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**Instructor LOWRY. Term: Spring 2021. Students nonpublishable comments.**

<b>Section: LING 3021 W2 Syntax</b>
<b>Question: Apart from the instructor, what are the strengths of the course?</b>
<b>Answers</b>
1. Interesting material.
2. its a very interesting topic.
3. The course is very interesting. It is beneficial for linguists, because it gives more insight as to how to properly structure sentences.
4. The homework assignments, discord app where students can interact, and projects.
5. The materials were all made specifically for this course, and are incredibly effective at introducing difficult topics. Synchronous meetings are really helpful and make full use of class time spent together. Asynchronous work is challenging but not unreasonable, making the class incredibly manageable in a full course load.
6. The organization of the course, the expectations were very clear and extremely fair. I always knew what to expect, what was due, how I could ask for help.
7. The professor provided a vast amount of information on the topics which helped to understand the assignments better.
8. The strengths are the materials that you will encounter and be able to understand once the course is over.
9. The strengths of the course was the material that was put out. For example, the in class handouts, the asynchronous assignments, and homeworks were helpful and was better than reading from a textbook.
10. The use of materials written by the instructor instead of using a textbook is one of the strengths of this course. The pacing and the use of an online syllabus is also very helpful.
11. You always learn something new in each linguistics course that you didn't know.
<b>Question: How can the course be improved?</b>
<b>Answers</b>
1. Being held in-person! I would have loved the chance to talk and learn in the same room as Prof. Lowry and my peers.
2. everything is good as is
3. Maybe I feel like the end of the course was rushed, I wish there was more practice bringing all the ideas together, but I think that's the result of the online format and only being able to meet once a week.
4. maybe more examples for certain topics.
5. Maybe not as much homework.
6. More examples/videos given.
7. More practice material done during class all together.
8. The course can be improved by having the homework and the asynchronous assignment put out around the same time. So that students can finish both homeworks and readings on any of the material in one sitting, rather than putting out the homework early and the the asynchronous assignment later.
9. The course contains a lot of information. It may be improved by eliminating some material, because it can be a lot.
10. With some tweaks to the already useful material it could be improved.
<b>Question: Apart from the course, what are the strengths of the instructor?</b>
<b>Answers</b>
1. Available to students, kind, very good at explaining things in different ways to that students can better understand the material.
2. He responds to emails very fast, wants every student to participate and ask any questions that we might have. He wants all of his students to pass with amazing grades as well as understand the material.
3. His attitude and behavior during class is excellent, he shows an incredible and genuine respect for the students.
4. Prof. Lowry is the best online instructor I've had in my college career. His tech literacy is far beyond what most professors are able to accomplish, and as an educator, he is consistently available, clear, and considerate in his lectures, grading, and feedback.
5. Professor Lowry made sure to explain every lesson in a simple way. He was very considerate in helping each student succeed.
6. Strengths of the instructor is that he was very attentive and answered emails quickly all the time and gave extensions on assignments if needed.

7. Teaches with variation which makes this course better in learning, does a combination of things each week with assignments, goes over everything step by step, his grading is better done this way, responds to emails and questions.

8. The instructor is very knowledge and passionate about the topics and made everyone feel welcomed.

9. The instructor was very open to student's ideas. He answered questions quickly, and thoroughly. He has a lot of knowledge about the subject, and is always willing to help.

10. The receptiveness of the professor is unmatched, hands down the most attentive and caring professor, I really felt he valued student feedback and was always willing and eager to adjust to help students clarify information and content.

11. The strengths of the instructor is his ability to always be available. You can email him over the weekend and he will reply to you and almost anytime during the week and he will reply to you. Another strength was his knowledge on the material he taught. He's really good at what he does and he invites other ideas into the lesson which makes it fun and engaging. He can break down any sentence that is given to him and incorporate your culture into the class which makes you feel apart of the class.

12. very patient, always ready to answer any questions you have, wants to help and encourage his students.

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

#### Answers

1. Don't think it can, one of my favorite professors!

2. everything is good as is

3. His teaching is excellent! I can't think of how it could be improved.

4. maybe show more examples to help understand the topics better.

5. Maybe some more example videos for assignments/new material?

6. No suggestions! I really enjoyed this class!

7. Teaching is perfect

8. The instructor may want to simplify some material, to make each week less lengthy.

9. The only thing I think the professor needs improvement on is just adding more syntax tree examples for each rule that was taught or reviewed. But I'm sure if you ask in class he will gladly do that.

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