

**UMass Amherst CPE Online Student Response to Instruction (SRTI)
WINTER 2018 OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES**

Dixon, Jonathan - 45011 - PHIL 100

What do you like most about this course or the instructor's teaching of it?	What about this course or the teaching of it needs change or improvement?	What suggestions can you offer that would have made this course a better learning experience for you?	Any additional comments?
Although it is an online course, the professor stays very engaged with the class and is always giving us feedback and communicating with the class. He was a very good professor.	Nothing.		
The idea of having discussions even though the course is online is a nice one. Also, the course allowed us to be flexible with when we decided to work.	Hank Green's videos were not my favourite thing to watch every day. I would have preferred to read Sophie's World over this month instead. Additionally, although I understand that American culture is one where the philosophy is to praise to build students' confidence and allow them to grow, in this case I felt as though there was a lot of praising and very little growing. The students were all very agreeable and there was not much insightful discussion.	Perhaps, instead of having these little discussion posts and frankly somewhat useless tests, it would have been more enjoyable if our grades were determined by discussion and papers. The fact that we never quite got to explore any topic in any real depth made it quite difficult to feel as though we were learning anything at all, and made it difficult to answer any of the discussion questions.	Don't say "Awesome post!" at the beginning of every post. It makes it very difficult to figure out when something is truly a good point and when you're just trying to cheer us on. It ensures that any learning that some of us were hoping for in the course does not happen because whatever we write we're just told how great we are.
The course was incredibly thought provoking. Professor Dixon provided timely and comprehensive feedback. He also moderated the discussions very well and encouraged us to think of things from a different perspective.	N/A	N/A	N/A
I really like the part that my instructor lead us to think more about the question, and challenge our perspective.	I hope that my instructor add more his explanation and examples about the video.	More explanation about video.	
I was nervous about taking an online class but Professor Dixon made it manageable while challenging us at the same time. This was one of my favorite courses I've ever taken, I learned so much more than I have in other classes.	Nothing	Nothing, it was great and stimulating	
I think the discussion prompts were very effective for getting me to engage with the daily material in depth and to think critically about the topics we covered.			
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The course is really interesting. I had problem for understanding the course in the initial stage but Prof. Dixon helped me a lot to get the best out of me. The best Professor I've ever worked with.			
- The instructor helps facilitate the discussions and gives feedback	-	-	Overall I really enjoyed taking this course as it helped me gain an interest in a subject outside my field.