

RECENT STUDENT EVALUATION DATA

CARA REI CUMMINGS

Complete evaluation forms are available by request.

Below are the average scores I received out of a possible 5 points.

	Fall 2022 Ethics & Values
Class Time Is Productively Used	5
Homework Assignments Are Appropriate	5
Paper Assignments Are Appropriate	5
Course Projects Are Appropriate	4
Assigned Readings Are Appropriate	5
Student Knowledge Has Increased	5
I'm Motivated to Explore This Subject More	4.5
Instructor Was Accessible	5
Instructor Encouraged Student Interaction	5

	Spring 2022 Intro to Ethics	Spring 2022 Intro to Ethics	Spring 2023 Intro to Philosophy
Explained Concepts Clearly	4.5	4.71	4.88
Assigned Grades According to Stated Criteria	4.9	4.5	4.88
Provided Feedback on Student Performance	4.8	4.86	4.63
Demonstrated Knowledge	5	5	4.5
Was Available for Consultation	4.2	4.67	4.5
Encouraged Students to Do Their Best	4.3	4.43	4.5

	Fall 2020 Race, Class, & Gender	Fall 2021 Intro to Philosophy
Explained Concepts Clearly	4.67	4.56
Assigned Grades According to Stated Criteria	4.67	4.44
Provided Feedback on Student Performance	4.5	4.33
Demonstrated Knowledge	4.83	4.78
Was Available for Consultation	4.83	4.5
Encouraged Students to Do Their Best	4.67	4.44

SELECTED COMMENTS

“Dr. Cummings is a very funny professor and listening to her stories and jokes was a good time. Knowing that this is simply a core requirement for many she is very considerate towards the workload of the students with only 3 graded assignments and are timed at convenient times that help reduce stress such as getting the two big papers out of the way earlier in the semester so we can study for our finals in our other classes (THANK YOU SO MUCH). As someone who does not have much knowledge on philosophy, Dr. Cummings does a great job in explaining the concepts in a way that is easy to understand, especially through the use of more modern-day analogies. She is also a fair grader and provides good feedback in our papers.”

“Cara has been fantastic! She’s clearly so knowledgeable and passionate about the material, but never pretentious or intimidating about it. She’s very approachable and always able to explain even very difficult concepts in many different ways. She’s great at finding multiple ways to explain things, since not everyone learns in the same way. I would definitely recommend Cara to a friend as a dependable and helpful TA. She also helped my critical thinking and writing skills, and this is particularly valuable in a discipline like philosophy, which requires you to think, read, and write so differently than other ones.”

“This was my first philosophy class so I was worried that the material would be too confusing for me to understand. However, Cara’s section helped greatly in simplifying the language of the course and breaking it down into more basic main points. Her comments on written material were thorough and helpful and she was always available to meet outside of section or even her office hours. I would recommend Cara to another student due to her great capability in explaining material clearly and her friendliness and availability.”

“Cara was super approachable and consistently went out of her way to help students understand material. She made sections very entertaining while remaining very informative. She was readily available and willing to meet with students. She is arguably the best TA I have ever had. I would most definitely recommend Cara to a friend.”

“Cara is great at both explaining and contextualizing the course work. I highly recommend her. She always came prepared and kept sections engaging and was more than willing to meet out of office hours. She helped me to better understand the course work and contributed to my love of philosophy.”

“Cara is a great teaching assistant. I consider myself a very “sciencey” and evidence-based person and always thought I would not enjoy certain things such as philosophy due to its seemingly infinite arguments to any sort of philosophical idea or topic. Cara’s enthusiasm along with her understanding has made philosophy an enjoyable thing; I have had great talks with Cara on subjects and ideas introduced in readings where we spend time expanding what is known. I would recommend Cara to anybody. She has even involuntarily swayed me into considering philosophy as a minor or double major.”