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TEACHING EVALUATIONS

Latin 101: Language and Culture (Fall 2010)

Please comment on the elements of the COURSE you found particularly effective.

- 1 The most effective element of the course was the teacher was able to get everyone's attention in class and to participate in learning.
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Please comment on COURSE IMPROVEMENTS you would suggest.

- 1 There is nothing that needs improvements.
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Please comment on how effective the INSTRUCTOR was in teaching this course.

- 1 The instructor was highly effective in teaching this course, during the class he effectively captured everyone's attention, made us keep up with the vocabulary through quizzes, used unique techniques for us to remember declension such as chanting them in class, taught with enthusiasm, and taught the students as equals. He would tell us interesting stories about the history of Latin too. Best instructor I had thus far in UB. At first I only took Latin because it was the only language class open at the time and because it was required, but after this class I am moving onto Latin 102. Highly recommended teacher that encourages questions and really tries to make sure everyone in class understands and is keeping up with the material even though Latin is a dead language.
 - 2 Joey makes learning Latin a very enjoyable experience. He is a caring and thorough teacher who is well prepared and informative. Always taking time to adjust to his students, he is very patient and generous with his time outside of class. I highly recommend him and I feel rather lucky that he was my instructor.
 - 3 Joey's a great teacher - I went out of my way to organize my schedule for next semester around the section of LAT102 that he'll be teaching. He's friendly, approachable, knowledgeable, and helpful.
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Latin 102: Language and Culture (Spring 2011)

Please comment on the elements of the COURSE you found particularly effective.

- 1 Presentation of the material was direct and explanatory but done with a tone of humor that was effective in making the class laugh.
- 2 Latin is a tough language to learn. The most effective "tool" we used was actual Latin texts. I felt like I learned more when we were reading short stories or letters, more so than practice sentences.
- 3 The homework assigned by the instructor was very beneficial, the weekly vocabulary tests helped sharpen vocabulary skills as well.
- 4 It kept up a good pace, and even allowed a few days at the end for review of material covered in the previous semester.

Please comment on COURSE IMPROVEMENTS you would suggest.

- 1 This is a very in-depth language. It would be nice to have longer classes to really get all the material.

Please comment on how effective the INSTRUCTOR was in teaching this course.

- 1 I really enjoyed working with this instructor and really enjoyed this class. The instructor was easy to learn from and always kept the class entertaining and light. I would certainly recommend this instructor and this class to other students who want to learn Latin really well while having fun at the same time!
- 2 Very. I switched instructors between 101 and 102 and found 102 to be effective enough to bring me up to speed on first semester material while keeping me with the class on 102 material.
- 3 Having attended UB the past five years, I can honestly say that Joey was the best teacher I have come across. His style of teaching is both fun and effective. I've struggled with Latin from the beginning, and while I know I still have a lot to learn, I have made tremendous progress thanks to Joey. His willingness to help and give up his own time, as well as his encouragement was above and beyond anything I would have expected. I would recommend Joey as a Latin teacher to anyone. He's a great teacher and a great person. He was so great in Latin 101 I made sure to arrange my schedule to take his Latin 102 class. Again, being at UB for such a long time and taking many classes, with many different teachers, I can honestly say I'm glad that one of my final classes at this school was with such a talented and wonderful person.
- 4 Joey was quite possibly my favorite professor and I can honestly say that I would not have learned the material half as well with a different professor. He managed to keep the class interesting and very informative while his glorious sense of humor kept everyone in high spirits. He would always devote time to any of his students who needed help and is one of the few professors I know who care more about educating the students than simply having them get through the course. UB was lucky to have him as a professor and I am certainly glad I enrolled in his courses. Also... Grow your beard back, Joey.
- 5 Great instructor, the best one I've had at UB so far. He really connects with the students and if you ever needed help he was always there to assist you. I would recommend Joey Williams for future students.
- 6 Joey was an excellent teacher. His sense of humor and playfulness helped motivate the class to do more, even when we were covering difficult topics. He had a very strong presence that made people try very hard to do things well because we knew we would feel great after completing a difficult bit of Latin. This class was one of my favorite classes this spring because Joey made it such a good time.
- 7 Joey was great. Joey would always answer any question I had about anything and was willing to answer any question after class also. Joey also would give detailed notes on the quizzes on anything I did wrong and how to make sure I wouldn't make the same mistake.

Introduction to Classical Archaeology (Fall 2009)

Please comment on the elements of the COURSE you found particularly effective.

- 1 Small class size, interesting topics.
- 2 The powerpoint presentations gave me a good visual understanding of the course material.
- 3 AWESOME!
- 4 I enjoyed giving a site reports, the kind of research for it was a new experience that I liked a lot.
- 5 Slideshows made it easy to follow along and take notes

Please comment on COURSE IMPROVEMENTS you would suggest.

- 1 NONE, JOEY IS AWESOME!
- 2 None!

Please comment on how effective the INSTRUCTOR was in teaching this course.

- 1 Joey was very effective at teaching this course throughout the entire semester. Passing around books, or pottery chips for us to look at really helped in understanding the material better. He also made class fun, enjoyable, and a class to actually look forward to attending.
- 2 Fun and effective.
- 3 Was very excited and involved with all of the subject matter. He made me want to learn more and try hard to understand the course material.
- 4 JOEY IS AWESOME.
- 5 I love your humor, made getting up for your class easier.
- 6 One of the most enthusiastic instructors which really made the classes enjoyable to attend. Very funny!
- 7 He was an extremely enjoyable instructor to have and did a good job with making the information interesting to learn. He also provided helpful feedback on tests/projects.

World Civilizations I Recitations (Fall 2007)

Please comment on the elements of the COURSE you found particularly effective.

- 1 easy and relaxed atmosphere allowed for easy learning experience.
- 2 great
- 3 Reviewing information that we learned in the course.
- 4 being able to ask questions, getting a review of each week's material helped to process it
- 5 Good review, with enough new material to keep it from getting boring.
- 6 Good supplement to lectures. Weekly quizzes are annoying, but good because they reinforce the information. I think that's what counts.
- 7 it helped me study for exams, the take home quizzes were a good guideline to follow so i knew what was important
- 8 Going over the material presented in lecture for more understanding.
- 9 The weekly quizzes were a good supplement to the lecture material.
- 10 Joey's notes and recitation were great. What we didn't learn in lecture, we learned in recitation. And what wasn't clear in lecture, we straightened out during recitation. Our review sessions before exams always left me feeling prepared and confident about the test the next day.
- 11 I found it effective to have quizzes every week because it left less cramming time when it came time for tests. Also it helped extremely to go over what was discussed in lecture to reinforce the information.
- 12 fun fun fun
- 13 It was a very laid back environment but yet still a learning type of one.
- 14 The extra tidbits of knowledge we learned in recitation and the class on why we take World Civ (before the break)
- 15 Loved the structure of the lecture.
- 16 Understanding the viewpoints of previous civilizations and understanding history in general.
- 17 It was effective when we went over what we spoke of on the previous world civ lecture, it helped me retrieve the information and get a second mini lecture from it, allowing me to grasp some things that i missed during the lecture.

Please comment on COURSE IMPROVEMENTS you would suggest.

- 1 None!
- 2 none
- 3 None, keep up the good work!
- 4 None

Please comment on how effective the INSTRUCTOR was in teaching this course.

- 1 Nice TA. would recommend
- 2 he was the best
- 3 easy to talk to, very understanding of students' needs, helped learn the information
- 4 Very effective. Was good at doing reviews.
- 5 joey is nice and funny. he conveys the information well even though we didn't review everything each week.
- 6 Amiable, and with more than enough knowledge of the subject to make this recitation an excellent addendum.
- 7 Joey reviews the material effectively for tests and is very understanding of students' dispositions and helps them under all circumstances.
- 8 Joey is very knowledgeable, he had a lot of fun facts and details that we didn't learn in lecture. I really enjoyed having recitation with him.
- 9 He was great, he used relevant outside sources to illustrate his point, and was very receptive to questions. He seemed to have a strong background in what he was teaching that allowed him to use outside knowledge to answer questions whose answers were not clearly expressed in the text or lectures. he was a phenomenal teacher
- 10 I thought he did a good job re-explaining the lecture. He seems to really enjoy the subject and it showed when he discussed it.
- 11 He was effective at reviewing important material. I especially appreciated it when he went into more depth on a few interesting topics and also added some surprising, little-known historical information.
- 12 Joey was just as interesting as Professor Boyd. He made recitation interesting and made himself more than accessible to his students.
- 13 Thank god I had Joey on Monday. He always helped to start the week out right. He was very funny, intelligent, and approachable. I never felt scared to ask a question on something or to go to him if I needed help. He knew what he was doing and he always brought humor to a boring Monday morning. I hope I have him next semester!
- 14 Joey was always very helpful and showed a sincere interest in how well we were all doing. When my computer

was broken he even gave me his phone number in case I had any questions he could help me with before a test.

15 He's an awesome TA! friendly, well prepared, and very smart

16 I really think that Joey was a great T.A. he explained everything really well especially when he helped us review before exams.

17 Joey made sure he went over all the material that was taught in lecture and that we understood everything. He was also very good at answering any questions that we had.

18 Joey is very smart and knowledgeable about what he is teaching. He is extremely enthusiastic and makes learning fun!

19 Take-home quizzes before the exams helped me learn the material better. I liked how Joey did the quizzes each week as well.

20 Joey was very effective and a great TA. I wish I could request him for next semester. Treated us like adults, but still cared about our learning. He was very interactive with the students and created a great learning environment. He will make a great teacher and helped me to excel in world civ.

21 His summaries of the lectures and his pre-test summary, they were quite well done and helped us greatly. His humor also greatly helped the course go along, and he was able to read my chicken scratch no problem. He was one of the influencing factors in my major, and I could only hope to have him in the future for any of my history courses.

22 Joey is a great TA! Very outstanding!! He is someone who will go the extra step to help you prepare for a test. Explains things in depth and is very easy to learn from. Very very good!

World Civilizations I Recitations (Fall 2008)

Please comment on the elements of the COURSE you found particularly effective.

- 1 Helps out a lot. You learn stuff they couldn't touch upon in the lecture
- 2 Quizzes & attendance grades helped my class grade a lot
- 3 Recitations helped students to learn more about the material discussed in class and to relate it to modern day life.
- 4 The many activities that we did we're great to help retain information from the lectures.
- 5 As a recitation for the World Civilization lecture, this course was exactly what was needed. It took the impersonal direct information presented in the lecture and made it personal and hands on. I may not have passed the tests or at least not done as well as I did had it not been for this recitation.
- 6 The course was extremely educating.
- 7 The recitation helped me better understand the material greatly and gave valuable insight into history.
- 8 I really enjoyed the way Joey taught!
- 9 The use of powerpoint with visuals and important information presented the information in a way that made it clear what it was we needed to know.
- 10 This class makes the material taught in lecture so much easier to remember. The weekly writing quizzes we have make us think about what we have learned.
- 11 Great class helped me when prepare for test and lecture
- 12 Student involved discussions. Upbeat and interesting topics.

Please comment on COURSE IMPROVEMENTS you would suggest.

- 1 Keep it up!
- 2 None, very well done.
- 3 There is nothing that I can think of in order to improve this course.
- 4 None. Maybe fixing the laptop that always froze on us. But even that kind of added to the class.
- 5 no improvements necessary
- 6 none
- 7 it would be helpful if there was more time in this class

Please comment on how effective the INSTRUCTOR was in teaching this course.

- 1 Joey is a wonderful TA, he is helpful and understands when something happens. He does his best to help us study for the exams and to learn the material. Good job Joey!
- 2 i enjoyed the various class activities
- 3 he was a good TA. helped me better understand material from lecture. funny guy, made recitation interesting
- 4 Joey Williams was by far the best TA I've ever had. He was funny and extremely knowledgeable. He made the class fun and we learned so much from him. His background allowed him to teach us interesting things about the past and lead to some very fun class discussions. I would recommend Joey to everyone and I would love to have him again for World Civ. II.
- 5 I had his instructor for recitation and he used a variety of methods to help us understand the information without becoming bored. He also gave us a variety of readings to help us understand the culture and pointed us in the correct direction while helping us to understand the cultural impact both in the time period we were studying and how it affects us today.
- 6 Joey really helped to reinforce class material to me and is the main reason I got an A in the class. I would highly recommend signing up for his recitation.
- 7 He was very effective and did more than just go over lecture notes. He added other materials and even some current events to help us better understand the course.
- 8 Joey always made anything that was unclear about the lecture understandable. He made the information easy to relate to, which given the time periods, is no easy task. He also inspires students to take action outside the classroom, and lets everyone know that they can make a difference. His teaching method combined with his fantastic personality made the recitation more than enjoyable.
- 9 I was never interested in history until this course with Joey Williams. He knows every little detail of history, and is truly fascinated by it. Joey made it extremely easy to understand the course itself and definitely knows his stuff. He is by far one of the most knowledgeable people that I've met, and is a great TA to get for the course. He is extremely helpful and makes himself available in case anyone needs help. In all, Joey was a great instructor and I'm lucky that I was able to be in his class this semester.
- 10 Joey Williams was by far the best instructor I could have asked for. He was absolutely my favorite for a variety of reasons. He not only presented what we needed to know in absolutely every class but he also gave me my first interest in History. It was always my least favorite subject but after being a student of Joey I would actually take into consideration being an archaeologist or history major or anything dealing with history. And that says a lot. He held interest to all the students in his class and I have heard nothing but positive remarks about him. And

that's all I have for him. I could not find one complaint in me. More than anything, his including of all the work he has done in translation and archaeology was what I found most captivating of all. He would have to be my favorite instructor since Kindergarten as far as I can tell.

- 11 Amazing instructor. One of the best TA's I've ever had. He always had the attention of the class and taught very well.
 - 12 Joey was phenomenal. He provided us with interesting stories that helped advance our knowledge of the subject and he cared deeply about the success of his students.
 - 13 Joey was a great teacher. I really enjoyed this class,
 - 14 Joey is awesome, not overbearing or intimidating at all so you want to get your work done because he is so nice about it. I never thought I would look forward to recitation but I love that class actually. Joey did a great job helping us understand the material.
 - 15 Joey was absolutely amazing. He made class time fun as well as informative. He made himself relatable to his students and made sure that we had a good time when working on assignments. He was knowledgeable and showed that he enjoyed teaching us which made class that much better.
 - 16 He was very smart and fun and gave us activities to do that helped us further understand the material, but weren't boring.
 - 17 joey is just like professor boyd.
 - 18 Great
 - 19 Joey was an amazing ta. He was very enthusiastic about the material he was teaching, and that helped me understand it a lot better.
 - 20 My teacher was awesome he helped me when i didn't understand something and went over what we did in lecture the a lot so we understand what it was about
 - 21 EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE! Joey was the best! He is extremely knowledgeable and is a great instructor. He makes everything very interesting and fun. Thanks Joey
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World Civilizations II Recitations (Spring 2008):

Please comment on the elements of the COURSE you found particularly effective.

- 1 mandatory recitation is very effective because it reinforces the information. i wish all my recitations were mandatory.
- 2 the review questions for exams is pretty good. Also the quiz that was there to improve our understanding of the course as well as bring up our grades.
- 3 the instructor and his humor
- 4 The take-home essays really helped me organize my thoughts and helped me go through my book and learn more
- 5 it was good to have a recitation for this class to better my understanding of the course material and prepare me more for the exams.
- 6 information was easy to follow
- 7 Recitation was well organized and helped to understand lecture material more effectively.

Please comment on COURSE IMPROVEMENTS you would suggest.

- 1 none
- 2 none
- 3 quizzes should be at the end of the lesson

Please comment on how effective the INSTRUCTOR was in teaching this course.

- 1 joey was a good teacher for recitation. his notes are easily understood and he is always available in office hours to meet.
- 2 The instructor is really nice. He explains course materials very clearly.
- 3 he was a good ta. he was always on times and available to students when needed.
- 4 Williams is very enthusiastic about his job and I would recommend him to anyone taking this class. He keeps everyone awake with his humor and spirit.
- 5 He made class interesting and answered any questions that we had and helped use with anything that we needed. I would recommend him to anyone to take world civ II
- 6 Joey is the best TA i ever had, i highly recommend joining his class. he is very easy to approach and very helpful. his style of teaching really helps.
- 7 He was a fun guy
- 8 He summarized all the relevant material very well and helped us to understand all of the important topics.
- 9 very effective
- 10 Joey was probably made that recitation the best hour of my week.
- 11 really valued students feedback, he was fun and lively and made the material easy to understand.
- 12 AMAZING AMAZING TA! Really connected to students and kept our attention. Understanding and knowledgeable. EVERYONE should have this man as a TA, will make a great professor someday. Keep him and pay him more!
- 13 Just simply the best TA I ever had. Really made World Civ a lot of fun!
- 14 Very good TA. Knowledgeable about the material as well as connecting topics. Made recitation easy to attend at 9am.
- 15 I like how he went over lectures again in recitation. His quizzes were fair and he made class fun.

World Civilizations II Recitations (Spring 2009)

Please comment on the elements of the COURSE you found particularly effective.

- 1 I enjoyed the recitations they were very helpful in going over the material from class.
- 2 in depth explanations during recitation
- 3 Really helped to reinforce the things we learned in lecture and readings, as well as point out some things we may have missed.
- 4 explained our notes very well.
- 5 Going over lecture.
- 6 This teacher did a good recap of the lecture, with some added info on the side.
- 7 It helped clarify the material that had been learned in lecture.
- 8 Recitations were great review time from the previous lecture.

Please comment on COURSE IMPROVEMENTS you would suggest.

- 1 More test review.
- 2 We did not have enough time to discuss everything. I can't believe I am saying this but the class needs to be longer.

Please comment on how effective the INSTRUCTOR was in teaching this course.

- 1 Joey was one of the best TA's i ever had. He broke down the material from class and made them so we could better understand it. He took his job seriously and it showed.
- 2 very effective and interesting TA. Taught well and clarified anything you may be confused on.
- 3 Made history as interesting as it could be... was very enthusiastic
- 4 very good TA one of the best i would love if he was one of TA's again. made it very fun and had a good learning environment overall GRRRRRRRRRREAT!!!!
- 5 Joey is an awesome TA. He makes things even more clear in recitation and is available if you ever need help. He is an interesting TA, which makes the topics way better. He is energetic and great to listen to because he has a great sense of humor which catches your attention.
- 6 Joey Williams is a great TA!!! He makes the learning fun, and makes the students feel comfortable so that they can join in the discussions. He injects his sense of humor into the lessons which keeps the students engaged, and makes what could be a boring class entertaining and enjoyable.
- 7 great teacher and very well organized. he helped out with our notes and anything we asked he answered.
- 8 Fun instructor, great with students and was good at teaching the right information.
- 9 The teacher taught with a high level of personality that made the recitation enjoyable.
- 10 Joey is a great teaching assistant. He knows the material very well.
- 11 He was a very good TA, who helped the class understand the material as well as giving deeper insight and interesting facts about the topics presented.
- 12 Joey is a wonderful instructor. He is very approachable and both knowledgeable and passionate about the material he teaches.
- 13 Professor Boyd allowed each TA to lecture one time. Some were decent some were bad but Joey's actually was near professor Boyd's ability. Having just given Professor Boyd's comments (BEST PROFESSOR AT UB) I would not be surprised if JOEY became a full time professor of world civilization in the near future. He really knew his stuff.

World Civilizations II Recitation (Spring 2010)

Please comment on the elements of the COURSE you found particularly effective.

- 1 Recitation was a quick recap of the lecture and having it explained again and by another person was helpful.
- 2 This course reinforces the material taught in lecture.
- 3 Joey's lectures were a very good summary of what was covered in class.
- 4 he knew his stuff, he re-explained lectures and emphasized important information while throwing in fun facts to keep the class interested in what he was saying
- 5 The course had a variety of information I found interesting.
- 6 Coincided well with the lecture.
- 7 The fact that information from lecture was reviewed and reinforced.
- 8 Joey reviewed what was taught in lecture and this helped me remember the material better. He also gave weekly quizzes which were a good incentive for going to recitation and lecture. He had a lot of energy which was good because I was more likely to pay attention to what he was saying.
- 9 we covered just enough material to fully grasp.
- 10 the course was cool!

Please comment on COURSE IMPROVEMENTS you would suggest.

- 1 Some students don't prefer having the TA's lecture. Some TA's on the other hand are very enjoyable. Joey's lecture was great.
- 2 everything was great !

Please comment on how effective the INSTRUCTOR was in teaching this course.

- 1 Joey is amazing!! He made recitation fun, funny, and informative. He's a great TA!!!!
- 2 Joey is awesome! very funny and he made the information needed for class very understandable and easy to learn!
- 3 Joey is pretty much awesome. There is nothing more to really say about it.
- 4 SO effective! He was hilarious and it kept things interesting, and made me want to go to class. That is important, and a lot of educators have lost sight of that. Joey keeps students involved and made good use of class time.
- 5 Makes class enjoyable
- 6 Joey knew his information well, he emphasized the important information from lecture which helped when studying for the tests and essay questions
- 7 Joey gave a new perspective on things we had learned in the big lecture and made them fun and easy to understand.
- 8 Joey was a great TA, very engaging and always around to help. He has lots of great information and is a very interesting lecturer.
- 9 Joey is incredibly helpful and is always keeping his students interested in his class. I highly recommend him, I wish he was a TA in other subjects!
- 10 Awesome TA. Fair, knowledgeable, and very approachable
- 11 He is the best person to ask for "time travel advice." His random trivia is always entertaining. And, compared to some of the other TA's that lectured throughout the semester, Joey deserves an A.
- 12 Joey was one of the best TA's I've had at UB. He makes classes enjoyable and fun while still teaching us in great depth.
- 13 In recitation he tells funny and relevant stories. He is very nice and helpful and I would definitely recommend him.
- 14 The instructor overall ran an interesting recitation.
- 15 Awesome teacher! He is extremely intelligent and told us facts that are pretty humorous and are worth remembering, even if it didn't pertain to the course. Definitely a TA that I will remember!
- 16 Joey was a great TA. He made recitation fun and interesting.
- 17 He was amusing in class and kept everyone engaged.
- 18 He made the class fun and interesting.
- 19 joey was great! I loved his passion for words!
- 20 Joey was so cool! He made the course not be a nightmare and he was so nice. Not intimidating. Funny guy!