

1. Please share with us your thoughts on the course:

Please comment on the instructor's strengths and areas for possible improvement.

- The instructor was engaging and did a great job of explaining difficult concepts in the course material.
- Mr. Olszewski is very good at engaging the students. I looked forward to going to class each day, knowing that I would be learning a lot and enjoy myself while doing it.
- "Brandon is very easy to communicate with and he also is very understanding when life happens. He makes class a positive experience which encourages students to really learn, and not just show up for credit." -- Alexis Roseta
- "Brandon is awesome. I had absolutely no idea what ethnomethodology was before this class; honestly, I only took it so I could work with Brandon for another term. He's very animated in lectures, which is fantastic, particularly for an early morning class. He has a very good idea of the material he wants to cover, and definitely sheds light on readings in lecture. Brandon is really good at communicating on the level of the students, which makes course material much more accessible. He has not only lit an interest in me for ethnomethodology, he has helped me to get more out of all my sociology classes." -- Andrew Finley
- "Brandon is able to present the material in a fun, interesting way. What can sometimes be a dry subject, is turned into an amusing lecture that keeps your attention even at 8:30 in the morning. He is highly intelligent in this subject area of ethnomethodology and it comes across in his personable style of teaching." -- Joseph McCleary
- "Brandon rocks at giving practical examples and defining difficult concepts/vocabulary." -- Shane Hudson-Connor
- "Brandon is very easy to communicate with. He is an excellent teacher because he relates to students very easily. He also has a great sense of humor which is great! Thank you Brandon! Great job!" -- Jeannette Mullins
- Brandon's passion and enthusiasm for the subject of ethnomethodology was clearly seen in his lectures. His teaching style was both fun as well as challenging. The course concepts were taught in a manner that was clear and easy to understand. I would recommend taking more classes by this instructor.
- "I can't say enough about how amazing a teacher Brandon is. He is so knowledgeable yet completely unpretentious-- the most real teacher I've ever had. He was really able to connect with the students and still maintain integrity as an instructor." -- Kate Merrifield
- "Brandon is extremely knowledgeable about taught subject matter and very willing to help students with anything needed. His lighthearted lectures kept students interested, especially difficult in a 'mundane' course like Ethnomethodology." -- Tyler Allen

Please comment on the strengths and areas of possible improvement for the course as a whole.

- "Better Book... Garfinkel is quite dull." -- Alexis Roseta
- "Group work can be difficult to coordinate in college, and it was nice that there was a balance of group and individual work. The video portion was somewhat difficult to orchestrate and produce, but for sure it would have been harder with final cut pro. The variety of options for the projects was really refreshing, and it allowed me to invest myself more emotionally with the work i was producing. This class was pretty much awesome, that's the best summary that could be offered." -- Andrew Finley
- "He really did as best as he could do with this course. I love the setup of doing projects with few tests/quizzes. This grading system is much more beneficial to retaining the information learned from this class. A course." -- Joseph McCleary
- "An edition of Garfinkel's work translated into real english would be awesome" -- Shane Hudson-Connor
- The course was well organized, from the readings to the group projects. The course worked well because of daily encouraged class participation. I would recommend this course to other sociology majors.
- "I wish there had been more classes available along the lines of this course. Overall, I think the 335/435 sequence has given me the most usable tools for my life and every-day interactions. There seems to be such a huge focus on quantitative research that it is refreshing to have something qualitative for a change. It brought my soc studies full circle and had some real answers where the more theory-driven classes fell short. The projects were fun and insightful. I had absolutely no problems waking up at 7 to get to this class... I looked forward to it every day. Plus, as far as group work goes, this class (and 335) promoted positive group experiences (not always true for other classes where it seems we are put into groups arbitrarily just to meet the university requirement). I intend to eventually enter grad school with a focus on these types of micro interactions, and without having had these courses, I wouldn't have found a branch of sociology that I was truly interested in." -- Kate Merrifield

