

Instructor: Jaffee, Laura J.

Course: Tps: Education for Abolition

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Student:1

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

Additional Reason(s):Effort: I put quite a deal of effort into this course. Because it is discussion based, I made sure to stay on top of the readings.Understanding & Appreciation: This course contributed immensely to my understanding and appreciation of the course subject. Though I was initially interested, I didn't know exactly what to expect. Professor Jaffee is very knowledgeable on the course subject, making the material easy to comprehend.Intellectual Growth: This course challenges me in a several ways, including how to have an impact outside of the classroom. The material is application to the real world, making it a great class for students to take. It challenges what you thought you knew about the world and gives alternatives to the current system we are in.Quality: What I consider to be strengths are the variety in assignments that Professor Jaffee offers. From the reflective letter to the documentary discussion, she gives diverse opportunities for students to demonstrate what they've learned. I also enjoyed how lessons were set up in general. With the activities where we had to write things on the board, to the agree/disagree activity, I enjoyed it all. It allows for different ways of learning.

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Student:2

Reason(s): Elective within major or minor

Additional Reason(s):Effort: I put great effort into this course. I prepared carefully for each class by reading the pre-class readings and paying attention to the news that was relevant to the course.Understanding & Appreciation: This course helps me build a firm contextual foundation for understanding many social and educational issues that are rooted in systematic problems.Intellectual Growth: Professor Jaffee encourages us to have organic conversations (e.g., active listening and responses) with each other without Professor's intervention. This practice is helpful for us to hold other academic conversations that are important to our intellectual development.Quality: Professor Jaffee is a responsible professor who always prepares for each class meticulously. The class materials are always firmly grounded in our sociopolitical reality, so I learned a lot about what the world is or what is covered by the systems we did not realize before.

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Student:3

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

Additional Reason(s):Effort: I put a great amount of effort into this course. I did the readings/ podcasts, showed up to class every day, put a great amount of effort into my assignments (started them early to ensure I had enough time to complete and edit them), and continuously engaged in class discussions by asking questions and sharing my thoughts.Understanding & Appreciation: This course greatly contributed to my understanding and appreciation of the course subject. Before

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going into this course, I had a brief understanding of police, prisons, and protests. However, after taking this course, I can engage in a deep discussion regarding these topics. Additionally, I think about what we learned in this class outside of the classroom as well, whether it is something I witness, experience, or see in the media.

Intellectual Growth: This course helped me gain confidence in participating in class discussions and sharing my ideas. While I have always contributed to discussions, I felt confident in my comments. I also continued to improve in my writing, reading, and analysis of different topics.

Quality: Professor Jaffee is one of the best professors I have ever had! She makes the class interesting, always using different methods to present and discuss the topics we are currently learning. She also is always there to care and support her students, in whichever way is best. Professor Jaffee also makes this class incredibly accessible to all students, regardless of their different needs. Additionally, she creates an environment where we can learn from each other, as well as learn from her. I love attending her classes, and I always find them extremely interesting!

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Student:4

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

Additional Reason(s): Everyone I know RAVES about Laura Jaffee and told me I would not be making the most of my time at Colgate if I missed out on a class with her.

Effort: I put an enormous amount of effort into this course. Jaffee created a classroom community where I was not just encouraged but excited to share my ideas. The environment was supportive and caring and we all learned together, from each other as well as Prof. Jaffee. I did every reading and made sure I had something to say in every class meeting because the material was so interesting and felt important to all of our lives.

Understanding & Appreciation: This course taught me about different types of organizing and also the histories of policing in America. It helped me understand carcerality as a frame of mind that goes beyond prison walls and therefore encouraged me that there are alternate ways of doing things.

Intellectual Growth: General skills this class helped me develop include collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity. Jaffee harnessed our imaginations in a way that combined academics and creativity. We were solving our own problems and working collaboratively to really understand the content of the course.

Quality: There were absolutely no and I mean NO weaknesses of this course. I wish everyone at Colgate was required to take it. No one would believe that a senior in college could be excited waking up for an 8:30 course, but believe me when I say Professor Jaffee is just that magical. I felt like a teacher, learner, and collaborator and this class brought me so much personal fulfillment as well as academic fulfillment. Every professor has something they could learn from Prof. Jaffee. Her classroom is accessible, transparent, supportive... She sees the potential in each and every one of her students and truly uplifts them. I am extremely surprised that she is not on the tenure track because I think Colgate needs to lock her down. She adds an immense amount of value to the academic and personal lives of students at Colgate and because she is only currently a visiting professor, it is left ambiguous whether or not she will be at Colgate long term. She is a staple of the Colgate Educational Studies Department and of the University as a whole and should be promoted to tenure track ASAP. Don't lose her.

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Additional Reason(s):

Effort: The effort that I put into this course consisted of completing readings and coming to class reading to participate in class discussions.

Understanding & Appreciation: This course introduced many new topics to me along with building on things that I had some knowledge of from the past.

Intellectual Growth: This course allowed me to practice speaking to classmates in a less structured way and helped me become more aware of the real-life issues around me

Quality: Professor Jaffee taught this course very well, she always had a lot planned for class every day and would have us doing different activities along with discussions to help make class interesting and productive.

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**Student:6**

Reason(s): Elective within major or minor

Additional Reason(s): Prof. Jaffee is one of my favorite professors and I wanted to take another course with her.

Effort: Most of my effort was in class discussion and projects.

Understanding & Appreciation: It expanded the way I think about abolition.

Intellectual Growth: It exposed me to collaborative learning styles.

Quality: Important strengths are Prof. Jaffee's accessibility, understanding and the materials she exposes us to beyond the texts.

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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):

Effort: I put in a substantial amount of effort into the course. Although at times I was not physically present in class as much as I would have liked (due to illness/ personal circumstances) I was able to stay engaged and up to date with Professor Jaffee's support. Class discussions were always engaging and allowed me to think about topics critically from perspectives I may not have considered before. When I needed extra support Professor Jaffee also always made herself available via office hours which allowed me to thrive in the class.

Understanding & Appreciation: This course did the work that not many classes on campus do in incorporating abolitionist pedagogy and social justice values into its very execution. It engaged with a variety of subjects and provided a thorough breakdown on the history and legacies of policing, prisons, and abolitionist thought as well as its real world applications. I felt like this course was a great way to tie together theory and experiential ways of knowing, which I greatly appreciate.

Intellectual Growth: The knowledge I have gained from this course has allowed me to reflect on how I want to approach my activism, work, and relationships on campus through an abolitionist framework, which entails centering love, community and care in our fight towards liberation. Furthermore the work that we do together has helped me develop a deeper understanding of how society functions and has allowed me to view the world from a critical lens and find more nuanced meaning within everyday interactions and systems that exist.

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Quality: The quality of teaching in this course was extremely high. I appreciated that Professor Jaffee made course content accessible and intriguing and that there was a cohesiveness to all of her syllabi that made engaging with course content come easily. Professor Jaffee also allowed students to explore a myriad of text types which stimulated critical thinking. Furthermore, Professor Jaffee made herself available for extra support whenever students needed it and showed care for students both academically and as human beings. At the same time, she held students to a high regard and made her standards and expectations clear. Professor Jaffee is one of the wisest and most dedicated people I know and has offered me great support as I navigate academia and come into my adulthood. I sincerely appreciate all that she has done for me, the Colgate community, and beyond and expect her to continue to do great things in the years to come.

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Student:8

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Additional Reason(s):Effort:Understanding & Appreciation:Intellectual Growth:Quality:

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Student:9

Reason(s): Reputation of the instructor

Additional Reason(s):Effort:Understanding & Appreciation:Intellectual Growth:Quality:

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Student:10

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Additional Reason(s):

Effort: I spent and hour plus on readings and reviewing class material every day. Although, I still struggled with being able to participate in class I think I did a good job of actively listening and participating when I felt comfortable.

Understanding & Appreciation:

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Intellectual Growth:Quality:

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Student:11

Reason(s): Major or minor requirement

Additional Reason(s):Effort: I read the readings and contributed to class conversations.Understanding & Appreciation: I expanded my thinking on abolition.Intellectual Growth: I was able to look at a different way of creating justice in society.Quality: It was taught very well, with patience, and accessibility.

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