

A summary of my teaching evaluations from Fall 2014-Spring 2018 (32 courses); summaries of SJU, SJC and philosophy department taken from all undergraduate evaluations from Spring 2018.

All items scored on a 5-point scale	<u>My Average</u>	<u>St. John's University Overall</u>	<u>St. John's College Average</u>
Overall, the professor's teaching	4.31	4.19	4.2
Learning activities were well organized	4.43	4.07	4.05
Instructor's enthusiasm	4.55	4.39	4.41
Instructor satisfactorily answered student questions	4.38	4.22	4.23
The course increased my ability to critically think	4.35	4.05	4.07
The course increased my understanding of the subject matter	4.34	4.14	4.15

A few select unedited student comments. Complete unedited comments and evaluation forms available upon request:

“This course made me think about things I never wanted to think about. Ignorance truly is bliss and now I'll be depressed forever probably. However, I am also woke and glad I'm aware of these healthcare nitpicky rights things. Who knew there's a debate over if pigs should be given rights if they have human organs in them?! I didn't! They should just have rights to begin with!”

“Through this class, I was able to look beyond my own bias and think about different aspects of making a moral decision. Dr. Restrepo is a wonderful professor who is able to counter any point to help students understand the holes in their arguments, and he was always available during office hours to help me understand something. I think he chose excellent case studies for each ethical theory and we covered a wide range of relevant topics in a healthcare setting.”

“As someone who strongly dislikes philosophy, especially Metaphysics, I appreciate how helpful and kind Dr. Restrepo is. He'll answer questions about the material in a timely manner and is there to help students who need it.”

“I really liked how it challenged us to think in more ways than one especially through the assignments. I also really enjoyed how we had an extreme amount of chances to make sure we do the best in the course such as the revision policy along with all the discussion questions.”

“Lectures were clear, thorough, and interesting; I constantly felt as though I was engaged in class. Grading policies were very fair and organized well. I genuinely learned a lot from this course and developed a greater interest in philosophy as a result.”

“The most beneficial part of this course was that it introduced new perspectives of thinking about problems that occur in health care. I really liked that all the topics we discussed did not have a black and white answer or method; rather every topic could be viewed differently.”

In answer to what improvements the professor can make to the course: “None! I actually really liked this class and would 100% take it again. Favorite philosophy course.”

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“Course was very straightforward and professor showed great enthusiasm towards the subject matter. He was very funny and I enjoyed the pop culture jokes that we would make. He changed my view for philosophy and made subjects very interesting.”

“Class discussions on the topic being taught helped to enhance my critical thinking skills. Hearing different opinions from other classmates was really eye-opening and interesting. Writing assignments helped to reinforce the information learned in class.”

“Honestly, going into philosophy I was not too thrilled as I thought it was going to be another boring course like my philosophy 1000C course but no I was completely wrong this has been one of my favorite courses of the year and I'm glad I took it. The course was very well organized and the concepts helped to engage me into controversial topics in the medical industry”

“Philosophy classes, if not taught correctly, make the subject material very boring and the class very mundane. Professor Restrepo's classes were fun and interesting as he always encouraged and welcomed discussion on the subject matter. I especially liked how he never shut any students down for unpopular opinions or was condescending to them because of their opinions.”

“Professor Restrepo shows a passion for the subject he teaches. Each lecture was more interesting than the last. Actually made me enjoy taking philosophy. He was always available and willing to work with you on whatever you struggled with and made sure you understood the concept. I would definitely take him again!”

“I honestly learned how to defend an argument about my beliefs. This class only talked about relevant and important topics, and taught us how to critically argue our beliefs and points in a thought-provoking manner.”

“I would say the enthusiasm conveyed by the professor was the most beneficial part. It was obvious throughout the class the you truly love what you teach and genuinely care about helping the students comprehend the information presented in class. If you're just in it for the pay check then you did a damn good job hiding it.”

“I've always had a bad view of philosophy due to my last semester's professor but this class changed my mind.”

“Professor is a really good speaker and keeps the class engaged. He also explains the material very well and you always know what you have to do to succeed in the class. I enjoyed every class and always looked forward to learning new material. This class also made me like philosophy which I hated as a freshman. This course will make a lasting impact on my life because I am now more reflective on my decisions and try my best to make the right decisions.”

“Don't change anything! Absolutely everything is fair, thought-provoking and realistic. It was an honor to be taught by you Professor Restrepo, you are an amazing teacher who has by far become one of my favorite professors, and your class is by far one of my favorites.”

“I really liked this class a lot. I think Restrepo is amazing, and very engaging in class. He really makes you think long and hard about topics you thought you had a solid opinion on.”

“The thought-provoking class discussions where you were forced to see both sides of an argument, as well as its strengths and weaknesses. Also Professor Restrepo's breakdown of the readings and funny analogies that helped the understanding of the articles' point (s).”

“This was my favorite class this semester. I learned so much in this class about critical thinking and applying ethical theories to life scenarios. One of the best professors at St. John's.”

“BEST CLASS/PROFESSOR EVER! Really clear topics, easily understood/taught, assignments/tests were engaging and made sure you really understood not just memorized the material”