

## What aspects of this course best help you learn?

Comments
I like that the lectures are provided before class so we have time to digest the material beforehand.
I love having the synchronous class tutorials. The discussions are truly inspiring and so important for both furthering my awareness of issues and clarify course concepts. I am so grateful to have the hour every week to interact with other students and learn even more than I would if we had just had the lectures.
I really enjoy the way the class is set-up. I like that I have a chance to absorb the content myself through the asynchronous lectures, and the synchronous classes help me clarify my understanding of the material. I also enjoy being able to engage with the content with other people in the class.
The slideshows/lectures helped me learn best because it filled in any gaps of knowledge from the readings that i may have misunderstood. The zoom calls are helpful as well for discussion as a class and within the breakout rooms.
Assigned readings that complement the lecture material
Dr. McLeod and Heather have done an amazing job with our course so far. I love the readings that we have been assigned and I love the breakdown of the lecture videos with each pertaining to a different reading. It makes everything very organized and easy to follow. Everything is broken down in such a way that the material is easily digestible and makes it easier for me to see how each week relates to one another. The material in this course is extremely relevant and important to real life issues and I am very happy I took this course! Both Dr. McLeod and Heather are very organized, professional, and approachable and it has been a great experience so far.
The recorded lectures are very useful because they are broken down into short and palatable videos that are engaging and easy to come back to which is unlike most of my classes.
The weekly discussion sessions.
I really enjoy the tutorial section class discussions! I usually understand the material through the lectures and readings but having those discussion groups and the class-wide discussions at the end really helps to solidify both the information and how it can connect to systemic issues that present in every day life.
When I am able to fully understand the reading, and it is not too long I find that I understand the week's concepts much better. Additionally I like when there are ted talks and other interesting materials in the assigned readings.

## How could this course be improved?

Comments
The course is the most comfortable class I have ever been in. The material is taught it a way that makes it easy to digest and we have ample time to do the readings. I have no suggestions for improvement at this time.
Honestly no thoughts at all, I think the course is very well structured, the timing of coursework is convenient and assessments have all been fair.
I would prefer if the dates available for quizzes maybe started earlier or ended later (for example, opening on Thursdays or closing on Tuesday mornings), so that they are accessible on more weekdays rather than weekends.
One way that the course could be improved would be with more of the zoom calls being focused on lecture content such as going over the readings or the slideshows more in-depth.
One aspect of the course I haven't been enjoying are the breakout rooms. I love the idea behind them, but for the first 5 weeks of class, no one would participate in mine and/or shared that they hadn't done the readings or watched the lecture videos so it made it very difficult to have a meaningful discussion. It would just be me talking the whole time and trying to beg others to contribute or we all just sat awkwardly in silence. With our new breakout assignments, I am hoping this experience improves!
If we knew more about essay structures and how to approach exam questions. As a first year student, that could be my unfamiliarity with university level papers but I was definitely disappointed with my grade. I think I needed more time as well.
I honestly don't see the need for improvement on this course. It's very well organized, has a healthy workload, and excellent professors. It's my favourite course so far during online learning not only due to the content but because of its organization.
The only way this class could be improved is if it was in person but obviously that cannot happen this year :(
I actually think this course is very well rounded in comparison to my others. There isn't much I would change other than less readings and more variety in the weekly material. Even things like news articles or other formats help me stay intersted in the content.