

Instructor: Jaffee, Laura J.

Course: Democracy and Education

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Student:1

Reason(s): Elective within major or minor
 Reputation of the instructor
 Interest in the course material

Additional Reason(s): Professor Jaffee is an amazing human being and truly understands her students.Effort:Understanding & Appreciation:Intellectual Growth:Quality:

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Student:3

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Additional Reason(s):Effort: I put a good amount of effort into this class. I did the readings and I spent a significant amount of time on the projectsUnderstanding & Appreciation: This course with professor Jaffee helped me have great understanding of this subject. I really have an appreciation for learning about education now. I am now an education minor because of how much I enjoyed her class.Intellectual Growth: This class helped me with my reading and annotating skills. It also helped me with my presentation and teaching skills through the self led lesson.Quality: Professor Jaffee is amazing. I really enjoyed the way that she set up and taught this class. It was interactive, interesting and it was obvious that she was interested in the material. I am looking forward to taking more classes with her in the future

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Reason(s): Major or minor requirementAdditional Reason(s): N/AEffort: The content in the course was very challenging and forced me to put in a lot of effort into this course.Understanding & Appreciation: I was definitely unaware of a lot of the content we discussed and am glad that I was exposed to these topics.Intellectual Growth: We touched on a lot of different topics that I was not fully informed on, and this course was very informative.Quality: Professor Jaffee provided many different ways to facilitate class and always engaged all members of our class to participate.

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Student:5Reason(s): Interest in the course materialAdditional Reason(s):Effort: I put a good deal of effort into my assignmentsUnderstanding & Appreciation: Greatly, it was an amazing overview of topics relevant to my education and life that I hadn't focused on elsewhere at colgate.Intellectual Growth: it helped me think critically about real world events and problemsQuality: Professor Jaffee is an excellent professor. She explained subjects interestingly and kept the entire class engaged.

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Student:6Reason(s): Reputation of the instructor

Interest in the course material

Additional Reason(s): I had heard amazing things from classmates about Professor Jaffee, and I was still in awe of her teaching and understanding as a professor!Effort: I always completed the readings and assignments in the most timely manner I could. Professor Jaffee created an environment in which there was an expectation to participate and I felt a responsibility to my other classmates to show up prepared and engaged.Understanding & Appreciation: I am not incredibly well versed in education studies, so I felt like I was able to get a good look into the interdisciplinary nature of the department and learned a lot not only about my schooling, but the principles and base that our system is created on (and thus excludes).Intellectual Growth: I found myself referencing this course often in my other classes and consistently sharing information I had learned with my parents and peers. I have a better understanding of many of the foundations of our country's education system, democracy and complicated relationship with both its citizens and international community.Quality: Professor Jaffee is one of the best professors I've had at Colgate, and I don't say that lightly. She is so aware of her responsibility and role as an educator and she is held in high respect by all of her students. I have rarely felt so seen by a professor, and felt I could genuinely be honest with how I was doing/making a plan with work when things were getting tough. I loved the many teaching methods she used, and although it was scary, felt that the student led lessons were incredibly important. In one of my other top favorite classes, my professors enacts a "self grading" philosophy that the professor has the ability to raise or lower. I honestly always feel like I put my maximum effort in for that class because I want to make myself proud? Anyway, could just be an idea because I think Prof Jaffee could implement this well due to the high level of respect and comfort that exists in her classroom

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Student:7

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Reputation of the instructor

Additional Reason(s):Effort: I had to do readings everyday and be able to discuss and collaborate with my classmates. A lot of engagement with helpful texts.Understanding & Appreciation: This course allowed me to learn about my living experience on a personal level. I appreciate what I learned because I can apply my knowledge into daily life.Intellectual Growth: I believe I learned a lot about the ins and outs of the education and the US. I learned a ton of terminology.Quality: I appreciate Professor Jaffee's way of teaching. She is open to hear anything while also giving constructive criticism. She makes learning fun and I do not think she has any weaknesses that I could point out, great Professor.

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Student:8

Reason(s): Core or Areas of Inquiry (distribution) requirement

Reputation of the instructor

Interest in the course material

Additional Reason(s): n.aEffort: fully prepared, office hours often, and participated frequentlyUnderstanding & Appreciation: this course contributed immensely to my understanding and appreciation for democracy and educationIntellectual Growth: this course allowed me to be vulnerable in the exploration of new topics, a life long lesson of growthQuality: Professor Jaffee is absolutely incredible. Her pedagogical practices coupled and her commitment to her students are truly inspiring.

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Student:9

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Reputation of the instructor

Additional Reason(s):Effort: I did most of the required readings, and heavily participated in class discussions. I put significant thought and effort into the writing assignments for this course.Understanding & Appreciation: Jaffee taught this class in a way which emphasized the connections between social movements, and

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the university. This helped me appreciate the importance of Universities in making social change, and recognize the forces that prevent this from regularly taking place. This was incredibly helpful to further open my mind up to the possibility of radically altering the form and function of the university, and the movements which have struggled to do so for decades.

Intellectual Growth: By focusing on the intersection of the University and social movements, It helped me think about the way knowledge is constructed in the university. This was very helpful as it has helped me think deeper about the way knowledge is constructed broadly in deeply inaccessible and elitist ways. It really helped me better understand how we can teach future generations in a way that highlights the interdisciplinary nature of knowledge, and break down the barriers between different fields within Social Sciences, Physical Sciences, and the Arts.

Quality: Professor Jaffee is an incredibly thoughtful and knowledgeable professor. She helps students all get to the same page so that we can all learn from each other without her as an interlocutor. This is a great strength of hers. I wouldn't call it a weakness, but some might consider her emphasis on qualitative feedback over quantitative grades problematic. However, I see this as another one of her strengths. She facilitated the class becoming a community which can have deep conversations by breaking down the barriers which might prevent students from engaging in difficult and important conversations.

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Student:10

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Additional Reason(s):

Effort: I have constantly challenged myself to adopt critical thinking when conceptualizing modern democracy and its implications as well as problems. I actively participated in class discussions and was consistently pushed to think more critically thanks to the insights of Professor Jaffee and my equally wonderful classmates. Professor Jaffee's assignments felt very relevant to the course material and I could sense that she really tried to empower us to excel. Although due to realistic difficulties and mental health crises I could not put in the amount of work that I would have liked it to be, Professor Jaffee was always understanding of my situation and willing to listen to every student's need in order to make learning truly conducive.

Understanding & Appreciation: Thanks to this course I have learned to look at the modern political scape of democratic countries very differently. I learned that there are forces that contribute to decision making and therefore the lives of people in rather negative ways. The concepts of settler colonialism and racial capitalism have really opened my eyes to look through the layers of the oppressive system that we have today.

Intellectual Growth: In addition to how resourceful the course material was to my learning, I was asked to think not only deeper but also wider through various methods of instruction and pedagogy. I learned to lead a class, ruminate over a discussion, and create something meaningful from communal learning.

Quality: I loved this class not because Professor Jaffee was simply extremely helpful and understanding but because the things I learned in this class really opened my eyes in understanding the world. I learned so much from this class from concepts to the ways in which the society operates both to privilege and disenfranchise humans.

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