

WUSTL Course Evaluations

5/30/2013

Title of Course: Biomedical Ethics

Course: U22 233 (same as U29 206) **Section:** 01

Semester: Spring 2013

Instructors: Tyler Paytas (Instructor)

Completed Evaluations: 12 of 18 (67%)

Scoring Key

Bold - Score

(S) - System's Average Score For the Template

(D) - Department's Average Score For the Template

(M) - Median Score For the Question

Course Section Requirements:

Number of Quizzes	n/a
Number of Examinations	n/a
Number of short papers (1-5pgs)	n/a
Number of long papers (6 +pgs)	n/a
Number of homework assignments	n/a
Number of individual projects	n/a
Number of group projects	n/a
Number of oral presentations	n/a
Was attendance required?	No
Was class participation required?	No
Were take home exams given?	No

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Student Status (Tyler Paytas - Instructor)

Please fill out your status.

(blank)	Admitted to a degree program in another division of Washington University	Nondegree student in University College	Pursuing a degree at another college or university
10 (83.33%)	1 (8.33%)	1 (8.33%)	0 (0.00%)

Instructor (Tyler Paytas - Instructor)

5.00 **Syllabus, texts and other course materials were available at the beginning of the semester.**

(S)	(D)	(M)	(blank)	1 - Negative	2	3	4	5 - Positive
4.76 of 1234	5.00 of 21	5.00	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	12 (100.00%)

4.75 **Course objectives, expectations, and requirements were clearly defined in the syllabus.**

(S)	(D)	(M)	(blank)	1 - Negative	2	3	4	5 - Positive
4.64 of 1234	4.79 of 21	5.00	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	3 (25.00%)	9 (75.00%)

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5.00	Instructor was prepared for each class.					
(S) 4.74 of 1234	(blank)	1 - Negative	2	3	4	5 - Positive
(D) 4.95 of 21	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	12 (100.00%)
(M) 5.00						

5.00	Course material was presented in clear, organized manner.					
(S) 4.55 of 1234	(blank)	1 - Negative	2	3	4	5 - Positive
(D) 5.00 of 21	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	12 (100.00%)
(M) 5.00						

4.92	Instructor was responsive and sensitive to questions in class.					
(S) 4.72 of 1234	(blank)	1 - Negative	2	3	4	5 - Positive
(D) 4.79 of 21	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (8.33%)	11 (91.67%)
(M) 5.00						

4.82	Instructor was available for assistance outside of class.					
(S) 4.52 of 1234	(blank)	1 - Negative	2	3	4	5 - Positive
(D) 4.78 of 21	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (16.67%)	9 (75.00%)
(M) 5.00						

5.00	Overall instructor rating.					
(S) 4.61 of 1234	(blank)	1 - Negative	2	3	4	5 - Positive
(D) 4.89 of 21	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	12 (100.00%)
(M) 5.00						

Course Content and Grading (Tyler Paytas - Instructor)
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5.00	Assigned readings were valuable.					
(S) 4.41 of 1234	(blank)	1 - Negative	2	3	4	5 - Positive
(D) 4.95 of 21	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	12 (100.00%)
(M) 5.00						

4.83	Written assignments and papers were valuable.					
(S) 4.48 of 1234	(blank)	1 - Negative	2	3	4	5 - Positive
(D) 4.84 of 21	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (16.67%)	10 (83.33%)
(M) 5.00						

4.92	Exams were fair and reflected course material.					
(S) 4.57 of 1234	(blank)	1 - Negative	2	3	4	5 - Positive
(D) 4.88 of 21	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (8.33%)	11 (91.67%)
(M) 5.00						

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4.92 Papers and exams were graded fairly.

(S) 4.64 of 1234	(blank)	1 - Negative	2	3	4	5 - Positive
(D) 4.79 of 21	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (8.33%)	11 (91.67%)
(M) 5.00						

4.42 Comments on written work were sufficient and useful.

(S) 4.47 of 1234	(blank)	1 - Negative	2	3	4	5 - Positive
(D) 4.58 of 21	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	3 (25.00%)	1 (8.33%)	8 (66.67%)
(M) 5.00						

5.00 Evaluation of my work was clear and timely.

(S) 4.55 of 1234	(blank)	1 - Negative	2	3	4	5 - Positive
(D) 5.00 of 21	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	12 (100.00%)
(M) 5.00						

Overall Course Rating (Tyler Paytas - Instructor)

4.42 This was a challenging course.

(S) 4.01 of 1234	(blank)	1 - Negative	2	3	4	5 - Positive
(D) 4.47 of 21	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (16.67%)	3 (25.00%)	7 (58.33%)
(M) 5.00						

5.00 I learned a great deal in this course.

(S) 4.44 of 1234	(blank)	1 - Negative	2	3	4	5 - Positive
(D) 4.89 of 21	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	12 (100.00%)
(M) 5.00						

4.92 The workload was appropriate.

(S) 4.43 of 1234	(blank)	1 - Negative	2	3	4	5 - Positive
(D) 4.84 of 21	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (8.33%)	11 (91.67%)
(M) 5.00						

4.83 Overall course rating.

(S) 4.45 of 1234	(blank)	1 - Negative	2	3	4	5 - Positive
(D) 4.78 of 21	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (16.67%)	10 (83.33%)
(M) 5.00						

Approximately how many hours each week <i>outside of class</i> did you spend on this course?

(blank)	less than 3	4-6	7-9	10-12	more than 12
0 (0.00%)	7 (58.33%)	4 (33.33%)	1 (8.33%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)

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General Comments (Tyler Paytas - Instructor)

What did you like most about this course?

- 00 Open discussion.
- 01 He always went over assigned reading and asked if we had questions.
- 03 There was a good discussion on each topic for the class. All opinions were given equal consideration and examination.
- 05 Class discussions were engaging, and the subject matter itself was interesting.
- 07 Tyler Paytas is an excellent professor! At first, I saw a young guy and thought "What can he teach me? We're almost the same age. (late 20s)" He had a thorough understanding of the material and was very knowledgeable on ethical theories. He promoted interactive discussions while guiding us through the topics. It was one of the most enjoyable courses I've taken, and I feel I'm becoming a more responsible citizen while applying some of what I've learned in Tyler Paytas' Biomedical Ethics.
- 08 The information that was provided throughout the course and being able to try to come to a conclusion of an argument.
- 09 The book, reading material, discussion, professor's enthusiasm for topics, his eagerness in helping students and learning from students, group discussions were very helpful. This was overall a very helpful course for me to take.
- 11 He did a very good job leading effective, interesting class discussions. I really liked getting both Tyler's perspectives as well as those of others in the class.

What did you like least about this course?

- 01 Tests were very hard.
- 05 I have no complaints.
- 07 I would like even more discussion and material, but I realize it is not feasible to have a 5-hour class period one night per week.
- 08 Trying to make a moral decision on an argument.
- 09 I wish the questions on midterms were more asking about student's objections or support to particular views.
- 11 2 1/2 hours can make for a long class.

What would you tell another student about this course?

- 01 Take it.
- 02 Great course! Tyler was awesome instructor. Discussions in class were lively and informational.
- 03 It explains, in simple terms the various viewpoints of ethical debates that are within healthcare
- 05 That it was interesting and worthwhile.
- 07 I would recommend the course whether a student required it or not. Regardless of whether the student is going into a health career or other field, everyone will be affected by medical ethics. The more informed we are on medical ethics, the better our outcomes will be when participating in medical policy.
- 08 Yes...this course was a great way to open your brain to many choices in life's ethics...
- 09 This course covers broad range of different situations that go on in healthcare. It is exactly what it sounds - learning about biomedical ethics. I would recommend this course to anybody going into any field of healthcare.
- 11 Yes, definitely.

What would you like to tell the instructor?

- 00 Enjoyed the class.
- 02 Awesome job
- 05 If I had one suggestion for you, it would be to seek out some general medical knowledge specific to the topics you cover in the course. It might add another dimension to your teaching.
- 07 Thank you for teaching this course and for making it an insightful approach to medical ethics. Encouraging both sides of each case helped to more clearly see each issue. Thank you for putting in the thoughtful effort to make this course a big success. I could see you as an effective patient care advocate. Thanks again and good luck to you.
- 08 Very understanding and considerate instructor...

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- 09 I struggled with writing the paper a little bit. Probably because I grew up speaking, reading, and writing three different languages? not sure. Can you please provide an example of a well written paper? If you did, I might've missed it since there were days I missed of class. I think I did ok... but I think I could've done better looking at an example...
- 10 Great class, enjoyed how everyone was involved and free to share their opinions
- 11 I really appreciate all the time and effort he put into this class. I learned a lot and really enjoyed it.

What other course would you like to see offered in University College?

- 07 An autonomy v. paternalism political course from Tyler Paytas would be interesting.
- 09 higher level of biomedical ethics.

Why did you choose University College over other area continuing education programs?

- 01 Tuition Benefit
- 03 Offered a Healthcare Program that had classes directly applicable to the industry.
- 07 This course was funded for me through Washington University's employee education benefits.
- 08 Conveniency...
- 09 UC provides the classes and degree program I was looking for. UC is convenient - works with my work schedule. UC also has teachers wanting to genuinely help students improve, learn, and get better education.