

**Evidence of teaching effectiveness**

Below I present quantitative and qualitative evidence of my success as a teacher. The data come from student evaluations from two of the courses I have taught while at NC State. Students evaluate my teaching based on a series of Likert scale responses to questions regarding my performance and their experience under my instruction. These scales are reported from 1-5 where 5 = strongly agree and 1 = strongly disagree. They are also asked a series of open-response questions.

I am pleased to say that I have received a 5 in several categories indicating high student satisfaction in my preparation, the overall excellence of the course, my enthusiasm, explanation of material, and many others. Of note, I am happy that students feel I treat them with respect, and that my courses were excellent. These reflect my emphases on student engagement, respect, and mindful preparation.

Question	Range	Principles of Sociology		Sociology of Work	
		Mean	Std. Dev.	Mean	Std. Dev.
The instructors teaching aligned with the courses learning objectives/outcomes	1-5	5	0	5	0
The instructor was receptive to students outside the classroom	1-5	4.8	0.7	4.8	0.5
The instructor explained material well.	1-5	5	0	4.8	0.5
The instructor was enthusiastic about teaching the course	1-5	5	0	5	0
The instructor was prepared for class	1-5	5	0	5	0
The instructor gave useful feedback.	1-5	4.8	0.7	5	0
The instructor consistently treated students with respect	1-5	5	0	5	0
Overall, the instructor was an effective teacher	1-5	5	0	5	0
The course materials (e.g., readings, videos, class notes, course packs, FAQs, websites, course webpage, and blogs) were valuable aids to learning	1-5	4.6	0.7	4.3	1
The course assignments (e.g., homework, exams, quizzes, lab reports, papers, presentations, projects, portfolios, artistic impressions, critiques, blogs, and videos) were valuable aids to learning	1-5	4.9	0.3	5	0
This course improved my knowledge of the subject	1-5	4.8	0.7	5	0
Overall, this course was excellent	1-5	4.9	0.3	5	0
		Course Information		Course Information	
		Responses=9 Enrolled=29 Resp. Rate=31.0%		Responses=4 Enrolled=15 Resp. Rate=26.7%	

My dedication to my students and their learning experience is also mirrored in the following quotes taken from student’s responses to open-ended questions:

*“Tom Leppard is a great teacher who is very kind. He makes sure his students know what is needed of them for them to do well in class.”*

*“The instructor explained the lesson well and was able to answer student's questions related to the topic. The instructor is passionate about the material he is teaching which shows through his knowledge on the subject.”*