



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

July 10, 2014

David Smith
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Dear David,

Thank you for teaching the course *Philosophy of Religion* during Spring quarter 2014. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute members are very appreciative of the opportunity to learn from you, as you can see from the attached student comments.

Thanks again for your participation in OLLI-UW.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Natalie Lecher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

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Course Evaluation

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Instructor: David Smith
Schedule: 6/3/2014 - 7/1/2014
Location: Redmond - Trilogy
Registration Number: 141718

Why did you enroll in this course?

☒ Subject Matter (2)
☒ Instructor (1)
☐ Location
☐ Time

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Materials and visuals	(1)	2	3	4	5
Level of discussion/participation	(1)	2	3	4	5
Consistency with expectations	(1)	2	3	4	5

Comments on specific ratings above:

This was one of the best Osher classes I've taken - some felt it was slow but I felt he posed class/questions well

What was best about this course?

Instructor

How could this course be improved?

Would you recommend this course to others?

☒ Yes
☐ No

Would you take another course with this instructor?

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Comments on specific ratings above:

Loved the instructor's personal story as it pertained to the material.

What was best about this course?

Instructor

How could this course be improved?

I would have loved to have handouts of his outlines so I could just listen and not have to take notes.

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What was best about this course?

Instructor expertise

How could this course be improved?

Handouts - instead of trying to write, find enough to catch the information.

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Would really have liked a printout of power point.

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Very engaging instructor - This is the 2nd class I have taken - Both very good

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How could this course be improved?

longer

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Comments on specific ratings above:

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Learning about religion & history

How could this course be improved?

More Handouts

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Comments on specific ratings above:

IT WAS GREAT. HE CAPTURES YOUR FULL ATTENTION FOR 2 HOURS

What was best about this course?

THE INSTRUCTOR

How could this course be improved?

THE SLIDES COULD BE MORE COLORFUL TO ENHANCE THE CONTENT.
LOOKING UP AT A WHITE SCREEN WITH BROWN LETTERS IS SO DULL.

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Comments on specific ratings above:

Enlightening discussion, learned some about philosophy as well as religion

What was best about this course?

The speaker... presented topic in interesting & thorough manner.

How could this course be improved?

Would you recommend this course to others?

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Comments on specific ratings above:

V.G. FOLLOWUP TO LAST YR. CLASS

VERY INTERESTING

What was best about this course?

GOD YES OR GOD NO

How could this course be improved?

N/A

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Comments on specific ratings above:

Having excellent and wonderful class.

What was best about this course?

Having a opportunity to open and re-examine my faith.

How could this course be improved?

Would you recommend this course to others?

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Comments on specific ratings above:

Have taken many Osher classes - David Smith is one of the best presenters - Handles a large group extremely well -

What was best about this course?

organization and presentation of material -

How could this course be improved?

My only criticism was difficulty hearing questions from the group - perhaps my hearing?? would have appreciated question being repeated from instructor.

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Comments on specific ratings above:

Instructor encourages questions but acknowledges his particular beliefs.

What was best about this course?

Excellent, well-organized instructor. Useful content to understand how & why religious people think.

How could this course be improved?

Copies of slides provided for note-taking would allow closer attention in class & very useful for discussions outside of class.
Reading list would be helpful.

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What was best about this course?

*Good visuals Good presentation by instructor
He was very knowledgeable*

How could this course be improved?

more handouts!!

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Consistency with expectations	①	2	3	4	5

Comments on specific ratings above:

Excellent teacher - inspiring - thoughtful

What was best about this course?

David sharing a personal journey which created a framework for his intellectual/spiritual quest and the creation of this course study.

How could this course be improved?

Would appreciate a handout of terminology used in the class.

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The Knowledge of the Lecturer -

How could this course be improved?

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The Knowledge of Instructor
MAKES you think

How could this course be improved?

Need the UNDERSTAND MORE

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Comments on specific ratings above:

Amazing instructor

What was best about this course?

Quality of info

How could this course be improved?

Please repeat the last class

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What was best about this course?

Teacher

How could this course be improved?

1-2 Handouts with basic material

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Materials and visuals	1	2	3	4	5
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Consistency with expectations	1	2	3	4	5

Comments on specific ratings above:

This instructor is outstanding. Really makes one think critically.

What was best about this course?

all of it!! comparing sacred text/books

How could this course be improved?

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- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

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Comments on specific ratings above:

*It has been excellent! My only comment would be that
 maybe I would have liked handouts of the slides so that I could
 fully focus on lecture + comments.*

What was best about this course?

Intelligence of instructor + other students.

How could this course be improved?

See above.

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FAIR TREATMENT OF ALL SIDES

What was best about this course?

EXCELLENT SUBJECT

How could this course be improved?

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Comments on specific ratings above:

I would have like some hand outs so that I can study some of his points more. Taking notes is not adequate.

What was best about this course?

Discussion

How could this course be improved?

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Comments on specific ratings above:

This course is designed to address some controversial subjects. We had a few zealots. But we did not get bogged down in ideological discussions. Prof. Smith did a great job.

What was best about this course?

How could this course be improved?

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