

Spring 2017 Final Evaluation Form

TA: Laura Jaffee

EDU 310/610

Discussion Section

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13. I would recommend Laura as a TA to other students	1	2	3	4	(5)	

14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

Discuss with classmates and
free talking ideas.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

In the discussion section, we have free time ~~to~~ and opportunities to talk our own ideas on education and our different perspectives on American education.

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

Laura is really a good TA, and she helped me a lot, no matter for clarifying assignments or ideas that I don't understand from the reading. She is a competitive and awesome TA.

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

Slowing down speaking pace will be better and making ideas ~~more~~ clearer.

She is awesome, and she will be better in the future.

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14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

having open conversations in small
groups really helped me develop
my ideas.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

In discussion we went over the articles more in detail and went over assignments which helped with expectations & clarity.

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

Laura did very well at leading discussion and always encouraged open discussion & participation.

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

I thought discussion section was done very well, ^{and} ~~and~~ that she ~~could have~~ was seen as an equal rather than above us. Keep up the good work!

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14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

I enjoyed the discussions that Laura facilitated during the discussion sections. I also thought Laura's explanations were useful and worthwhile.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

The discussion sections allowed time to have small group discussions of the topic / article for the week.

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

Laura could have been more confident in her ability to teach. She seemed to know a lot about the material, but was often quiet.

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

Be more confident!

also, sometimes you used really big terms that I had no idea what they were, so maybe define the terms you use in layperson's terms

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14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

- having the class be a safe space
worked well + it allowed for
in-dept discussions.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

- allowed for a breakdown of the article along w/ other critical thoughts to view reading from multiple perspectives

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

- Laura did a great job leading it was very informative & filled w/ lasting thoughts.

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

- more energy to bring passion about education system life

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14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

small discussion groups

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

it was helpful in elaborating
the context and looking
at it from another perspective

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

super great - Laura really
does about educating
and thinking holistically.
I appreciate all she has taught me

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

maybe make class more interactive
but you are really wonderful
and I have truly enjoyed our
conversations and you taking
the time to explain things
to me has made a difference
in my thinking. Thank you.

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Really knowledgeable

- I liked the sheets w/ the quotes

14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

- The quote sheets

- Talking with a partner

- Discussing the readings as a class

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

- She is very knowledgeable. She is also a great listener and always provided feedback. Sometimes it was difficult to get people to participate.

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

- Somehow get people more excited to participate
- ~~It~~ It would have been cool if we kept a running mindmap ~~about~~ throughout the semester of things we discussed in recitation

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14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

The ~~not~~ set-up of discussion in which we got an outline of reading (so helpful) and there was also a video. I also enjoyed the frequent connections made through the videos or other provided articles by Laura.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

The outline of the reading helped pull parts that were important which I didn't realize while reading. Also since we frequently made connections, it helped me on writing assignments.

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

She did a great job facilitating a safe environment to contribute answers.

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

I wish more people participated. There were a select few voices who always had input. I'm not sure how to enhance participation, but it was clear in small groups who did the reading. One could easily black out the reading.

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14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

I felt that the small group facilitations were very helpful and beneficial to our learning.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

Discussion section went into more detail and specifics on content learned in lecture which was very helpful

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

Laura was very enthusiastic and knowledgeable on this subject matter

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

Be a little clearer on the feedback we receive on assignments

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Laura's take on the articles before going into discussion. Her passion & knowledge shows and is inspiring.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

While I felt like I had a somewhat good understanding of a lot of the coursework, I began to see through discussion how little gets taught in H.S. and other courses on the oppression of people throughout history. I understand now through talking w/ fellow students how little most undergrads know about racist institutions, but how much they want to know and really do care!

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

Laura is great, knowledgeable, passionate, well prepared!

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

Maybe explain some of the terms a little more in depth + in the beginning of the semester. A class I took at SU that was similar in content to this class - EDU 522 Social Studies + Democracy - deals w/ similar topics + terms. It might be helpful to take some of the key words they use + define them early on e.g. hegemony, institution, etc.

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I loved how open it was and how easy it felt to voice our opinions and concerns.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

The discussion section was able to clarify many of the packed issues in class. I was able more of the problems in class which helped to make me understand the material.

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

Laura was amazing! She was able to connect with every student and allow us the opportunity to safely discuss the issues affecting our educational system, and allow us to voice our concerns.

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

I don't really have any advice or any improvements off the top of head because I fully enjoyed how Laura taught the class.

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Her "lectures" or discussions, I always had good/informative notes from the discussions that helped me write my essays.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

So much! She made the readings super clear to understand. Her diagrams on the white board were always super helpful.

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

great! You could tell she cared and wanted to hear from everyone/ respected everyone's views.

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

Not much. Maybe have a "mock" discussion for small groups so group leaders could know more about their roles at the beginning of the semester.

She was great!! ☺ thanks Laura!

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She was urged to talk in discussion and ~~can~~ try to understand even in my strange English.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

I could hear many opinions, and I could understand deeply.

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

Sometimes she joined the discussion and deepened the discussion.

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

She gave some advice.

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15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

- She showed us some videos which are relevant to the topics and @ they helped me understand the topics.

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

- I enjoyed her discussion section.
She elicited students opinions.

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

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She always responds our question by email
~~really~~ on time. I ~~to~~ can't find any problem
 from Laura. She has lots of patients
 and so nice.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

It give us more clearly explanation from
Reading / class material

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

Excellent.

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

If possible, print out the core of the
reading material, ~~the~~