

Course Name: LING2100: Study Of Language [[Class Roll](#) | [Edit](#) | [Delete](#)]

Call Number: 81-748

Period: 01:25P-02:15P MWF

Semester: Fall 2014

Instructor: Luke Smith

Evaluation Start Date: 01 Dec 2014

Evaluation End Date: 09 Dec 2014

University-wide standard question results:

1. **Was this course required for your degree?** [AVG: 1.41667 STDDEV: 0.50361]
 1. [14: 58.3%] No, not required
 2. [10: 41.7%] Yes, required
2. **On average, how many hours per week did you devote to this course outside of class?** [AVG: 1.45833 STDDEV: 0.50898]
3. **Assignments and activities were useful for helping me learn.** [AVG: 4.29167 STDDEV: 1.19707]
 1. [2: 8.3%] Strongly Disagree
 2. [0: 0.0%] Disagree
 3. [2: 8.3%] Neutral
 4. [5: 20.8%] Agree
 5. [15: 62.5%] Strongly Agree
4. **This course challenged me to think and learn.** [AVG: 4.04167 STDDEV: 1.23285]
 1. [2: 8.3%] Strongly Disagree
 2. [1: 4.2%] Disagree
 3. [2: 8.3%] Neutral
 4. [8: 33.3%] Agree
 5. [11: 45.8%] Strongly Agree

Current stats for that class:

Instructor Rating

[5=Excellent - 4=Above Average - 3=Average - 2=Below Average - 1=Poor]

Average: 4.33333

Standard Deviation: 0.86811

Excellent: 13

Above Average: 7

Average: 3

Below Average: 1

Poor: 0

There are 23 comments for this course:

Please take a few minutes to make an objective evaluation of your instructor's teaching. Your instructor will not see

your evaluation until after your grade has been recorded by the registrar.

Although the lectures were fast paced, if you kept up with what Professor Smith said and took good notes then that was plenty to prepare with for his tests.

He is obviously very passionate and excited about Linguistics which made the class more engaging.

I absolutely loved this class. I loved this class so much; I am thinking about changing my major. The instructor did a great job. He is very informed, and easy to approach with questions. Made the class fun and very interesting. I would high recommend this class. I would love to take a second class in Linguistics- if Luke taught it!

The only things is sometimes, his teaching pattern seemed a little scattered. It would have helped if he talked a little slower and maybe wrote direct definitions on the board.

Other than that, he did a great job!! One of my favorite professors in college thus far.

I feel like Luke is extremely knowledgeable about linguistics. I always left class feeling like I had learned something interesting. However, in the beginning, it was very hard for me to follow along with his lectures and figure out what I should be writing down for notes. Definitions were said quickly and I could not get them down on paper before he moved on to something else. As the semester has progressed, he has gotten better and emphasizing the important facts and making sure he takes the time to explain all concepts. That being said, this was a great class and I feel like I have learned a lot of interesting and important things.

I think that he needs more structured lesson plans. He is very knowledgeable on the material but there was never any structure and he was all over the place. His handwriting on the board was also atrocious and was at times impossible to read, specifically his a looked like a z.

I would've appreciated a more organized approach (perhaps with bullet points) to help me follow the structure of each class, but overall, I still picked up on the important aspects.

Luke Smith was great. I took the class just to fill a credit I needed but I wound up actually being very interested in it. He definitely knew and loved the subject and taught it very well. A very good speaker and professor. Also, very helpful on homework. And was understanding when I could not make it to

class for certain reasons.

Next time I would suggest maybe a few more homework assignments just to make sure I understand it more. Because some of the stuff like sentence structure and IPA take practice.

Luke was a great instructor, he knows what he is talking about. The only thing is that notes or a powerpoint would be very beneficial, more than often I found myself lost but not being able to know where I was. You mentioned that that is the way he did it but some students don't learn by just listening some are visual.

Luke was a great professor. The course was interesting and relevant and Luke's teaching style and humor made it a very engaging and fun course that I am glad I took!

Luke was an excellent professor! He taught with passion and ensured that anyone who wanted to learn more was able to do so. Additionally, he was more than fair in all of his policies and tests. Furthermore, I honestly believe that anyone giving Luke a poor rating is simply based off of their lack of ability to actually listen or pay attention in a college course - in other words, if you are a poor student and expect a professor to hold your hand and baby you, then you should go back to pre-school and stop blaming your professor. Luke excelled in his ability to answer student's questions and paraphrase complex concepts into an easy-to-understand fashion. He seemed to have a wealth of knowledge in every subject we discussed. From a more critical perspective, one way he could improve would be adding a little more structure to his lecture (i.e. putting an overview on the board of important concepts that we will cover today at the beginning of class each day).

Sidenote: Luke's TA, Jason, was disruptive and unhelpful to Luke's teaching and class structure.

Luke was very passionate about linguistics, which makes learning it far more interesting for his students than a bored teacher would make it. At the beginning of the semester he seemed kind hesitant about standing in front of the class but within a few weeks that was gone. Great teacher, really enjoyed the class.

Mr. Smith kept class interesting and relevant, which was very refreshing. He was great with grading assignments timely, giving advice on how to improve, and letting us know about extra credit assignments that benefitted not only us but also the department. He did an amazing job representing the Linguistics department, with which I had no previous encounter. He was a very nice instructor, and I am glad I was able to get into his course.

Mr. Smith was an excellent instructor. He was always knowledgeable in the content area of what was being taught and willing to answer questions. His outlook on teaching and the material was a unique perspective that I have yet to see from another teacher at UGA. Class was always interesting and, most often, the highlight of my day. He is old-fashioned in that he doesn't use powerpoint, but I found it to be a welcome break from the monotony of my other courses. His notes were always coherent and logical.

Mr. Smith was approachable and kind, with a unique sense of humor and a genuine interest in his field of study that can't be faked. I would recommend this course and instructor to anyone.

My TA was great. He was prepared and helped me learn a lot.

My teacher was very knowledgeable on the subject. I occasionally wish his lectures were more focused because he rambled a bit. The class was very interesting.

Overall, Professor Smith did a great job getting the main points across. He would also add extra details to the concepts that sometimes might be confusing, but they served as examples for the concepts which helped me understand them a bit better.

Professor did a great job at explaining information in an effective way. However sometimes the writing was hard to see from certain angles of the class.

The assignments you handed out helped me greatly, especially with the IPA. I enjoyed your teaching style. The teaching style kept me interested in the class.

The instructor was awesome!

Thoroughly enjoyed this class and the lectures

Very easy-going and took the time to explain things further when people didn't quite understand them. The assignments really helped me understand the concepts we were learning in class.

Very knowledgeable. Perhaps slow down while teaching & make sure the lessons are more coherent & organized for students' understanding.

While Luke was very knowledgeable about linguistics, his teaching style was a bit unorganized. I found it hard to concentrate sometimes or to understand clearly his point.

Number of students in this course: 38

Number of evaluations for this course: 24