

Instructor: Jaffee, Laura J.

Course: Special Topics in Educ Studies

8 surveys / 13 enrolled in EDUC 440 B (TR 0955)

Student:1

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement
 Reputation of the instructor
 Interest in the course material

Additional Reason(s):

Effort: This class demanded time every day to reflect and be able to deeply connect with the material. The readings constantly made you think personally and find connections to our everyday lives. I also had to put in a little more effort to truly understand the work since a lot of it was new material for me.

Understanding & Appreciation: I feel like this course touched on many different topics so I truly feel like I learned a good amount on numerous prominent issues. I also felt like I developed a personal and deep appreciation for a lot of these conversations since I was able to take my own stance and understand the material in my own way.

Intellectual Growth: I believe this course allowed me to find value and meaning in topics that I had not previously given enough thought to and I feel grateful that I was able to learn about meaningful and relevant topics to our world today.

Quality: Professor Jaffee is a fantastic lecturer and she does a great job of tying back the material to our everyday experiences. Her selection of readings was also great and I highly recommend all the texts we covered. This course is very important for college students, particularly those interested in activism and the politics of our time.

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Student:2

Reason(s): Exploration of possible major or minor
 Interest in the course material

Additional Reason(s): Professor Jaffee was a wonderful instructor with an effective teaching style that had a balanced mixture of class discussion, PowerPoint slides, videos/clips, student-led presentations, and the classroom climate was very welcoming and safe.

Effort: I put a great deal of effort to do the readings, though the course material was of personal interest, so it did not feel like actual work.

Understanding & Appreciation: I learned a lot more about the details and complexity of the connections between higher education and other societal structures/systems. I gained a better understanding of the course work material and a better appreciation for the subject as I also was able to refer to this class in some of my other courses.

Intellectual Growth: I began to be more aware of how educational institutions function and are structured and could really notice these aspects just by chatting with friends or having class discussions in my other courses. This course opened my eyes to the magnitude of how connected different systems really are.

Quality: Professor Jaffee was (and is) an amazing instructor. She picked highly entertaining yet informational readings, used a variety of sources and learning materials, she encouraged each of us along the way to participate and share our opinion while clarifying any questions the class had, she fostered an environment where I could truly learn from my peers, and she was constantly open to critique and adjustments based on class preferences. Overall, she is an amazing professor and a genuinely good human. She took her students' health and wellbeing into consideration before making decisions and really adjusted/transitioned the class well online during these troubling times.

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Additional Reason(s):Effort: Completed all the readings and assignmentsUnderstanding & Appreciation: Gave me knowledge on the disadvantages minorities have on college campusesIntellectual Growth: Brought awareness of what is going on in our country and campuses across itQuality: Professor Jaffee is one of the nicest and best professor Colgate has to offer. I would strongly recommend her to other students

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Student:4

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Reputation of the instructor

Interest in the course material

Additional Reason(s):Effort: I did the readings and assignments, and showed up to every classUnderstanding & Appreciation: This class helped me develop a better understanding of both the university and student movements, and will certainly be useful as I endeavor to make use of my degree moving forwardIntellectual Growth: Every course in this department is inherently relevant, because we live in a society and understanding how to make more responsible choices on an individual and group level will help create a better world. This is one such course that has impacted the person I am and the choices I will makeQuality: Professor Jaffee was outstanding, both before and after we shifted online. Of all my professors, she navigated this situation with the most care and consideration while still maintaining the integrity and rigor of the course, which is really the only factor that I'm worried about evaluating this semester.

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Student:5

Reason(s): Elective within major or minor

Additional Reason(s):Effort: Not just reading material, but critically reflecting on it so I would be prepared for class discussions was how I spent most of my time studying for this courseUnderstanding & Appreciation: The syllabus was very diverse yet all tied together in one theme. I learned a lot about different movements and issues around the world and how the US is involved in them.Intellectual Growth: Learning how to consider material that are not scholarly articles, other forms of knowledgeQuality: One of my favorite professors, clearly listens to students and caters to their interests while keeping us in theme

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Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Additional Reason(s):Effort: all readings and frequent in class contributionUnderstanding & Appreciation: I appreciate the subject so much more.Intellectual Growth: It challenged me to think much more largely about the subject matter.Quality: Teaching was wonderful and truly made the class feel like a safe intellectual community.

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Student:7

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Additional Reason(s):Effort: I put a lot of effort into trying to thoroughly comprehend readings. I spent a lot of time reflecting on readings and thinking about questions to ask during discussions.Understanding & Appreciation: I have a better understanding of the role that higher education plays in the world. I understand its nuances and how it harms and contributes to society.Intellectual Growth: My critical thinking skills have increasedQuality: Professor showed concern for students and was very helpful especially during the online portion of the semester. Professor cares about students and considers student input.

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Student:8

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Interest in the course material

Additional Reason(s): The course came highly recommended by Prof. Stern! I also thought the class sounded like a lot of fun.Effort: I put a lot of effort into this class because I loved it (lol). I made sure to complete readings, assignments, and responses on time or ask for extensions if I need them ahead of time. I often spoke about class material outside of class even to my friends who were not taking the class. I probably could have taken advantage of office hours a little more though.Understanding & Appreciation: This course really got me thinking and questioning everything. Although the main focus was on higher education, I found myself reflecting on my own education before college and the factors that lead me to pursue higher education. I made connections with systems of imperialism/colonization/neo-liberalism/empire that I had not made before.Intellectual Growth: This course brought a lot of social issues that exist within education into the light and how people challenge these structures. It got me to think about what organizational work I could get involved in, support, or start especially in regards to Colgate.Quality: This course was sooooo good and was definitely my favorite course of the semester. Considering that it was Prof. Jaffee's first time teaching this course I think she did a great job. She really tied the material into our own lives and current events thinking about our own education and Colgate. She also provided material from multiple sources such as "nonacademic" sources which I really appreciated.

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