

Spring 2005
HNRS-1392-A
From Empire to Christendom
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.**

Dr. Smith is one of the best teachers I have had. He is excellent at explaining the material and is always ready to talk if you have a question or just need to talk to someone. He acknowledges you outside the classroom and is someone who is easy to talk to. His convictions are so strong and he really conveys the importance of dedication to your own principles.

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

- 3. Other general comments:**

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I will give my opinion in person if you want, it's
easier that way - AK

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Less daily quizzes

3. Other general comments:

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Slightly better writing ability

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

nothing

3. Other general comments:

*maybe spend more time on paradiso and purgatorio
since we only get inferno in english classes*

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Smith is awsum. A++ for him.

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LESS HOUSER, MORE SMITH.

3. Other general comments:

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The effect of Christianity on society as a whole.

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

More effective use of class time, I felt like we got off the subject a lot.

3. Other general comments:

Very interesting assignments
Thank you for responding to emails so quickly

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The interaction with the other professor has given me humor to my learning experience. And the course content he taught was interesting and valuable. His detailed examination of my writing & argumentation has greatly helped me improve on these points.

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

ASK more questions, less lecture.
So more discussion can take place.

3. Other general comments: ~~None~~ Thanks, it was real.

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Reading Augustine's Confessions
Relating all of our readings together

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... I think it is fine

- 3. Other general comments:**

Definitely not an "effin" tool

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3. Other general comments:

Aeneas trial/paper was an excellent idea. Let me think creatively instead of just repeating what I heard in class. Thanks for the opportunity. I really enjoyed this class.

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(some of this goes here)

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

Having the ~~quiz~~ quizzes at the beginning was sort of ineffective. Many times, I read and re-read the material, but still had questions when class time arrived. Aren't we supposed to bring questions to class? If so, I don't understand how I'm supposed to have complete understanding of the text if we haven't discussed it yet. We should be able to ask questions @ the very beginning of class, before the quiz.

3. Other general comments:

The class was okay for the most part. I learned a lot more history ^{with} about the saints especially where different sects arose from (Benedictines + Franciscans + such). I just didn't like the structure of the quizzes.

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How to integrate the teachings of Scripture into different historical texts. I have also learned a lot about how to improve my writing skills because he took the time to help us individually with our papers.

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3. Other general comments:

Very passionate about his subject. 😊

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I've grown closer to Christ and that means everything.

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So much material, maybe they could tie it together with more distinctions and integrative connections.

3. Other general comments:

Best class

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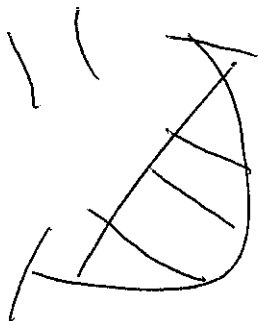
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- His voice makes me stay awake and attentive; it actually makes his course more exciting.
- Knowledge and extra stories help
- learning how to read the different styles was difficult but helpful

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

- Not changing reading list ~~after~~ ~~use~~
- handouts all at beginning of semester

3. Other general comments:



I enjoyed this class and the discussion a lot; it was very insightful

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Very explanatory and always willing to help.
Helped me gain a better grasp on how to write
a paper.

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

can be a little long-winded
-shorter, to the point answers/explanations.

3. Other general comments:

One of the best teachers I've ever had. Thoroughly
enjoyed being in your class!

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Everything we learned.

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

No Quizzes!

3. Other general comments:

The course R.O.C.K.ed in the U.S.A.

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How to better examine theological works critically and gather practical application from them.

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

Perhaps more time allowed for in making up the tests, though students were allowed to stay after time expired, which was nice.
... that's all.

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The entire thing as a whole, made up of its parts. And stuff.

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Have both of the teachers teach together more.

3. Other general comments:

A good teachers I'm