

Instructor: Jaffee, Laura J.

Course: Racial Capitalism & Edu Policy

14 surveys / 15 enrolled in EDUC 310 A (MW 1400)

Student:1

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Additional Reason(s):

Effort: This course was designed in a manner that we had readings due before our synchronous class on Wednesday and we had some asynchronous work instead of Monday class. There weren't many assignments but the ones we did have took a lot of effort and planning.

Understanding & Appreciation: This class greatly contributed to my understanding of the educational system in the US and furthered my desire to work in this field. All information was presented in a clear way and Professor Jaffee does a great job applying concepts to the real world and challenging students to see how these systems play out in their own lives.

Intellectual Growth: Professor Jaffee sets such a positive tone in her classroom and really cares about her students. Because of this, I am able to appreciate her class and the material so much more and really enjoy participating. The way Professor Jaffee runs her classes should be a guide to all Colgate professors.

Quality: I couldn't say enough positive things about Professor Jaffee. She has been the professor I admire most here at Colgate and she embodies everything an educator should be. The simple act of her starting class asking everyone how they are doing changes the entire way the class runs. You can see how passionate she is about her work and the topics she talks about which makes me as a student much more interested and engaged. This has been one of the only classes where I feel that I am learning for the sake of learning and not just to get a letter grade and a degree. Professor Jaffee has been a key factor in helping me decide what I want to pursue in a career.

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Student:2

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Reputation of the instructor

Interest in the course material

Additional Reason(s):

Effort: It was necessary to do the readings for the course in order for the discussion to be strong. and examination wise I appreciated the mix of papers and other creative ideas to represent work and understanding like class discussion facilitation, online billboards, and other forms of creative output.

Understanding & Appreciation: I've always loved learning about the school system and I think its important ti understand a system and which every person in America has to go through and because of that it important to understand how it was formed and how it can be harmful.

Intellectual Growth: I am a lot more critical of the school system and the politics that take place within it.

Quality: I love her so much, she is such a wonderful professor, and her compassion and care for her students and the subject make it a class I look forward to whenever I have it as it is borderline therapeutic to me. the lessons are straightforward as easy to follow even when the subject matter can be challenging and talked the time to hear views and elaboration from students at every major point.

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Student:3

Reason(s): Elective within major or minor

Additional Reason(s):

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Effort: I engaged in conversations about racial capitalism and education which required me to complete our weekly readings. Throughout the semester we also worked on other assignments with small groups.

Understanding & Appreciation: I have learned about the many layers of racial capitalism and how they are all connected and contribute to our systems of power.

Intellectual Growth: This class has made me more aware of the structural inequalities that persist in our society and has also made me wonder what our education system will look like in the years to come.

Quality: Professor Jaffee is the absolute best professor I have had at Colgate. Not only is she an amazing human being, she is also great at facilitating discussions and presentations. All of her lectures were very engaging which helped me learn a lot of new concepts.

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Student:4

Reason(s): Interest in the course material

Additional Reason(s): I took this class because I was interested in the subject matter, but also because Professor Jaffee is my favorite teacher at this school.

Effort: I put a lot of effort into this class by doing the readings, always participating in class and engaging with my peers.

Understanding & Appreciation: I learned so much in this class that tied into my Economics education by filling in the missing gaps and looking at the subject matter in a completely different way.

Intellectual Growth: It made me think critically about how race underscores our institutions and how to consider race when examining current policies and systems.

Quality: The quality of the teaching in this course was extremely high. Professor Jaffee is one of the only professors I have had at Colgate that knows how to foster a community within the classroom and that genuinely cares about each student's well being. She uses so many different forms of teaching and a variation of projects/activities that makes it easy and fun to learn. She takes contributions from everyone and appreciates what everybody has to say, which makes everyone want to learn and contribute. She is real, kind, caring, and very intelligent. I would recommend Professor Jaffee and her classes to anyone.

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Student:5

Reason(s): Elective within major or minor

Additional Reason(s):

Effort: This course is not particularly demanding in terms of workload, but the materials are sometimes dense and require me to dedicate a good amount of my time and effort to effectively and thoroughly engage with. The assignments are not the usual essays and papers, requiring me to put in more time to ensure that they are up to standards.

Understanding & Appreciation: This course enables me to see how capitalism and racism are always intricately linked to each other, which in turn leads to other forms of oppression and marginalization. Through reading materials and in-class discussions, as well as completing assignments, I was able to understand how education is not only affected by racial capitalism, but is also in fact a form of racial capitalism in itself in many cases.

Intellectual Growth: The topics discussed in this class allowed me to apply them to other subjects other courses. I was able to give helpful feedback to some of my classmates in my Honors Seminar by suggesting the connection between their topics of research to those of racial capitalism, neoliberalism and education. Doing this enabled me to think critically about the existence of racial capitalism beyond just education, as well as uncover the effects it has on people's lived experience.

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Quality: Professor Jaffee is concise and effective in her delivery of materials, and attentive to the whole class' progress. She often ensures that everyone is aware of what's coming in next class sessions, and cares about the wellbeing of her students. Assignments require students to be engaging and creative, and feedback is given in a timely manner. She also creates many opportunities for group work, and organizes the class activities efficiently.

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Student:6

Reason(s): Exploration of possible major or minor

Additional Reason(s):

Effort: There were weekly readings for this class that took no more than 2 hours a week. There were also projects in this class that required us to meet in groups outside of class time, which was difficult to coordinate sometimes.

Understanding & Appreciation: This course greatly contributed to my understanding and appreciation of the subject. All of the materials were super relevant and it was easy to connect class to current events.

Intellectual Growth: This course really challenged me to think about institutions and systems in society that are problematic, and the ways in which they maintain their power. I feel like I learned a lot from taking this course, and wish elements of the course could be integrated into other classes/orientation because it really brought to light a lot of issues I was unaware of in society and at Colgate.

Quality: This professor is clearly passionate about this subject matter and conducted class in a way that made me feel valued as a student and as a person. It was tiring to do this class over Zoom, but I feel like this professor took into consideration Zoom fatigue/stress more than my other professors which I really appreciate. I would definitely recommend this class and this professor to others, especially those who have never taken an education class because this material really applies to all subjects/areas of life.

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12: A				11: SA	
18: A				16: A	

Student:7

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Additional Reason(s):

Effort: I put a good amount of effort into the class. I had done all the readings and I tried to participate whenever we had to. I also did all the activities that were done in class and completed all the assignments.

Understanding & Appreciation: Before this class, I never understood what racial capitalism was and this class allowed me to understand what it was and the effect it has on everyday life and in schools. It was very interesting to see the dynamic between racial capitalism and schools.

Intellectual Growth: As I had said in the question before, the class has allowed me to understand racial capitalism and it has really shifted me toward becoming more active with all the events that have been going on in these tumultuous times.

Quality: The quality of teaching in this course was great. Professor Jaffee really tried her best when it came to teaching the course under some difficult circumstances and I really appreciate her for all she has done!

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Student:8

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement
Elective within major or minor

Additional Reason(s):Effort: I did all my readings and projects.

Understanding & Appreciation: I really liked the course because it forced me to think more critically about how capitalism and education are so interconnected. She allowed us to reflect on our own experiences, which is so important to really understand the subject.

Intellectual Growth: The course has taught me to connect the ideas that we learnt in class to every aspect of life and how these concepts don't just apply to education.

Quality: I really appreciate how understanding the professor was throughout the course. She creates a nurturing environment for her students to participants and this allows for students to express themselves.

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Student:9

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

Additional Reason(s):Effort:

Understanding & Appreciation: I knew very little about the course subject. I don't think I had ever even heard the term racial capitalism. I was able to better understand political issues involving education.

Intellectual Growth: It provided a multitude of formats to learn. we had small group discussions and individual discussion posts. We had the ability to find out what method of learning worked best for us and actually use it.

Quality: Professor Jaffee cares about her students. On multiple occasions people have texted me how this is the worst semester of their lives and no professor cares besides Jaffee. I have also had conversations about how even on a terrible and stressful day we look forward to going to this class. It is so much easier to put the work in when professors show empathy. Professor Jaffee is one of the few that do and Colgate should be fighting to keep her.

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Student:10

Reason(s): Elective within major or minor

Additional Reason(s): I had Professor Jaffee last semester and wanted to take another course with her.

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Understanding & Appreciation: Before this class, I struggled fully defining Racial Capitalism but now I have a much greater understanding and appreciation of this subject.

Intellectual Growth: This class taught me about so many important things that will be relevant to my life outside of Colgate.

Quality: Professor Jaffee has been an absolute pleasure to have for the second time and I am so excited she is returning to Colgate in the fall. Professor Jaffee is incredibly smart but still manages to be extremely accessible and willing to explain complex concepts slowly, which is a skill that some professors lack. I have never had a more understanding professor and that has made me so much more excited for class and to complete my best work for the class. Her class is engaging and really enjoyable. Professor Jaffee respects us and understands that besides being students, we are human beings who have personal lives and stressors and works to support us in and out of the classroom. I really appreciate and admire Professor Jaffee and I hope she teaches more upper level ed studies classes so I can take another class with her!

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Student:11

Reason(s): Elective outside major or minor

Additional Reason(s):Effort:

Understanding & Appreciation: This course me even more passionate about education policy and taught me about the racial underpinnings of capitalism.

Intellectual Growth:

Quality: Prof. Jaffee is kind, thoughtful, and considerate in addition to being a brilliant educator. She made everything clear and made sure we understood everything and that we also felt well during this pandemic.

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Student:12

Reason(s): Elective within major or minor

Interest in the course material

Additional Reason(s):

Effort: I did all the readings and took notes on the readings, went to office hours if I had any questions, and completed all assignments to the best of my ability.

Understanding & Appreciation: This course introduced me to new ideas about racial capitalism and how it effects education policy and I now understand and appreciate these ideas.

Intellectual Growth: I think this course taught me a lot about time management.

Quality: Professor Jaffee did a great job teaching this class. Sometimes struggles to get the class to participate (could be a byproduct of Zoom) but overall great teaching.

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Student:13

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Additional Reason(s):Effort: I put a great amount of effort into this course, and I believe it has been fully noted and acknowledged by Professor Jaffee.Understanding & Appreciation:Intellectual Growth: Capitalism needs to be acknowledged as racial because it is the practice of extracting social and economic value from a person who is not White and a Person of Color. White Supremacy is real and embedded in the foundations that govern our country.Quality: The quality of teaching in this course was impeccable. Professor Jaffee really knows how to take charge in the classroom while still providing a safe space for students to have a voice. The class structure was always very interactive, and I always found myself engaged and ready to participate.

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Student:14

Reason(s): Elective within major or minor

Reputation of the instructor

Interest in the course material

Additional Reason(s):Effort: For this course, I would spend time really analyzing the readings and materials in a way that I don't tend to do in other classes. I did it to further comprehend material I was knowledgeable in but wanted to know more about (minor details).Understanding & Appreciation: This course allowed me to learn about the history of education rooted with colonialism, schools during the pandemic, charters and private companies controlling public schools, and unions. The readings, podcasts, discussions, and assignments allowed me to understand these concepts more.Intellectual Growth: This course helped me understand how many systems work together to create the inequities that exist and remain today. It also taught me that we need to look more into the structures and foundations schools were built on, some intended for the wellbeing of education and others not.Quality: This is the second class I have taken with Professor Jaffee and despite some things have changed in terms of structure, the class and her teaching was still amazing. Professor Jaffee does a phenomenal job at getting us to engage with the material, connect it with our experiences, and tying it back to the role larger systems play in them. She also acknowledged how we are learning during a pandemic and was always available to meet our needs if we were being affected by it. Communicating that with us allowed for our voices and problems to be heard and we still gave our greatest effort to our assignments and discussions. Professor Jaffee is a great addition to the Education department and Colgate and I hope this university hires more professors who exemplify the same energy Professor Jaffee brings to each class.

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Likert Key: SA=Strongly agree, A=Agree, N=Neither agree nor disagree, D=Disagree, SD=Strongly disagree, NA=Not applicable