

A few student reviews from recent years:

- Eric really helped guide the class through a thoughtful and interactive discussion. He was especially good at this. He was like a shepherd of philosophy.
- Eric Tracy is a great instructor. I had the luxury of having him as both a professor, and a TA for summer session. His course Philosophy 170- Philosophy of Mind: Thoughts and Concepts- was very engaging. In my opinion, philosophy of mind is the most difficult area of philosophy. This is because the discipline is abundant in technical terms, and arguments that use elements of symbolic logic. That being said, Eric lectured extraordinarily clearly, and at a pace that was as close to perfect as one can get. Although it was still necessary to pay close attention in his class to understand the material, Professor Tracy's lectures were crafted in such a way that if you did the reading, came to class, and paid attention to the lectures, you would understand most of the material. Lastly, although his course was challenging, and at times hard, it was not to an unfair extent. Hard work was essential to pass this class, but it never felt like the course was designed to weed out students via way of attrition. Instead it felt like a fair class, in which you had to earn your grade. This class was therefore as close as you could get to being perfect, in regards to how challenging a course should be.

Eric Tracy made himself extremely accessible. He... encouraged discussion. He also never failed to hear out, and answer a student's question. I definitely plan on taking another one of Eric Tracy's courses again.

- Eric is a fantastic teacher. Very knowledgeable about the material, good at answering questions and clearing up any confusion. Cares about student learning, put a lot of thought into the course structure.
- Eric is a fantastic teacher... it is rare to encounter a Professor who cares about students like he does. Not just in terms of us understanding material, but personal things such as going the extra mile to offer advice and ensuring that no one is offended by lectures. I expect the latter is more relevant in philosophy courses (I am a math major), but it was a nice touch. I felt comfortable talking to him about things I wouldn't generally talk about with a teacher, and I expect this is exactly what a good philosophy teacher can offer—discussion. Nothing but high praise!
- Never was there a time that I asked for assistance that he did not provide and never once did he make me feel anything less than great about my academic achievement. We all suffer from our own personal problems, mine is being a perfectionist. Eric really helped me be proud of myself when credit was due and acknowledge my success without being too constructive with my shortcomings. I

cannot wait to see what he will do in the philosophy world and I am thankful to have had this time with him.

- Great facilitator of class discussion. I very much appreciate the thought involved and genuine concern for students in this class.
- He always attempted to engage everyone into the discussion and most of the time it worked. I liked that he didn't stick to the same thing every time, he tried out different ways to see what worked for the section, some worked some didn't but I appreciated the effort he put into each section and you could tell he spent time thinking about how best to engage the students.
- I never felt like lectures or discussion were dry, because what he taught went beyond 'the book'. It felt like he has a vast understanding of the topics he presented, which allowed him to smoothly transition from idea to idea without losing the thread, and to really explore each concept. Maybe the fact that he teaches philosophy of communication allows him to do just that: communicate... and in an effective way!
- Eric is good at waiting and taking time to ensure that students have learned what they need to learn. He gives students time and space to process properly and explains topics in a way that is interactive very well engaging students to discover philosophical concepts very well.
- Eric is thorough and punctual along with his high intellect. He is always looking to be prepared and enrich student learning. Sometimes I feel student's might be intimidated to ask their questions in fear that they are off topic or away from Eric's train of thought, which students take as most correct since it is generally the best explained.
- I did appreciate that he would change it up a bit with different ways of helping us engage in discussion. He would either ask us to write a question individually and then go over each question. Or he would put us into groups and then tell us to talk about two different sides of a philosophical topic, engaging in debate with the other group. He wasn't pushy or even intimidating and always answered questions fully. I didn't have any problem with his teaching methods. He made some handouts that helped us discuss with others who are not even in the class. This class was very engaging especially with the topic being so interesting.