

End of Semester Course Evaluation

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Yes, they certainly ~~did~~ stretched my understanding of the works and improved my grammar/vocab. But they were hindered somewhat by overly prescribed formats such as "zen 10". ~~and the~~

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Texts + Films were very appropriate, those that were a stretch were supplemented w/ vocab lists. I would focus less on texts that are only notable for their representation of ~~minorities~~ minorities.

For example, Le Gone du Chaaba was poorly written ~~but~~ BUT there are plenty of ^{other} texts which both highlight

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Yes, very personable/open.

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Maybe use more in depth discussion questions? Some were a bit superficial

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The assignments / workload was extremely manageable and fair. I learned a lot ~~and~~ about French culture, especially that of western African immigrants

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You are the nicest and most level-headed prof. I've ever had!

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Work was manageable and texts were appropriately hard. I really liked the texts at the beginning of the year. I think as the course went on I found it harder to connect the readings, but still enjoyed them. Papers and exams were fair.

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She was great-very approachable and accessible.

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N/A

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I found that some texts were not discussed enough (I really liked a lot of discussions that were cut short); I'm not criticizing the workload as much as the inability to go

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She was really accessible outside of class; she fostered a lot of discussion, some times would have appreciated longer lectures

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Really excellent course & prof.

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The workload was very manageable. The work got progressively harder, but it was done in a stepwise fashion that was sane. It was all very well done.

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The instructor was low. Seriously. If I could take another French class with her, I would, hands down over all others. Professor Swanson made me like French again.

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She was fantastic. End of story.

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Yes, it is manageable. Reading is a little tough for introductory level. Literature, yes, unless not really. Le Horla.

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I hope she can say more about her feeling over literature. I really hope there can be more interactions between professors and students.

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She is a great person, need to work on becoming a good professor.

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*The workload was manageable and helped a lot with Francophone literature. I enjoyed *Le Crâne du Châssis* the most. The papers and exams were very fair and relevant.*

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Yes she was very helpful in making the material engaging and easy to follow along while keeping a rigorous schedule

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workload manageable, exams & papers fair & relevant. Texts covered ~~a~~ different aspects of french lit & culture, focusing on African-french cultures and groups marginalized in ~~the~~ french society

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- The workload was perfect. I really enjoyed the texts, and the films ~~were~~ a little less so, but the films were actually pertinent and interesting once we analyzed them as a class.
- Most ^{helpful/enjoyable} texts: Le Gène du Chaâba, Prost, Baudelaire
- suggestions: talk about films before we watch them
- papers and exams: very fair and appropriate

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The instructor was wonderful. she was accessible and very willing to help and encouraged participation, which I really appreciated. Pace slowed down a little sometimes, so I'd suggest the instructor help pick the pace up! motivate people to talk.

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This was a great class - my favorite French class so far!
I have decided to continue w/ French because of this class!

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Lucy is so sweet and so nice and really smart and interesting and engaging. She is super accessible!

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Lucy is the best! She should definitely consider coming back to Haverford

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The workload was manageable, yet challenging. The texts and films we studied were appropriate for this course level, and helped me improve my French skills, especially my writing skills. I enjoyed reading Le Gone du Chaaba and Une Tempête the most. The exams and papers were fair in my opinion.

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Yes, but sometimes I felt as though there were excessively long pauses during class discussion. The professor is accessible outside of class, and very approachable.

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Enthusiastic, and knowledgeable on all the material we covered this year. We'll miss her!!!!

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Especially those activities when we got to work in smaller groups. The readings guides for texts were very helpful in ~~do~~ analyzing them.

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In general, I found the texts to be appropriate, and I enjoyed more the fiction than theory (Foucault, -)

I would also prefer less texts, but longer, so that we can go deeper into the analysis.

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The professor did an excellent job.

She was accessible outside of the class and she also listened to our comments about the class discussions to make it better.

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