

JAMS 304 summer 2020 course evaluation - 17 respondents

The instructor was effective in teaching the subject matter of this course.

Strongly agree - 82%

Agree - 18%

Disagree – 0%

Strongly disagree – 0%

The instructor kept the course organized.

Strongly agree – 94%

Agree – 0%

Disagree – 6%

Strongly disagree – 0%

The instructor stimulated my interest in the subject.

Strongly agree – 82%

Agree – 18%

Disagree – 0%

Strongly disagree – 0%

Help with the course was available.

Strongly agree – 76%

Agree – 24%

Disagree – 0%

Strongly disagree – 0%

I would recommend the instructor to other students.

Strongly agree – 71%

Agree – 29%

Disagree – 0%

Strongly disagree – 0%

The goals of the course have been made clear to me.

Strongly agree – 76%

Agree – 24%

Disagree – 0%

Strongly disagree – 0%

The course requirements and grading criteria have been made clear to me.

Strongly agree – 88%

Agree – 12%

Disagree – 0%

Strongly disagree – 0%

What is the strongest aspect of the instructor's teaching in this course?

I thoroughly enjoyed this course, and thought that Jane did an excellent job in orchestrating and organizing it. I never once wondered (as I often do), "what is the point of this?" All references were up to date and modern, making it more relatable and more sensical. I felt each module and aspect of this class was effective in helping me become more "news literate". Jane was always very clear and understanding in her expectations, and never made things overly complicated or confusing in her directions or assignment specifics. This was by far the best JAMS/online class I've taken!

She was very communicative to sending out reminders and allowing us to reach out at any time for help.

The use of free materials

The strongest aspect was how detailed and organized the lessons and assignments were. I understood clearly what was expected of me.

I thought the fact checking and information verification lessons were very helpful and will come in handy in the future.

The class is very relevant to current events, and that makes it especially engaging! Also its subject matter is extremely useful, in the current News Media climate.

Multiple resources to use if we didn't understand anything

You can tell that Jane is well versed in news literacy and strives to give her students the best information and tools in order to help us understand the confusing news world that we are currently living in. I have no criticisms!

I really love how this class was set up. Especially in the modules how each assignment is specifically listed. I've taken a lot of online classes, and some can be extremely hard to navigate. I also loved the personal touch Jane added to the course.

The strongest aspect of Jane's teaching was her ability to assign relevant news assignments and use them to explore the ideas she was teaching for the lesson. One example of this was the assignment where we had to identify sources after reading about the CDC response to the pandemic.

I thought that this class was very useful. The instructor kept the class very organized and consistent. This was such a significant time to take course like this and the instructor did a very good job and relating important news and current events to the class and educate and inform students in an appropriate way.

She was very informative and clear. Made everything easy to understand and no curve balls. If you do what is asked, you will do well in the class! Thanks for a great semester professor!

The instructor of the class did a very good job give clear and detailed instructions through both the posts, grading, and occasional videos and podcasts. Along with this, the instructor did a great job bringing in current events into our classwork and not only did I learn more for my major, but I also learned more about the current events going on around me.

I think this has got to be one of my favorite courses to date. The weekly structure kept my work manageable, and kept me thinking about these topics throughout the week. Jane provided modern and intriguing reads/media to support the course objectives.

Available help, instructor is quick to respond at most hours of the day if help is needed. Wants students to succeed

The experience of the instructor. She was able to relate the topics of the news rooms closing and how it affects me as a citizen.

I think the strongest aspect was her willingness and availability to help. I had problems with some of the powerpoints but she replied back to the emails quickly and was able to help find a solution for me. It also helped me a lot that she made every lesson interesting and was always enthusiastic about the topic.

What could the instructor do to improve their effectiveness?

The only thing that comes to mind is possibly more opportunities to choose the types of stories we encounter and then delve into--just so we can lean more into our specific interests more often.

Nothing that I can think of, my most enjoyable online class experience so far.

Putting all of the week's work in one link was frustrating. Each week should be its own drop-down and each assignment should be its own link. It is very easy to miss assignments otherwise.

Something to improve their effectiveness would be more videos or voice overs of the instructor teaching or explaining a lesson.

My only complaint would probably be the late work policy. I understand it for things like quizzes and Discussion posts, but I started this class off on the wrong foot, and

although I've done everything well since week 1, I'm not sure how much my grade will recover because of how short the course is.

To improve the effectiveness of the course I can think of very little that might take it to the next level as the course is already top-tier in its content and layout.

Nothing!

I think this class is set up very fair.

I honestly have no suggestions for improving the class. The course was organized well, it was fast-paced yet not overwhelming, the criteria was clear, Jane was always readily available to help, and the material was interesting and relevant.

Nothing, I thought everything about this class was excellent.

I was very impressed with this course. Maybe provide just slightly more time for the quizzes. Maybe like 1 minute for each question.

To improve, it would have been helpful if the instructor had a list of all the terms for each week along with their definitions. While I understand that it was my job to go through the lectures and readings to get the definitions, it would have been helpful to have them listed out for studying purposes.

I have no critiques!

I don't think much, the course was made very interesting to me. The readings were eye opening and I thought overall it was a great class.

I feel that I would have preferred to attend this class in person. However, with discussions they should be broken up as to the date of our original response to the questions are due and a second date for our replies. (these should be placed in the calendar)

The only thing that would have made this class better was some of the stories we read about weren't very compelling to me. I liked how she let us pick the article we wanted for that one assignment but I wish we could have done that more often. For example, the valedictorians reading wasn't very compelling to me so it was hard to read the whole thing.