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Search Criteria
Course Term : Fall 2015 Instructor Last Name : roberts Instructor First Name : thorold

Sarasota - Arts & Sciences - English				Instructor : Roberts, Thorold				Course Term : Fall 2015			
Course Title : Professional Writing				Course ID : ENC - 3250 - 523 / CRN : 84462							
Number Enrolled : 23		Number Responded : 19		Percent Responded : 83.00							

Comments

ITEM ID	ITEM	Excellent		Very Good		Good		Fair		Poor		No Response		Mean
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
E1	Description of Course Objectives & Assignments	14	73.68	3	15.79	0	0.00	2	10.53	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.53
E2	Communication of Ideas and Information	13	68.42	3	15.79	1	5.26	2	10.53	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.42
E3	Expression of Expectations for Performance	13	68.42	3	15.79	1	5.26	1	5.26	0	0.00	1	5.26	4.56
E4	Availability to Assist Students In or Out of Class	17	89.47	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	10.53	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.68
E5	Respect and Concern for the Students	17	89.47	0	0.00	1	5.26	1	5.26	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.74
E6	Stimulation of Interest in the Course	13	68.42	3	15.79	2	10.53	0	0.00	1	5.26	0	0.00	4.42
E7	Facilitation of Learning	14	73.68	3	15.79	1	5.26	1	5.26	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.58
E8	Overall Rating of the Instructor	14	73.68	3	15.79	1	5.26	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	5.26	4.72

Sarasota - Arts & Sciences - English				Instructor : Roberts, Thorold				Course Term : Fall 2015			
Course Title : Tech Comm for Majors				Course ID : ENC - 3242 - 521 / CRN : 93021							
Number Enrolled : 21		Number Responded : 17		Percent Responded : 81.00							

Comments

ITEM ID	ITEM	Excellent		Very Good		Good		Fair		Poor		No Response		Mean
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
E1	Description of Course Objectives & Assignments	15	88.24	2	11.76	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.88
E2	Communication of Ideas and Information	15	88.24	2	11.76	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.88
E3	Expression of Expectations for Performance	14	82.35	3	17.65	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.82
E4	Availability to Assist Students In or Out of Class	16	94.12	1	5.88	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.94
E5	Respect and Concern for the Students	15	88.24	1	5.88	1	5.88	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.82
E6	Stimulation of Interest in the Course	13	76.47	2	11.76	2	11.76	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.65
E7	Facilitation of Learning	14	82.35	2	11.76	1	5.88	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.76
E8	Overall Rating of the Instructor	14	82.35	3	17.65	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.82

Sarasota - Arts & Sciences - English				Instructor : Roberts, Thorold				Course Term : Fall 2015			
Course Title : Prof and Technical Editing				Course ID : ENC - 4212 - 521 / CRN : 93022							
Number Enrolled : 10		Number Responded : 9		Percent Responded : 90.00							

Comments

ITEM ID	ITEM	Excellent		Very Good		Good		Fair		Poor		No Response		Mean
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
E1	Description of Course Objectives & Assignments	7	77.78	2	22.22	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.78
E2	Communication of Ideas and Information	7	77.78	1	11.11	1	11.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.67
E3	Expression of Expectations for Performance	7	77.78	1	11.11	1	11.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.67
E4	Availability to Assist Students In or Out of Class	7	77.78	1	11.11	1	11.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.67
E5	Respect and Concern for the Students	7	77.78	0	0.00	2	22.22	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.56
E6	Stimulation of Interest in the Course	7	77.78	1	11.11	1	11.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.67
E7	Facilitation of Learning	8	88.89	0	0.00	1	11.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.78
E8	Overall Rating of the Instructor	7	77.78	1	11.11	1	11.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.67

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Student Comments on USFSM Courses by T. E. Roberts - Fall 2015

ENC-3250-523-Fall 2015 - Professional Writing

Course Comment:

As long as you can follow directions very closely and listen to and view each of the powerpoints on time you should have no trouble completing professional writing along with enhancing your writing skills within a workplace setting.

I personally liked this class better than a normal English course. The class was good for me because i was also very attentive to details. It would have been good if the syllabus had been updated and cleaned up so that it flowed better. It would be good to know that the class don't really go over how to do the assignment and are expected to learn on our own through research and tutoring. Its a doable class if you put the time into it.

The overall class is good but I wish there was more content from the teacher himmself about all types of professional communication in accordance with online interactions and business plans.

I'm in the fortunate position of being able to honestly express, without any sort of exaggeration or embellishment, my utter surprise at the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of the teaching methods employed, the availability of additional learning resources, the elegant practicality of our assignments, particularly the Resume/Cover Letter, and how there was never a single moment when I felt like I was wasting time or simply trying to satisfy a word count requirement. ENC3250 Professional Writing is everything that an English Composition course can and should be.

Overall the course was amazing i learned alot about basic knowledge of professional writing. I enjoyed writing a proposal in the beginning i was overwhelmed about the project but after i completed the proposal i was proud of myself that i was able to complete it. Overall this course is fun and actually teaches how to write in the professional world.

ENC3250 helped me a lot to write in a more professional way. I got to format my resume and get it checked. Very good course.

No additional comments.

Limited number of assignments made this class somewhat difficult.

To my surprise, ENC 3250 was a very enjoyable class. I feel like I have gained useful knowledge that will benefit me when job hunting and when working in a high professional environment. For me this was a great course overall. I would recommend anyone to take it with Professor Roberts.

The class is structured well, I hope it stays that way for future students.

Very informative

Instructor Comment:

Overall great professor.

Mr. Roberts is a really strict but fair instructor and i like that quality about him I also liked how much he was willing to help out when we have questions. He is a man of his word, so to speak.

Great teacher. The website does have way too much information and it was very overwhelming and quite a search to find specific details.

In both his writing and recorded lectures, Professor Roberts not only regards his students with the sort of dignified professionalism usually reserved for fellow colleagues, but gives us the impression that we are.

Professor Roberts was highly efficient in all aspects. He not only clearly conveyed his expectations, but gave excellent insight within the detailed markups. Professor Roberts rewards hard, efficient, and correct work with appropriate grades and understanding. He is quite possibly one of the best professors I have ever had.

Good professor and take very good care of his students.

Overall i enjoyed the course i never was a fanned about writing because that was my weakest subject. but after i complete the assignments i saw that is wasnt that hard. Also any questions or concerned were answered in less than 24 hours/

Mr. Roberts gave very clear expectations to what he wants the students to do. All assignments were straight forward and well explained. Overall a very organized course, which is great for an online section.

The audio recording of each week's lecture was very beneficial, I wish all online teachers provided audio lectures rather than simply instructing students to read the chapter. If I wanted to be taught by a book I would have just bought the book.

Great overall professor Instructions were very clear for assignments Fast response time with respects to email and grading turnaround Lectures were very direct, interesting, and explicit Offered good feedback that helped fine-tune my writing skills I would highly recommend Mr. Roberts to students

Professor Roberts is a great professor and I enjoyed the course. I found the material to be very easy to understand and Professor Roberts did a great job explaining all material in lectures. I deeply appreciated Professor Roberts' understanding when my family experienced tragedy this semester. Overall great professor.

I would like to thank Professor Roberts for all the information he provided. After the resume/job application assignment, I was able to go back and clean up my resume and apply for the job I wrote about.

Lectures need a little spice

ENC-3242-521-Fall 2015 - Technical Communication for Majors

Course Comment:

Very valuable course. I would recommend to any student looking to communicate effectively in a business setting of any sort.

Make the class more geared and focused on what tech writers will face in the real world.

Very enjoyable class, and I learned a lot. Thanks!!!

The content and assignments covered in Professor Roberts' ENC3242 were very beneficial to me. I felt the amount of work assigned was appropriate, and the assignments were very beneficial/realistic to the "real world."

This was a good course.

Sharing everyone's career interviews is helpful to students interested in a PTC career. Would also like to have seen everyone's completed Teach a Task assignment so we could get ideas and inspiration from each other for when we must do similar assignments in other courses or in real life.

I wish this was a Web-blended class, I think to be able to see your professor and classmates face-to-face a few times throughout the semester only serves to strengthen the understanding of expectations, as well as communicate any questions about upcoming assignments to the professor.

Tech Comm for Majors is a course that absolutely every PTC student should take! It prepares students for the future and gives a clear understanding on what the professional world will be like. The assignments are a lot of work but very rewarding because they are something that will be done in the "real world". In order to submit assignments you must present audio "codes" from each lecture which shows that you listened to them. This may sound annoying for students but is a good idea for an online course where most students dismiss lectures and fall behind. The overall layout of the course is

easy to understand and beneficial and I am very happy that I took it!

No additional comments.

Very knowledge course. Learned a ton of new key elements relating to technical and communication fields.

All the assignments where very interesting and felt real world. This course made me feel significantly better prepared for the real world. This class tells it like it is.

Instructor Comment:

Excellent. Mr. Roberts really knows his stuff, and he adjusts according to technological advances as well as student input. Mr. Roberts is also compassionate and flexible with students who have unavoidable scheduling conflicts, work and family lives.

This is the second class I have taken with Professor Roberts. I feel that Professor Roberts is a wonderful professor. I have learned so much from his instruction. He has increased my awareness level, and helped me become a more astute professional writer. One of the most wonderful things about his teaching style is that he cares about his students. This is evident in his ability to help students mold their assignments to fit their areas of interest. He goes above and beyond to assure students are working towards their goals and exploring skills that will assist them in the future. Online classes can be difficult when an instructor fails to communicate properly with their students. This is NOT a problem in Professor Roberts classes. I know that if Professor Roberts is instructing all assignment instructions will be properly presented and that he is available to answer any questions I may have. His classes are challenging but very straight forward, you never have to "read between the lines". All class materials are presented in a timely manner and his responses are always within 24 hours, usually 2 hours. I would recommend his classes to any student who is serious about learning and ready to be challenged in an environment that will foster their professional growth.

Professor Roberts was highly efficient in all aspects. He not only clearly conveyed his expectations, but gave excellent insight within the detailed markups. Professor Roberts rewards hard, efficient, and correct work with appropriate grades and understanding. He is quite possibly one of the best professors I have ever had.

The assignments were great for simulating real world technical communications projects, and the lectures were helpful in learning about the industry and how to lead a successful career in the field. This class (if it's not already) should be a requirement for all Business Administration majors!

I really enjoyed taking Professor Roberts' class, and will look to take more classes with him in the future whenever possible. He is extremely organized and thorough, and very communicative with students, providing almost immediate assistance and feedback. Professor Roberts is extremely knowledgeable and passionate about his work. Thanks for a great semester, Professor Roberts!

Professor Roberts has probably been the most accessible professor that I have taken since beginning course online. He is very prompt and very thorough relaying information.

Seems to genuinely care about helping students learn, grow, and prepare for a career in PTC. Assignments are challenging and practical for real life but still fun because we can tailor most of them to our interests. Availability by email is excellent - far better than most professors. Would have liked more chances to talk by phone, because it's faster than email. Sometimes a bit harsh on students about personality traits, but I think he means it to be helpful; maybe just keep in mind that email can come across as harsh even when it's not meant to. Goes the extra mile to enlighten you on any writing question you email him, which is a nice change from most professors' short answers. Overall, a very good professor. I learned much from him and would recommend him to others.

Mr. Roberts is very strict and tedious in his descriptions of the assignments. He has deep insight into written communication, and a unique

approach to the class structure. This stretched my learning and helped shape my understanding of what a career as a writer is like.

I think Mr. Roberts is a very good professor, he does a great job of effectively communicating his expectations to the class.

Professor Roberts is a very understanding and professional instructor. It is clear that he is well versed on the subject matters he teaches and wants his students to succeed. He responds to emails quickly and is always very helpful. After taking two courses with him, I can see that Professor Roberts take his classes seriously and puts effort into making the course website, assignment instructions, and lectures appealing and easy to understand. I feel that having a professor who cares about the course, the students, and is interested in the subject really gains students' respect and pushes them to succeed. That is exactly what it is like with Professor Roberts. I am very happy I took these courses with him.

Having the lectures presented with an audio attachment was very helpful for me since I am a student who learns best by listening or doing rather than just reading.

Professor Roberts does a great job at making sure his students follow even the tiniest details. Details, which can make or break an assignment, or a future job. He is very attentive to the emails that students send him. Professor Roberts provided a list of good assignments for anyone in the Technical field.

Professor Roberts is extremely intelligent. He is a great professor and truly wants his students to succeed.

I truly enjoyed taking your course. Each assignment was challenging and really broadened my knowledge. I thank you for being a very good instructor as well.

Anytime I needed help for the assignments I got it, which is great, and he made the assignments and lectures easy to understand.

ENC-4212-521-Fall 2015 - Professional and Technical Editing

Course Comment:

Difficult but necessary! I learned a lot of valuable information in this course and would highly recommend it to communication majors.

I feel like the upper-level PTC classes should not be 100% online. In my experience, the web-blended classes help develop a better professor-student relationship, and therefore facilitates a better overall learning environment.

really helped me to understand the requirements of a career in this field

Professional and Technical Editing was a very rewarding course. There were 4 assignments throughout the semester and each assignment had a fair amount of time to complete it. The assignments took a lot of effort and were not something to wait until the last minute to do. My suggestion for future students is to take your time on assignments and pay attention to detail. The instructions for each assignment are extremely detailed, leaving hardly any confusion. The lectures explain assignments in detail as well for further instruction which is very helpful.

I loved all four assignments in ENC 4212 and would leave those as is. I would, however, suggest that a couple of the class lectures be dedicated exclusively to content on the course Welcome Page. It would be great to hear Mr. Roberts' personal take on the most important information on the site.

The only thing I would recommend for next semester is to allow a mark-up for the last assignment, which I think would be beneficial if we turned it in earlier and got the chance to edit it.

Instructor Comment:

Honestly a fantastic professor willing to help his students when they are in need. I had a lot of heavy struggles this semester. When I thought I had to drop the class but decided not to, he worked with me to get me back on track, and I really appreciated that - even if I might not have deserved such

amazing help from him. I can honestly say that, even through my struggles, I enjoy taking his classes and truly respect him as a professor and person.

Mr. Roberts is very knowledgeable in what he is teaching and has had enough real life experience to be able to teach real life and not just textbook material. Mr. Roberts is also a very understanding and respectful human being.

From what I can tell, Tod Roberts tries to do everything he can to ensure the success of all of his students.

very knowledgeable and entertaining

This semester I took two classes with Professor Roberts and I feel that I have truly benefited from

both. His grading is extremely fair and he gives plenty of opportunities to reach out to him for help along with plenty of time to finish each assignment. Professor Roberts encourages students to email him with any question and always responds promptly.

Mr. Roberts is flexible in allowing students to make personal tweaks to their assignments, provided the assignment/class objectives are met. He doesn't just ask us to act like professionals but also treats us as such. Students can easily tell that Mr. Roberts wants them to be successful.

I felt that the objectives for the class were stated clearly, and I learned a lot in this class. I especially appreciated the detailed mark-ups.