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Teach of Catholic Church

Smith, Randall Brian

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STUDENT PERCEPTIONS OF COURSE & TEACHING  
COMMENTS

1. List the most valuable learning experiences you have gained from this course and this instructor.

He made me ask myself questions that I would not have otherwise thought about at this time in my life (mission statement).

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

There shouldn't be so many 30 paged readings for homework all due in the same day. He needs to give back our exams in less than a month. He needs to go over more of the homework. He needs to actually be in his office during his posted office hours.

3. Other general comments:

Anyone who takes this class, be prepared for alot of homework.

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I liked the fact that the class was accessible to both non-catholics and catholics alike; it was more of a Basic Christianity or self-discovery / Man's Search for Meaning class than anything. I can honestly say that Prof. Smith's theology class brought me and my boyfriend together, too. ☺ In the early days of our relationship I brought up what I'd been learning in Teachings. When he actually started discussing it with me I knew he was a keeper. I've discussed this class with so many people during the course of the semester.

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

I loved the multimedia presentations (the Abernombic ads, the movie clips). They really helped drive home the points being made. Prof. Smith's enthusiasm made a class that I thought was going to be dreadfully dull into my favorite class.

No change, then. Thought I'd throw that in there. ☺

3. Other general comments:

I'm probably going to go for a minor in Theology due solely to the fact that Prof. Smith offers upper-level classes. I'm really going to miss the flow of ideas in this class next semester.

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History of Ideas  
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This course was an introduction to modern philosophy for me. I found their perspectives to our topic to be very interesting.

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

The class session had a tendency to end too soon, before the discussion had come to a ~~satisfactory~~ ending. I might recommend this course be taught with a longer session length than 1 1/4 hours.

**3. Other general comments:**

Dr. Smith is a gifted teacher, able to bring light to concepts that were otherwise difficult to understand. I particularly appreciate his availability to students.

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To learn how to write better and also I learn more about theology that I didn't know before

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

Grading will be one of the things I would change because this is a theology class not an English class. In my case I felt that I know the content of the material but the grammar errors were affecting my grades.

**3. Other general comments:**

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Great class! Great professor! Learned  
not only about the faith but  
alot about myself.

Thanks

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

Too much reading in the last weeks, made  
it confusing.

3. Other general comments:

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- My Faith As A Christian

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

**3. Other general comments:**

Give To The Poor More.

- I Thoroughly Enjoy The Prayer At The Beginning

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Until now, I knew nothing of Theology, I feel that I know a bit more about myself.

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

Possibly use the CCC book more or just not purchase it.

- 3. Other general comments:**

Full of charisma.

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I thought this class would be boring & he totally  
changed my view.

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

Nothing. Maybe some occasional quizzes to motivate  
more reading

- 3. Other general comments:**

He's Awesome



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- A great start to understanding the basic doctrines of the church
- How I play a part on God's green earth.

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

- More concise reading material
- Narrow the questions down.

**3. Other general comments:**

Prof. Smith is an excellent professor and I was very pleased with his class.

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I feel better about myself and who I am.

I think I will try to be a better person toward others.

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

**3. Other general comments:**

Thank you

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- Use Internet
- Pay attention in class
- Study a week before the test.

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

- Everything is fine
- but it could be other way of make extra credits
- or other works that're my goals.

**3. Other general comments:**

He is an awsome professor

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This is the first theology class I have had so everything was interesting. The class was a lot more interesting than I had thought it ~~would~~ would be

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

I would like to have had more grades than just the test. ie. homework questions or short quiz

**3. Other general comments:**

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Theology is not as tedious as I thought it would be, it was actually fun.

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

Nothing

3. Other general comments:

Dr. Smith is not a tool, he's an awesome teacher, he has a way of motivating students to learn. I loved his funny stories

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I liked the readings but I thought that some points were over-emphasized and too many readings were used to convey them, particularly the section on materialism.

**3. Other general comments:**

I really liked the instructor's quirky/Bunny style of teaching - this was the most alert 9:35 class I've ever been in aside from tennis. ☺

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learned more about the religion of Christian compared to Catholic, teachings of God from other perspectives, and to question <sup>the reasons</sup> ~~the~~ use of life.

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

nothing, the course was interesting

3. Other general comments:

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a better understanding of TCC

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

participation shouldn't be weighed so much

**3. Other general comments:**



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Talking about individual value of life

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

I know we ran short on time, but please don't assign 2 syllabus days as one assignment.

3. Other general comments:

I really enjoyed coming to class

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I appreciate the fundamentals of the Catholic teachings that I have learned; however, I still don't quite understand how the Church functions, what Mass represents, etc. - ..

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

Perhaps a little more focus on how the Church rituals relate to the fundamental ideas of the Church.

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~~The~~ Professor Smith was talented at communicating the spirit behind the teachings of the Church, so it wasn't a course in memorization of the faith, but in understanding it.

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

nothing.

3. Other general comments:

I loved the reader, but I wouldn't have understood it all without Prof. Smith's explanations. But I thought each lesson was relevant.

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Plan ahead of time

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

More order

10 reading questions by chapters (or more)

No review question

3. Other general comments:

Too much reading. Shorter and more effective text

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I really liked the beginning lectures about getting you to think about life's fundamental questions Who am I? Where do I come from? Where am I going? Above all I learned to start thinking about myself a little more & to think about the type of person that I want to be & what I want to accomplish in life.

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

Sometimes Prof. Smith gets so caught up in what he's teaching that he talks a little too much about one subject & so to compensate he has to rush at the end of class to cover the other topics. That can be very confusing at times. Try to spread out your lecture time more evenly.

3. Other general comments:

Prof. Smith is an awesome teacher and he makes class fun & interesting. He definitely knows what he's talking about & can convey it easily & effectively. This was one of my favourite classes!!!