## Student Evaluation of Teaching

Instructor: Jaffee, Laura J. Course: Inclusive & Special Education

11 surveys / 17 enrolled in EDUC 207 B (TR 1445)

#### Student:1

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Additional Reason(s):

Effort: I put effort into this course through working in groups, reading, taking notes, writing assignments, and more.

<u>Understanding & Appreciation:</u> This course challenged some of the ways I think about ability and I am now more capable of recognizing other challenges with ability that may not be so obvious to me.

<u>Intellectual Growth:</u> This course forced me to put myself in someone else's shoes, who is disabled, and try to understand their life and the challenges they face.

Quality: I think that Professor Jaffee truly cared about her students and was interested to learn from her students. Sometimes, I do think that some of the pointed questions we were asked were somewhat confusing and I found myself not knowing how to answer questions due to confusing language. I do think this class was interesting and opened my eyes to new perspectives.

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#### Student:2

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

#### Additional Reason(s):

<u>Effort:</u> I consistently read the readings thoroughly with annotations, and with online classes i kept up with Moodle posts. In class I tried to participate as often as I could in class discussion.

<u>Understanding & Appreciation:</u> This course taught me so much about the lives of disabled people, and how we think about them critically in our society. I have learned how people who have differences or impairments are not disabling, rather society is ableist and makes them disabled.

<u>Intellectual Growth:</u> I hope to teach in the future, so this course has taught me to not only see our society in a different lens, but given me ways to create a differentiated and accessible classroom for everyone.

<u>Quality:</u> Professor Jaffee did an amazing job of creating an accessible classroom where everyone was able to learn fairly. She explained the course material well and I felt like I learned a lot from her. Through the pandemic, it was clear how much she cared for each of her students. She made online classes accessible but also everyone was able to learn from it like we would in the classroom. One of the most effective and excellent professors I have had at Colgate.

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### Student:3

Reason(s): Interest in the course material

#### Additional Reason(s):

Effort: I put a lot of work into this course, always doing class readings, annotating my notes, and participating in class discussion. Understanding & Appreciation: I have a greater understanding of the proper or PC way of language around ableism and disabilities. Intellectual Growth: The course was incredible. I am now sensitive to issues that I was not previously aware of and understand the importance of inclusive environments.

<u>Quality:</u> Professor Jaffee is an incredible professor. She is kind, caring, devoted, sensitive, compassionate, accommodating and approachable! If I had another year left at Colgate I would 100% sign up for one of her courses again.

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#### Student:4

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Elective within major or minor

#### Additional Reason(s):

<u>Effort:</u> I have put a fair amount of effort into this course. I always prepared for class by doing all of the readings and annotating them in order to be able to participate in class discussions. I have also put a lot of effort into all out of class assignments, such as our paper, final project, reading notes, and discussion facilitation.

<u>Understanding & Appreciation:</u> I feel as though I have a far better understanding of disability now. Before taking this course, I did not realize how pervasive ableism is in our society. Taking this course has opened my eyes to the many forms that ableism takes, the institutions that it influences, and the amazing work that so many are doing to change this. I feel like I have both learned a great deal and become incredibly passionate about this subject.

<u>Intellectual Growth:</u> This course really pushed me to think critically about language, institutions, concepts, and practices both in education and beyond. I think that the course as a whole has pushed me to be more observant and critical of the world around me. I also think that this course has made me a better participant, as Professor Jaffee has fostered a really great class environment that has made me feel more comfortable and excited about participating in class discussions.

Quality: Professor Jaffee is an excellent professor. She is incredibly knowledgeable about the subject matter, which is evident to all students. She always comes to class prepared with helpful videos, thoughtful questions, and engaging activities. Professor Jaffee never makes students feel embarrassed or nervous to ask questions, even though the topic of disability can sometimes be hard to navigate as society views it as a taboo. Additionally, Professor Jaffee is incredibly caring. Throughout the semester and especially in the switch to online learning, Professor Jaffee has reached out to our class about both academics and our mental health, showing how thoughtful she is. I have had a wonderful experience in this class and with Professor Jaffee and I am so glad that I took this course with her!

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#### Student:5

Reason(s): Interest in the course material

Additional Reason(s):

Effort: Put a lot of effort into this course

<u>Understanding & Appreciation:</u> Learned that even though schools may say they have some sort of special education program, it does not mean that they actually do

<u>Intellectual Growth:</u> Learned how to better present material as many people learn better through many different methods <u>Quality:</u> Professor Jaffee is great. Very organized, class routine is always different, has very clear guidelines, and always comes to class ready to generate great class discussion

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#### Student:6

Reason(s): Reputation of the instructor

Interest in the course material

#### Additional Reason(s):

Effort: For this class, I did all the required readings. I turned everything on time. I made sure I had a clear understanding of all the topics we talked about it class.

<u>Understanding & Appreciation:</u> Before taking this course, I had no knowledge about the topic. I knew what the course was about but not in depth. This class really made me have another perspective about the topic. It really opened my eyes on subjects I did not even know existed. Because of this course, I will definitely will keep on exploring this topic.

Intellectual Growth: The material we read in class really helped my intellectual growth. As I mentioned before, this subject is brand new to me. I did not know what to expect until I started reading the material and had class discussions that I started understanding more about the subject. I wish we had more time in the classroom but due to the sudden change we had to switch to online. I will keep with me all that I learned in this course. It will help in my future career.

<u>Quality:</u> The quality of teaching was great. The professor was always there to help and answer questions. She was very knowledgable about the topic which helped a lot in understanding it better.

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#### Student:7

Reason(s): Exploration of possible major or minor

#### Additional Reason(s):

Effort: I put a good amount of effort into this class. There were challenging and fascinating readings every weeks and an essay and projects.

<u>Understanding & Appreciation:</u> I learned so much about disability, social constructs, and becoming more inclusive. This was an incredible course that broader my knowledge on this topic.

<u>Intellectual Growth:</u> I learned so much about the world around me and I learned to question society more. The class truly broadened my knowledge on a lot of aspects of the world that I never knew before. This class is amazing, and I truly believe everyone should be required to take it.

Quality: Professor Jaffee was incredible. She was extremely accessible, kind, and intelligent. I liked her teaching style, and she was extremely good at teaching the course material. I believe she would make an incredible permanent professor at Colgate. Professor Jaffee is an extremely valuable member of Colgates teaching staff, and we would be missing out by not having this course taught every year at Colgate. I believe she will succeed greatly at Colgate. I am eager to take another class with professor Jaffee, and I hope I get the chance to do so. She cares for her students, and was an amazing professor.

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#### Student:8

Reason(s): Interest in the course material

#### Additional Reason(s):

<u>Effort:</u> I always made sure to keep up with the readings each week and would annotate as I read. When having bigger projects, I made sure to begin them well in advance so I would have time to ask questions and meet deadlines.

<u>Understanding & Appreciation:</u> Before taking this course, I had very little knowledge about this material and was unaware of many of the things that were happening on a daily basis in society. I found to gain great knowledge about the material and have developed a greater interest in education. It has helped me think differently about how we should be educating and ways society's actions have greatly impacted others in negative ways.

<u>Intellectual Growth:</u> This course has helped me be more comfortable being in group discussions and listening to other's perspectives. I kept an open-mind and appreciated what everyone had to say in each class. This helped me learn more than just from the readings and lectures.

Quality: I thought the quality of teaching in this course was excellent. Each class was different which helped to keep the students engaged in the material. I liked that we discussed readings in various ways from drawings to discussions, through videos, and much more. The flexible learning style worked very well and I learned much more than I have in other classes. The class time would fly by every time and I really enjoyed all of the readings and being able to gain new perspectives.

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### Student:9

Reason(s): Reputation of the instructor

Additional Reason(s): I heard this course was really helpful in learning more about disability studies and opening up the discussion about people with disabilities.

<u>Effort:</u> The readings weren't too long but you had to do them every night. There was one paper (when we were on campus) but Prof. Jaffee did a great job at helping us stay on top of it. It was the right amount of work for the level that the class is.

<u>Understanding & Appreciation:</u> I learned that a lot of what I thought I knew about disability studies and about people with disabilities was wrong so it completely changed the way I think about both the discipline and the people. It also opened my eyes to the lack of accessibility both on Colgate's campus and in the world in general.

<u>Intellectual Growth:</u> It helped me to acknowledge that a lot of what I'm learning or how I'm learning is not accessible to a lot of people. It made me take a step back and think about the little things that I take for granted every day.

Quality: I think Prof. Jaffee did a really good job teaching this course. In the beginning of the semester she had us all fill out sheets with how we learn best and she made sure to incorporate a lot of different techniques into her teaching style. As I did the readings about what makes a classroom accessible and how lesson plans are most accessible I saw a lot of those techniques in her teaching which was really encouraging. She was very considerate of everything that came up in our class and made sure to foster good conversations while still keeping us on track and using correct terminology. When she corrected people, it was done in a way that was really encouraging and not at all belittling. I was not afraid to ask questions (sometimes that I almost felt uncomfortable asking) because she handled them so well and really made the environment feel safe.

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Student:10

Reason(s):

Additional Reason(s):

Effort: A good amount of effort in reading, most of my time was taken from papers.

Understanding & Appreciation: This course somewhat opened my understanding of disability.

<u>Intellectual Growth:</u> I felt some growth in appreciation. However, I feel that the course could've used more intellectual diversity. <u>Quality:</u> HIgh quality of teaching.

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### Student:11

Reason(s): Interest in the course material

Additional Reason(s):

Effort: I completed the readings, papers and projects for this course

<u>Understanding & Appreciation:</u> This course has turned my perception of disability and accessibility completely on its head, in the best way possible. This course has taught me how to think more critically about accessibility and how I can make spaces more accessible for my peers.

<u>Intellectual Growth:</u> This course has given me a great foundation to use when I am teaching in a classroom. I have learned how to approach teaching in a more accessible and inclusive way. Additionally, this class has shown me how there are many ways to make any environment and interaction more inclusive, which is immensely beneficial.

Quality: Professor Jaffee is an amazing professor. She cares about her students, makes class interesting, and supports us in many ways. This class has been my most accessible and inclusive class at Colgate and what difference her teaching makes! Class is not stressful, not because she doesn't push us to work hard, but because she makes the material more hands on, through a variety of teaching styles.

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