

Instructor: Jaffee, Laura J.

Course: Democracy and Education

14 surveys / 15 enrolled in EDUC 317 A (TR 1005)

Student:1

Reason(s): Interest in the course material

Additional Reason(s): I heard great things about Professor Jaffee from friends.Effort: For this class, I spend a lot of time on the weekly readings, and something I noticed about this class compared to others that I have taken in the past is that I will go back and re-read some of them after we have had our class discussions. Sometimes there are things that I didn't quite understand or missed the first time around and then having class helps me too see it more clearly.Understanding & Appreciation: This is a subject that I had not really thought about before but I have genuinely learned so much over the course of this semester. I really didnt know what to expect coming into this class, but I feel like the way that the course information has been presented has really given me insight on higher education, how it functions and systems of protest.Intellectual Growth: I think that this course has inspired me more than any other I have taken before to research these topics outside of class and the assigned readings. I will find myself a lot of times looking things up after class and reading article after article, and then bringing up what we talked about and what I learned to my friends. I think it is incredibly interesting and so applicable to our lives as college students and that courses like these should be mandatory.Quality: I think that Professor Jaffee is one of the most incredible professors I have had at Colgate. She is incredibly candid with her students and teaches in a way that creates a very open environment for her students. I have always had trouble participating in class, but he class feels so safe and free from judgement that it has made it so much easier. Also in this class the readings are so directly related to what we are learning and they are challenging but rewarding. Professor Jaffee is also incredibly caring and understanding towards her students and during this really difficult year. She has taught with compassion and has not increased stress levels, while not compromising the quality of education we are receiving.

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Student:2

Reason(s): Elective within major or minor

Reputation of the instructor

Interest in the course material

Additional Reason(s):Effort: I put a great amount of effort into this course. I completed the course readings, took notes during class, participated in class, and would always ask questions if I needed. I also spent a great amount of time on our assignments, both individual and group assignments.Understanding & Appreciation: This course truly opened my eyes about this topic. I was able to understand democracy and higher education (and the different aspects within higher education) more fully and was also able to critically analyze democracy and higher education through our readings and class discussions. Additionally, I feel that I am able to apply what I learned in this class to my personal surroundings.Intellectual Growth: I found some of the readings within this course particularly challenging; however, through class discussion I was able to better understand them. This course helped me practice reading high level texts/ talking about difficult material while also understanding them enough to critically analyze them throughout class discussion and assignments. Also, leading a class with a group of my peers allowed me to think of the most effective/ engaging way to lead a class lesson.Quality: I think there was an extremely high quality of teaching within this course. Professor Jaffee is extremely knowledgeable and shared her knowledge with the class, while also fostering a comfortable environment where students were able to share their own thoughts and learn from each other without fear. Additionally, Professor Jaffee encouraged us to think about/ talk about how the material we were learning applied to our own life, which was always extremely interesting, and I think made the material more engaging and understandable. She was always so supportive of myself and my peers, and truly wanted us to learn and enjoy the class. I also really appreciated our check-ins at the beginning of class, especially given the current circumstances. Professor Jaffee is an incredible professor!

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Student:3

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Additional Reason(s):

Effort: I always make sure I finish the readings for this class a day before class time. I spent hours challenging myself to complete artwork and to write an academically rigorous note accompanying it. I participate and contribute my opinions in class and be a good listener too.

Understanding & Appreciation: The reading for this course help me examine issues surrounding democracy and student organizations in the higher education atmosphere. It helps me to see things beyond Colgate and have a greater understanding of what is going on in universities. The penpal letter is helpful to communicate my thoughts with other classmates.

Intellectual Growth: This course broadens my knowledge about the conflicts between Palestinian and Israel, collaborations between student organizations, and the complicity of the university administration. What we read for and discuss in class is extremely useful in real-life experience. I am able to learn from the class and use the knowledge to carry out demonstrations/raising awareness on campus about white supremacy and anti-Asian violence. Overall, the course is extremely helpful to help me examine at the struggles taking place at the Colgate university and be more critical about responses from the administration. It for sure deepens my interest to pursue a graduate degree on topics related to higher education.

Quality: Professor Jaffee is amazing. Period. Even though she was going through job hunting and re-hiring, she is always present for students. She is accessible through email and provides great resources. She explains material well so it is easy to understand and absorb. Great use of podcasts, YouTube videos, and documentaries to help students understanding the topics from other perspectives. Professor Jaffee is the only professor I had who implement breather week and truly understands that in order to learn well and better, students need a mental and physical break that is not a random Tuesday/Friday every month.

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Student:4Reason(s): Reputation of the instructor
Interest in the course material

Additional Reason(s): Colgate did not have enough remote classes for me to take that were within my major/minor so i chose a class that I thought would interest me.

Effort: I put a lot of effort into this course, mostly through group discussions.

Understanding & Appreciation: This course really showed me how democracy is present within education something that i had not thought of. I think when we think about democracy it is only in terms of politics but it is interesting to see it intertwined into even more relatable parts of life.

Intellectual Growth:

Quality: Professor Jaffee is 100% one of the best instructors I have had at Colgate. She knows how to foster in class and small group discussions, and was very understanding given the crazy year that we all have had. Her work is both thought provoking and challenging, yet also interesting and fun. Whether you are a major/minor or you are simply taking class to get the credit or explore, I think everyone took something home from this course.

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Student:5

Reason(s): Elective within major or minor

Additional Reason(s):Effort: I engaged with my classmates in class discussions that were facilitated both by Professor Jaffee and occasionally by classmates.Understanding & Appreciation: I have learned more about the inequalities in our education system and how democracy is not always applicable to all students.Intellectual Growth: I have learned more about the systems of power that continue to hurt our education and marginalized individuals. I have also learned how students are able to gain agency by protesting unfair practices.Quality: Professor Jaffee is such a great professor. Her strengths include being able to facilitate meaningful discussions and being able to maintain her students engaged throughout her lectures. She is super understanding and very accessible.

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Student:6

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Additional Reason(s):Effort: I put a lot of effort into this class. Between readings and projects, I really enjoyed diving deep into the materialUnderstanding & Appreciation: This course allowed me to get a way better understanding of the intersection between democracy and higher education. Specifically, I feel like I understand the faults of universities and how scholars are trying to find ways to combat them.Intellectual Growth: This course allowed me to think critically about higher education, specifically Colgate. Now in my everyday life, I am considering the decisions our institution makes and how those decisions impact different groups of people.Quality: Professor Jaffee is an amazing teacher. She is incredibly thoughtful and that translates into her lesson planning and her ability to lead a discussion. There were times when I didn't understand the reading or was struggling with the material and she planned a lesson that not only made me understand the material but fostered a great class discussion. I cannot wait to take more classes with her! In addition, the structure of the class was great! I have no complaints!

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Student:7

Reason(s): Elective within major or minor

Reputation of the instructor

Interest in the course material

Additional Reason(s): I had taken a course with Professor Jaffee last year, and loved the way she taught (engaging with rigorous

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readings, explaining simply, facilitating class discussion, and all with care and flexibility). I saw she was teaching this Democracy and Education class, and thought it would be a great place to think and learn more about democracy's relationship with education.

Effort: I read all course readings, prepare for class by revisiting them, and reflected on both the course readings and my own experiences with our weekly letters, defining democracy paper, and in planning a lesson for the class.

Understanding & Appreciation: I have always struggled to conceptualize democracy in a way that seems helpful or descriptive, and I thought this class was such a great investigation into not only ways to conceptualize democracy, and how it affects our educations in deeply rooted ways, but also how to think about student protest as part of an extending history, that I had not much thought or learned about before.

Intellectual Growth: This class helped me practice being self reflective and vulnerable in thinking about the many ways I am complicit and benefit from oppressive structures/practices. I appreciated the ways that Professor Jaffee gave thoughtful feedback/responses in discussions and to our letter writing assignments to keep us thinking about that tension, and to ground our work in historic and continuing activist organization.

Quality: Professor Jaffee has been uniquely successful, in my opinion, in teaching through the pandemic in a caring, flexible, and nevertheless rigorous way. I enjoyed the ways that she facilitated our discussions, allowing us to think through these very complex and interconnected issues in our readings and learn from each other. She kept the classes engaging by bringing in many different ways to have us participate, and I genuinely left class with that hard to describe feeling of appreciation/contemplation/reflection. Hers has become a household name as I have discussed with my family the interesting and interrogative ways we have been talking about democracy, activism, and education. I feel really lucky to have been able to take classes with Professor Jaffee.

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Student:8

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

Additional Reason(s):

Effort: This course really interested me so I put a lot of effort in I would say. Professor Jaffee made this subject very challenging but in a good way, I always found myself thinking critically about issues within the systems of our country which I enjoy because it challenges me to think critically.

Understanding & Appreciation: This course helped grow my appreciation for education mainly higher education, not in a way that I think it is great but there is so much that can be improved upon and that is what is inspiring to know. As far as my understanding I would say this course grew my understanding for education and government mainly how the two are intrinsically linked.

Intellectual Growth: I feel confident speaking on issues pertaining to education mainly higher education now. This class gave me explanations to problems that many would claim are permanent, so I feel confident (if I were to work in higher education) that I would know and be able to navigate that space differently than most have.

Quality: Professor Jaffee was phenomenal. She is one of the best professors I have ever had at Colgate because she cares about the well-being and growth of her students. This semester was challenging for everyone, but I always looked forward to coming to Professor Jaffee's class because I knew I was going to be challenged intellectually. She did a great job of teaching this subject-- I knew very little about government systems and educational systems but now I feel confident that I could have a conversation with anyone about these issues. Thank you Professor Jaffee, you are inspiring.

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Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Additional Reason(s):Effort:

Understanding & Appreciation: This course gave me such a variety of resources towards understanding topics in education and its correlation with the democracy/government. I enjoyed the reading and the classes so much and they truly helped me gain so much more knowledge about the topics we discussed and learned.

Intellectual Growth: This class made me feel that its okay to make mistakes. I feel extremely welcomed to say my opinion in class and share my thoughts and even if they are incorrect I don't feel embarrassed but rather I just learn from them.

Quality: Jaffee has always been such an incredible, caring, and thoughtful professor. She works so hard to keep class interesting and she genuinely understands her students differences and different needs and it makes it so much more pleasant to have a class with such an awesome and helpful professor. Super super accessible and understanding.

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Student:10

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Additional Reason(s):Effort:

Understanding & Appreciation: Professor Jaffee did a really good job of making the material relate back to what we could see around us at Colgate. This course allowed each of us to have a critical eye of what is going on on this campus and how we may have been blind to it/ignoring it before. Being able to connect everything to Colgate made this course a lot more understandable.

Intellectual Growth: I began to take what I learned in this class into my life, talking to my friends and family about what I learned and bringing the issues out of the classroom which I really haven't done for other courses at Colgate before.

Quality: Professor Jaffee obviously cares a lot about her students, which was so helpful especially over zoom and in a strange semester. I also really appreciated how honest and open she was with all of us because a lot of other professors usually aren't like that which was really refreshing. Her honesty also helped a lot with relating to what we were learning about because she was able to give examples from her own life as a professor and how it related to the course material.

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Student:11

Reason(s): Elective within major or minor

Additional Reason(s):

Effort: I put a great deal of effort into learning about student protests on college campuses and learning about movements like the Free Palestine movement as well as #NoDAPL.

Understanding & Appreciation: It helped me learn about structures and systems in place that directly affect higher education, as well as how students and teachers sought to change campus culture through social change and protests.

Intellectual Growth: This course taught me how to look for new ideas and solutions in a problem, even if it seems like all hope is lost. Looking for new alternatives and bridging gaps between groups of people can motivate individuals to seek justice.

Quality: I thought Professor Jaffee did an astounding job in this course. She clearly knows the material very well and distributed lectures, readings, and discussions that were relevant to course themes. One strength I found was her personable nature and her passion for the subject. She has done an amazing job with this course and truly motivated me to have an interest in the subject at

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Student:12

Reason(s): Elective outside major or minor
Reputation of the instructorAdditional Reason(s):Effort: I did the readings and was an active participant in classUnderstanding & Appreciation: I learned about a lot of different aspects of education that I had never talked about in a school setting beforeIntellectual Growth: I thought this class was very applicable to current real world events as well as events/circumstances on campus at the moment which was really coolQuality: Professor Jaffee is amazing!!! She cares so much about her students and always makes a point to check in and see how we're doing and adjust our schedule to best fit our needs. She was always very engaging with the way she presented material even on zoom which is really hard to do!!!

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Student:13

Reason(s): Reputation of the instructor
Interest in the course materialAdditional Reason(s):Effort:Understanding & Appreciation:Intellectual Growth:Quality: Professor Jaffee ROCKS. She is incredibly compassionate, intelligent, and engaging. I would definitely recommend her to a friend.

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Student:14

Reason(s): Reputation of the instructor

Additional Reason(s): Professor Jaffee is one of the best teacher I have ever had in my life, she is all that Colgate represents and challenged me in class daily while still teaching me a lot!Effort: Maximum effortUnderstanding & Appreciation:Intellectual Growth:

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