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**Instructor LOWRY. Term: Fall 2019. Students nonpublishable comments.**

<b>Section: LING 2001 TY9A Introduction to Ling</b>
<b>Question: Apart from the instructor, what are the strengths of the course?</b>
<b>Answers</b>
1. gain more knowledge of language and other subcategories of it
2. Great mix between information and problem solving concerning linguistics
3. Helps you understand the different ways people speak and how we evaluate and understand that
4. It teaches us a very basic understanding of sentence structure in different languages and how they are used.
5. It teaches you about the human tongue in relation to their culture and location.
6. its fun
7. Really interesting work.
8. The course is structured and organized extremely well. Within each subtopic there are more topics ranked from simple to complex.
9. The homework is easy enough but also an excellent way to practice for tests and to memorize the material completely. The tests are very fair to. The readings and the work we do in class are great too.
10. The powerpoints and course material were wonderful. It was a very interesting topic
11. The strength of the course is how easy I understood it.
12. The subject is interesting
13. This course is packed with a lot of information and puts what we learn into perspective in regards to real life. for one thing, this course helps you with basic transcribing and figuring out sentence structure whilst also teaching you about the different parts of the language you're going over.
14. You get to understand and see the way you speak in a different perspective, and this course also helps you open your mind to different dialects and languages that others may consider to be "wrong." You learn to appreciate the differences within a language and its dialects, its grammars, its rules, its structures.
15. You learn about the current theories of language and where it originated from.
16. You leave with a better understanding of your language's construction and its rules. This undoubtedly will help to contextualize anything learned in other classes, as you can better understand why things are the way they are, as well as the limitations of language.
<b>Question: How can the course be improved?</b>
<b>Answers</b>
1. A group work/research would improve the course for future students
2. Don't really have an answer to this, the class over all has been pretty fair.
3. It's already perfect.
4. It's very good already. I don't have anything more to add on. The teacher does everything correctly already.
5. Little less out of class assignments
6. no improvement needed
7. No improvements, I absolutely loved this course.
8. no improvmeants its pretty perfect
9. Not sure
10. Spending more time explaining the IPA chart
11. The course is fine as is.
12. The course was just right. A lot of useful and helpful information was given.
13. This course could probably use more real-world examples to help others who might not speak or know English that well.
<b>Question: Apart from the course, what are the strengths of the instructor?</b>
<b>Answers</b>
1. Always on time and organized

2. Good communication with students. Makes sure he knows all his students and tries to get everyone to be on the same page
3. He is extremely patient! Whether its a repeated question with an answer he just discussed moments before or chatter boxes he never lost his cool. I also admire how he breaks the material down so it's easy for everyone to understand, frequently stops to see if there are questions, genuinely cares about whether you understand the material or not and makes sure everyone is on the same page before moving on.
4. he is very fun and very chill, he kind of sounds like a ted talk which is honestly amazing, his powerpoints rock and he really cares about how well his students get the material
5. He is very organized and open-minded. He is also very accepting of new ideas and viewpoints from students and encourages independent thinking and teamwork. His assignments are also very useful as while you're doing them, you're actually learning and retaining information and not just memorizing something for a test. He also provides and encourages lots of practice, practically guaranteeing that you ace the class and exams. The instructor is perfect; it really depends on the student and their own effort and understanding.
6. He spends a great deal of class explaining and using real-world examples to help us get a better understanding. Very helpful
7. His strength is his politeness.
8. Lowry's patience and understanding is always on display, with him never hesitating to help clarify a topic to any student that might need it. You can see a genuine passion for his topic and teaching it to others, which helps students place a greater importance on the information they're learning.
9. Mr Lowry is very keen with his schedule. He always follows the syllabus, which makes the class much easier. He also sends constant email to keep you up with reminders.
10. Professor Lowry is very knowledgeable and always willing to help if you dont understand something. He is also very kind and understanding and will always find ways to help you!!
11. Resourceful, flexible, and committed
12. The instructor is a very nice guy and easy to approach. He's very articulate. He knows plenty about the material and shows how much he has studied about the topic. He keeps the class vibrant with the activities he has us do.
13. The instructor is clear and concise with their words. He talks to students when they have questions and tries to make sure everyone understands whats going on in class. The material we go over is quite understandable as well so when teaching it to a group, its easy to ascertain whats being given to us.
14. The instructor knew his subject very well. When he was teaching the class you felt that he loved what he does and that impacted that class.
15. Very articulate and Overall a nice Professor.
16. Very good professor who loves what he teaches and knows how to explain the material very well.
17. Very kind and funny and smart
18. Very personable and knowledgeable.

**Question:** How can the instructor's teaching be improved?

#### Answers

1. Going over the IPA chart esp. the vowels more in-depth.
2. He can try to slow down a bit with the material because I felt that the class went by really fast due to the fact we had little time but I think this class was almost 2 hours.
3. He is fine.
4. He's the ideal teacher already.
5. I think this professor did everything they needed to in order to ensure every student learned properly.
6. It can't. It's perfect!
7. Less emphasis on partner/small group discussions.
8. less group work
9. No improvement needed
10. Not sure
11. The instructor can do more group discussions and activity
12. The instructor is doing a phenomenal job as is.
13. Through no fault of his own, class and peer discussion can often feel a bit dead or forced, but undoubtedly due to the nature of the material being learned. The abstractness of linguistics and the idea of "rules" of communication can lead to dead ends for certain questions. This is most likely due to circumstance and will probably vary with each incoming class, so I don't think it's a big concern.

**Instructor LOWRY. Term: Spring 2019. Students nonpublishable comments.**

<b>Section: LING 2001 TY9 Introduction to Ling</b>
<b>Question: Apart from the instructor, what are the strengths of the course?</b>
<b>Answers</b>
1. Aboard your point of view
2. As an English major it provided some useful information to is applicable to my areas of interest. It also counted towards my lab science credit so that I didn't have to take Chem. Thank God.
3. Covers other languages not just English.
4. helps think about the english language andhow it takes some thought and time to use it
5. It informative on the subject matter.
6. Learning about the history and meaning of language.
7. learning language was very interesting, making it applicable to a students daily life
8. Learning the phonetic alphabet can be useful.
9. Organization
10. Text is easy to read and online assignments are short but gets you thinking about what you learned in class.
11. The homework
12. The strengths in this course are there are lots of examples to be able to complete assignments and the information given on the slides are very helpful as well
13. The strengths of the course would be the out of class assignments which are designed for students to briefly review what was learned in the previous class. The assignment is short but touches on the gist of the material that was taught in the previous lecture.
14. The strengths of this course would definitely be the convenience of being able to complete and submit assignments on blackboard, as well as the professor always asking after every lesson if any of the students have any questions so he is able to clarify any questions about the topic, if a student does not understand what we were learning in the class. Also the slides from the class lecture is available after every class and is accessible on blackboard. The professor also gives study guides before the quizzes which are really helpful.
15. This course basically teaches you the little specs of everyday language and how language itself developed.
16. This course makes you think about language in ways you never did before. This course helped me understand the importance of linguistics.
17. This course provides a great amount of knowledge with regards to linguistics and speech in general. You learn a lot.
18. this course teaches students about what a linguist would know. It does allow students to also know about words, letters, sounds, and speaking.
19. Variety of topics it covers
20. you actually understand how languages are formed
21. You really get to see the dissection of the language you speak everyday
22. You will learn a lot about human language and the sounds and structure that follow multiple languages. You often don't think about the sounds if a language when you're speaking it, so it's interesting to break it doyen and look at it. I think this course will help you expand your mind and thoughts when you look at languages
<b>Question: How can the course be improved?</b>
<b>Answers</b>
1. As an intro course, learning individual phonetic symbols is a bit too much.
2. Grade homework higher grade
3. I do not think the course needs to be improved. It was taught well with interesting content.
4. I dont think anything about the course really needs to be improved
5. i dont think it needs any improvement, it was just right
6. It may be improved by using more different sources
7. Less group work but thats it.
8. More out-of-class assignments to improve our language skills.

9. nothing its amazing
10. Shorter class time
11. The course is great enough
12. There isn't much I would add to this course.
13. This course is great as it is only because professor Lowry has structured the course in a way that is easy to follow and understand.
14. Wished we spent more time on each subject. For example American Sign Language. Also would have liked for there to be extra credit.
<b>Question: Apart from the course, what are the strengths of the instructor?</b>
<b>Answers</b>
1. Excellent way of teaching, to keep everyone's interest
2. He is always there to help you.
3. He is in the field that he's teaching about.
4. He is kind, understanding, and accepts any and all questions. He takes the time to listen to all of his students responses and opinions.
5. He is truly great. You can tell he cares and is extremely professional. Asks questions and makes sure you understand the material.
6. He is very patient. Great professor, is able to break things down. He gives lot of practice and he is the first of my professors to actually go over the homework.
7. He's a professional.
8. He's extremely understanding and willing to work with students. He also seems to understand that students are coming in with not much prior knowledge to the subject and does a great job of making the information relevant to our lives.
9. he's very understanding of students and creating lessons and teaching information at the best of his ability for students to understand the material.
10. He's kind, helpful, funny, and he sparks interest
11. helpful and easy going
12. his ability to make the class interesting and interactive
13. his willingness to help his students
14. kind and understanding
15. knowing how to teach and answer questions properly so the students understand what they are learning. Ability to organize information neatly. Also, applying in class learning to out of class assignments helps the students understand more of the topic, in my opinion.
16. Professor Lowry is patience and has so much knowledge about Linguistics. He will do everything in his power to help you if you are having trouble. He gives review sheets and reviews before quizzes and makes class very interesting by asking a lot of open ended questions.
17. Professor Lowry is patient and kind. He truly wants his students to learn and he does a good job at engaging the students.
18. PROFESSOR LOWRY IS SUCH AN AMAZING PROFESSOR!!!! I can't write enough at how organized he is! As a future educator myself, I was really impressed at how he conducts his instructions. He is very clear with what he wants and how he wants it. He gives you the chance to practice it too. Hes non-judgmental and if you don't understand something, he will explain it. He responds to e-mails quickly and I can't stress enough at how nice and kind he is! I never met someone as patient and NICE!!! I'm serious on the nice part cause you'll notice how respectful and understanding he is.
19. The instructor is strong at leading classroom discussions and ensuring that everyone participates whether it is through classroom discussions or talking in small groups from our seats. The instructor is great at making sure students understand all of the material.
20. the instructor is very understanding, very patient, and very open to discussions
21. The instructor wants to improve his course and open for communication
22. The professor is good at communicating with his students, open to questions, very thorough, and organized.
23. The strengths of the instructor are that you can get in contact with him most of the time because he's always willing to help and he has a cool personality
24. Very organized. Clear and concise in his lectures.
<b>Question: How can the instructor's teaching be improved?</b>

**Answers**

1. A little too nice / bubbly.
2. He does a fantastic job, no improvement needed. He is clear on what he wants.
3. He sometimes comes off as a little condescending, not that I think it's purposeful, but he has mentioned in the past that he taught elementary school students and it can sometime come across that he is using that same class room atmosphere in our class.
4. he's teaching is great as is, doesnt need any improvement
5. I believe the professor is teaching properly and helps students understand the lessons clearly and efficiently with his style of lecturing.
6. I do not think the instructors teaching needs to be improved. He did an excellent job teaching the course material and engaging all students.
7. I don't see a way the teaching can be improved, it's fine the way it is
8. If your going to ask people to work in groups, you should arrange the groups yourself because New Yorkers are not very inviting people.
9. In my opinion, it may be improved by using more side sources during lectures
10. Limit knowledge for each class
11. Nothing, one of the best professors ive had in Brooklyn College.
12. Professor Lowry is genuine and he is already does so much to help his students and provide resources, I think he is great.
13. too engage with the students, sometime it takes time away from class.

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1. .The group work is very helpful and the assignments are very fair, can't complain!
2. A great introduction to the world of linguistics that can often be difficult to understand.
3. background knowledge on the course
4. Each topic builds upon the one before it. The course is organized really logically, so that you learn fundamentals before you tackle anything harder. You never work on any problems that feel like you haven't learned the skills (well enough) for
5. IT HELPS YOU TO UNDERSTAND IN DEPTH HOW LANGUAGE IS CREATE AROUND THE WORLD.
6. Just enough assignments and topics are not hard and overwhelming for the beginning course of linguistics.
7. Learn about linguistics
8. Material reviews and notes
9. Overall organization of the course didn't feel overwhelming.
10. slides are organized and concepts are clear.
11. teaches and tests only what was on the powerpoints in class nothing more
12. the breaking down of language and actually understanding what language actually is
13. The course starts from the bottom up, and each thing we've learned relates to the next thing we'll learn.
14. The number of assignments and point distribution encourages numerous attempts to practice new concepts. There is never a moment in which you are discouraged from sharing your answers, even if they are not correct. While tests count for a lot, you can always practice with homework assignments, class work, and have enough time to brush up on concepts.
15. The out of class assignments are useful to understand the material.
16. This course allows you to gain a greater understanding and appreciation for language as a whole. This could be contrasted to simply learning English, which is what most people, including myself, are more familiar with. I now see language itself as a vibrant area of study.
17. This course helps you approach and dissect the mechanics of language.

**Question: How can the course be improved?****Answers**

1. a review sheet for quizzes
2. All good!
3. doesnt need to be
4. Get more Professors like Cass Lowry
5. I don't think I have any feedback for this question. This was one of my favorite courses at BC ever. The instructor was terrific, the course was well organized, and the material was interesting.
6. I have no improvements to suggest
7. i think that the exams in this class were very difficult and can be set in simpler terms
8. inclass worksheets?
9. More review
10. NOTHING TO IMPROVE
11. The course is fair but the Grammar section (after the first quiz and before the second) I feel didn't need to have so much time allotted to it. The first section of the course felt more relevant and useful.
12. The only way I can think of improving the course is to introduce topics for those who wish to pursue linguistics as a major, or as a career path. I have no, and see no faults with the course.
13. The textbook is hard to find for a cheap price.
<b>Question: Apart from the course, what are the strengths of the instructor?</b>
<b>Answers</b>
1. Always willing to explain things if a student is unsure. Very nice and also wants his students to do well in the course.
2. Brings personality and life to the classroom Teaches topics with relevant examples, so that even if you don't understand a topic after he lectures it you can see how it applies in the real world Super approachable and welcoming Encourages problem solving in groups, welcome to student's ideas and opinions
3. Cass Lowry is reasonable with his work load, not giving too much work but enough to make sure you are keeping up to speed with the material. Likewise, exams are straightforward if you kept up with the material and hold no tricks.
4. CLARITY. Makes everyone feel comfortable and truly cares about what he's teaching.
5. great at explaining concepts for the class and makes you understand them
6. HE IS AMAZING, GREAT AT EXPLAINING, TAKE HIS TIME TO EXPLAIN THE COURSE IN DEPTH, ALWAYS AVAILABLE AND ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP YOU IMPROVE.
7. He is very experience and funny. His attitude and charisma makes the course interesting
8. he is very fair and is willing to cooperate with his students
9. Instructor Lowry IS AMAZING. Thank you for hiring him, Brooklyn College. He is organized, friendly, his quizzes and out of class assignments are somewhat challenging BUT stimulating. He is so respectful and understanding! You can email him and he responds within 24 hours. He is friendly and open-minded. But most of all ORGANIZED! As a future educator, I love how he designs his class and definitely need to take some notes from him.
10. Makes the class entertaining and enjoyable while still teaching the material very well.
11. speaks clearly
12. The instructor has everything prepared on PowerPoint slides, which is a huge plus. He also is extremely good at stimulating class discussion and is always available to talk with!
13. the instructor is awesome understands if things happen. He is so nice !!!
14. The instructor is very knowledgeable and knows is material. Very much understanding and try to help students.
15. The instructor offers a fun and engaging attitude when teaching. He also incorporates other mediums of teaching so we can hear and see a phenomena happen beyond his words, and the PowerPoint. He also encourages us to engage with each other and share our experience with language with each other.
16. The professor is very capable of understanding and relating with his students. The professor is very open to help during the office hours. The professor wants to make sure everyone passes!
17. The professor was so passionate about the subject material that it was impossible not to share in his excitement. Additionally, he was so well organized and so good at evoking questions and discussion that it always felt like being in the class was participatory, despite it technically being a lecture. Professor Lowry is excellent and has made me passionate about a subject that previously was completely unknown to me.
18. very clear and understanding. helps students and prompts discussion
19. Very personable, nice and actually cares about the subject and his students

<b>20.</b> Very understanding and good teacher.
<b>21.</b> Very well organized, thorough and thoughtful.
<b>Question:</b> How can the instructor's teaching be improved?
<b>Answers</b>
<b>1.</b> i think he is a great professor no improvements
<b>2.</b> doesnt need to be
<b>3.</b> He's perfect
<b>4.</b> I would say there are no faults I can think of concerning the instructor's teaching.
<b>5.</b> more explanation
<b>6.</b> More reviews
<b>7.</b> My only problem is that sometimes the notes from lecture slides are TOO simple, as in, if I look at my notes later to try and refresh my memory I often don't understand exactly what they mean
<b>8.</b> no Improvement he is the BEST.
<b>9.</b> No need to change.
<b>10.</b> No suggestions
<b>11.</b> While I'm sure everyone's teaching ability can improve, I have no constructive comments for him. He may be the best teacher of any subject I've ever had and all I have is praise for this class and his teaching methods.

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