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Course Evaluation Report for FL2019 PHIL-2050-05-Ethics (Sahar Joakim) - Fall 2019

Project Title: **A&S Course Evaluations**

Course Audience: **22**
Responses Received: **16**
Response Rate: **72.73%**

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Interpretation Guidelines

Within this report instructors can view the aggregate of all student responses to Likert scale or multiple choice questions and individual responses to short answer questions.

I took this course (check all that apply)...

Options	Count
to meet a requirement of an undergraduate academic major or minor	4
to meet a requirement of a graduate/professional program or minor	0
to meet an undergraduate core/general education requirement	12
as an elective (not part of any major/minor/program or core/general education requirement)	0
Please explain	0

Questions about the Student (agree)

Level of Agreement

1. I believe my academic background was sufficient to succeed in this course.			2. The subject matter of this course was of interest to me before the course began.		
Options	Count	Percentage	Options	Count	Percentage
Strongly agree (4)	12	75.00%	Strongly agree (4)	8	50.00%
Agree (3)	2	12.50%	Agree (3)	5	31.25%
Disagree (2)	2	12.50%	Disagree (2)	3	18.75%
Strongly Disagree (1)	0	0.00%	Strongly Disagree (1)	0	0.00%
Statistics		Value	Statistics		Value
Response Count		16	Response Count		16
Mean		3.63	Mean		3.31
Median		4.00	Median		3.50

Questions about the Student (agree) (Comments)

Level of Agreement

I believe my academic background was sufficient to succeed in this course.
Comment
- I have never taken an Ethics course before.
The subject matter of this course was of interest to me before the course began.
Comment
- I was very wary of this topic.

Questions about the Student (Dept & College Averages)

Question	Your Score			Department (Philosophy)			College (College of Arts & Sciences)		
	Response Count	Mean	Median	Response Count	Mean	Median	Response Count	Mean	Median
I believe my academic background was sufficient to succeed in this course.	16	3.63	4.00	925	3.41	4.00	13175	3.51	4.00
The subject matter of this course was of interest to me before the course began.	16	3.31	3.50	925	2.95	3.00	13175	3.25	3.00

Questions about the Student (frequency)

Frequency

1. I came to each class session prepared.			2. I invested enough time and energy to meet the course requirements.		
Options	Count	Percentage	Options	Count	Percentage
Always (4)	7	43.75%	Always (4)	11	68.75%
Often (3)	9	56.25%	Often (3)	5	31.25%
Sometimes (2)	0	0.00%	Sometimes (2)	0	0.00%
Never (1)	0	0.00%	Never (1)	0	0.00%
Statistics		Value	Statistics		Value
Response Count		16	Response Count		16
Mean		3.44	Mean		3.69
Median		3.00	Median		4.00

3. I asked the instructor for help when I needed it.		
Options	Count	Percentage
Always (4)	9	56.25%
Often (3)	4	25.00%
Sometimes (2)	2	12.50%
Never (1)	1	6.25%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		16
Mean		3.31
Median		4.00

Questions about the Student (frequency) (Comments)

Frequency

I came to each class session prepared.
Comment
[No Response]
I invested enough time and energy to meet the course requirements.
Comment
[No Response]
I asked the instructor for help when I needed it.
Comment
[No Response]

Questions about the Student (Dept & College Averages)

Question	Your Score			Department (Philosophy)			College (College of Arts & Sciences)		
	Response Count	Mean	Median	Response Count	Mean	Median	Response Count	Mean	Median
I came to each class session prepared.	16	3.44	3.00	925	3.38	3.00	13175	3.51	4.00
I invested enough time and energy to meet the course requirements.	16	3.69	4.00	925	3.52	4.00	13175	3.59	4.00
I asked the instructor for help when I needed it.	16	3.31	4.00	925	3.29	4.00	13175	3.32	4.00

Questions about the Course

1. Expected learning outcomes for the course were clearly communicated.			2. The required textbook(s)/readings supported my learning in the course.		
Options	Count	Percentage	Options	Count	Percentage
Strongly Agree (4)	13	81.25%	Strongly Agree (4)	13	81.25%
Agree (3)	3	18.75%	Agree (3)	0	0.00%
Disagree (2)	0	0.00%	Disagree (2)	0	0.00%
Strongly Disagree (1)	0	0.00%	Strongly Disagree (1)	0	0.00%
Not Applicable	0	0.00%	Not Applicable	3	18.75%
Statistics	Value		Statistics	Value	
Response Count	16		Response Count	16	
Mean	3.81		Mean	4.00	
Median	4.00		Median	4.00	

3. Class discussions/activities supported my learning in the course.		
Options	Count	Percentage
Strongly Agree (4)	14	87.50%
Agree (3)	2	12.50%
Disagree (2)	0	0.00%
Strongly Disagree (1)	0	0.00%
Not Applicable	0	0.00%
Statistics	Value	
Response Count	16	
Mean	3.88	
Median	4.00	

4. Assignments/homework supported my learning in the course.		
Options	Count	Percentage
Strongly Agree (4)	13	81.25%
Agree (3)	3	18.75%
Disagree (2)	0	0.00%
Strongly Disagree (1)	0	0.00%
Not Applicable	0	0.00%
Statistics	Value	
Response Count	16	
Mean	3.81	
Median	4.00	

5. Exams/quizzes supported my learning in the course.		
Options	Count	Percentage
Strongly Agree (4)	12	75.00%
Agree (3)	3	18.75%
Disagree (2)	1	6.25%
Strongly Disagree (1)	0	0.00%
Not Applicable	0	0.00%
Statistics	Value	
Response Count	16	
Mean	3.69	
Median	4.00	

6. The multimedia resources supported my learning in the course.		
Options	Count	Percentage
Strongly Agree (4)	13	81.25%
Agree (3)	2	12.50%
Disagree (2)	0	0.00%
Strongly Disagree (1)	0	0.00%
Not Applicable	1	6.25%
Statistics	Value	
Response Count	16	
Mean	3.87	
Median	4.00	

7. The course was taught at a pace that supported my learning.		
Options	Count	Percentage
Strongly Agree (4)	14	87.50%
Agree (3)	2	12.50%
Disagree (2)	0	0.00%
Strongly Disagree (1)	0	0.00%
Not Applicable	0	0.00%
Statistics	Value	
Response Count	16	
Mean	3.88	
Median	4.00	

8. The course required me to apply what I learned in new ways.		
Options	Count	Percentage
Strongly Agree (4)	16	100.00%
Agree (3)	0	0.00%
Disagree (2)	0	0.00%
Strongly Disagree (1)	0	0.00%
Not Applicable	0	0.00%
Statistics	Value	
Response Count	16	
Mean	4.00	
Median	4.00	

Questions about the Course (continued)

9. The course challenged me intellectually.		
Options	Count	Percentage
Strongly Agree (4)	14	87.50%
Agree (3)	2	12.50%
Disagree (2)	0	0.00%
Strongly Disagree (1)	0	0.00%
Not Applicable	0	0.00%
Statistics	Value	
Response Count	16	
Mean	3.88	
Median	4.00	

Questions about the Course (Comments)

Expected learning outcomes for the course were clearly communicated.
Comment
[No Response]
The required textbook(s)/readings supported my learning in the course.
Comment
- LOVED that there was no required textbook to buy!
Class discussions/activities supported my learning in the course.
Comment
[No Response]
Assignments/homework supported my learning in the course.
Comment
[No Response]
Exams/quizzes supported my learning in the course.
Comment
[No Response]
The multimedia resources supported my learning in the course.
Comment
[No Response]
The course was taught at a pace that supported my learning.
Comment
[No Response]
The course required me to apply what I learned in new ways.
Comment
[No Response]
The course challenged me intellectually.
Comment
- This class challenged me and my perspective more than any other class I have ever taken at SLU.

Questions about the Course (Dept & College Averages)

Question	Your Score			Department (Philosophy)			College (College of Arts & Sciences)		
	Response Count	Mean	Median	Response Count	Mean	Median	Response Count	Mean	Median
Expected learning outcomes for the course were clearly communicated.	16	3.81	4.00	925	3.43	4.00	13137	3.54	4.00
The required textbook(s)/readings supported my learning in the course.	13	4.00	4.00	912	3.50	4.00	12266	3.35	4.00
Class discussions/activities supported my learning in the course.	16	3.88	4.00	923	3.47	4.00	12953	3.50	4.00
Assignments/homework supported my learning in the course.	16	3.81	4.00	908	3.43	4.00	12761	3.47	4.00
Exams/quizzes supported my learning in the course.	16	3.69	4.00	791	3.29	3.00	11687	3.44	4.00
The multimedia resources supported my learning in the course.	15	3.87	4.00	744	3.37	4.00	11599	3.48	4.00
The course was taught at a pace that supported my learning.	16	3.88	4.00	920	3.44	4.00	13074	3.44	4.00
The course required me to apply what I learned in new ways.	16	4.00	4.00	921	3.45	4.00	13063	3.49	4.00
The course challenged me intellectually.	16	3.88	4.00	925	3.54	4.00	13079	3.51	4.00

What suggestions do you have for improving this course?

Comments
Continue to have Prof. Joakim teach this course and allow her to change the course schedule to address the hot topics relevant at that time.
I liked the set up of this course. We talked about relevant subjects and things happening in the world right now. I would like to see more group work activities because I enjoyed doing those and presenting to the class rather than just being talked to all class. It was great to hear other peoples ideas and opinions on different subject matters.
n/a
I felt like the midterm test didn't really fit the course. It seemed forced. The essay made a lot more sense. In the future, I think maybe a test with 3 shorter essay questions on broader topics might make more sense.
The difference/uniqueness of the course should be more clearly explained towards the beginning, so that students can better prepare for unconventional thinking.

Please offer any additional comments and/or suggestions you wish to share about the course:

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Comments
I did not expect to enjoy this course much at all, but after taking it, I can easily say that it is my favorite course I have taken at SLU and I am a senior. It was by far the most useful and relevant. Because of this class, I have grown into a better person and I am so thankful to have taken it.
This class was really interesting. Everything we talked about was talked about on both sides which really challenged everyone to confirm what they believe to be true. Everyone was challenged to back up what they think which I felt like was the best part about an ethics class.
n/a
All of the topics were very interesting and made me apply the opinions I previously had on certain subjects in new ways. I was NOT looking forward to this class, but ended up really enjoying it!
Sahar is a great instructor that challenges the way we think about common issues in ethics. Fantastic course, maybe consider making the grading a little more harsh to elicit more effort and involvement from the class.
The fact that we don't have to purchase texts for class and provide online resources makes this class really great.

Questions about the Instructor Sahar Joakim

1. The instructor communicated ideas and information clearly.		
Options	Count	Percentage
Always (4)	14	87.50%
Often (3)	2	12.50%
Sometimes (2)	0	0.00%
Never (1)	0	0.00%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		16
Mean		3.88
Median		4.00

2. The instructor demonstrated enthusiasm for the subject matter.		
Options	Count	Percentage
Always (4)	16	100.00%
Often (3)	0	0.00%
Sometimes (2)	0	0.00%
Never (1)	0	0.00%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		16
Mean		4.00
Median		4.00

3. The instructor provided feedback/critique that helped me with subsequent work in the course.		
Options	Count	Percentage
Always (4)	13	81.25%
Often (3)	2	12.50%
Sometimes (2)	1	6.25%
Never (1)	0	0.00%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		16
Mean		3.75
Median		4.00

4. The instructor treated students with respect.		
Options	Count	Percentage
Always (4)	13	81.25%
Often (3)	2	12.50%
Sometimes (2)	1	6.25%
Never (1)	0	0.00%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		16
Mean		3.75
Median		4.00

5. The instructor was available for assistance when needed.		
Options	Count	Percentage
Always (4)	13	81.25%
Often (3)	3	18.75%
Sometimes (2)	0	0.00%
Never (1)	0	0.00%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		16
Mean		3.81
Median		4.00

Questions about the Instructor Sahar Joakim (Comments)

The instructor communicated ideas and information clearly.
Comment
- Prof. Joakim was always sure to use analogies and tell stories that made very deep philosophical topics easy to understand. Even the work of Aristotle and Plato made sense the way she explained them.
- Her emails were highlighted and always outlined critical/pertinent info – SUPER helpful!
The instructor demonstrated enthusiasm for the subject matter.
Comment
- From the very first day of class, you could tell that Prof. Joakim really loved her job and wanted us all to get something out of the class.
- YES
The instructor provided feedback/critique that helped me with subsequent work in the course.
Comment
- Prof. Joakim was very good at communicating with us, both in her emails and her contributions to the discussion boards.
- Yes, and was always asking for feedback to improve her teaching methods throughout the semester, to make sure her students had the best possible learning experience.
The instructor treated students with respect.
Comment
- Prof. Joakim addressed very touchy topics without bias and although she was explicit, it was always honest and I felt very respected. Had she just talked around things like most professors, I never would have learned as much as I did, so I appreciate her straight-forwardness.
- Absolutely.
- Can call you out in class for being stupid, but she means well.
The instructor was available for assistance when needed.
Comment
- YES ALWAYS
- was willing to meet at the student's convenience for any problems we might have
- Always. Would offer to meet outside of class if that's when students were available. This was super awesome, as I am a commuter student and don't always spend "normal" hours on campus!

Questions about the Instructor (Dept & College Averages)

Question	Your Score			Department (Philosophy)			College (College of Arts & Sciences)		
	Response Count	Mean	Median	Response Count	Mean	Median	Response Count	Mean	Median
The instructor communicated ideas and information clearly.	16	3.88	4.00	930	3.50	4.00	15175	3.49	4.00
The instructor demonstrated enthusiasm for the subject matter.	16	4.00	4.00	930	3.80	4.00	15175	3.67	4.00
The instructor provided feedback/critique that helped me with subsequent work in the course.	16	3.75	4.00	930	3.45	4.00	15175	3.44	4.00
The instructor treated students with respect.	16	3.75	4.00	930	3.84	4.00	15175	3.73	4.00
The instructor was available for assistance when needed.	16	3.81	4.00	930	3.65	4.00	15175	3.62	4.00

Please offer any additional comments and/or suggestions you wish to share about the instructor Sahar Joakim:

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Comments
I feel like sometimes she tried to be funny and relate to the students, but it came across as rude.
She is one of my favorite professors I have ever had. She should teach forever and to everyone. I learned so much and loved the class even when I went in with awful expectations.
Sahar made it clear that she cared about her students and that she was always available for help if needed. The topics we discussed in class felt relevant and important in their relation to modern life, and were presented in a way that encouraged free thought and exploration. Classes were always engaging, and none of what we learned felt "filler." Overall, I really enjoyed the class and think Sahar was the ideal professor to teach it.
Prof. Joakim is one of the best instructors at SLU. I am graduating in May and am on the Dean's Student Advisory Board, so I've taken a lot of courses and spoken about other instructors in meetings, yet she still stands out as one of the very best. She is very honest and genuinely cares about her students. Her teaching style allows her to get across to students and really impact their lives. I know for me personally, I am much better off than I was before taking this class. She really made us think about ourselves and our values. Prof. Joakim just made us more open-minded and thoughtful in general because we couldn't avoid learning about others' perspectives. Please keep Prof. Joakim around. She gives me so much hope for the future of SLU. Also, please find additional instructors like her who care more about getting across to students and changing their lives than their evaluations or popularity.
Professor Joakim is the best professor that I have had here at SLU. She genuinely cares about her students. She wants us to thrive not only in the classroom, but also in life. I have never had a professor that cares as much as Professor Joakim. As for her teaching of ethics specifically, she was always helping us to see both sides of an argument. She would give us the arguments for both sides and challenge us to analyze the different topics we covered in class. She really wanted us to think about things and figure out what we believe and value, and her class gave us the opportunity to do so.
One of the best professors I have ever had! She is always there to assist students and actually cares about our learning. I am typically not engaged in classes like this but I was never bored in her class. Her discussions allowed me to think critically about tough topics and discover my true opinions. I wish every professor cared as much as she does.
Miss Joakim was very enthusiastic about the course, however, oftentimes I felt uncomfortable in class. She called people out for using the bathroom or walking in late, which I think was unnecessary. The cursing could be toned down as well. Also, there needed to be more sensitivity for others in the class or trigger warnings for things like sexual assault or domestic abuse. We talked about difficult topics oftentimes, but the way she went about it was wrong. She would use shock factors when talking about subjects like this. She also shared much of her personal life, which is great if it relates to the subject, but sometimes it was a bit much. We did not need to know about her relationships in high school or the details of her relationship with her father. I think that some things could be toned down but other than that, the course was interesting and relevant to our every day lives.
She is a fantastic instructor. Not only does she make every topic seem very important, she challenges you to think harder about what you believe. She is also very engaging and always willing to help. She is definitely one of my favorite instructors because of how much she cared about her students leaving the course with the goal of thinking ethically.
Sahar is extremely knowledgeable about ethics and philosophy in general. She is passionate about making her students the best they can be by making them think deeply and introspectively about their personal ethical views. She provided a lot of information about each topic we covered, and then offered her own opinions as examples, and then allowed students to share their own and made us all think a lot. She embraces exactly who she is and I appreciated it a lot, while still being respectful of her students and fostering a good learning environment. I would LOVE to take more classes from Sahar. She's one of my favorite college professors I've ever had.
Professor Joakim was enthusiastic about the topics at hand and encouraged class driven discussion.
Initially viewing this class as just another gen ed that I would dislike attending, I found that this was my most interesting class because of her teaching style.
I fully believe that the grade each student desired (whether a "C" to pass or an "A") was easily attainable.
I also have no doubt that this professor genuinely cares for each student and wants to see us succeed in both the class and future endeavors.
Miss Joakim is probably the most passionate teacher I've ever had at SLU. She truly cares about teaching her students and wants to make class interesting and informative for them. She took the time to find articles pertaining to our majors and interests, which is going well above and beyond what I feel like a normal teacher would do. She came to class everyday enthusiastic about the topic and ready to hear our opinions on it. She really wants all of her students to do well in the class. I was not looking forward to taking Ethics AT ALL and she made it enjoyable and interesting to me. She was an excellent teacher and I've been recommending her to all of my fellow students for the future.
Professor Joakim truly cares for her students and wants to see them exceed. She won't give you an easy A, however she will make class super fun and interactive which in turn allows you to earn an A in the class. I've never come across a professor that will go above and beyond to see her students succeed and learn what they need for a successful future. PROMOTE HER!!!!

Comments

Great instructor. Really passionate about ethics and it showed.

I was expecting to go into ethics class trying to listen to a someone imposing their agendas onto our students. But not Miss Joakim. She encourages us to share our viewpoints and be biased, and that's honestly what we need in academia nowadays. Someone who can challenge the status quo.