

SELECTED QUOTES FROM STUDENTS

(Statements were collected through post class surveys).

Gender and Animals

Spring 2018

I love this class and you as a teacher! Great job!

I think the instructor did a fantastic job with the structure of this course. He was also readily available and responded to emails quickly.

Overall I this was a though provoking course with information that has enlightened me and allowed me to think differently about animals in many respects.

I want to thank my professor for making the final project a video. I wasn't comfortable with it but I love how it made me step out of my comfort zone. Its great to do that. Also, thank you for caring about students. It was nice to have a professor who always, always offered assistance and actually read all assignments and commented on them and made recommendations. It was soo helpful and nice to know you actually cared about us and what we had to say!

I truly enjoyed this course. Other professors could take a few pointers from you. I learned a lot and the course was really open. It allowed the student to tell what they found and took from the subject matter. It was nice to work with a professor that was able to see things from others point of view.

The lectures were intriguing and short - thank you!

I learned alot, i think that this class met my expectations for the most part, it was a good amount of reading but not too much and it was always was on the same topic and never off topic we spoke about. Very oraganized! love it!

This course exceeded my expectations. I think the name of the course could be changed to something other than Gender & Animals because the course covered so much more than just gender issues.

Because i had taken a course taught by this professor before, I was familiar with his style of teaching. I expected just what i received; a wonderful experience in this class and much gained knowledge of the subject.

This course definitely exceed my expectations. I expected this to be an "easy A" type class because how hard could it be to learn about animals? I was pleasantly surprised that there was a lot more to it than just "learning ABOUT animals". The work was not overly difficult, but not easy because made you really think and change the way you view animals.

This course completely met my expectations. Beginning this course and seeing the materials, I did not expect this class to be as interesting as it was. I liked the textbook and enjoyed reading the lectures to gain the needed knowledge.

Introduction to LGBTQ Studies

Spring 2018

The professor always starts with positive feedback even when giving a critique. He makes you feel like your failure is a learning opportunity and not something to be ashamed of. He shares his drafts with us too.

it met my expectations by always getting a positive feedback from the professor that was my main concern for my first online course I didn't know what to expect so this online course made me comfortable taking online courses.

It excelled past any expectations I had. It was intriguing and informative but also inclusive for everyone

This course met my expectations because the professor was available and gave recommendations to each person. I like how everything was prepared in a orderly format and everything was easy to access.

This course met my expectations more than I could have imagined. I didn't know there was so much I could learn, and still can learn, about the LGBTQ+ community.

It absolutely met my expectations and honestly even more. The instructor was amazing and was very knowledgeable!

I think we covered a lot in this course that i normally wouldn't think of when thinking about the LGBTQ+ community. I came into this course thinking i knew much more than i actually did and i think this course proved me wrong which met the expectations of this course.

Transgender Studies

Fall 2017

I think it goes a long way that this class was taught by a transgender man. Where can you get to be instructed at the university level by a transgender man? This was amazing. Seeing representation is really important. I wish he was a full-time professor and had tenure. I enjoyed a really in-depth, relatable teaching style between you and the material. I think it also gave you a very strong passion for the material which translated to the students.

This course exceeded my expectations--it was accessible but not watered down or rudimentary. As a transgender person myself, it was nice to see a transgender professor and I definitely learned a lot and gained tools to further my education and prospective career in social work.

Keep doing what you're doing, this course is so valuable and we're all lucky to have you at Rutgers! I would love to see an in-person version of the course offered if possible as well. And maybe even higher level versions that go more in-depth in specific trans-related topics.

I enjoyed the course and look forward to learning more and sharing the knowledge I now have to others.

My experience in this course was great, I enjoyed learning new information about transgender individuals taught by a transgender man.

I would like the instructor to know that this was a great course and I absolutely loved it so much! really enjoyed this course and the professor is very helpful.

When I first registered for this course I was intrigued by the title. I honestly didn't know what to expect. I was pleasantly surprised at the amount of information I learned. I would love to take a similiar course by Dr. Whitley. He is a fantastic professor. I have taken quite a few courses online since the Fall of 2016, this was the best one thus far.

I would like to let the instructor know that I had a very good experience as far as always acknowledging my emails, and being able to meet with me in person. Was encouraging and understanding. I think that is huge, especially, when it relates to an online course.

I would like the instructor to know that they did a fantastic job and i learned alot in the 15 weeks that i was in the course.

I didn't know what to expect from this course at all, but I have to say I had absolutely no idea how important this subject is and how many people are affected by the lack of knowledge on the subject.

This course met my expectations by educating me on this topic and aspects within the LGBTQ Community. I think professor Whitley is amazing, I have had him previous and he always gets back to me in great timing. It was very knowledgeable and not one of those courses that your just going to forget after the semester, this information is life information that sticks with you.

This course met all of my expectations. The fact that the professor keeps in contact with the students, keeps grades updated at all times, and informs the students of everything. I love this class and if I could I would definitely take this class all over again!!! I also expected to learn all about the transgender community and I learned a lot more than that. I learned about the LGBTQ+ community as a whole

This course exceeded my expectations. I thought when signing up for this course that it was going to be very dry and cut to the point about the topic, but it was not. This course went in depth with the material in an easy, and comfortable way.

The course did meet my expectations. The course helped me to open my eyes and take the blinders off. I did not know that there were so many transgender people in this world. I was surprised to see how many trans people were on television.

Gender Health and Environment

Fall 2017

I just want to say thank you so much for being patient and understanding. A professor that gives second chances. That is what you did for me and if you didn't I wouldn't have had the opportunity to learn everything that I did.

Overall i think this class was wonderful. I really learned a ton of information, and have changed somethings in my life as it pertains to class readings. I am looking forward to taking more classes offered by Professor Whitley

I appreciate you taking out the time weekly to respond to my specific post. Many times you do not think the professor is actually reading your post but you read and respond accordingly.

I just like to say thank you to Professor Whitley for being my instructor for this course. I really enjoyed this subject and felt that if I had any questions or concerns I could reach out and contact him and not be worried that I would not get a reply. Thanks again!

I really thought this was an excellent example of a great course.

I learned extensive amounts of information regarding our environment so the course exceeded my expectations.

The course actually exceeded my expectations. I really expected to learn about the environment and maybe human health, almost like a biology or health sciences class would, but there was so much information. I recommended the class to someone after we did our PMM in the beginning of class. I didn't feel overwhelmed by the amount of course work and was allowed time to actually absorb the information provided.

This course met my expectations. I have always liked ecology, biology and environmental science, so I already had a somewhat high comfort level with the science aspects of the course. I feel like Professor Whitley conveyed all the information, subject matter, and did everything intended as per the outline of the course in the syllabus. I was very satisfied with this course and very pleased with the instructor.

This course pleasantly surprised me. I enjoyed it and referred many friends to take this course.

The course meet my expectation by giving great information on gender and the environment. I learned a great deal of information. Also, the course assignments kept everyone engaged.

well me personally I had a lot going on through out the semester, and although the topics were very interesting the professor showed me their are still some good people out here. professor thank you very much for being patient with my situation.

Introduction to LGBTQ Studies

Fall 2017

Just that I enjoyed this a lot, and I can't stress how great the organization of the class was. It surpassed many classes in regard.

Awesome course!

Thank you Professor Whitley for all of your help, understanding, and bringing success into my education.

Just want him to know he is a very good instructor!

Overall I had a great time, and learned a lot!

I enjoyed this course immensely, I have taken away so much new knowledge from this course and it is by far the most interesting course.

i really enjoyed it and i am going to tell people about it so they are able to experience it as well

I really enjoyed taking this course and I feel much more knowledgeable now than I did in September. Your grading was very thoughtful and I appreciate how much effort you put into that. Thank you for a great semester.

This was one of my favorite courses in the WGS department because the professor was so engaging and I was interested in the material every week.

I want the instructor to know that this class was a great class. the assignments were very interesting and life changing. i really enjoyed the course and i will recommend this class as well as the professor to other students.

I just want Dr.Whitley to know that this course was awesome and thank you for being understanding to all the students

I had a great time with this class and I have suggested to my friends to look into taking this course.

Introduction to LGBTQ Studies

Spring 2017

Professor Cam has increased my knowledge of what it means to be LGBTQ throughout the different decades. He has also help me to understand when and how the discrimination against

the LGBTQ community started. And most importantly, he has helped me realize who I am and how to be comfortable with who I identify as in the LGBTQ community.

I have taken 2 online courses previous to this one. They were either boring or I never really learned the material. The way Professor Whitley created the course is genius. It caters to our age and makes students want to learn more.

Thank you for being so accessible, helping us with sources, and answering quickly!

This is the best online course I've ever taken.

I appreciated all the feedback and even when I disclosed personal information, the compassion and care showed! And thank you for giving a very interesting course! I learned some much, not only about the LGBTQ community, but also about myself.

I'm glad that my instructor was responsive towards emails and always was open for questions and discussion when available.

I would love to have the professor again

it was a great one. Me being a part of the LGBTQ community, I learned so much coming in and will take what i learned with me :)

I thoroughly enjoyed taking this course

I just wanted to say thank you for your help all semester, and I loved the content. You were a pleasure to work with during the course, and I'd recommend you to many people.

Loved it!

I appreciated my instructor's grading critiques and the lectures.

He was really helpful to me throughout the course, I sometimes slacked a little bit but he was very understanding to help me pick it up and get back on the right track. He was good with answering my emails as well. He is one of the best professors I have had here at Rutgers.

Thank you professor for your kind understanding of my situation during this course.

Best online class I have had so far! Thank you for being an amazing Professor!!!!

I felt that the prof was along with us week to week. Most online courses the professor presents course materials and is only there if you contact them, however with this course the prof was always there. In the discussions, in the notes left on our grades, and in the weekly announcements. That interaction exceeded my expectations.

It met my expectations everything that was expected of me was clearly written on the syllabus and that's what it went by. the instructor did not deviate from the syllabus.

Gender and Animals

Spring 2017

This course went far above my expectations. I personally thought I was not going to learn much. The first set of readings I was not much impressed but when we really got to the heart of the course, I couldn't stop talking to anyone and everyone about what I was learning. I started to view this world different and I have finally understood certain things out there that I had no answers to. What an AWESOME course!! It's almost like I want to keep going...where is part II??? hahahaha

Great course... really.

I just want to thank you for being a great instructor! I enjoyed this course, I will use it in every day life with my future pets.

We have covered a lot of material in this course and I hope to be able to apply what I've learned in the real world.

I think the instructor was awesome. He taught me about google scholar :) and research.

I think this course was really helpful, especially for me, considering I am pursuing a career with animals. I appreciated how quickly and polite the instructor was when responding to emails. Professor Whitley always answered on time and thoroughly, so the responses always answered all of my questions.

LOVED LOVED LOVED LOVED this course!!!!

He was a great instructor!

It exceeded my expectations with the material presented. I learned much more than I thought and to be honest, this is the first course I have ever taken where reading something really hits home.

This course did not meet my expectations (in a good way) because I did not expect to learn so much from other students. The other students became experts in their topics, and by reading their forum posts, so did I.

This course really did meet my expectations. I wasn't too excited about this course to begin with because it was kind of just a filler class in my schedule, but I ended up learning a lot. This class was very interactive and welcoming, and I didn't mind learning about the material. The forums took a long time to complete, but they did assist with the final project because at the end of the semester since I already had most of my research complete.

This course allowed for me to gain knowledge about the way animals play a role within society and how they are viewed by humans. In this learning, the course met my expectations.

This course not only educated me on the topic of animals, but gave me a different outlook on the whole picture. Before starting this class, I did not consider animals feelings as much as I had before. Considering I want to become a vet, this class was awesome and allowed me to get more in touch with animals (and not only dogs and cats but wildlife and exotics, etc). The provided readings and discussion boards (as said before) helped meet my expectations the most.

was not expecting too much coming into this class but I am leaving with a solid foundation on the relationships between animals and humans.

Gender Health and Environment

Fall 2016

I would want the instructor to know that he is a great professor. Every time I e-mailed him, he answered me in an acceptable time frame and I appreciated that. He worked with me whenever I had issues and kept the class as interesting as I think a class about the environment can be.

Yes, I am surprised and was shocked to learn the amount of things I did this semester. This class opened my eyes up to important issues I would not have thought about. One thing that shocked me the most I think in this course was our lecture on disaster. I had no idea until now how gender plays such a vital role during a disaster. Also overall how gender inequality makes such a huge difference ultimately having an effect on an entire community.

This class was one the most informative, enjoyable classes I have taken. I will keep the knowledge I have gained from this class in my memory bank for a long time!!

I just really enjoyed every part that went into creating this course. Amazing job.

I learned a lot from this course. I honestly didn't think it would be interesting and challenging all at once.

I truly enjoyed this course! Thank you for making it so diverse and engaging. I found the environmental justice emphasis important and empowering because true change can occur when people bond together for a cause. Things like water, air, and food should not be debatable or inaccessible to anyone as they are crucial to life. Lastly, I appreciated your emphasis on community, and how you enabled us to each critically look at our own communities and analyze these issues from a local and comparative perspective to notice disparities. It was certainly highly informative and intriguing material!

Your dedication has been a source of inspiration.

I enjoyed this class and its concept. I thank you for clear, meaningful, organized class. This class was definitely educational and eye opener for me. instructor was quick with email replies, and also fair with assignment timings.

You were a great teacher and I walked away knowing a lot more about my environment which you don't typically get from an online course.

I enjoyed the course and all the readings were informational.

Our professor was EXTREMELY easy to reach which was comforting. If I didn't understand something, it was explained, and very promptly. I understood all of the lecture materials. I thought the discussion boards were the best part of this online course. I was forced to read the material to produce a well-written discussion. Also HAVING to respond to other students posts forced me to read theirs and understand how they interpreted the material as well.

The best aspect of this course was I felt as though I learned something new every week and not just something "to know" but something informative and beneficial. I also liked how organized this course was! The forums were also great for discussions and connecting! Over all, really enjoyed this class.

I think the best part of the course was the content. Everything was beyond informative and learned so much about women, the environment, and my health.

Learning. Seriously, this course was so information dense it was astounding. Thank you! Also, we got the Zero filter, and I've recommended it to others.

I loved the weekly assignment topics. It pertained to present day issues and it actually gave us aspect of our own communities specifically. I also loved the resources provided by our Professor that helped us guided to write the discussions weekly and we can use those resources in future. I love that our unit tests were not timed. It actually gave us time to do the readings while we looked up the answers.

The best aspect of the course was learning so much about gender the environment and health are all connected. I've learned so much how my involvement in my community will be beneficial for me and my family. It is important to know what is going in my community and the welfare of my children and I. I have never thought of water pollution and how it effects us as citizens.

This course exceeded my expectations, as I said I learned something different new each week and it was not useful book knowledge but beneficial things! I even shared some of our discussions with my family and co-workers!

This course met my expectations.
Very interesting!

The course exceeded my expectations; I learned about the gender inequality and how women get the shorter end of the stick. I am a huge feminist so this course is very interesting. I like how the

instructor gave articles each week related to the topics. However, I was not expecting a video presentation. I would give the course a rating of five stars out of five.

I learned that feminism isn't necessarily a bad word, which exceeded my expectations on anything relating to gender, as well as that men can be feminists too. That makes a big difference to me in defining feminism.

I didn't know what to expect when I took this course. I'm glad I did. I view my environment around me differently. This course made me want to participate in town meetings and to make sure that the water in my neighborhood is safe for all residents.

I was unsure what to expect when I signed up for the course last minute to meet a free elective requirement. I would say it met my expectations by teaching me more about gender, health, and the environment as is stated in the name of the course.

This course exceeded my expectations. We covered so many issues that relate to our environment, health, and how someone's gender is affected by it. Many of the topics covered I would never have even thought to think about on my own.

Transgender Studies

Fall 2016

I can honestly said that i Truly enjoyed this class. I learned so much about the transgender community. the instructor was on point in his teachings and presentations. the instructor took time out to encourage and assist students.

This course was one of the best classes that I have taken at Rutgers and I encourage you to teach it the same way again!

I would like to thank you for making all course material accessible and free to use. As a single mother going through life is hard enough financially, and by making the material free it helped me tremendously. Also since I have two classes with you I do not if you truly realize how much this helped me this semester. I have had to purchase books that cost over \$ 300.00 in the past which was a hardship on me. Again thank you.

I learned a lot. I thank you, it definitely created a knowledge that wasn't there before in me.

I am incredibly happy I took this course and I think it will aid me in the future.

No, just want to thank the instructor for giving me the opportunity to learn such a great subject.

On a personal level, I learned that I think my niece (who came out as being gay years ago) may actually be transgender. It doesn't matter either way, she is cute-as-a-button and we love her dearly.

This course exceeded my expectations. I am well informed and fully aware of the issues and the abuses that is happening in the transgender community.

This meet my expectation because I learned and became educated about the different aspects of a transgender persons life. I needed and wanted to learn more about the LGBT community because it is good to be able to talk to someone and know the right and wrong things to say at certain times. It is important to me to help stand up for the transgender community because they are not accepted by my society in the way I wish they could be. I love and admire the triumphs that each transgender person goes through because it shows how strong and courageous of a person that they are in general.

This course exceeded my expectations. I took it because I needed a transcultural course for my degree, but I learned so much about transgender issues, and feel that it will help me be a better nurse.

Even though I felt like I had a lot of knowledge about transgender people, I really learned a lot more about the every day challenges they can face and the complexity of some of their issues in a gendered society.

Course met my expectations by being realistic with workload and reading materials. The instructor made everything flow well and tie in nicely with each section.

I knew from taking previous online courses that there is a lot of writing and the learning is basically up to the student so I new to expect that. I felt the teacher taught what was in the syllabus and nothing was a surprise.

This course met my expectations because I was able to learn, specifically, what issues transgender people face when they are trying to receive medical care. This class went beyond that in teaching me the issues that are faced on a daily basis so that I can have a better understanding of these issues when providing care.

I found the course exceeded my expectations, the resources were easily accessible and I feel all the assignments helped my learning.