

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS
STUDENT PERCEPTIONS OF COURSE & TEACHING
COMMENTS

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

- strengthened knowledge of theology & SELF
- strengthened interest in above
- caring relationship w/ instructor
- interesting and exciting lecture (which is more than I can say for other lectures and ironic considering I refused and complained about having to take this class. I took it compressed at night after working all day and his outstanding lectures, not only kept me awake & entertained, but taught me "I should always try before I refuse" something "you never know when you will encounter a very pleasant surprise!"

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

It's really hard to have to come up with something to critique about this course because it has been so beneficial and life-changing. Even the only thing "not excellent", which was the return of our papers promptly is not really important, and completely understandable, as this was a compressed track and there was not much time. I'm kind of glad he took his time to actually read them & comment on them to help us do better in the future.

3. Other general comments:

He is awesome! I enjoyed the class. I absolutely loved the instructor. He is a great teacher and really seems to know & be passionate about what he is talking about. The class itself is inspiring, but it wouldn't have been the same without Dr. Smith!

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Just want to thank you for putting good effort on the class, it is obvious that you care deeply about teaching and your students. May God bless you.

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

I wish I had more time to totally understand more about the Catholic Church.

The reason for taking this course was so I could enhance my faith, and although I learn so much I still am confused as to how the church got started and how it carries her teaching.

3. Other general comments:

where exactly it developed and how it got spread. How come each church has its names what is the church teaching about saints.

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The Catholic Church's stance on Creation and Pope John Paul II ideas about science & religion.

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Alternate days in case of inclement weather.

3. Other general comments:

The only reason I said that the course was harder than most, on question 27, is the fact that it is compressed track.

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A greater depth of knowledge about the Church than I imagined could be done given the circumstances.

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

More syllabus, less time spent on minute details

3. Other general comments:

Thank you, it was hard but enlightening

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I would focus on the important and focal points and spend less time and effort on the peripheral issues. The course material needs to be edited to allow deeper understanding of the important topics.

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Much better understanding of the structure of the church.
Greater insight into my own life.
Greater understanding of what God intends for
our lives with regard to rest/worship.

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

Place all questions in one section in a Word
document.

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BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

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1. MORE COMFORTABLE CHAIRS!

2. ORGANIZATION OF WEB PAGE

- a) PAGE # w/ TEXTS

- b) ONE SOURCE FOR ALL QUESTIONS IN A SECTION. SO, THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE TO GO TO ~~10~~ DIFFERENT WEB PAGES TO PRINT ALL QUESTIONS FOR ONE SECTION.

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Although I was already familiar with some of the ideas discussed in class, I found myself compelled to look at them in different ways than I had previously. I found myself frequently thinking "Wow, I ~~had~~ hadn't thought of that, or in that way."

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

I generally found the instructor's style very engaging, although I have to admit there were times when I felt ~~he~~ he elaborated certain points, which tended to make me fall behind in the syllabus, ~~as~~ even without the distraction of Hurricane Rita.

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I have learned how to think more in depth on certain material. I have learned how to better think with an open mind and how my opinion truly does matter.

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

The things I would change would be to have more classroom interaction.

Things such as group projects, presentations, etc.

3. Other general comments: Instead of just making it solely a course about theology, take into account the real world. What I mean by this, is come up with some everyday useful exercises. Helping students with presentation skills, etc.

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For such a topic as the teachings of the Catholic Church, most people would see this course as irrelevant, but, it proved to be much more relevant to any educational aspiration ~~for~~ it asks the student certain questions that are universal to any belief system.

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

Perhaps, the online ~~modules~~ ^{questions} could be a little clearer.
~~create~~

3. Other general comments:

I have been greatly awarded on both my
"fides" and "fidere".

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I have learned a lot from the reading in this course. The selections are interesting and thought provoking and lead to a general understanding of the foundations of Christian thought.

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Dr. Smith is obviously an intelligent man and is capable of deep, meaningful thought, however, he has a tendency to digress and to over explain. If he would spend more time methodically teaching and less time talking about how he is going to teach the class, I would have enjoyed the class much more.

3. Other general comments:

Dr. Smith is a fan of Stephen Covey's Seven Habits. Maybe he should think about which quadrant he spends most of his time in.