

UNC-Chapel Hill Course Evaluation Report

Term: Spring_2014

Instructor: Penn, David L.

Course/Section: PSYC 101 003

Department: Psychology

Response Rate: 77 out of 142 (54.23%)

Course/Instructor Characteristics	0 Not Applicable	1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Neither Disagree Nor Agree	4 Agree	5 Strongly Agree	Missing	Median	Mean	Dept Mean
This course challenged me to think deeply about the subject matter.	0	0	1	3	43	30	0	4.30	4.32	4.16
The instructor clearly communicated what was expected of me in this class.	0	0	0	2	25	50	0	4.73	4.62	4.18
I was able to get individual help when I needed it.	1	0	0	5	35	36	0	4.44	4.41	4.23
The course materials (e.g., coursepack, website, texts) helped me better understand the subject matter.	0	0	7	7	34	29	0	4.22	4.10	3.99
The course assignments helped me better understand the subject matter.	0	0	4	6	34	33	0	4.34	4.25	4.12
The instructor evaluated my work fairly.	0	1	1	3	30	42	0	4.58	4.44	4.24
The instructor showed concern about whether students learned the material.	0	1	0	2	21	53	0	4.77	4.62	4.20
The instructor expressed ideas clearly.	0	0	0	2	21	53	1	4.78	4.67	4.13
The instructor showed enthusiasm for the subject matter.	0	0	0	1	15	60	1	4.87	4.78	4.54
The instructor showed enthusiasm for teaching this class.	0	0	0	1	18	58	0	4.84	4.74	4.46
The instructor treated all students with respect.	0	0	0	1	13	63	0	4.89	4.80	4.52
The instructional techniques engaged me with the subject matter.	0	0	1	3	25	48	0	4.70	4.56	3.96
The instructor provided me with helpful feedback on my performance.	0	1	3	8	26	39	0	4.51	4.29	3.94
This course was very exciting to me intellectually.	0	0	3	7	25	42	0	4.58	4.38	3.80

Overall Course Assessment	0 Not Applicable	1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Neither Disagree Nor Agree	4 Agree	5 Strongly Agree	Missing	Median	Mean	Dept Mean
Overall, this course was excellent.	0	0	2	8	21	46	0	4.66	4.44	3.85
Overall, this instructor was an effective teacher.	0	0	0	2	15	60	0	4.86	4.75	4.14
Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.	0	0	2	3	23	48	1	4.71	4.54	4.05
Comments on overall assessment of this course.	See Below									

Teaching Award Recommendation	0 Not Applicable	1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Neither Disagree Nor Agree	4 Agree	5 Strongly Agree	Missing	Median	Mean	Dept Mean
The instructor was one of the best I have had at Carolina, fully deserving of a teaching award.	0	0	1	11	30	34	1	4.37	4.28	3.63

Feedback to Students	0 Not Applicable	1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Neither Disagree Nor Agree	4 Agree	5 Strongly Agree	Missing	Median	Mean	Dept Mean
The instructor handled questions well.	0	0	0	1	21	54	1	4.80	4.70	4.26
The instructor used examples that had relevance for me.	0	1	0	3	20	53	0	4.77	4.61	4.26
The instructor used class time well.	0	0	1	2	17	57	0	4.82	4.69	4.18
The instructor encouraged students to participate in this class.	0	0	0	2	13	62	0	4.88	4.78	4.25
This course was designed to keep me engaged in learning.	0	0	0	3	22	52	0	4.76	4.64	4.04

The workload was appropriate for what I gained from this class.	0	0	0	5	18	54	0	4.79	4.64	4.11
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Other Information										
	Fail	Pass	F or D	C- or C	C+ or B-	B or B+	A- or A	L	P	H
What grade do you think you will get in this course?	0	0	0	1	7	19	48	0	1	0
Is this a required course for you?	No	Yes								
	43	34								

Comments on overall assessment of this course.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great! • Great course! • This was the best class I have had at UNC so far. It was an 8 am class but I always enjoyed going to it because Dr. Penn was such a good professor. I would highly recommend this class to other students. • This was a good course, it was fun and I learned a lot. • He was an amazing professor. I truly enjoyed attending his lectures. • Enjoyed this class. At times it was slow for teaching the material however he had great examples explaining the class lectures • It was moderately challenging and mostly fun. • I really enjoyed the class. Penn made the information very easy to understand and put it in a context that we could understand. I loved that he made it a point to learn everyone's name- for a lecture as big as it was, that made it feel much smaller and personal. • David Penn did a phenomenal job in engaging the class with the material and teaching the material in a way that really stuck with all of the students. • The professor was excellent, but psychology is not very interesting to me. • Ver good. • My favorite class thus far, instructor was fantastic in fully explaining material and making sure the students understood. • The instructor was great and I thoroughly enjoyed this class. It made an 8am not so terrible! I am actually considering a major in psychology after taking this course. • Great teacher! • Favorite course! I wish Dr. Penn taught additional Psychology course! • Dr. Penn is amazing at engaging students in big lectures. His videos are also very helpful in remembering the material. He also rewards those that go to class by asking questions on the test that that ask about what happened in class. • I loved the video clips to put real-life situations and peoples' faces to the concepts we were discussing. • Well structured, TA's could be more reliable. • Effective and a reasonable workload. • Dr. Penn explained the material in a way that was easy to understand. The articles for the assigned essays were interesting and helped me understand the class material better. • Great communication about all things class related and provided prompt and constructive feedback on all assignments. Overall, a wonderful course and wonderful professor. He went over and beyond to make sure students could meet outside of class if needed. • This course was excellent. It did a great job of surveying a number of topics, making the class engaging and interesting for students regardless of year or major. • This was a great class that I wish I took sooner in my time at UNC. As a junior, I hope to potentially take one more psychology class just out of interest during my senior year. • Dr. Penn is the man! • This was a great class, Penn is a fantastic teacher and really wants the students to learn. He understands that half the class isnt there or asleep on any given day. He clearly takes time to learn their names and is very approachable. • I really liked this class! I wish I was a little later in the day, sometimes it's hard to pay attention early in the morning. Still a great class though! :) • Great class • the course was very interesting and the professor made sure to keep the class engaged • Dr. Penn is one of the best professors I have had at UNC. He makes lectures entertaining with his humor and the real world examples he applies. • This course despite being a lecture, was a relatively small, manageable, and fair course. • I wish the tests were not based so much just on anecdotes in lecture but were based on teh chapters in the book • I hate being awake and in class at 8:00am, but Dr. Penn makes it fun to be there. He cares deeply about student involvement in the course material, and he's really great about offering feedback for improvement and encouragement for doing well on his exams. • Dr. Penn is one of the best teachers I've had at UNC. He was very approachable and genuinely cared whether or not we learned the material. I strongly recommend him for a teaching award. • I LOVE this class!!!! It was above and beyond what I expected for an 8am lecture class. Dr. Penn is a truly gifted professor and his creativity and depth of knowledge helped everyone stay alert and engaged (despite the early morning hours) in the subject-matter at hand. Despite the serious issues presented in class, he was also able to add an appropriate amount of humor to each situation and it really made all the difference. When he lectures, you can tell that he cares deeply about his profession and wants us, as students, to see how it applies to each and every aspect of our lives. Though not my original intention as a continuing education student, I am now more encouraged to pursue or at least incorporate psychology into my future professional career choice and it's all possible because of Dr. Penn! He's extraordinary and challenges us to incorporate different world perspectives and in doing so, facilitates our self-growth. • Enjoyed the course

- Great class, loved the professor.
- Wonderful class!
- Dr. Penn as an AWESOME professor. I really enjoyed his class and I wish it didn't have to end. Keep up the great work, UNC is lucky to have him!
- This course was one of my favorite's that I have taken at UNC and Dr. Penn is one of the most engaged professors I've ever had. His course actually made me want to change my major, but alas it is too late because I'm a junior