

End of Semester Evaluation

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1. To what extent were specific goals for the course set out (implicitly or explicitly) by the instructor? Were in-class activities geared towards the acquisition of communication skills in French, including speaking and listening?

The goals for the course were set out very clearly, and the activities in class absolutely correlated with those goals and helped us gain comfortability with speaking and listening to French.

2. Comment on the instructor's performance as far as knowledge of the subject matter, organization and clarity of presentation. Did the instructor create a climate appropriate for language learning?

The instructor was very organized and knowledgeable regarding the subject matter. She always made sure she communicated clearly enough so that we all had a strong understanding of what she was saying. The instructor's comfortability with the language and her warmth and enthusiasm created an ideal class environment for learning a language.

3. Comment on the instructor's accessibility outside of the classroom.

The instructor always made herself available to anyone who needed assistance.

4. Comment on the appropriateness, helpfulness and fairness of the assignments and tests.

The assignments corresponded with what we were learning, and helped further cement our understanding. They were fair.

5. Do you have any other comments regarding the course or the instructor's performance?

I loved this class, and a huge part of that was because of Lucy!
Thank you for a great year ;)

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Yes many activities were geared towards the learning of communication skills including the listening ~~but~~ but mostly the speaking

2. Comment on the instructor's performance as far as knowledge of the subject matter, organization and clarity of presentation. Did the instructor create a climate appropriate for language learning?

She was knowledgeable of french and she always encouraged us to participate + learn. She did have to look some words up that we asked but that is expected.

3. Comment on the instructor's accessibility outside of the classroom.

She had office hours and told us when they were so she was accessible outside of the classroom. Anytime I wanted to meet her she probably would have been open.

4. Comment on the appropriateness, helpfulness and fairness of the assignments and tests.

The assignments were mostly fair, I would not say that all of the assignments were both appropriate or helpful however.

5. Do you have any other comments regarding the course or the instructor's performance?

I don't think the course was as intense as I wanted it to be.

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In-class activities were definitely geared towards the acquisition of communication skills in French, including speaking and listening.
I definitely spoke more French this semester than last semester.

2. Comment on the instructor's performance as far as knowledge of the subject matter, organization and clarity of presentation. Did the instructor create a climate appropriate for language learning?

Yes, Lucy definitely knew a lot about the language and when she didn't know a certain word, she would look it up for us.

Although it was sometimes uncomfortable to speak in class because the rest of the class was hesitant to speak, I don't think that had anything to do with what Lucy did or could have done.

3. Comment on the instructor's accessibility outside of the classroom.

Lucy always responded to emails promptly and if we ever needed help, she was available.

4. Comment on the appropriateness, helpfulness and fairness of the assignments and tests.

I thought all of the tests were fair, and the assignments definitely helped me learn the material.

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I thought this semester was much more helpful than last in how much French I actually learned and used.

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Goals were set out clearly, and class was entirely based around practicing speaking and listening.

2. Comment on the instructor's performance as far as knowledge of the subject matter, organization and clarity of presentation. Did the instructor create a climate appropriate for language learning?

Lucy was knowledgeable about the topic of discussion for the day, making discussion easier.

3. Comment on the instructor's accessibility outside of the classroom.

Very accessible via e-mail, though I did not take advantage of office hours.

4. Comment on the appropriateness, helpfulness and fairness of the assignments and tests.

All were fair and helpful

5. Do you have any other comments regarding the course or the instructor's performance?

No, thanks for a great year!

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Yes, I think everything followed a tight schedule and there were a diversity of activities to make sure we could employ the language frequently.

2. Comment on the instructor's performance as far as knowledge of the subject matter, organization and clarity of presentation. Did the instructor create a climate appropriate for language learning?

Very clear instruction. She knew the language very well, and so no problems there. Very good climate for language learning. However, I wish the use of English in the class was more strictly controlled, as too much "Franglais" was used.

3. Comment on the instructor's accessibility outside of the classroom.

Responded quickly to emails, although office hours were rather brief. However, not too difficult to get ahold of.

4. Comment on the appropriateness, helpfulness and fairness of the assignments and tests.

Everything was fair. I would say that in class activities were a bit laid back and should have been more rigorous than they were. However, generally in class grammar exercises were

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exercises were very useful for learning the materials.

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Specific goals were well set out and well-realized by Professor Swanson. The class was well-set up to encourage the development of our speaking skills.

2. Comment on the instructor's performance as far as knowledge of the subject matter, organization and clarity of presentation. Did the instructor create a climate appropriate for language learning?

The Professor created a classroom environment that was both comfortable and conducive to language learning, as well as enjoyable!

3. Comment on the instructor's accessibility outside of the classroom.

Excellent! I appreciated the timeliness with which Professor Swanson was accessible via email and on Moodle.

4. Comment on the appropriateness, helpfulness and fairness of the assignments and tests.

This isn't the fault of Prof. Swanson, but I sometimes wished that the class was less intrinsically tied to the textbook. I understand its utility, however.

5. Do you have any other comments regarding the course or the instructor's performance?

Prof. Swanson did a great job in teaching the course & has motivated me to continue w/ French classes & strongly consider studying abroad in a Francophone country!

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I think we accomplished many of the goals regarding learning how to speak and communicate better in French, and that many activities were geared towards such a goal.

2. Comment on the instructor's performance as far as knowledge of the subject matter, organization and clarity of presentation. Did the instructor create a climate appropriate for language learning?

Yes, Prof. Swanson was very well versed in French, but I feel that if she persuaded the class to speak more often, it could have been better for learning.

3. Comment on the instructor's accessibility outside of the classroom.

She was always available when needed.

4. Comment on the appropriateness, helpfulness and fairness of the assignments and tests.

I thought the assignments and tests were fair and appropriate, but a bit formulaic.

5. Do you have any other comments regarding the course or the instructor's performance?

N/A

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The entire course was planned out from the beginning.

Activities helped in communication but did not vary in style very much.

2. Comment on the instructor's performance as far as knowledge of the subject matter, organization and clarity of presentation. Did the instructor create a climate appropriate for language learning?

Class was well organized but not always engaging, often seemed repetitive

3. Comment on the instructor's accessibility outside of the classroom.

Always responded promptly and with detail when needed (E-mail)

4. Comment on the appropriateness, helpfulness and fairness of the assignments and tests.

Assignments were tedious at times but easy, more like busy work.

Tests were generally fair

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We had a very detailed syllabus that outlined everything. Yes, they focused on speaking mostly.

2. Comment on the instructor's performance as far as knowledge of the subject matter, organization and clarity of presentation. Did the instructor create a climate appropriate for language learning?

she is helpful with the language and won't hesitate to look up words she doesn't know. What she taught she taught well, I just wished we went over grammar rules more in class.

3. Comment on the instructor's accessibility outside of the classroom.

I never really tried to go to office hours but her email was useful.

4. Comment on the appropriateness, helpfulness and fairness of the assignments and tests.

Appropriate yes, helpfulness not so much. They were too short in my opinion so little mistakes started to ruin your grade. Little things add up, especially when the test is out of 50 points.

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I don't feel as confident with speaking as I would hope.
The activities were sometimes helpful but we never fully went over the exercises.

2. Comment on the instructor's performance as far as knowledge of the subject matter, organization and clarity of presentation. Did the instructor create a climate appropriate for language learning?

The class wasn't very organized but she knew what she was talking about. I felt like I learned when we spoke with one another.

3. Comment on the instructor's accessibility outside of the classroom.

She was very accessible and willing to meet.

4. Comment on the appropriateness, helpfulness and fairness of the assignments and tests.

The online assignments did not seem helpful. Going over the grammar for the review class was helpful. I wasn't a huge fan of the tests.

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2. Comment on the instructor's performance as far as knowledge of the subject matter, organization and clarity of presentation. Did the instructor create a climate appropriate for language learning?

Very knowledgeable on the subject
class was well organized and planned

3. Comment on the instructor's accessibility outside of the classroom.

I never tried to meet with her outside of class but she answered emails quickly!

4. Comment on the appropriateness, helpfulness and fairness of the assignments and tests.

I wish there was more of a variety in assignments; I liked the film project the best

5. Do you have any other comments regarding the course or the instructor's performance?

I ~~don't~~ didn't enjoy the workbook we used very much. I really liked Professor Swanson she did an excellent job.