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Teach of Catholic Church
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• to re-examine my inner quest - spiritual and personal

2. What would you change about this course and/or this instructor to make them more effective?

I would ask the instructor to acknowledge the variety of ages of his students. Many lectures seemed to be directed at the youngest class members. I felt a lack of respect for my age in a way.

Leave more "space" in your lectures - room to ask questions. Often, the lecture was so lengthy and w/out time built in for questions. I ignored my questions

3. Other general comments: because of this.

too much time was taken up in lecture w/ what I considered extraneous material. And too little time was used to cover the required readings. Lots of time was used to tell stories... some of which were irrelevant. I never felt like the required readings were fully discussed in class. I walk away from this class w/out a full understanding of The Teaching of the Catholic Church. cont'd
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Better understanding of theology

2. What would you change about this course and/or this instructor to make them more effective?

Less reading

3. Other general comments:

Good class, good teacher (entertaining and funny)

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I learned to study particular aspects instead of a broad base.

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The material could have been better or more interesting.

- 3. Other general comments:**

The lectures were good, but you were a bit long-winded.

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Forced me to ask the question "Who am I?"
Something that takes a teacher who truly cares about his
Students.

2. What would you change about this course and/or this instructor to make them more effective?

None

3. Other general comments:

I really enjoyed interacting w/ Dr. Smith. He
provided an open forum for discussion and ideas.
I have had him before and he is better
every time.

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Better Organization in the Reader

3. Other general comments:

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Everything in this class proved to be equally valuable ~~in terms of~~ in terms of what I got out of it.

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The reader needed to be better organized. There needs to actually be page numbers and a table of contents.

3. Other general comments:

A neat class with a funny professor.

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That you must think more about your life and find the meaning of your own life.

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I would not change anything about this course nor for this instructor

- 3. Other general comments:**

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→ Insight into meaning of life
→ Question myself & my actions.

2. What would you change about this course and/or this instructor to make them more effective?

Nothing, excellent class.

3. Other general comments:

Your class was really helpful. At a time when I was considering committing suicide, your lecture on suffering & the meaning of life was really helpful. I think those articles/~~to~~ readings were the best of the semester. Thanks!

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I have learned more about myself + who I want to be.

2. What would you change about this course and/or this instructor to make them more effective?

Leave class on time. Possibly minimize the reading.

3. Other general comments:

I enjoyed this class.

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Learned more about theology.

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I know it is a challenging course but I feel the course could gain more focus, order, organization, and time by not having so many readings. The lectures are sufficient in themselves, well rounded and informative and should be the only thing tested on. It would be beneficial

3. Other general comments:

to student and teacher to focus the course on 1 or 2 well chosen and suitable readings.

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- Diff. btw my belief & Catholic Church.
- I loved the movie "weapons of the spirit."
- incr. the speed of my reading.

2. What would you change about this course and/or this instructor to make them more effective?

- Talk more about assigned readings.
- a bit less readings so we won't rush through them.

3. Other general comments:

- great class overall, I really liked it.