

# DigHT 315, Winter 2021

Write a short letter to future students in this class (or other classes I teach), letting them know what you think is most important about the instructor, the class, the assignments, and/or the reading.

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Dear future students. You have some real potential for growth in this class. You're going to be learning a lot of applicable skills and have a ton of fun doing it. Some tasks may seem monotonous, but anything worth doing is worth doing all the way. Professor Croxall is very organized and has a very detailed lesson plan, but be ready to give an opinion in class! Class topics of discussion revolve around what you're personally learning/interested in as much as they do his lesson plan. You're going to be better off for this class, having taken it. I'm don't want to exaggerate, but this is quite possible my favorite class I've taken in my 5 years at BYU. I feel like the amount of flexibility the professor showed really made the learning environment more attractive to me. I never felt stressed about an assignment, because we were given ample time to complete and discuss the assignments as a class. I also thought that studying Peanuts was really fun! PLEASE take this class! I think every humanities (and non-humanities) student need to learn these skills to better round out their experience here at BYU. This class was an 11/10.

If I were to summarize this course in one sentence it would be: Be prepared to be amazed. The digital humanities are amazing yet difficult to understand at the same time. I thoroughly enjoyed this course and every discussion we had. If we had the time, we could've spent hours analyzing just a single Peanuts strip. Also take the time to let Professor Croxall make an impression on you. You may start the class thinking he isn't that great of a teacher, but if you remain open and continue to let him make an impression on you, you'll discover he is an amazing teacher. He is persnickety about grammar, though, so be ready to triple check your papers if you want a good grade on them.

DigHT 315 has been my favorite class I BYU--I wouldn't be worried about the class size, though it can be intimidating. I really enjoyed the interactivity and flexibility the smaller class size brought, and I enjoyed Professor Croxall's group-centered teaching in a smaller class. I also enjoyed coming to class because I knew I could contribute (even though I'm not great with computers--you can do it too!). The assignments and your grades will be fine, especially if you are sincere and passionate about what you're studying. I think Professor Croxall respects the kind of depth that comes from writing or talking about a topic that you're interested in, so try to do all the readings and come to class prepared and engaged! If it seems like an essay or project isn't working out, don't hesitate to come to him, because, while he can be intimidating, he hasn't made fun of me when I've needed help or tried to suggest changes to the assignments. Have fun! Enjoy your new lab coat!

The best thing about Dr. Croxall is that he's open to suggestions and change. Sometimes that change might come next semester, and sometimes he disagrees that it's necessary, but he's good at listening. Have your own opinions; you can pass the class without parroting him. Just be respectful of him when you express them and it'll be fine!