

Lectures - How would you describe the overall quality of the lectures? Please comment, as appropriate, on how well the instructor presented the subject matter, stimulated your intellectual curiosity and independent thinking, and contributed to your knowledge of the subject matter.

Comments
Professor Eich's lectures were always very clear and provoked new ideas.
Fascinating
Prof. Eich had very good lectures. He was very knowledgeable. Truth be told, he seems to have been the prime offender in assigning WAY too much reading. HUM is known for this, no doubt, but Mr. Eich makes the others look like wimps. I ended up spending multiple days catching up on Eich reading almost every time. Specifically, his assignment for Hobbes was over kill to the extreme. Every time I thought I had 100 pages left, there were another 100 waiting around the corner. He was a very very good lecturer, but the amount of reading was a detriment to his work. It's better to assign a feasible amount so people can actually read it. Pretending doesn't teach all that much and I spent 12+ hours reading anyway.
Eich's lectures, like Reeves', incorporated a great deal of imagery to help deepen understanding of the text, and provide context to the origins of the book. His lectures were, I believe, of the best presented, and typically had both focus and energy.
One of my favorite lecturers!
AH! Professor Eich is the BOMB! One of my favorite lecturers on this campus. Always engaged with us and always challenging our assumptions about Western culture.
Very well-structured, clearly signposted lectures. This made his treatments of even very difficult texts easy to follow.
Professor Eich has a natural gift for dissecting complicated philosophy in a lecture setting.
Well-structured and intelligent lectures.
Professor Eich's lectures were definitely the best of all. He did the practical work of summarizing the text, but this was integrated seamlessly into biography, historical context, and general philosophy. He also had very structured, visual lecture slides (using both images and specifically cited text) that he outlined from the beginning of the lecture. Also, he dealt with the texts much more critically than other lecturers, always ending lectures on a note of questioning the tradition.
I think Professor Eich gave wonderful lectures that covered the subject matter well and analyzed the themes of the text in question quite interestingly. I always came away from lecture thinking and questioning new aspects of the subject matter.
always very analytical
Professor Eich gave very good lectures that conveyed the emotional weight and historical significance of everything he discussed, keeping everyone engaged in the material.
Great lectures, very knowledgeable
Professor Eich did a really fantastic job of lending clarity and energy to very difficult topics—sometimes those topics were simply complex and confusing, in which case he always devoted time to clarifying. In other cases, the topics were controversial or difficult to address, in which case he was always tactful but engaging, challenging us to think on our own and to address those issues. Overall, I really enjoyed his lecture style and I no doubt have a firmer command of several works as a result of his very effective lectures.
Well structured lectures.
Professor Eich's lectures were always very organized— something that made them particularly helpful. The way that he walked through the material made even the most difficult texts manageable.
Professor Eich's lectures were always very engaging and interesting, and provided such great insight into the books he was lecturing about. He brought in historical contexts, modern ramifications, commentary on the author, and much more.
very good
I really enjoyed Professor Eich's lectures, as they always provided a historical context for many of the texts that we encountered throughout the semester. I also feel that Professor Eich's lecture on Kant helped me more deeply understand the text, which then helped me think more deeply about the rest of the books that we then encountered during the semester.
The biggest strength about Eich as a lecturer is his organization. He uses his PowerPoints very effectively as a way to guide the students through the progression of his ideas and through the text. I thought he gave some unique insights that helped clarify some of the texts and create new questions for me.
Solid lectures, often a bit long-winded or with more summary than I would have liked.

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Prof. Eich gave great precepts. His material required in depth, collaborative analysis and he provided a perfect environment for just that in his precepts.
Good at directing discussion.
very analytical
Professor Eich was fantastic as a preceptor. He was very engaging, got students to interact with the text without being overbearing, and overall contributed to making this a great second semester in HUM.
Very engaging, clarifies material
Professor Eich was very good at facilitating discussions in precept, both giving the students space to discuss, while also directing the conversation to specific areas and topics that he wanted to focus on.
Professor Eich's precepts were very helpful in clarifying the materials that we read while also encouraging our precept to voice our opinion and thoughts about the material that we encountered. I particularly enjoyed our precept on Hobbes' Leviathan when we deconstructed the introduction of the text, as I felt that I had a much deeper understanding about how to deconstruct philosophical texts, in particular.
Eich was able to precept well on a lot of the most complex texts we had. He seems like he comes in with a strong game plan, which normally would be a little restricting but can be very helpful with some of the dense and confusing texts. He definitely tells students firmly when he believes they are wrong, but he usually supplies the reason for it

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Eich's precepts felt very much like guided lectures, except for the last few, for it always seemed as though he had an end in mind when in the precept. While this did stifle some aspects of discussion, the discussions we did have were good and enlightening.

A distinct approach to precepts that typically began with a discussion and charting at the blackboard, in consultation with the students, of a number of key concepts and themes for the text at hand. I found this to be quite helpful, particularly given the scope and size of the texts we usually dealt with. Pressed us to deal with challenging questions in the texts.

Professor Eich's precepts were always exciting. He began by asking students to pose key questions or problems they wanted to deal with, and then would use those to direct discussion. He made students feel their ideas were valuable, and entertained deeper discussion separate from though related to the text.

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I always felt like I understood things far better after precepts and they were very enjoyable too
Professor Eich did a fantastic job of clarifying difficult material in precepts while still challenging us to think and further develop our understandings of the works. He was always engaging and encouraging of any and all contributions to discussion and was receptive to questions.
N/A
Professor Eich was always eager to bring in outside concepts or terms, which helped our understanding of the reading. I appreciate his emphasis on understanding text before one can analyze it.

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Professor Eich's precepts were outstanding, they always gave me a new lens through which I could view the course material, and he was attentive to what students wanted to discuss.
PRECEPTS WERE REVOLUTIONARY!!! I always felt like we were subverting the status quo and contemporary, superficial, overly-zealous readings.
I generally enjoyed Professor Eich's precepts, especially because he often unpacked difficult ideas very well. The precepts, however, often ran over time.
Professor Eich did a wonderful job of leading precept, and I feel that his instructorship during precept each week was an essential part of my understanding of the subject material.
I liked mapping our topics before we started.
Professor Eich's precepts were another favorite of mine. His energy and love for the works we read were always apparent. Additionally, the knowledge of the way the philosophical texts interacted with each other gave a new perspective as someone who had never studied it the field of philosophy officially.

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