

Student Response to Instruction Report

Instructor: MCCARTHY JOHN
 Department: LINGUIST
 Course/Sect: 101 1 Schedule Number: 39052
 Semester: Fall

Forms returned: 163 Total Enrollment: 331 Response Rate: 49.24 SAMPLE MAY NOT BE REPRESENTATIVE DUE TO LOW RESPONSE

About the Instructor and the course:	5	4	3	2	1	OMIT	N	SD	MEAN
1. The instructor was well prepared for class. (5=Almost Always, 1=Almost never)	157 96%	6 4%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0	163	.19	4.96
2. The instructor explained course material clearly. (5=Almost Always, 1=Almost never)	138 85%	23 14%	2 1%	0 0%	0 0%	0	163	.40	4.83
3. The instructor cleared up points of confusion. (5=Almost Always, 1=Almost never)	127 78%	28 17%	7 4%	1 1%	0 0%	0	163	.57	4.72
4. The instructor used class time well. (5=Almost Always, 1=Almost never)	153 94%	8 5%	2 1%	0 0%	0 0%	0	163	.31	4.93
5. The instructor inspired interest in the subject matter (5=Almost Always, 1=Almost never)	122 75%	36 22%	5 3%	0 0%	0 0%	0	163	.52	4.72
6. The instructor showed a personal interest in helping. (5=Almost Always, 1=Almost never)	115 71%	37 23%	5 3%	4 2%	0 0%	2	161	.67	4.63
7. I received useful feedback. (5=Almost Always, 1=Almost never)	69 42%	47 29%	31 19%	10 6%	6 4%	0	163	1.09	4.00
8. The methods of evaluating my work were fair. (5=Almost Always, 1=Almost never)	89 55%	46 28%	22 13%	3 2%	3 2%	0	163	.91	4.32
9. The instructor stimulated student participation. (5=Almost Always, 1=Almost never)	64 39%	50 31%	39 24%	9 6%	1 1%	0	163	.96	4.02
10. Overall, how much do you feel you learned? (5=Much more, 1=Much less)	78 48%	65 40%	12 7%	5 3%	1 1%	2	161	.80	4.33
11. Overall rating of instructors teaching. (5=Almost Always Effective, 1=Almost Never Effective)	137 85%	21 13%	3 2%	0 0%	0 0%	2	161	.42	4.83
12. Overall rating of this course. (5=One of the best, 1=One of the worst)	95 59%	50 31%	15 9%	0 0%	1 1%	2	161	.72	4.48

This course is:	Major Req.	11%	Expected Grade:	A	29%	Student class level:	Freshmen	37%
	Gen. Ed. Req.	65%		A-	18%		Sophomore	28%
	Other Req.	8%		B+	17%		Junior	15%
	Elective	11%		B	13%		Senior	15%
	Missing	5%		B-	13%		Graduate	0%
				C+	1%		Other	0%
				C	2%		Missing	5%
				C-	1%			
				D+	1%			
				D	0%			
				F	0%			
				Other	1%			
				Missing	4%			

John McCarthy
Ling 101 Lecture
Fall 2007

What do you like most about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it?

"We went over a lot of interesting topics. I really felt like I learned a lot in this class.", "Variety of subject matter that was easy to relate to.", "The use of videos & pictures", "Interesting, professor is engaging, includes video clips & images.", "Very good job at making the class interesting. Very enthusiastic about material and makes me want to come to lectures.", "It was always fun & interesting, nice to have course pack to know what to take notes on", "He seems to be excited about everything he teaches us, and he also makes the information seem more personal and therefore more interesting", "It's and interesting subject, McCarthy explains it well.", "I find it very interesting", "Excellent videos. Really loves what he teaches.", "very orderly", "Powerpoints were clear. Instructor always clear and showed an interest in the topics. Information was interesting.", "interesting, makes it relevant to current events", "I enjoy the connection to important figures and events in the media.", "It's very interesting & relates it to everyday life.", "John is good at going through the material with useful visual aids.", "I love the subject matter. Professor McCarthy really engages the class to participate in the lectures. The topics always relate to something going on now or relatively close in the past.", "Very entertaining, made it easy to become interested & focus on the material. Really liked the grading setup w/a paper or test in discussion.", "Funny & interactive w/students", "Presents material in a tangible manner.", "Presents course material in efficient and fun manner", "McCarthy is awesome.", "Good set up of course", "He was great I loved his precision.", "Providing lectures online, helps if we didn't understand from just going to the lecture the 1st time or if we had to miss class", "Videos, funny, interesting", "The lectures were funny and engaging.", "Course packets keep people involved in lectures! great idea.", "Big intro class – Rarely can these show a prof at his or her finest in terms of student interaction", "It is interesting and I like the videos and examples", "The lecture style made, what I believe to be a boring subject, interesting.", "Well it was fun and the instructor made it very easy to understand and therefore pass.", "It's very consistent", "John is the man and makes class interesting.", "It was interesting", "Extremely clear and makes topics interesting", "funny guy, good packet organized nicely", "The lectures were actually interesting & informative, we watched useful videos", "This course made me want to be a linguistics major. It was extremely interesting and I really learned a lot and really enjoyed it", "The textbook was very useful", "I liked how he taught it with putting notes on line.", "Material was interesting. Professor incorporated many methods of learning.", "The lectures were always interesting and entertaining", "Funny teacher. A lot of different tactics in explaining (quotes, music, sound clips, video clips)", "He used a lot of interesting examples. Lectures were very well done. He is funny & easy to learn from", "I liked the material. The instructor makes it interesting, he is very funny, and that helps", "Interesting subject matter in a Gen.Ed", "Good pace, interesting material. Love the prof's humor", "Relates very well to students, enthusiasm, great tests", "He's funny", "It is interesting and allows one to look at the information present and form their own ideas", "Professor McCarthy is very funny & he keeps your interest", "I thought the information

was interesting and material was fun and intriguing”, “Very Animated. Constantly engaging the class and always had well thought out lesson plans”, “I really like the subject matter. I especially like the points or topics that my instructor chose to teach in relation to the subject matter”, “The class material was always available and he showed material in interesting ways: pictures, videos.”, “I absolutely loved the fact that lectures and recordings were available online. It helped me a lot for exams”, “The teacher is very passionate and always prepares interesting lectures”, “Topics”, “I love the slideshows and video clips, they keep you interested and it’s much easier to learn with. I also like how the course is very organized. I look forward to the lectures”, “John was always enthusiastic & well-dressed for class”, “Lectures are interesting, powerpoint presentation. Course packet is useful. Having lectures online is great. The videos are a great supplement.”, “He gets us involved. He keeps us interested. He is laid back. Very open.”, “I really like the consistency and predictability of the class. I know what to expect in class and in discussions and I know what to do if I miss a class. The expectations are very clear.”, “Clear, interesting, funny, engaging, exciting, stimulating – both course & teacher! I love this course!”, “Everything – John McCarthy is awesome, a great & well organized teacher who deserved the distinguished teaching award”, “The examples make sense”, “Very clear, interesting, put together cohesively, easy to follow, easy to figure things out if class was missed”, “Very prepared, presentations gave a lot of info, grading was on a good scale”, “I like his organization and sense of humor. I also like that he really wanted us to do well in the class, and helped us achieve this goal to his best ability”, “It is always very interesting and informative. Sometimes it is funny”, “He teaches the material clearly and makes it easy to understand”, “Very interesting and thorough. Interesting subject matter, and instructor teaches it very well.”, “I like the powerpoint presentations I like the movies”, “I like how it’s orderly and systematic he knows what he’s talking about stays on track I love seeing video clips between slides.”, “I liked the use of the course pack.”, “I can personally relate to some of its topics.”, “Very fresh and new, never boring”, “I like John’s style of teaching. Made the class very interesting. His jokes and comments made me stay awake.”, “The course pack was very helpful and the class was always interesting, there was a good amount of work (not too much, but not too easy). I rave about this class to all my friends. I also like how the lectures are online.”, “I like his snazzy ties.”, “Makes it interesting”, “I really enjoy the material and feel that the way it is presented is very good.”, “I liked that I was interested in the material and liked the teacher so I was motivated to go to class.”, “I like the power point presentations and the videos. They were all useful.”, “The lecture & test material was straight to the point. I learned a lot in this class because the information I had to learn was laid out for me.”, “I enjoyed not having a book and having the course pack. I feel I learned more using it.”, “I liked the material coming from notes rather than a textbook it made the learning process easier & clearer.”, “He had interesting examples that gave a better understanding of the course material. Tried to get everyone uninterested and had lots of examples that did so.”, “Very clear and relevant to daily life. Made seemingly mundane aspects of language interesting.”, “He is always available for questions and clarifications, he makes notes very accessible for students.”, “He was just really into the subject and made it fun to learn – he provided good examples & good slides.”, “Interesting subject matter.”, “Well prepared – consistently w/homework & test expectations. Loved the use of Spark. Loved availability of lectures online.”, “He always made it interesting. I like how he put videos

in his lectures.”, “The examples he used in class. The videos were always interesting and so were the discussions. He’s a funny guy.”, “Lots of information.”, “His examples & ways he makes it interesting.”, “I learned a lot but it was well broken down.”, “McCarthy did an amazing job of mixing educational material & necessary material that went with it/ I loved attending this class, it is amazingly put together.”

What about this course and/or the instructor’s teaching of it needs change or improvement?

“Nothing”, “Nothing!”, “Nothing”, “Nothing”, “Sometimes I think the lectures more to show.”, “nothing”, “nothing.”, “seems to run out of time towards the end”, “can be a little basic sometimes, but he just wants to make sure everyone can understand”, “Go through some material slower to let students get notes down.”, “No change/improvement needed”, “None”, “TA discussions = waste of time. Sitting through one is like Hell”, “Nothing”, “None, the man is up for a DTA”, “Nothing at all”, “Lessen structures on homework assignments.”, “Make sure the TA’s are effective because mine was not”, “The twoerpoints could be a little clearer and easier to understand.”, “The sections were pointless outside of taking tests, and handing in homework”, “No I think it’s fine no changes needed.”, “He’s realistic, and very fair.”, “Don’t like the TA system- not helpful.”, “The TA’s graded papers too hard”, “no”, “Nothing”, “The TA’s, did not help students, discussions were very boring and useless. Didn’t cover things in class”, “I thought the discussion sections and assignments were harshly graded”, “Nothing”, “none”, “none”, “I think one test grade or paper should be dropped because we have so many”, “None,” “n/a”, “Nothing”, “The TA’s grading isn’t consistant w/papers”, “Maybe there should not something every Firdays it often feels tedious”, “I think there should be less points assigned to the paper and instead more points for discussion about topics to ensure critical thinking. I believe this is not a writing class and it’s not fair to get a low grade when you know the material but have a hard time writing.”, “More student participation”, “Way to much work”, “TA’s & discussions”, “not too much”, “Essays are graded too strict. Exam questions are sometimes not clear”, “Nothing, sometimes it feels like it is a lot of work but that is what we need as students”, “I felt that some of the articles we had to read for the papers were complicated and sometimes irrelevant or unnecessary”, “seriously – it’s awesome”, “The way of teaching was clear & fun”, “Discussions were useless”, “I don’t think anything should be changed. Great teacher, great class!”, “Always made it interesting, teacher was funny/engaging, always explained material”, “Everything. His sense of humor was great & made class fun.”, “The instructor incorporates organized notes into his lectures as well as interesting videos that engage students in the subject matter”, “I liked the course pack-helpful for note taking.”, “Everything is interesting and is applied to real life. The instructor is humorous and his information is always pertinent. John McCarthy is an amazing instructor and I hope to take future classes with him”, “I like how the professor explains the material thoroughly. He is always available for students to ask questions. He makes class interesting by incorporating recent news and relevant video clips into the lecture”, “Unclear points are not given enough attention”, “Better feedback on homework/tests.”, “He needs to make sure that he lectures more clearly when discussing real points, like stress the main points”, “Nothing.”, “Its fine.”, “Nothing to improve on.”, “Perhaps more class

participation, but I very much enjoy the way he teaches.”, “Nothing needs to be changed about the teaching.”, “Nothing.”, “Sometimes the lectures take far too long.”, “I believe his teaching skills are very effective. The only thing that needs changing is the discussion sections & how they went over the info. Not very effective.”, “We should get to leave after exams.”, “Should go over tests.”, “Sort of got caught up on some things—not bad though, just boring sometimes.”, “Writing assignments were graded inconsistently, not always clearly.”, “Esxcellent class – Only thing I didn’t care for were the Vous/the readings – long & dry.”, “N/A”, “Can stay the same.”

What suggestions can you offer that would have made this course a better learning experience for you?

“No”, “It could be nice to get tests back in order to see what we got right or wrong”, “None!”, “Nothing”, “None”, “The papers are graded very harshly with limited amounts of feedback.”, “more feedback on essays.”, “it was great overall!”, “None”, “Mkae discussions better”, “Nothing”, “Nothing, keep on doing what you’re doing”, “Honestly, I think discussions are useless, but everything else is fine.”, “Nothing”, “Not so many exams”, “Overall everything was good”, “More teacher student interaction”, “none”, “None,” “n/a”, “Make slides easier to follow”, “Nothing!”, “I believe instead of papers there should be more focus on discussions”, “Nothing, I learned a lot”, “less paper”, “more lively discussions.”, “I don’t think the late homework penalty is fair. Same points off if you just pass it in a few hours later or 3 days later. Not fair!”, “Drop lowest exam. Drop lowest paper.”, “More extra-credit options”, “The way essay’s were graded was a bit rigorous but overall it was good”, “N/A”, “Better matching of the course pack to the lecture”, “N/A”, “Nothing”, “Stressing the main points.”, “I like video clips. I don’t like how essays are graded.”, “Nothing.”, “No.”, “None.”, “Try not to drag out explanations. Sometimes they were too elaborate & confusing use more and bored us.”, “The lectures were great & very informative, but the discussions were pointless.”, “Nothing, really.”, “No more writing assignments.”, “None – I’ve always wanted notes available before classes to be able to focus more on lecture than on writing, and John does this.”, “N/A.”, “none.”

Any additional comments?

“Great Job, very interesting”, “TA’s grade horribly.”, “Amazing class & professor!”, “One of the best courses I’ve taken yet!”, “Useful & fun class”, “My TA grades my papers too hard. I get A’s on every test but have a low C in the class for this reason.”, “My TA was incopetent and produced the only negative opinions I have toward this class.”, “The class is awesome and so is the professor.”, “John is a great & caring professor. However, I think there are some changes that need to be made when choosing his TA’s for the course. They are horrible.”, “One of the best classes & Professor I’ve had”, “One of the best professors I’ve met ever.”, “Very interesting,” “well organized, keep up the good work.”, “You’re the man.”, “John is the man”, “Needs to oversee TA’s grading of papers. Papers not graded fairly”, “I loved this class! My friends get mad at me now because I spew random linguistic info at them all the time”, “His outfits, were always amazing and I loved his crazy ties. (Consider going into fashion after retirement

to teach some of those horrible dressers how to dress)", "Great teacher – made class really interesting!", "none", "yay linguistics!", "Great class overall. It made me want to take another course in the same subject", "None," "Favorite class & prof.", "Good class", "Amazing teacher!", "The papers are graded unfairly & this class should not be so hard for a 101 class", "Love the class. I would recommend it with high regards", "John is fabulous! AND very well dressed. I would recommend this class to anyone! Also, this class had especially food Teacher Assistants. My TA (Wendell Kimper) was amazing in terms of giving immense feedback and cleaning up any gray areas for the course and the course material", "The lectures are very good and I learned so much", "Professor's story are very interesting!", "Keep up the good work Professor McCarthy!", "McCarthy is awesome. I wish all my classes were taught by him!", "Good job John! Great class!", "You're the best!", "One of the best classes I've taken, and definitely the best professor I've had in my 3 years here!", "Best class I have ever taken, college or high school", "I absolutely loved this class. I almost switched my major.", "Interesting topics!", "Great class. Has inspired me to pursue a psychology-linguistics major. I did not know I had an interest in this subject matter but I love it and look forward to taking more linguistics classes in the future", "Extremely interesting professor", "N/A", "Not so many tests or papers", "I enjoy learning this material it was interesting", "No.", "Possible final exam? Not very good in writing exams.", "No.", "I love this class!", "He's a snazzy dresser.", "John is super snazzy!", "John McCarthy is a great teacher and I feel like I have learned so much in this course because of how it was taught.", "Awesome teacher, awesome course. Woo!", "Excellent intro to Linguistics! Thanks!", "Grade attendance in the discussion sections because many people would skip them.", "Putting lectures online was very helpful! Please keep doing that."