

STUDENT COMMENTS FROM FALL 2015-SPRING 2016 -- online classes

Describe aspects of this course that have promoted your learning and engagement in the course.

The professor is fantastic in this course, he's the key difference that makes this challenging online course enjoyable

The Professor encourages us to ask questions and to interact with each other and is active in the discussions.

As much as writing two papers a week was tedious, it helped me grasp the concepts better.

Weekly discussions give me insight on how my classmates view things and help me in my writing assignments.

I love watching the videos he gives us because it makes learning a lot more;

Professor Creasman has genuine energy and enthusiasm when interacting in video lectures and online class discussions.

Professor Creasman always attempts to truly engage his students by talking to us as a teacher but also almost like a friend. He is always quick to help and very understanding. He's a top professor and a top person. He also gives extensive feedback to assignments completed that I have not witnessed under any professor so far.

would have to say the discussions are the most engaging. Every week we are given a topic to research on and then afterwards we post our findings. We talk to one another about things they might have missed or gotten wrong. This is also the time where the professor goes to talk to us and say what we got right or wrong as well as add additional information so we can have a good grasp on the subject.

I thought I was just going to be able to breeze my way through this class like every other history class I've taken at Valencia but I was pleasantly surprised that I actually have to work for my grade in this class.

I really had to read the material myself and analyze it rather than a professor just talking in one ear and it goes out of the other.

I have learned a lot in this class. this professor makes you "think", besides just remember it.

I enjoy the way that the class is set up, with videos and many outside sources that help with research and outside guidance to more information. There is a thorough look at the content for a shortened class. There is also a lot of conversation in regards to more than just what's in the textbook, in regards to different perspectives and often material not covered in similar courses.

I appreciate Professor Creasman's ability to provide feedback without stifling our own thinking processes. He breaks down the history and makes it something you can relate to.

You learn a lot on the subject because you have to do the research on your own, enabling you to learn more.

The professor is very hands-on so the discussions, go smoothly. Sometimes the questions asked on discussion replies are too deep. I think sometimes he loses focus that we are undergrad students, not graduate students. We're interested in the topic, but sometimes going so deep into it is scary because even the book doesn't go into much detail about the topics.

The class I'm taking right now is about more than using a textbook as a word search. I've had other classes that discouraged extrapolating on the material. Instead of learning things, I just ended up memorizing phrases for a test. In this class however, we are encouraged to dig deeper as long as we use good sources.

Rude and not very helpful or supportive. Claims to want students to pass but makes learning impossible.

I enjoy that this is not a "multiple choice" class. I think it's wonderful and extremely challenging that Professor Creaseman has short essays as his assignments. Not only does this allow me to actually learn the subject but I simply cannot regurgitate answers and call it a day. Overall, this class has furthered my communication skills and my knowledge of History.

Everything about this class has been great for the most part. There are helpful videos and posts for each week and the instructor participates in discussions which pushes the student to really dig deep. The only thing I would say is that the course can get a bit hectic. Assignments and posts all over the place which is fine except for the fact that it is somewhat hard to navigate.

Constant reinforcement via multiple assignments throughout the week help promote learning and retainment as well as class engagement

When I signed up for this course I was hesitant, I thought I would not learn much, but the moment the semester began, I felt a great responsibility to be a part of the course and I realized that I will learn much coming out of this course.

The teacher is very nice and helpful.

The professor doesn't just ask blanket questions. Their open ended and have many different outcomes available so its more of a learning experience when you can see your ideas next to someone else's about the same subject.

The professor has set up the content online better than any other professor I have every seen. It is clear that he loves his job, and it makes you want to learn.

The assignments challenged me as a student to go beyond the materials i was given and have to research and explore the topics further.

We've gotten comfortable enough to chat with each other even though this is an online class. Everyone , the professor included, gives great feedback.

The way the discussion questions are set up is completely different than other online courses at Valencia. This professor requires you to respond to his initial question and we all engage in an actual group discussion, I think it's much more interesting this way.

The engagement of the professor aided greatly

The discussions were a struggle and weekly writings. They were a lot of work. At the end of the day however, I realized how helpful the discussions were and actually saw myself going back and looking over them in order to complete my written assignment for the week. It's a lot of work but it pays off at the end.

The content that the instructor went over, as well as the videos he showed us were very interesting. His choice of videos made learning fun.

The Professor really tries to simulate a face to face classroom with discussions and writing assignments, and it makes the class more exciting than generic assignments. There is plenty of feedback to go around for each and every writing assignment, showing students what they missed.

I really liked the layout of the course even though the material itself was challenging.

I love Professor Creasman's feedback on our discussion posts, papers, and essays. He includes facts that I might have missed and he gives me tips on how to improve my grade.

I enjoy having our discussions weekly, making everyone stay active in the course and grasp a better understanding of something we may have missed or didn't understand in the text. I like the intro videos that give us an overview of what to expect for the week. The short papers that are assigned every week make me actively research and grasp a thorough understanding that I may not have done so without having to interpret and regurgitate information in these papers.

There are so many assignments and it gets to be a bit much. However, these assignments, and discussions, have really helped me fully understand the content and what Professor Creasman wants you to get out of the course. I really appreciate Professor Creasman's participation in class discussions and also his feedback on our assignments. You are really set up for success with all of the links and videos in each week's content folders, but, you definitely still have to do a lot of work to be able to get full credit on course work. Overall, this class was wonderful. I never expected to get as much as I did from this course; I learned way more than I expected from this course. Professor Creasman is an excellent professor!

The discussions open your mind up to new interpretations of each chapter and lesson. With Professor Creasman being involved he helps to keep us active and dig for my knowledge because we know he is reading everything we say.

Professor Creasman insists that students engage with each other throughout the course of each week. In comparison to the class I took last semester, Professor is significantly more impressive. I am a student 20 years past my last college experience. It is clear that Professor Creasman shows true leadership. He is passionate about his work and his students and it comes through in his videos and his participation in the weekly discussions. He questions us, pushes us and encourages us to stay focused and do our best work. He asks engaging questions and provides honest feedback.

Learning about Europe and how the conflicts early on influenced and shaped ideas and attitudes here in America was actually very fascinating. Also delving deeper into some of the notorious figures in history gave me a more intimate insight into how they came to power, their ideologies and their causes.

I normally don't like history but this course was really interesting to learn about! We use real life as well as scenes from certain movies to help get a better understanding of a specific topic.

I absolutely love the clips of films that are incorporated into the class. Also, the short video clips where you introduce the week are very helpful.

Although I personally do not like discussions, the discussion portion of the class truly helps with understanding the discussion more and other portions you may not have understand. Sometimes the discussion will also go into the essays that we have to write. The essays give you a chance to go into more details and understand different parts of history not everyone learns about.

If asked whether you would recommend *this* course from *this* professor, what would you tell a friend and why?

Yes, he's a good teacher and passionate about his subject. He's demanding but fair.

The professor is great but, the course I am unsure of. The course changed its name so, its not what i signed up for. I think its insane to write two papers a week. They may be one page but they require extensive research which takes away from more vital classes. The textbook concentrates too much on religion, Christianity to be specific. I realize its a part of history but, it over emphasizes on it. I feel as if someones beliefs are being forced on me which I dont appreciate. That is the textbook however and, not the professor.

I would say it was a good class, but the teacher grades unevenly. Some assignments that I try really hard on, I get a C and others I get an A, even though I won't try as hard. I feel he is inconsistent.

I would recommend this class to a professor because you do learn a lot in a short amount of time but I would caution them about the course load if they were busy with other classes and work because it is very intense. I'm not sure if something could be changed or modified with the course work because it is so intense for a ten week class, I've taken previous online classes that were of this length and it did not seem to be as much work involved but I learned a lot from them at the same time.

Yes, I would recommend the course but no to the professor.

Yes this professor was very nice and obviously knew what he was talking about. He made make us really analyze what was going on in history and not just what it is it face value but why things happened the way they happened.

Yes most definitely, Professor creasman makes learning material more reassuring and is very great at what he does.

That the professor is very strict and does not allow any leeway what so ever.

If I was asked to recommend this class with this professor I would recommend him because he make the subject fun. He make the stuff we learn fun and it makes it interesting

I would tell my friend that he/she should expect to do more work than the usual onsite class, as this is an online class. He/she must also have time to be able to do his/her work early.

I would tell them not to take this course online, the course load is too much for an online course. His grading standards are a little too much for a flex start class. We have two assignments and a discussion a week which in and of itself isn't bad. The discussion is due on Fridays but If it isn't done by Tuesday we lose points, which doesn't make any sense to me.

I would tell my friend that the professor is good at engaging students, but there is a lot of writing involved. I strongly dislike history, so I would not recommend the course to someone who also didn't like the subject.

I would tell them that this professor is very engaging and is always free to talk to his students if they have any problems or questions. Though I would warn them as there are many assignments each week and there are no exceptions for late work unless you had a life or death situation 0-0
Anyway it's a really good course as we get to learn about our countries history and things that we have never really been taught before.

I would recommend this class to a friend if they are really into history and want to learn more than the surface level stuff.

I would recommend Professor Creasman for AMH 2010 because he really shows interest in helping students get to the answer rather than telling them.

I would recommend this course, but I would definitely suggest taking it on campus. The professor is thorough and interactive, but the online aspect takes away from the great learning experience.

I would recommend this class with this professor. it is a challenging course but the effort to overcome this challenging course is at a level in which i can learn and not be confused

I would recommend it, specially if you have an interest in American history. The class goes into more information compared to an american history class in high school that has more time to cover the given material. There is always room for different kinds of learning as well as links to more information to fully understand the different sides of the topics presented. The professor is approachable, even for an online class, and is understand of the different circumstances that the students might find themselves. He is interested in what the students have to contribute to the course whether it be related to the topic or tips for other students.

I will say if you really want to learn about history, his class is the beat class you should take.

Easy and you learn a lot if you keep up.

Class work is easy to do if you take the time to do the research.

The professor of this course as well as the other western civilization courses knows how to keep the class involved and engaging.

I would tell them not to. This teacher gives way too many assignments in a single week. It is very difficult to be able to take this class plus a full semester especially if you work as well with the amount of work load he gives.

I would recommend this class to someone wanting to take on a challenge. You have to be willing to do a lot of work, but it is very rewarding especially with Professor Creaseman. Even though this is an online course he is incredibly active and he's engaged with his students more in this one semester than I've seen from all of my other professors over my time at Valencia (which has been a long time.)

I don't think I'd recommend it because its many assignments in such a short period of time. Its also a lot of research that you have to do on your own so you basically have to teach yourself the course.

Due to the short time span, this is an intensive class. Anyone who signs up should be aware they're going to hit the ground running. That said, it will be a pretty good run. Because we're diving so deep into ideas and discussing our reactions to those ideas, at some points the course work is more fun than work. This professor in particular adds a lot of spirit to the class. The customized videos and thorough writings made the class interesting and relatable.

Definitely not. Not understanding, loves using sarcasm, not helpful at all.

Although I'm not mad about the expectations, this class is too much work. The discussions are rarely personally based, so you're basically doing 3 research projects a week. I understand that this is an accelerated class, but it covers so much in such a small time, the learning is so forced, you could ask me something I learned 2 weeks ago and I've already done another 6 age periods and forgotten basically anything relating to it. I will say the professor is very into the class, which is nice to see, especially for an online course. I went into this thinking it would be "another" online course, but it has honestly been more work than my three other classes combined. By the end of this class I will have written over 18,000 words. To me thats a bit insane!

Yes, this course with Professor Creasman challenges yourself to be disciplined and gives you a deeper understanding of the history of the west. i enjoyed this class form the very first day, the professor connects and communicates with each student and that helped motivate me through out the course.

Yes, because he knows what he is talking about and is very helpful and you know what he expects from you to get a good grade.

That would be tough. I would say absolutely ... if you are used to taking 3-4 classes at a time, and are only planning to take this one for that semester. The work load is far and beyond anything I would have ever expected. You have no real answer question assignments or test. You do however, have more papers to write than all of the other classes you would take in 3 years full time put together. 2 small papers per week (~1200-2000 words), and 2 long discussion post; on top of 2 other full papers (~5000 words). All of that work for this class seems WAY overboard. If you were planning on majoring in history during this particular time frame, then I could see it. If not, then this is very interesting stuff; but definitely not worth

the amount of work you have to put in. The professor is amazing! If you had to do even just 1 small paper a week with a quiz and discussion post, it would seem like a LOT but worth it because this professor truly makes you excited about learning.

If you don't like to take tests, take this course. It is very writing intensive, but at least you do not have to take any tests. Sometimes it is unclear as to the level of detail required for each writing assignment, but the required topics are presented.

If they needed it for a prerequisite then I would recommend it because you actually learn something and he makes it interesting by adding in pop culture references to things that happened hundreds of years ago.

I would tell my friend to take this course, of course! It's environment and feedback are both helpful and quite easy to comprehend or grasp. Making learning that much funner and easier.

I would recommend this course with Professor Creasman, not only that he is absolutely amazing, but I also benefited much from the course, it is very engaging and I always look forward every week to start a new assignment. The discussion assignments are great as well, because it made brings various point of views to our learning and builds strong foundations for our comprehension and critical thinking.

Yes, I would recommend this course with Professor Creasman. He is clear cut about what is expected and when. Information is layed out in an organized manner that makes it easy for a student to follow the assignments. When assignments are completed and turned in, Professor Creasman is very quick with inputing grade and always provides an sufficient amount of feedback to better our work for the following assignments.

I would recommend this professor because the discussions are interesting and the feedback is helpful. The teacher is actively participating, other online courses I have taken feel like they are run by a computer and not a person.

I would recommend the class to another student due to the overwhelming amount of help you get to write the papers. There are various forms and letters and videos that tie to what we are learning about which helps a ton.

I would recommend this course to those who are disciplined enough to handle online classes. You have to log in every day and check the weekly content. The weekly videos are very helpful and keep you on track.

I would recommend this course to another friend as long as they understand that in order to pass this class you really need to work for it. This is the only thing that makes the class hard. Having to constantly be online and checking in on the discussions What makes the class easy is that professor Creasman does not expect the student to do something he will not. By that I mean is that just like we have to engage weekly in the discussions, he also does as well. Having him comment back to our posts is very helpful because he doesn't give as the answer, instead he extends the discussion by asking more questions for us to get more into detail of the topic being discussed.

I would recommend this course from this professor because he truly knows the course and tries guides students through the content well for an online course.

I would definitely recommend this class for my friends because not only is it important to know our history, but the class is really exciting and fun.

His discussion are very engaging, and he helps guide you towards specifics in a fun manner.

Yes. Since the course that I took was a flex course however I would definitely tell them that it is labor intensive and that there is a ton of information that must be attended to. Outside research is paramount to finding more specific and detailed information on subject matters. Overall the class is very insightful if you allow yourself to care about the course content. The professor offers lots of additional quirky videos and useful websites to assist in the learning experience and doing research.

Yes, he engages well with his students and responds quickly.

The course isn't for one that expects to fly by but this is definitely one you would thoroughly enjoy. Professor Creasman make learning a subject that isn't my favorite fun and enjoyable for all. The discussion are great because not only are you interacting with other, but if you take the time out to read other's responses, you can find something that you didn't understand in a simpler form. Overall great class, already recommended it for a few friends this summer!

Of course I would recommend this course. Even though there is a lot of course work (since this is an accelerated course) we learn one thing each week it actually sticks to your mind because of all the info, videos, discussions and papers.

If you wasn't to actually learn about history and want to be challenged in doing research, this class is perfect. The professor makes it very enjoyable and actually cares whether or not you are there and enjoying the class. He wants to make it better every semester and is very involved in the course, especially the discussions.

If you really want to understand why the world is the way it is today, and if you are not afraid of a challenge, take this class! This class does come with a pretty hefty amount of work, but you will learn so much, thanks to Professor Creasman. If you are looking into majoring in history, Professor Creasman is the perfect professor to have!

I would say yes and repeat what I said to answer the previous question. He is engaging, knows his material well and is clearly passionate about his work and his students.

I would recommend this course with this specific professor because he is truly a responsive, eager teacher with the desire to see each of his students pass. He makes it really easy to understand and answers all of your questions promptly! He also posts many videos of himself explaining different concepts of the topics we go over in class. He makes the discussions fun by trying to reply to each student by talking as if he were one of the students. He also gives positive feedback which is encouraging. He's one of the best professors I've ever worked with.

I would recommend this class to a friend. Overall the class is pretty easy so long as the students read and complete their work. Assignments and discussions require time to gather well-educated thoughts, but do not take an ungodly amount of time. They must stay on top of scheduling and ask many questions in order to succeed.