

Anna Williams

Selected Comments from ACE Evaluations: The Interpretation of Literature

Attention to the PERSON: *On motivating each student to exceed expectations*

“Taking this course as a junior, I was worried I would not benefit from it, but I am happy I was wrong. I enjoyed it more and anticipated, and Anna's passion for literature and English is quite apparent in her teaching and preparation. Hard work can go unnoticed at times, but her work ethic is hard to come by and appreciated by students, especially attending a large state university.”

“First I'd like to thank you for the evident, tremendous effort you have put into this class this semester. Out of all of my courses, you are the most attentive professor I have. You have showed this in many ways, but the earliest in the semester I witnessed this was your want to know mine and my peers' names. This may seem like one of the simplest things a professor should do in a class of 24 students but most do not.”

“Anna is wonderful at finding ways in which to engage everyone in the class and keep the material exciting.”

“She encourages students to meet with her during her office hours, and she offers constructive feedback that leads students to think deeper and more critically.”

“Anna is a great professor for this course. She truly goes above and beyond for her students, always allowing them to come into her office hours, set up appointments and email her to discuss coursework.”

Attention to the PLACE: *On creating an engaging, energizing, and interactive learning environment*

“Anna has been a great to learn from; she has made the course interesting and fun through activities and the choices in the texts that we read. The environment that she creates in the classroom is one that is open, respectful, and encourages participation for everyone.”

“I think we could all really tell the passion she has for teaching and reading and getting others to love reading, too. It was truly a pleasure to have her as an instructor and I really do thank her for bringing that motivation to read again back into my life!”

“Anna was great at facilitating comfortable and interesting class discussion, and many of the assigned readings were enjoyable.”

“This was my favorite class this semester. The activities in class were great. The out of class readings were interesting.”

“Anna is absolutely great and class is always fun.”

“I will actually miss the class, which I can't say for many courses :)”

Attention to the learning PROCESS: *On communicating challenging material clearly and helpfully*

“Anna is an incredibly fun teacher who continuously finds way to engage the classroom and really hit home the ideas and objectives of that class period. Her encouragement and helpful office hours make for easy improvement in the course and is overall a great teacher to have the privilege to learn from.”

“It is clear that Anna puts time into preparing her materials and spends a great deal of thought about what she is trying to teach, and what the underlying skill being developed is.”

“Anna is eager to help and make sure students are successfully completing work.”

“Anna is also very approachable for when help is needed and has a good way of explaining what is going on in the course. Overall, I enjoyed this class.”

“Very helpful professor who was always willing to go the extra length to help in whatever way was needed.”

Selected descriptions of Anna’s feedback on students’ coursework

“I really liked how each major essay required a partial draft in which Anna reviewed, commented additionally on and provided a shadow grade. This really helps a student to understand how to proceed early on.”

“I have greatly enjoyed her class and have had fun while greatly developing my writing skills. I love that she gave such detailed feedback on my rough drafts so I was able to see what I specifically need to work on in order to improve my writing skills.”

“Great instructor that really helped me hone my writing skills.”

“I really appreciated the time and effort you always put into essay feedback and helping better my rough drafts.”

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Quantitative Scores from ACE Evaluations: The Interpretation of Literature

Scale: 6.0 = Strongly Agree; 1.0 = Strongly Disagree

Course Number	1200:78	1200:35	1200:51	1200:28	1200:58
Semester	Fall 2016	Fall 2017		Spring 2018	Fall 2018
No. of Responses (Response Rate)	19 (86%)	18 (100%)	20 (100%)	20 (100%)	(upcoming)
1. The instructor is effective in teaching the course materials.	5.37	5.56	5.75	5.84	
2. The work assigned by the instructor is worthwhile and helped me learn the course material.	5.21	5.22	5.35	5.70	
3. The instructor supports student learning in this class.	5.63	5.56	5.65	5.75	
4. I am better at analyzing and understanding what I read.	5.37	5.33	5.40	5.65	
5. I have strengthened my ability to respond critically to reading materials.	5.47	5.33	5.35	5.70	
6. I can better understand how texts are related to their cultural, historical, and political context.	5.21	5.56	5.35	5.80	