

Course Evaluation Summer 2015_3
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Mount Saint Mary's University
Los Angeles, CA

Course:	PSY_157 W1 - Brain and Behavior	Department:	WEC-PSY
Responsible Faculty:	Franco Santos	Responses / Expected:	20 / 24 (83.33%)

Student Information		PSY_157 - W1											
		Responses						Course					
		F	S	J	S	U	G	N	N	Mean	Med.	Mode	Std Dev
Q1	Your class level:	1	1	11	7	0	0	0	20	3.2	3	3	.75
Responses:		[F] Freshman=1 [S] Sophomore=2 [J] Junior=3 [S] Senior=4 [U] Unclassified=5 [G] Graduate=6 [N] None=7											

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		M	GS	E	M	O	C	N	N	Mean	Med.	Mode	Std Dev
Q2	Requirement this course fulfills:	16	1	1	1	0	1	0	20	1.6	1	1	1.28
Responses:		[M] Major=1 [GS] General Studies=2 [E] Elective=3 [M] Minor=4 [O] Other=5 [C] Combination=6 [N] None=7											

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		Responses						Course						
		A	B	C	D	E	F	C	NC	N	Mean	Med.	Mode	Std Dev
Q3	Expected grade in this course:	9	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	20	1.7	2	1,2	.65
Responses:		[A] A=1 [B] B=2 [C] C=3 [D] D=4 [E] E=5 [F] F=6 [C] Credit=7 [NC] No Credit=8												

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		7	6	5	4	3	2	1	N	Mean	Med.	Mode	Std Dev
Q4	The course requirements were clearly stated in the syllabus.	17	3	0	0	0	0	0	20	6.9	7	7	.36
Q5	The course was intellectually challenging.	16	3	1	0	0	0	0	20	6.8	7	7	.54
Q6	The assignments, tests or other methods of evaluation were relevant to the course objectives.	15	2	2	0	0	0	0	19	6.7	7	7	.65
Q7	Given the course objectives, the texts and course materials were appropriate and well chosen.	12	3	4	1	0	0	0	20	6.3	7	7	.95
Q8	The course contributed to my learning experience at MSMU.	17	1	2	0	0	0	0	20	6.8	7	7	.62
Responses:		[7] 7(High)=7 [6] 6=6 [5] 5=5 [4] 4=4 [3] 3=3 [2] 2=2 [1] 1(Low)=1											

FOR ONLINE/HYBRID COURSES ONLY		PSY_157 - W1											
		Responses						Course					

		NO	YBI	YBI	MST	N	Mean	Med.	Mode	Std Dev
Q9	Do you plan to take another online/hybrid course?	1	0	1	0	2	1.5	1.5	1,2	.50
Responses: [NO] No=1 [YBI] Yes, because I have to for my program=2 [YBI] Yes, because I like them=2 [MST] Maybe, still thinking=1										

Instructor Evaluation		Santos, Franco											
		Responses							Individual				
		7	6	5	4	3	2	1	N	Mean	Med.	Mode	Std Dev
Q10	The instructor was well prepared for class.	13	6	1	0	0	0	0	20	6.6	7	7	.58
Q11	The instructor effectively communicated course objectives.	17	1	2	0	0	0	0	20	6.8	7	7	.62
Q12	The instructor generated interest in the subject matter.	17	2	1	0	0	0	0	20	6.8	7	7	.51
Q13	The instructor used a variety of instructional activities.	9	7	2	0	1	0	0	19	6.2	6	7	1
Q14	The instructor was open to questions and encouraged active participation.	18	1	0	1	0	0	0	20	6.8	7	7	.68
Q15	The instructor encouraged independent, critical thinking.	15	2	2	0	0	0	0	19	6.7	7	7	.65
Q16	The instructor was available for help with the course.	16	3	1	0	0	0	0	20	6.8	7	7	.54
Q17	The instructor demonstrated knowledge of the subject matter.	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	20	6.9	7	7	.30
Q18	The instructor expected and encouraged academic honesty.	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	20	6.9	7	7	.30
Q19	The instructor established an environment of fairness in the classroom.	16	2	1	1	0	0	0	20	6.7	7	7	.79
Responses: [7] 7(High)=7 [6] 6=6 [5] 5=5 [4] 4=4 [3] 3=3 [2] 2=2 [1] 1(Low)=1													

Question:	What are the opportunities and challenges you face in an online/hybrid environment?
Response Rate:	10.00% (2 of 20)

1	n/a
2	NA

Faculty:	Santos, Franco
Question:	Please comment on the overall quality of this course and teaching effectiveness of the instructor.
Response Rate:	90.00% (18 of 20)

1	Awesome funny instructor who made the experience of learning a difficult subject enjoyable.
2	professor knew the material very well and was very good in answering any questions and clarifying anything that was confusing.
3	Professor Santos was always open to answer questions, us students, were not able to fully grasp. He takes the time to elaborate and provide examples for us to have a better understanding of the subject matter. Even though this class was very challenging, he was able to keep us engaged and his teaching style made it easy for us to follow the topics.
4	I loved this course. I really enjoyed prof santos' methods of instruction. he was engaging, thought provoking and even entertaining, which was important to helping us keep on track for such a brain challenging class. I will definitely seek him out for other classes.

5	<p>Dr. Santos is a great teacher and brings much relevant information to the table regarding this subject. It seems some teachers like to use what I like to call "trick questions" in order to see if you are really grasping a point. However, he did seem to bend to class requests and pressure and complaints. His mid term was more straightforward.</p> <p>All of his quizzes have been online and open book. That seems very fair considering the depth of information and facts being studied. His final exam may be online, also, which would be great because of the depth and details of information.</p>
6	<p>The course and instructor was great! you get to learn a lot and Prof. Santos knows what he is talking about and actually explains in different manners if you don't understand the book. Powerpoint can get a little confusing but he will take the time to help out or slow down throughout the presentation..but one still needs to keep up! If you miss a class, you miss out on a lot!!</p>
7	<p>It was a difficult but some aspects blew my mind. I learned a lot. The professor has a laid-back personality but his exams are challenging. The class is so interactive that your misunderstandings are cleared up.</p>
8	<p>Very passionate about the subject, seemed knowledgeable on the subject matter. The way the powerpoints are organized take some getting used to because they are somewhat confusing to follow.</p>
9	<p>I really enjoyed the subject. However, I really think the slides were a bit difficult to follow. Even though, I learned to follow after a few classes, but it would have been nice to have the slides the week before. Professor has a great personality and was quite engaging.</p>
10	<p>I think this course is great, very challenging but informational. My only frustration with the course is the amount of interruptions permitted especially with material as dense as brain and behavior. It seemed like the professor never made it through the end of lectures or the targeted material because of unnecessary chatter or questions on material yet to be covered.</p>
11	<p>Professor Santos is an excellent instructor. He has an interest in brain and behavior which made him much more of an engaging professor. There was a lot of material to cover and I feel he did a great job in trying to squeeze everything in in such a short amount of time.</p>
12	<p>I have to say that this course was great in the amount of information we received. I think that it would serve better if it was comprised to serve the weekend college students. I felt overwhelmed with all the information and the way the instructor worded the tests. Many of the students complained about constantly second guessing themselves. I know that Santos intentions were for us to challenge our minds and I am thankful for that. But, I couldn't help but feeling that he actually enjoyed our suffering. I am just glad the class is over.</p>
13	<p>I really enjoyed the class, it was challenging and interesting. Prof. Santos knew the course material and encouraged participation from students and encouraged to ask questions if confused about a certain point.</p>
14	<p>Enjoyed the class and thought that it was challenging and informative. Well prepared and thought that the explanations helped in understanding a complex subject.</p>
15	<p>Excellent course; instructor was extremely knowledgeable and prepared for the course each session. Was challenged every time our class met!</p>
16	<p>Professor Santos went above and beyond. Very knowledgeable and made sure his students wouldn't fall behind.</p>
17	<p>The instructor possesses a vast amount of experience and knowledge on the subject and is able to effectively engage and communicate with students.</p>
18	<p>I enjoyed having a class with Professor Santos. He encourages us to ask questions during his lectures and asks us great review questions in return. Professor Santos was always available after class to answer questions or have discussion and he has been the greatest of any professors I've had to respond to my emails. I appreciated his approachability and would recommend him to other students and suggest that he teach even more class at Weekend and Evening College. After completing this semester I feel prepared for graduate studies in psychology and my knowledge in the subject is far less patchy.</p>

Faculty:	Santos, Franco
Question:	Please give suggestions, if any, for improving this course or the teaching effectiveness of this instructor.
Response Rate:	80.00% (16 of 20)

1	none
2	Instructor was great but the course should be given during the week nights instead of the weekend. There is a lot of material to go through in such a short amount of time.
3	I wish that the powerpoint slides had more input. It's a bit hard to study when there are only fragment sentences.
4	It seems with all the biological information that needs to be absorbed in this class, it would be better to meet once a week for an evening class to better spread out in a more even dose the studying and learning.
5	I think that this class needs to have more days of lecture. I found it pretty draining fitting learning a lot of info in just 1 session.
6	I enjoyed the class & appreciate the instructor encouraging us all along the way.
7	Copies of the powerpoint before the lecture would be helpful in absorbing the material enough for discussion, as the lectures aren't always exactly the same as the reading. Switching the format of the lectures to reflect the more fast-paced Weekend College Format would be helpful to cover more material.
8	Again, the slides could have been a bit more precise. Easier to follow. If you are going to offer this course again, I really think it should be an evening course and not on the weekends. There is a lot of great material to be learned and showing up every week would allow the information to sink in better. It is not a subject for every other weekend. Thank you!
9	Encourage more focused discussions and not compensate for students who are continuously distracted.
10	No suggestions needed. I would take another class taught by Professor Santos in the future if I'm able to!
11	The entire class was just about lecturing, so much informations was given and there was very little time to interact in class. Since we had to go through all the slides. I think that if the professor is going to lecture most of the time, a good way to avoid that and allow interactions would be to send the lecture ahead of time. Many of us spent the time writing the slides and not paying full attention on what was being said. Learning actually happened once we went home and revised the notes and compared with the book. Anyhow, Santos dry humor made the class somewhat fun.
12	I would suggest changing the format to fit weekend college. I loved that this class provided a lot of material and was challenging however it would have been better to summarize some of the material. Overall the teaching effectiveness was outstanding. One of the best Prof. Ive had in weekend college.
13	Would suggest that the class be offered on a weekly basis in the evening so that we had more time to cover the material. Did feel a little rushed for time so would suggest students getting carried away with their comments a bit. If it were offered in the evening there would be more room for interaction.
14	None
15	Considering it's a weekend college course, there would have been more to cover if there would have been more preparation with presentations, mainly with organization and availability prior to class.
16	It would have helped the class is Santos had started preparing for class (in between meetings) earlier. The structure of his powerpoint was at times confusing and disorganized but the information was excellent. I would suggest posting the power points online prior to class. Santos likes using trick questions on the exams and quizzes. Creating a high-stress and intimidating class environment. Students need a way to bolster their grade to offset for these trick questions. Perhaps two or three short essays throughout the semester or other extra credit opportunities would work in the future.