

Evaluation

Guided Reading – In Front Of, Above and Beyond the Cold War Division Fence (English)

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The workload was reasonable		X			

2. Topics addressed and course materials

-How do you evaluate the composition of this course?

in the beginning not entirely clear, but was clarified later on.

-What was the most enjoyable topic?

What borders mean i defining ~~the~~ borders etc.

-What was the most boring topic?

Message is a bit ~~and~~ and renaissance or reconstruction

-What was the most difficult topic?

our comparative review of topic & text.

-Which topics, if any, would you add to the lecture series?

were about ~~the~~ how borders have developed etc.

-How do you evaluate the available course materials?

very good for the most part.

3. Teaching

-How do you experience the way I approached you as a teacher?

very easy-going and nice and still professional

-How do you experience the answers I provided throughout the course?

maybe alot too much evaluation of the students themselves ...

4. Do you still have other comments or suggestions?

wake work that is required clearer from the start..

It was a great class with a wonderful group of students I think!

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-How do you evaluate the composition of this course?

The different approaches to boarders were really nice

-What was the most enjoyable topic?

I like group projects and the Berlin Wall

-What was the most boring topic?

-What was the most difficult topic?

the text "political media room"

-Which topics, if any, would you add to the lecture series?

the technical point of view of the boarder (German fence) have elevated from a fence to a wall

-How do you evaluate the available course materials?

I think that the texts were very good coherent to the topic of the lessons

3. Teaching

-How do you experience the way I approached you as a teacher?

I very appreciated the individual feedback

-How do you experience the answers I provided throughout the course?

your questions lead the students to the right answers

4. Do you still have other comments or suggestions?

I know it is not your fault, but it was very annoying that so many students left the cours and left others behind with even more work.

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2. Topics addressed and course materials

-How do you evaluate the composition of this course?

Overall the course was well structured, though I thought two week breaks were too long.

-What was the most enjoyable topic?

I mostly enjoyed formulating our own presentations

-What was the most boring topic?

Studying articles like Stefanor's 'Message in a bottle'

-What was the most difficult topic?

Message in a bottle again, I found it overly long and complicated. A hard read

-Which topics, if any, would you add to the lecture series?

I would like to see the introduction of a two page essay asking student to explain particular features in the course.

-How do you evaluate the available course materials?

Course materials were helpful and readily available, though the photo copying job or some made them difficult to read in places
3. Teaching

-How do you experience the way I approached you as a teacher?

I found you easily approachable and helpful in offering detailed feedback. A bit quiet sometimes though.

-How do you experience the answers I provided throughout the course?

Feedback was useful but I liked that, in lessons, students were providing the answers

4. Do you still have other comments or suggestions?

I would like to see more emails to student students, simple reminders as to what work is due and what date next lessons will occur.

A wordle page would also be helpful

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Topic very good represented throughout course, specific tasks sometimes unclear
- What was the most enjoyable topic?
borderline in minds / as boundaries effects of peoples actions
- What was the most boring topic?
writing files

- What was the most difficult topic?

individual pre-war day borders (Poland then, talking about Hungary)

- Which topics, if any, would you add to the lecture series?

more theoretical-psychological approach to borders (affecting people in general, not just at specific borders)

- How do you evaluate the available course materials?

course materials itself good, wish's often office H. handle could be very schreidearer for students.

3. Teaching

- How do you experience the way I approached you as a teacher?

very respectful, but strict, no sign of hiding, being dumb, but actual criticism & tips. I felt respected as a student.

- How do you experience the answers I provided throughout the course?

Answers were unclear sometimes. I specifically asked

know what was expected of me in some of the revised tasks (especially borderlands nowactors and the revised 4. Do you still have other comments or suggestions? Not in terms of how

The course was very interactive we should write but sometimes confusing but what is expected in terms of organization of us to write ABOUT our tasks.

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OK.

-What was the most enjoyable topic?

ORAL PRESENTATIONS ON THE FILMS

-What was the most boring topic?

- JOINT EVALUATION OF PREPARED SUMMARIES AMONG STUDENTS -
 PROBABLY BETTER MOVE IT TO DISCUSSION OR OF EVERYBODY
 - IN GENERAL: TOO MUCH OF ORGANIZATIONAL TALKS, TOO LITTLE MERITORIAL DISCUSSION
 NO ONE-ON-ONE OR SMALL GROUP

-What was the most difficult topic?

AT FIRST JUST A LOT OF ORGANIZATIONAL CHAOS, BUT THEN EMERGING WORKED WELL
 -Which topics, if any, would you add to the lecture series?
 NO IDEA - ~~THE~~ ALWAYS QUITE A VARIETY OF TOPICS.
 AND THERE WERE SOME THAT WERE TOO DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW.
 SUGGESTIONS

-How do you evaluate the available course materials?

GOOD.

3. Teaching

-How do you experience the way I approached you as a teacher?

GOOD, DIRECT, HONEST APPROACH.

-How do you experience the answers I provided throughout the course?

INTERESTING, THOUGH I WOULD BE MORE CONTENTS INITIATING THE DISCUSSION PROVIDED BY THE CLASS LEADERS.

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*The literature was very interesting. Classes felt to long
In general the focus was too much on modes of argumentation etc, the about the actual topic*

-What was the most enjoyable topic?

Berlin Wall. The idea of analyzing a movie

-What was the most boring topic?

There wasn't a boring topic

-What was the most difficult topic?

-Which topics, if any, would you add to the lecture series?

-How do you evaluate the available course materials?

Very interesting

3. Teaching

-How do you experience the way I approached you as a teacher?

*Very helpful through feedbacks and everyth
though I felt the topics itself were to little
though courses became of more focus on that*

-How do you experience the answers I provided throughout the course?

*helpful and fair. I felt you really
tried to understand the inbetween and effort
of the students*

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I find the combination of lectures, and the subsequent sharpening of the thematic sphere, - What was the most enjoyable topic?
a bit boring, we could have covered more topics.

The differences, in many aspects, between the East and the West.

- What was the most boring topic?

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- What was the most difficult topic?

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- Which topics, if any, would you add to the lecture series?

It would be nice to focus on the winter - European

- How do you evaluate the available course materials?

a very interesting selection of texts, nothing to add

3. Teaching

- How do you experience the way I approached you as a teacher?

Overall good, I would have liked if you were a little more approachable for questions outside of the course

- How do you experience the answers I provided throughout the course?

satisfactory, I feel like I learnt a lot

4. Do you still have other comments or suggestions?

*I think you could give students more opportunities of evaluation. I feel like my ~~work~~ end result depends on few assignments and there are ~~other~~ *few* ways to better it*

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- confusing, could be way better

-What was the most enjoyable topic?

- Berlin wall

-What was the most boring topic?

- constantly hearing same instructions from professor

-What was the most difficult topic?

- review writing

-Which topics, if any, would you add to the lecture series?

- can't think of any

-How do you evaluate the available course materials?

- some of them totally irrelevant

3. Teaching

-How do you experience the way I approached you as a teacher?

- degrading and with too much strictness not understanding my personal problems

-How do you experience the answers I provided throughout the course?

- too often confusing and contradictory

4. Do you still have other comments or suggestions?

- As an Erasmus+ student on Uni Vienna I feel horribly sorry to have enrolled on this course. I shall and will strongly advise anyone against doing the same mistake as ~~me~~ I did when I enrolled on this course