

**What features of this course and/or instructor were most effective? Why?**

- Class was entertaining. Professor did a good job teaching.
- The contemporary examples, they allowed for material to be related to students were easy
- Instructor's teaching material.
- The course was fun and interesting. The enthusiasm of the professor and the materials used made me excited about going to class everyday.
- The instructor was very knowledgeable about the subject and seemed very enthusiastic about it.
- Class discussions.
- He used a lot of different materials, visuals, etc. to help illustrate the subject matter.
- He kept class interesting.
- Teaching style kept attention of students. Use of **music/films** clearly conveyed ideas and students able to relate.
- Very enthusiastic professor, always eager to listen to students ideas and keep the classroom atmosphere upbeat.
- Having **video/music** at the beginning of class because it relaxes students and is a great class opener.
- I enjoyed the instructor's personality and teaching style. It fostered a great learning environment.
- Dr. Yamane's use of outside media (videos, etc.) was great for relating what we were studying to real life situations.
- Dr. Yamane is an excellent sociology teacher. He is easy to get along with and creates a fun environment that is severely lacking in other department's intro classes.
- As tedious as they were the CPAs provided good examples and practices with the material as well as ways to make me stay active in my reading.
- His teaching attitude encouraged discussion and his use of the multimedia technology kept students involved.
- Class cooperation assignments got me thinking about the issues we would discuss every class.
- Professor Yamane used numerous types of examples and outside sources during his lectures. His teaching style was engaging and encouraged student participation. I also really liked the textbook and found the accompanying CPAs to be helpful and pertinent.
- Dr. Yamane is one of the best teachers I have ever had. His passion for his work is unparalleled and it's obvious by his overflowing desire to teach and help us learn the subject matter.

- The instructor is very enthusiastic and fun to take a class with. He used several different resources for examples that made the class very enjoyable.
- I loved how every class started with a game or video. It got me interested which was useful since this is a 9:00 a.m. class. Discussions also showed aspects of a concept I might have missed.
- Dr. Yamane's ability to connect with students made the learning process effective and enjoyable.
- Media presentations and diagrams on overhead changed pace and kept things interesting.
- Used lots of different ways of teaching (video clips, games, charts, lecture) and was excited about the subject.
- Use of outside material was very effective. The outside of class work was very useful. Great professor, my favorite so far. Interesting, easy to talk to, fun class and learned a lot.
- His attitude toward **students=he** expects us to learn the material but understands how to teach it to students.
- Yamane used a lot of different teaching methods including group work, films, overheads etc. to get points across. He was very energetic and likeable. The course covers a variety of topics so that it moves at a good pace and doesn't get dull.
- Love the examples given in class such as movie clips and songs.
- The daily assignments (CPA) were most effective because they made you analyze sociological problems.
- His use of class discussion in helping us to understand the material. Discussions allowed us to add input and to ask questions.
- The powerpoint presentations – they supplemented the lectures nicely.

### **What features of this course and/or instructor could be improved? How?**

- Instructor often seemed biased in dealing with students. Some treated much nicer than others.
- The only problem I had was that it was difficult to complete the tests to the level I wanted in the allotted time.  
Grading on exams was too picky (given amount of time allotted)  
The test are too short in that you only can receive 20 points total so if you get 3-5's and a 2.5 on the last question you make an 85. I believe this is too strict of an interpretation of the student's knowledge of the material. I think multiple choice part would be helpful.
- All in all no big **changes/improvements** needed.
- I love study guides for tests, but it was never a surprise what was on the exams anyway so I guess they wouldn't be entirely useful.
- Testing is a bit strenuous, maybe make test shorter, which he did.

- More stated expectations on exams. I never knew what was going to be on the exam.
- Well I think most issues I had with the class was the time it met (9:00 a.m.) I slept through it once in a while. This was more because I was tired than because going to class was pointless, because it is a good class.
- Less students ... but I know this is hard to do with the size of the **soc** dept.
- I wish the class was a little more structured notes wise. It was a little difficult to prepare for tests.
- Being more aware of time constraints.
- The grading scale is challenging. Each test is only worth 20 points so one mistake can be very damaging. I think more points should be offered during the course.
- Different test style.
- Feedback on class assignments.
- Honestly I wouldn't change anything.
- Nothing comes to mind.
- More points on tests.
- Return course prep assignments (although e-mails were sometimes sent) with specific comments about work instead of generalized class discussion.
- Some course prep assignments were too long if they are expected every class, that's the only thing but they did help us learn.
- Some test questions were abstract and more difficult to answer using textbook information.
- Grading. The exams were graded somewhat harshly with no explanation why. Almost expected too much on exam.
- More variety in testing.
- None that I can think of.

**Please include any other general comments about this course and/or instructor.**

- Good class, nice professor, stimulating class.
- I loved this class, it made we want to be a sociology major.
- Great instructor!  
I liked that he got to know everyone's names and a little bit about each person.  
Amazing professor, feel bad I missed class every time I did, enthusiasm is contagious and he just did an overall great job keeping kids interested... I wish I'd have him later but my major is needing the other way!  
Overall, awesome professor and good course.  
Dr. Yamane's awesome. Great **guy/great** class.

- Nice bow tie ... Dr. Yamane's **websites** are helpful ... and funny
- Yamane's awesome!
- Good course, enthusiastic instructor. He is very composed and competent.
- I loved this class and would recommend it to anyone!
- Dr. Yamane is great – give him a raise.
- Dr. Yamane was great. He was one of my favorite professors this semester!
- I would try and keep Dr. Yamane at WFU as long as possible.
- Great Prof!!
- This was my favorite class this semester.
- Fun class!
- Funny, interesting
- I really enjoyed this class. Yamane is a great teacher. I enjoy the videos we watched which helped to understand the material.
- A great professor, clearly very enthusiastic and knowledgeable about sociology; highly recommend his class to others.