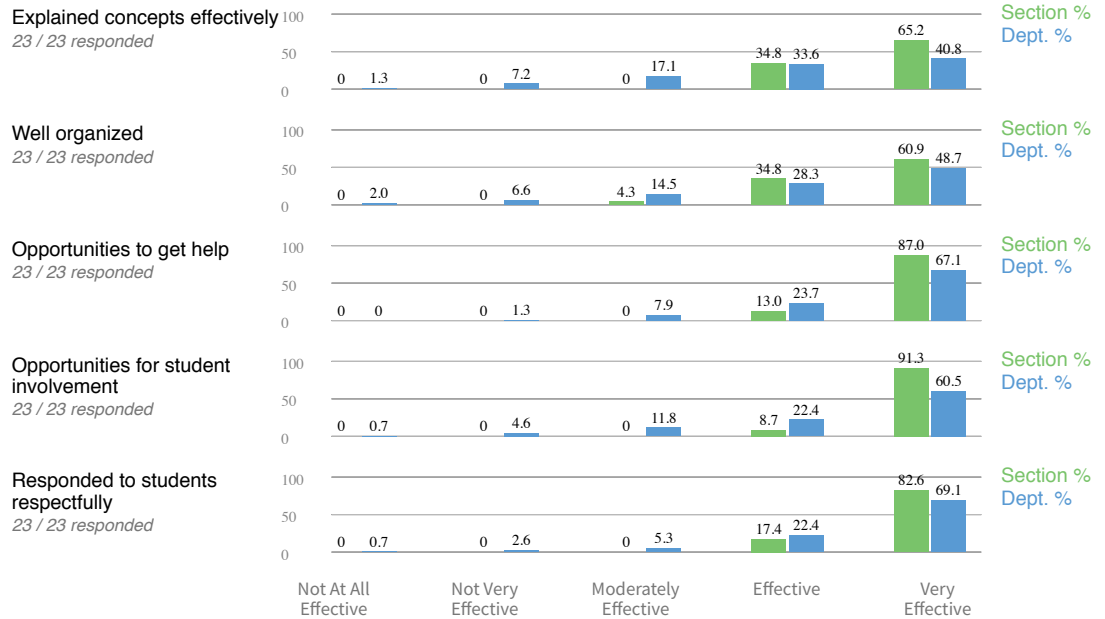


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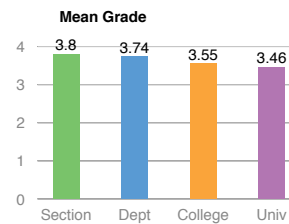
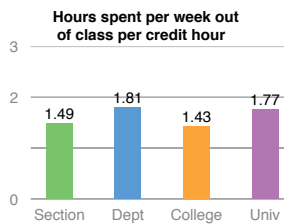
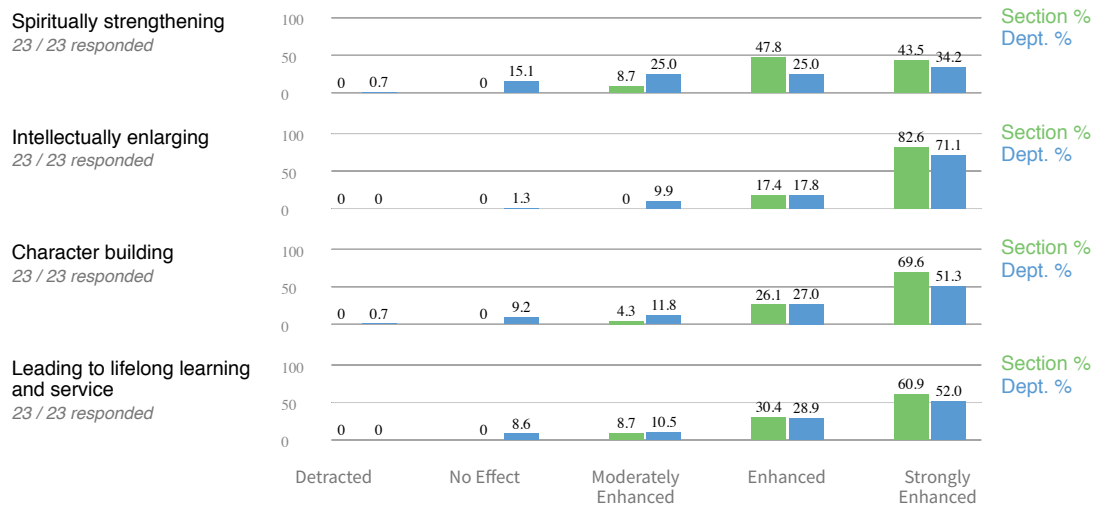
Section 001

Brian Croxall

Instructor Effectiveness



Helped students achieve the Aims of a BYU Education



| Grade distribution (%)* | | | | |
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| Grade | Section | Dept | College | Univ |
| A | 82.6 | 77.0 | 65.1 | 56.5 |
| B | 13.0 | 13.8 | 19.7 | 20.9 |
| C | 4.3 | 2.3 | 4.6 | 6.3 |
| D | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 1.8 |
| E | 0.0 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| W | 0.0 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 3.3 |

* Mean Grade as of Grade Submission Deadline

* % may not add up to 100% due to non-ABCDE grades
** Grade Distribution (%) as of Grade Submission Deadline

Instructor - Brian Croxall

Explained concepts effectively

How effective was the instructor in teaching challenging concepts or skills?

Comments

1. 33850

He gave us step-by-step instructions on how to perform the homework assignments and often showed us how to do them on the projector.

2. 143387

There weren't many ""challenging"" topics, just topics that we came to understand ourselves through discussion. So yes, we learned difficult discussions and skills effectively.

3. 277546

I do think that Dr. Croxall was very effective in teaching difficult concepts, but there were a few instances where I still ran into technical difficulties on assignments despite his detailed instructions.

4. 749451

Many times, I would not understand a reading until the class discussion and then it would become extremely clear.

5. 437465

Professor Croxall gave lots of readings and resources (including himself) to make sure that students understood more difficult ideas.

6. 23

We read some difficult articles that are sometimes hard to understand, but he explains them very clearly and spends sufficient time on anything we have questions about.

7. 928206

The day we spoke on feminism with Sarkeesian's "Damsel in Distress," I came mentally prepared for a big tension, male vs female fight. But the way Dr. Croxall directed and held the conversation led to it being both civil and enlightening.

8. 369580

Doctor Croxall does an excellent job of helping students be involved in the discussion and learning process so that they can come to understand the concepts for themselves.

9. 756645

I had very little idea of what digital humanities was before taking this class. He did a good job at showing us the different aspects of digital humanities in an organized and interesting way. Any assignments that required doing something possibly new and difficult for us was explained clearly and concisely.

10. 63958

I think he was effective. But, the midterm was a bit frustrating because I thought I understood the concepts perfectly. Apparently I didn't though

11. 173815

Throughout the semester, we had several challenging concepts that most students struggled with on their own. But once we came to class, Dr. Croxall guided discussions and explained concepts in a way that allowed each of us to come to an understanding, not only by listening to lecture but also by guessing and thinking on our own and all together.

12. 937760

Dr. Croxall is very intelligent and knowledgeable in his field of study which makes for very fulfilling lectures and class periods. I never felt lost in his class due to his ability to explain concepts well.

Well organized

How effective was the instructor in organizing the course content to enhance learning?

Comments

1. 33850

The course was structured well with projects and weekly blogging.

2. 358738

Dr. Croxall's 215 course was very well organized, but I wish he had put the rubrics for the projects and assignments on the syllabus at the beginning of the year. I think this would have been helpful for students to plan their time better. As it is, students can't look at the rubric or assignment description until the project is assigned. This was not my favorite part of the course because I had a hard time planning my time for this course in conjunction with my other classes.

3. 143387

Sometimes it felt a little unorganized, but that's just the nature of the class.

4. 277546

Dr. Croxall used his website to organize our class schedule and assignments. This was very clear and helpful and structured.

5. 821242

although we called it screwing around, our opening discussion of the semester really opened my mind to this method of learning.

6. 437465

The course followed a natural and logical flow, with each new concept building upon the last.

7. 988138

One of the most organized courses I've taken. I loved how he kept the schedule updated and how he divided the semester into units.

8. 756645

He organized the content into units that made sense and related to each other. He chose readings that helped us understand concepts. He explained and gave clear instructions for every assignment we had. He put everything we needed on a website that was easy to use.

9. 63958

Good but not great. It was one of those classes where we chugged along even if we weren't perfectly grasping everything. There was a lot to cover and not enough time to cover all of it. I am not the biggest fan of the teaching style where the professor dumps a bucket of information in our brains and expects us to retain 90% of it. It's better to simplify, redact, review, and constantly teach for understanding. He did do this, but he wasn't perfect.

10. 173815

The path of the course reflected very well what the goal of the class was. It was organized in a way that allowed us to explore ideas and concepts but also still learn what we needed to learn. I feel that I learned more in the class than I would otherwise because of its unique organization.

Opportunities to get help

How effective was this instructor in helping students who indicated a need for assistance?

Comments

1. 33850

He invited all of us to come in during office hours and talk with him.

2. 408809

He would always respond to my emails if I had a question with an assignment and it was most always the same day.

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3. 358738

Dr. Croxall is always willing to help students who don't understand. He answers any questions during class, but is also happy to help students outside of class as well.

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4. 143387

Very good. Responded to emails well and was great during office hours. Even forced us to come to his office hours for 1 on 1 time at one point.

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5. 277546

Dr. Croxall was very responsive to emails with questions about assignments. He also was patient and willing to answer questions in class.

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6. 437465

As a student with accommodations, I can say that Professor Croxall was very understanding and helpful while being reasonable.

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7. 988138

He was very accessible!

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8. 756645

He is very open and approachable. It's easy to feel comfortable talking to him and asking for help.

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9. 63958

Had an open door policy. Emailed back very quickly.

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10. 173815

Dr. Croxall mentioned several times throughout the semester that he is always available to talk during his office hours about the class or about anything else we might need. Although he requires participation in the class, he offers alternative options for those who might feel uncomfortable speaking in front of the class.

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11. 937760

Dr. Croxall is an amazing professor. He presents such a new and inventive side to learning and is not only respectful of his students, but I can tell that he genuinely cares about us. He is always willing to take questions and give wonderful and helpful feedback.

Opportunities for student involvement

How effective was the instructor in providing meaningful opportunities and encouragement for you to actively participate in the learning process?

Comments

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1. 33850

We often were put into groups in which we had to discuss and collaborate.

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2. 143387

Very good. Part of the grade was participation, so you had to participate in discussion but they were all great discussions that I wanted to participate in.

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3. 277546

All of the assignments in the class were very hands-on and engaging. He also highly promoted in class participation.

4. 749451

Class was heavy on discussion so participation was necessary. Also, blogging required everyone to actively understand the concepts and readings.

5. 437465

Throughout the semester there were many opportunities for students to interact with the reading and with each other in new ways that I haven't experienced in other classes.

6. 23

It is a very involved class, discussions are a very big part of the class and participation is very encouraged.

7. 988138

Every single class period was very interactive. I don't think I've ever been in a class where every single student was engaged and listening during every class period.

8. 756645

All of his assignments are well thought through and explained. None of his assignments seem pointless. He leads discussions well and helps us think in different ways.

9. 63958

It was part of your grade to participate. but not only that, he valued the students feedback or comments and actually listened.

10. 173815

I feel that this class had many meaningful and unique learning opportunities, and I felt like an active participant in those. I enjoyed the projects we did and the processes we went through as a class to learn what we needed to learn.

11. 937760

I find all of the assignments Dr. Croxall gives us to be very helpful but also very well grounded in reasoning for why they are beneficial. I always felt like I had an active role in the learning process of the class and was so glad that I took this class from him.

Responded to students respectfully

How effective was this instructor in demonstrating respect for students and their opinions, questions, or concerns?

Comments

1. 33850

He was never disrespectful and always encouraged students to voice their own opinions

2. 143387

Did the standard teaching thing of agreeing and understanding points, or found ways to explain how the student was wrong but in a learning way.

3. 277546

Dr. Croxall was always open to all students' opinions, questions, and concerns.

4. 749451

A lot of different opinions were shared and I never felt like my opinion was unwelcome even if it was in the minority.

5. 437465

Professor Croxall treated every comment or question as a valid observation and addressed it with respect. This made me feel more comfortable speaking up in class.

6. 988138

He was very kind and open.

7. 756645

He was attentive and respectful of every comment students made. Even if he didn't agree with everything someone said he did not treat them disrespectfully. He has a personality and sense of humor that makes him feel relatable.

8. 63958

He was good. He listened closely to what students are saying and steered the conversation in that direction rather than dictating it according to one bias. If someone had a difference of opinion, he was sympathetic towards ones idea.

9. 173815

Dr. Croxall is a very respectful person. He knows each student's name by heart and encouraged our entire class to do the same. He listens to our questions and does his best to answer them in the way that will help us the most. He values opinions and lets people share them.

10. 937760

Dr. Croxall is a good listener and takes all comments seriously so that everyone can speak their mind and participate in the disussion.

What effect did this course and instructor have in helping you achieve the Aims of a BYU Education?

Spiritually Strengthening:

Comments

1. 33850

He sometimes talked about things related to the Gospel.

2. 143387

Very good at tying things back to spiritual learning without being obnoxious. No reference to the Scriptures was out of place or irrelevant. Proved to be very, very knowledgeable about the gospel, and showed that several times throughout the year.

3. 277546

Dr. Croxall would periodically make appropriate references to the gospel that connected to the things that we were studying.

4. 63958

He applied gospel concepts to our reading which was unique.

5. 173815

Even though most of the concepts we covered in this class seemingly had little to do with the gospel or the Church, Dr. Croxall pointed out connections frequently between the gospel and the topics we were discussing. I felt strengthened spiritually because I now am more able to notice more connections to spiritual things in everyday life.

6. 937760

conversations and discussions on spiritual things helped with this!

7. 756645

He was very open about connecting things we were learning about to the gospel. Many of our readings helped us think in different ways, especially about what's right and wrong and how to treat others respectfully. I think this is an important part of spirituality.

8. 928206

This isn't an easy course to incorporate specific gospel topics without going way off track, but when an opportunity presented itself Dr. Croxall took advantage of it and tied it into the material.

Intellectually Enlarging:

Comments

1. 33850

I have a different perspective now on the importance of technology in the humanities.

2. 143387

Yeah I learned a lot about new and different things. New ways of thinking and all that. 10/10

3. 277546

I learned a lot about a field of study that I was not at all familiar with.

4. 63958

I learned a lot about humanities. But humanities is a tricky subject all around

5. 173815

I feel very enlarged intellectually because of this class. We talked about so many topics that I had heard little about before or that I didn't even know existed. I am a more aware person now because Dr. Croxall helped us become more competent in the areas we studied.

6. 756645

I feel like I understand digital humanities more and how to use different tools and software to approach the humanities. We got good practice at looking at things in different ways and analyzing different mediums.

7. 437465

In Professor Croxall's class, I learned more about how to learn than I have in other classes at BYU. I now feel like I have more skills and tools to further my understanding and knowledge.

Character Building:

Comments

1. 33850

He encouraged us to get to know our classmates

2. 143387

Not certain how that one applies to this class (or most classes) but I would say yes

3. 277546

The class involved a lot of group work and assignments that required us to communicate with him and our fellow students. I felt that this helped build my character by improving my communication and self-discipline.

4. 63958

I had a change of point of view thanks to this class. I liked that I was learning from my peers and not just my professor.

5. 173815

My character was built up by this class because Dr. Croxall gave us opportunities to decide where we stand on certain issues, hear others' opinions, and explain why. We also had a lot of deadlines that we couldn't miss, so we needed to be responsible for our own learning.

6. 937760

I think more than just giving us assignments and projects for the sake of learning information, this class was structured to benefit our daily lives by increasing our abilities and enhancing our real life knowledge application skills.

7. 756645

We had opportunities to work with other students and become better at working with teams. Many of our readings also led us to discussions about what makes a good person and how we can be better people.

Leading to Lifelong Learning and Service:

Comments

1. 33850

Now I'm more excited to learn practical tech skills.

2. 143387

Yes.

3. 277546

I feel more capable now of analyzing the many digital media that are present in our world and understanding their implications in all of our lives.

4. 63958

Lifelong learning? Sure. Service? I guess.

5. 173815

Because of the processes of learning that Dr. Croxall guided us through or allowed us, I feel more prepared to learn whatever I want to in the future. I know how to go about researching certain topics or finding resources for whatever I might want to learn.

6. 937760

Yes! For sure!

7. 756645

The class has given me tools and abilities that I can apply to other classes and pursuits.

8. 437465

Professor Croxall's course and his teaching method motivated me to approach learning in other disciplines in a new way. I feel excited to find new connections in all my areas of study.

For this course, about how many hours per week did you spend out of class (doing assignments, readings, etc.)?

Comments

1. 33850

reading, blogging

2. 143387

Not much. Honestly, the amount of outside work was incredibly low. Most meaningful work happened in class

3. 277546

Most of the time was spent doing readings to prepare for class. A considerable amount of time was also spent writing weekly blog posts for the class and working on other assignments.

4. 63958

About 2-3 hours on the reading and 3-4 hours on the writing.

5. 111973

Assignments varied in complexity and time commitment from week to week. The weekly blog posts about the readings were the most consistent time commitment.

6. 173815

Most of the homework is reading an article or two (sometimes a book instead) and then writing a weekly blog post. There were also a few essays and a couple group projects. It was usually somewhat time-consuming because concepts were not always easy to grasp, but overall it's not a massive workload.

7. 756645

Doing the readings usually took 1-2 hours. Blogging assignments (writing and commenting) took 1-2 hours as well. The amount of time per week would sometimes go up if we had a larger assignment due, but 6 hours is probably typical for a week for me.

8. 928206

This varied. The week of 'Many eyes make light work' I spent 6 hours straight in one day alone, but most weeks it was a much less intense load.

9. 981881

Writing blog posts, doing readings, and keeping up on occasional, larger assignments.

10. 23

There were readings and blog posts for us to do before each class, and the number of hours increased significantly when we had projects we were working on, but overall the homework load wasn't overwhelming.

11. 369580

The time spent working on assignments for this class was very engaging and not so much of a chore as coursework can sometimes be,

What additional comments do you have about the instructor or course?

Comments

1. 33850

He's great.

2. 408809

This class has probably been one of the most interesting classes I have ever taken on campus. It was interesting and I enjoyed the course work.

3. 358738

Dr. Croxall is a great teacher who honestly cares about all of his students and he is happy to help any of them. You can tell he puts effort into planning each class.

4. 143387

Wish I could take the class again to see what you're up to next semester.

5. 277546

I felt that the course was ran in the most ideal way possible for a subject matter that requires a lot of experimentation and exploration.

6. 832718

Great class

7. 831411

At times class felt like a time to listen to Prof. Croxall's ideas, opinions, thoughts, etc. but all in all was a fun class that wasn't the typical classroom class.

8. 9376

Dr. Croxall is truly an amazing teacher and his care, dedication, and compassion really show. This man broke his jaw for goodness sake and still kept teaching us successfully.

9. 821242

A very interesting course that I would recommend for anyone and not just digital humanists.

10. 63958

Teach for understanding, teach for understanding, teach for understanding, and teach for understanding.... For someone like me who is in an education major, this is probably one of the most vital things to teaching. Even though most professors sometimes do this, they aren't exactly ideal. I would say always apply and improve this trait in your teaching going forward. It makes a world of difference to the students. Even if you think they got it down, chances are they don't. After all, it's only human to forget. Also, be quicker on the video games papers. it's taking a bit too long to grade. I understand your busy though.

11. 111973

I really enjoyed the course, particularly how we weaved together experimentation and application with the concepts covered by lectures. The combination of experience and theory was a great way to introduce Digital Humanities.

12. 173815

This was my favorite class this semester, and I think Dr. Croxall is an awesome professor.

13. 101333

I liked it.

14. 369580

Doctor Croxall is a great professor who cares about his students and works hard so they can learn and succeed. He makes the material extremely engaging and understandable.

15. 937760

What a guy! I really appreciated taking this class from Dr. Croxall and consider him one of the better professors I have had the opportunity to learn from here at BYU... which is saying something because I've been around the block a bit!

16. 981881

For a class focused on experimentation, it worked out very well. The emphasis on class discussion was very helpful.

17. 756645

I really enjoyed this course. I was trying to find a minor that I would enjoy, but could also be useful and this class helped me see that digital humanities is a good option.

18. 928206

This was a very compelling course; I was initially skeptical about assignments being worth my time since they seemed so out there, but I learned a lot and am excited to proceed with my DigHT minor.

Professor Croxall's course is new and different, but he approaches it in a way that makes it easy to follow.
