

University Core Questions

Term: Regular semester, Spring 2016

Instructor: Rory A. Lee

Course: ENG 231, Section 2 - Professional Writing

Responses: 9 out of 18 (50.0%)

Question	Statistics
<i>My instructor explains the course objectives clearly.</i> 1: Strongly Disagree 2: Disagree 3: Neutral 4: Agree 5: Strongly Agree 1: 0 (0%) 2: 0 (0%) 3: 0 (0%) 4: 7 (78%) 5: 2 (22%)	Mean 4.222 Median - Interpolated 4.143 Standard Deviation 0.441
<i>My instructor explains course content clearly.</i> 1: Strongly Disagree 2: Disagree 3: Neutral 4: Agree 5: Strongly Agree 1: 0 (0%) 2: 0 (0%) 3: 2 (22%) 4: 5 (56%) 5: 2 (22%)	Mean 4.000 Median - Interpolated 4.000 Standard Deviation 0.707
<i>My instructor uses effective examples and illustrations.</i> 1: Strongly Disagree 2: Disagree 3: Neutral 4: Agree 5: Strongly Agree 1: 0 (0%) 2: 0 (0%) 3: 0 (0%) 4: 6 (67%) 5: 3 (33%)	Mean 4.333 Median - Interpolated 4.250 Standard Deviation 0.500
<i>My instructor is respectful when I have a question or comment.</i> 1: Strongly Disagree 2: Disagree 3: Neutral 4: Agree 5: Strongly Agree 1: 0 (0%) 2: 0 (0%) 3: 0 (0%) 4: 1 (11%) 5: 8 (89%)	Mean 4.889 Median - Interpolated 4.938 Standard Deviation 0.333
<i>My instructor provides feedback that helps me improve my performance in the class.</i> 1: Strongly Disagree 2: Disagree 3: Neutral 4: Agree 5: Strongly Agree 1: 0 (0%) 2: 0 (0%) 3: 0 (0%) 4: 3 (33%) 5: 6 (67%)	Mean 4.667 Median - Interpolated 4.750 Standard Deviation 0.500
<i>My instructor is available for consultation (e.g., after class, email, office hours, or by appointment).</i> 1: Strongly Disagree 2: Disagree 3: Neutral 4: Agree 5: Strongly Agree 1: 0 (0%) 2: 0 (0%) 3: 1 (11%) 4: 2 (22%) 5: 6 (67%)	Mean 4.556 Median - Interpolated 4.750 Standard Deviation 0.726

Question
Please provide any additional written comments on the instructor's strengths and weaknesses.
Dr. Lee provides extremely extensive feedback that is very helpful for future projects. He takes great time and care to review and each and every aspect of our projects and why we received the grade we did. Dr. Lee is extremely helpful by e-mail and consultation but I really wish he had office hours. He explained that he doesn't because he feels like his time is wasted when students don't come, but there are more levels of separation between Dr. Lee and the students then. I've had a lot of small questions that I've wanted to ask but didn't want to bombard him with e-mails. It would have been nice to be able to casually drop by his office to ask him a question but instead I just guessed so I didn't bother him.
Rory is very knowledgeable in his field is eager to talk to us and get us to participate in class. He always finds ways to make the content we're learning relevant by using current examples (or having us find and evaluate examples ourselves). He was very competent and well-prepared; overall great professor!

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<i>This course has clear objectives.</i> 1: Strongly Disagree 2: Disagree 3: Neutral 4: Agree 5: Strongly Agree 1: 0 (0%) 2: 0 (0%) 3: 2 (22%) 4: 4 (44%) 5: 3 (33%)	Mean 4.111 Median - Interpolated 4.125 Standard Deviation 0.782
<i>This course is effective in meeting its objectives.</i> 1: Strongly Disagree 2: Disagree 3: Neutral 4: Agree 5: Strongly Agree 1: 0 (0%) 2: 0 (0%) 3: 1 (11%) 4: 5 (56%) 5: 3 (33%)	Mean 4.222 Median - Interpolated 4.200 Standard Deviation 0.667

<p><i>This course has assignments related to the objectives of the course.</i></p> <p>1: Strongly Disagree 2: Disagree 3: Neutral 4: Agree 5: Strongly Agree 1: 0 (0%) 2: 1 (11%) 3: 1 (11%) 4: 4 (44%) 5: 3 (33%)</p>	<p>Mean</p> <p>4.000</p>
	<p>Median - Interpolated</p> <p>4.125</p>
	<p>Standard Deviation</p> <p>1.000</p>
<p><i>This course has a clear grading system.</i></p> <p>1: Strongly Disagree 2: Disagree 3: Neutral 4: Agree 5: Strongly Agree 1: 0 (0%) 2: 0 (0%) 3: 0 (0%) 4: 4 (44%) 5: 5 (56%)</p>	<p>Mean</p> <p>4.556</p>
	<p>Median - Interpolated</p> <p>4.600</p>
	<p>Standard Deviation</p> <p>0.527</p>
<p><i>This course broadens my perspective and/or knowledge.</i></p> <p>1: Strongly Disagree 2: Disagree 3: Neutral 4: Agree 5: Strongly Agree 1: 0 (0%) 2: 0 (0%) 3: 1 (11%) 4: 3 (33%) 5: 5 (56%)</p>	<p>Mean</p> <p>4.444</p>
	<p>Median - Interpolated</p> <p>4.600</p>
	<p>Standard Deviation</p> <p>0.726</p>

Please provide any additional written comments on the strengths and weaknesses of the course. You may comment on such things as the use of assignments, text(s), exercises, exams, etc.
Incredibly insightful (and useful) course. A great instructor makes it that much better.
Dr. Lee's class is extremely informative. We talked a lot about rhetoric, rhetorical theories, and their practices. To speak to this, Dr. Lee created the criteria for our class with the students in mind. I feel that I learned a lot from this course and I feel like my thoughts and opinions were valued. This is especially reflected in the fact that he creates the rubric which we as a class are graded on WITH us; that's seriously incredible. I've never had a professor that so clearly spells out what they're looking for in a project as Dr. Lee. On the other side of this coin, I really really felt that the viral marketing campaign was just a really ineffective project. For one, our class was extremely theoretical, we talked a lot about concepts and ideas and this project was 100% practical; it was a really jarring oscillation between those two. Additionally, I understand that digital media is a huge part of rhet-comp but only one or two people in our entire class plan to pursue media content creation as a career. I know a lot of us are seeking careers in the analog instead of the digital and I think the project was well suited for two students and really unhelpful and just really stressful for the rest of the students. I literally didn't learn anything from the viral marketing project although I did learn a lot in class about rhetoric and the ethos of digital media. I really feel like that project wasn't reflective or representative of what we learned and what students wanted to learn. Overall, Dr. Lee is fantastic and one of my favorite professors of all time. He's clear about the content of the class and what he wants from students in a way that makes getting an A not easy, but you know what it takes. In the future though, I feel that this project seriously needs scrapped or at least overhauled and revised.
This class was not at all what I expected it to be. In some ways, it was better because I learned things that I did not figure would be part of the class. However, the way we went about breaking down and discussing rhetoric was interesting at times and confusing at others. I was not quite sure what we were supposed to walk away with from this class. I do have a better understanding of rhetoric, but I do not know how that knowledge pertains to professional writing in particular. The projects that we did for the class were interesting and helpful in the sense that they each taught me something valuable. I now know how much time and effort is required to create a successful viral marketing campaign. I also now have a better understanding of a particular field, as well as having a portfolio to utilize after graduation. It just seemed at times that we deviated from professional writing and instead delved into language usage. I think this would have been a better class to take as a prerequisite to professional writing due to the way that it was taught and the topics we covered.