



# Course Evaluation for PHIL 202 001 (20235) - HIST OF PHILOSOPHY II

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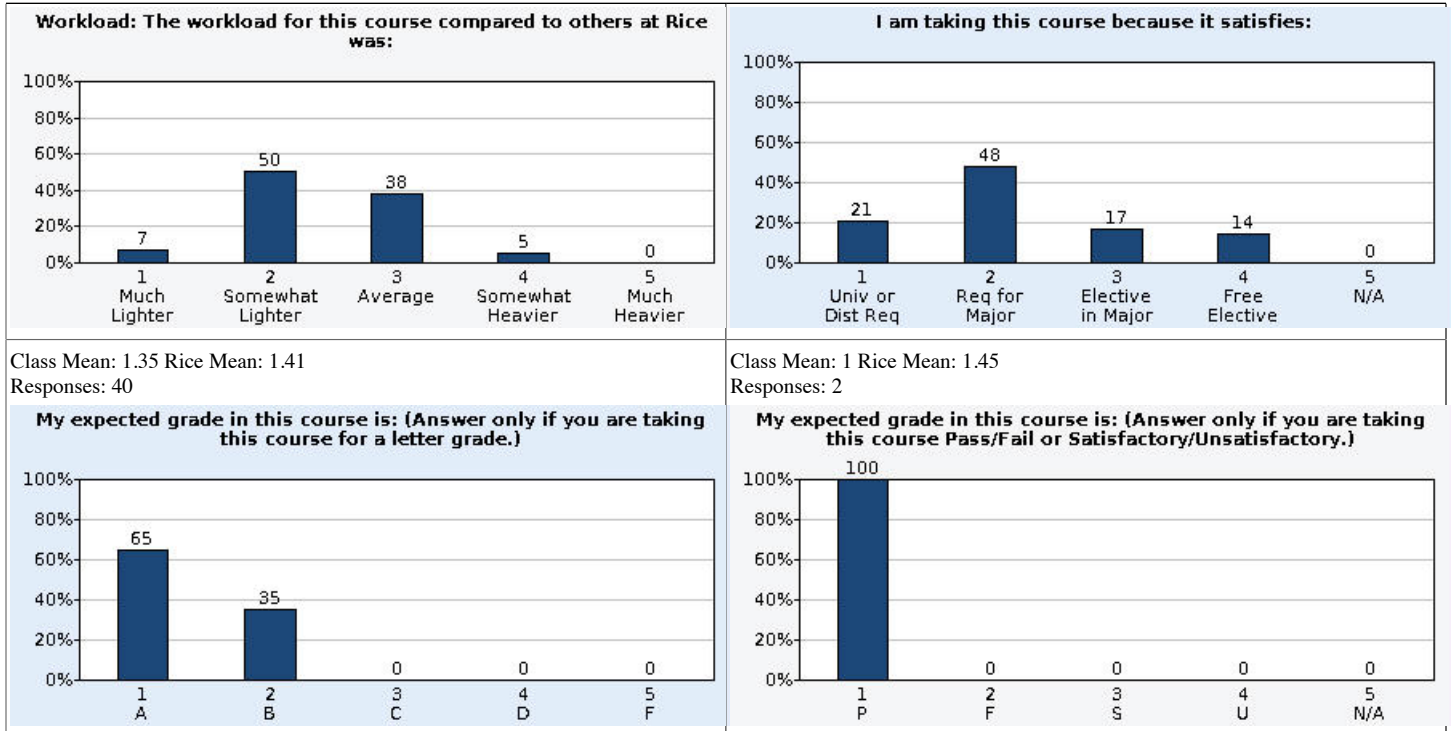
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### Student Comments

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this class is quite different from the two phil classes I took before - instead of two or more papers per semester it has pop quizzes and two exams. in my personal case, both are harder than writing papers. overall the class focuses on epistemology / metaphysics from Descartes to Kant. i wish we could spend more with Kant but we were sort of rushing in the end.

05/16/2019 01:05 P.M.

I absolutely loved this course. The material is so incredibly interesting and it was easy to be engaged in the lectures. I think the quality of the course greatly depends on the professor, though (Brian Miller was outstanding).

05/15/2019 02:05 P.M.

2 exams 1 term paper and 11 in class pop quizzes. Attendance is pretty much mandatory so dont skip class but the lectures are interesting and engaging.

05/15/2019 01:05 P.M.

Seriously do the readings for this course ahead of time. If you're like me and are looking to just explore what philosophy is like and/or haven't taken any philosophy courses in the past, consult as many resources as you need ahead of time because it can get confusing in lecture really quickly.

05/13/2019 12:05 P.M.

Pop quizzes can be tricky but if you do the reading or pay attention they are pretty straightforward. Also there is a folder in canvas with lecture notes that he never mentions but is super helpful when reviewing for tests

05/10/2019 03:05 P.M.

The course material was very interesting, in particular the section on Hume. The grading was fair, and the coursework was not too difficult if you read consistently and attended class.

05/04/2019 02:05 P.M.

The materials were presented clearly and they are well organized. However, I feel the pace was kinda slow (compared to other classes of the same level, such as PHIL 201) and there were repetitions in some classes. It would be better if the pace is faster and we learn more materials. The exams focus solely on understanding and the grading was kinda picky about minute details.

05/04/2019 02:05 P.M.

great class, mostly epistemology and metaphysics but pretty cool

05/03/2019 09:05 P.M.

The course moves at a very slow pace, and lectures are often somewhat boring. The philosophy itself is sort of interesting, but hard to understand given the way it's written. The best part of the class was his lecture notes, which very effectively summarize the content.

05/02/2019 06:05 P.M.

interesting and enjoyable material, but it's very easy to ignore this class for an extended period of time

05/02/2019 02:05 P.M.

Not a cakewalk. Intro level class but slightly more work than you'd think. Still really interesting info and lectures are cool

05/02/2019 01:05 P.M.

I have never disliked a class as much as I disliked this one and I am a humanities major who took two semesters of calculus. It is supposed to be an easy distribution but it is so dry. A lot of it is probably on me-- I quickly learned that I did NOT have the patience for philosophy as this class was painful. However, this course, while it does not take attendance, has pop quizzes that are each worth 2% of your grade and every day I contemplated whether it was worth 2 points to me to just not show up and risk missing a quiz. The answer was too often yes.

05/01/2019 01:05 P.M.

Really good class, especially if you're new to philosophy

04/27/2019 08:04 P.M.

Amazing course structure. The best aspect of the course is how the material is tested - you are really forced to understand the material.

04/25/2019 01:04 P.M.

Class makes you think and introduces classical philosophers everyone should know. 2 timed essay style exams that you can prepare for ahead of time, 10 pop quizzes, 1 term paper. Easy to make a good grade if you go to class.

04/24/2019 04:04 P.M.

The problem of this course is that there are only 3 major assignments, 2 exams and a final essay. Each of these are worth less than 30 points so there is low margin for error if you are trying to do well in the class.

04/24/2019 02:04 P.M.

Straightforward class with no assignments besides 2 exams and term paper at end. Must be in class for easy pop quizzes. Not a philosophy major but definitely interesting and good class for introduction or distribution.

04/22/2019 08:04 P.M.



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Super interesting, learned a lot, not a fan of the exam structure

04/22/2019 07:04 P.M.

The course is interesting, and he is a good lecturer. The only thing I struggled with were a few of the pop quizzes because they were worded in a way that tripped me up.

04/22/2019 12:04 P.M.



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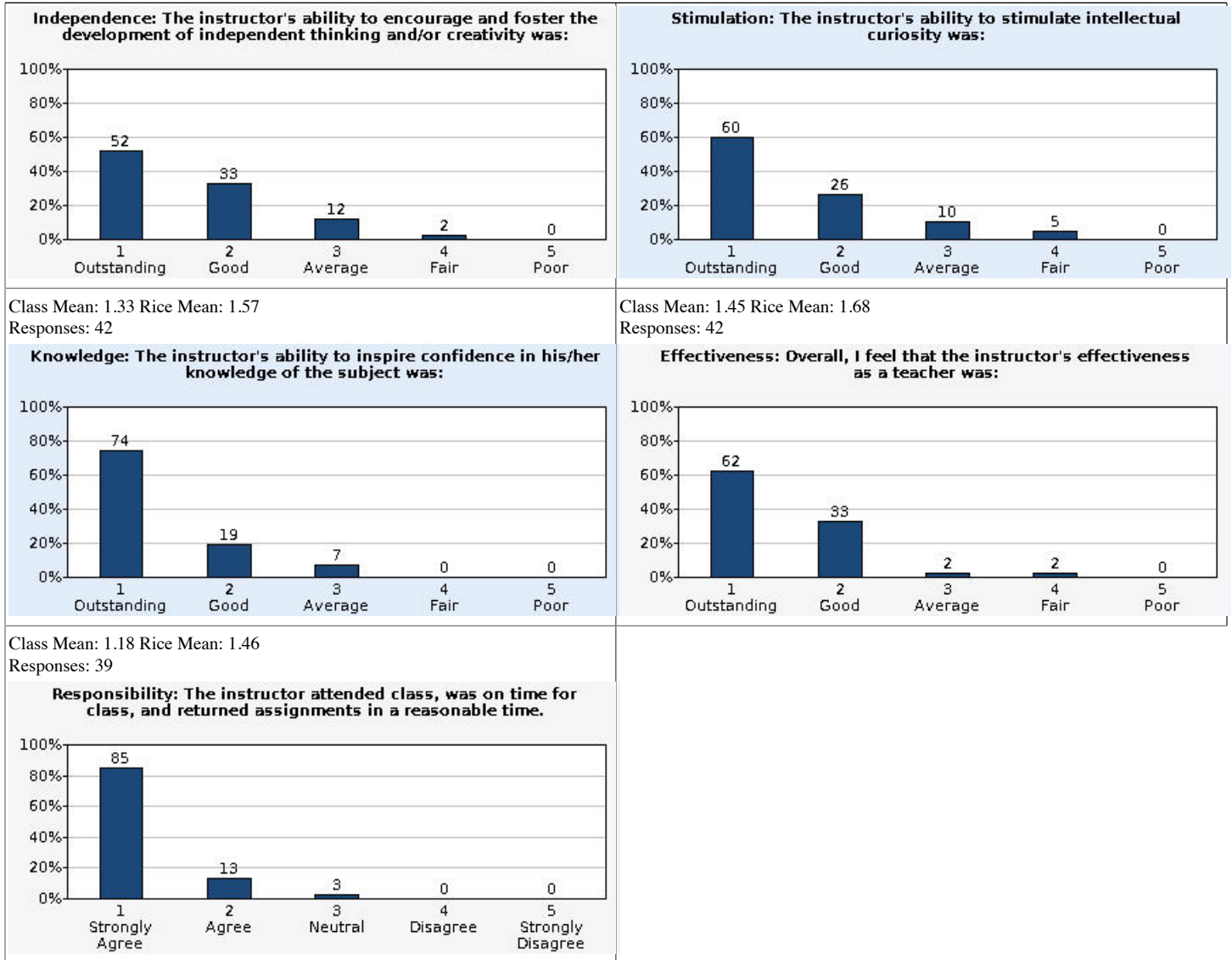
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Brian is cool - he's extremely responsive to students' questions and takes them seriously.

05/16/2019 01:05 P.M.

Brian Miller is an amazing philosopher professor. As a philosophy major, this is by far the best presentation of philosophy I've experienced at Rice. Brian explains things so clearly and obviously has such a genuine interest in philosophy from this time period. He is also super responsive to student questions and always willing to clarify. I would take all of my philosophy courses from him if I could.

05/15/2019 02:05 P.M.

Dr. Miller was an amazing lecturer and made material easy to understand, and interesting. Easily one of my favorite instructors at Rice. However, I was displeased with his response time to my email during finals period. I was trying to get crucial questions regarding my term paper answered. The first email took 2 days for a response and the second wasn't even responded to. However, this was a small blip in what was otherwise a fantastic semester and a fantastic class.

05/15/2019 01:05 P.M.

Dr. Miller made PHIL 202 interesting every class! His lecture style is easy to follow, fun, and engaging. Even though the material may get a little repetitive at times, Dr. Miller will give different examples of a certain concept until everyone in the class understands it.

05/13/2019 09:05 A.M.

I really liked this instructor. If you go to class and pay attention you will do well.

05/10/2019 09:05 P.M.

The instructor presented the material clearly. He was very responsive and helpful to the students.

05/04/2019 02:05 P.M.

Miller was one of the best professors I've ever had, he will be missed dearly

05/03/2019 09:05 P.M.

I thought Brian was overall a good professor. My biggest problem with him was that his office hours were by appointment only. I totally would have gone to office hours throughout the semester if he held them an hour a week like a normal professor but it's like I'm not gonna make an appointment, you know??

05/03/2019 12:05 P.M.

Dr. Miller is friendly and good at answering questions

05/02/2019 06:05 P.M.

Clearly knew the material very well and was able to present in an interesting and fun way. The only thing I will say is that it seemed like he often repeated himself or spent ten minutes explaining the same concept, which made it very easy to tune out.

05/02/2019 02:05 P.M.

Dr. Miller was communicative throughout the whole term regarding changes to the syllabus and housekeeping matters. Super knowledgeable and interesting lecturer

05/02/2019 01:05 P.M.

I am torn on Miller. On the one hand, he is the professor I have enjoyed the least out of everyone I have taken in my two years at Rice. However, in our review sessions, he seemed like a different guy and was actually helpful. He was pretty understanding overall but could be a little rude. Terrible at answering questions if you do not understand what is going on as he just restates what he has said.

05/01/2019 01:05 P.M.

Brian Miller is a fantastic lecturer -- engaging, knowledgeable, and personable.

04/28/2019 06:04 P.M.

Prof. Miller can be rude in class (e.g. will pass sarcastic remarks, shooting down questions), but his presentation of the material is so, so helpful to understanding important philosophical works. Pretty much what you can expect from a white male prof. though.

04/25/2019 01:04 P.M.

Interesting, funny, smart, presents well, good analogies

04/22/2019 07:04 P.M.