

**Sociology 151: Principles of Sociology  
Spring 2005**

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Very student-oriented. He really cares about students. He wants everyone to do well, and will help you do so, but will not just give out A's. Made the class very interesting.

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It is easier to relate to the teacher because he is out-going and enthusiastic about the subject.

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I like the use of media in the course, as I think that it added to the information and made it more interesting. I think that he does a very good job of relating to his students and keeping the lectures interesting as well.

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Dr. Yamane is a great teacher who engages the students and helps us learn the material by making it interesting, fun, and applicable.

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Dr. Yamane's manner in which he conducts class, making it interactive, and fun to learn is definitely a favorable aspect of class. I believe that the reason Dr. Yamane is such a well liked professor is that he does things with and for his class outside of the

normal realm. He makes the sociological principles that we are learning more applicable in different activities and presentations. Overall, I believe that while he is new to Wake Forest he will have many classes to come in which people are dying to get into his class.

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I extremely enjoyed class and I would definitely recommend the course to my peers. I enjoyed the emphasis on participation. Outside examples were highly enjoyable.

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My favorite class this semester-- really interesting and consistently exciting. I was really impressed and refreshed with the teaching--it was a nice break from lectures and provided a laid-back atmosphere-- I told all my friends to take this class!

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I think the course has been very good. There is a good amount of class discussion and the prof does a good job of explaining the material. Overall I think the class was fine how it was. I probably wouldn't change anything although the daily written assignments became a little bit tedious.

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This was one of my favorite courses that I have taken thus far. The professor was very interesting and the class was never boring, tedious, or seemed to drag on. The exams could have been improved upon possibly, but overall it was a good gauge of students' understanding. I liked the daily homework because it forced you to do the reading and boosted your grade if you did it. The examples (media, music, dressing up) also were very beneficial in illustrating various principles. All in all, a top notch course taught by a top notch instructor :)

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This course was interesting by nature, but Professor Yamane made me want to come to it everyday. He always made the class very fun and engaging.

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Dr. Yamane was very approachable and made volunteering in class participation less intimidating. He was able to relate the material in a way that was easier for most college students to grasp while allowing them to enjoy it at the same time, as opposed to the typical lecture/exam structure. The class was one of my best here at Wake.

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I loved coming to class. I loved your enthusiasm and your desire to make class a fun and relaxing environment. The only thing is, it would have been nice to see how we did on the first couple of course assignments, so we would know if what we were doing was what you were looking for. Other than that, I have no complaints and I have recommended this course (with you as the professor, of course) to many friends.

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-great class -reasonable and manageable workload -engaging class and professor - interesting subject material well presented in class and correlated with relevant outside material

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I really enjoyed Professor Yamane's sociology test. I have heard from some of my other friends here at Wake that sociology is only enjoyable if you get the right Professor, and they did not so it made their experience not as enjoyable. I am very impressed with Dr. Yamane and his ability to effectively communicate the subject matter, he does a very good job of keeping our attention and making things interesting (e.g. movie clips, group activities, etc...) Keep doing what you're doing Dr. Yamane.

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I felt this was a good class, however I often felt at certain times that there was favoritism within the class. Also 20% of our grade was based on written assignment which we had to turn in before class, and never once during the entire semester were we told how we were doing on them and if we were receiving credit or not.

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The instructor was very enthusiastic about the subject and made class very interesting each day. I feel like the course topics covered gave an adequate overview of sociology. The only suggestion for improvement would be to include some sort of method for students who missed class to be able to acquire class handouts/notes; I feel like the course website could have all the handouts and information about videos watched and so forth. Other than that, I feel like this class was very good, especially because of the teacher.

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Mr. Yamane is a great teacher and I loved his class. I have learned a lot from his class, and enjoyed it so much that I have decided to make sociology my major. I thought Mr. Yamane did a wonderful job teaching and I would love to have him again for another class down the road.

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I felt that the assignments we did reminded me very much of high school- busy work more than anything that actually encouraged learning or thinking in a new way. I also found the tests a difficult process. I was unsure of what the professor wanted, and he didn't seem to know either. There was no clear grading scale on the tests. Although I did enjoy lectures because they were interesting, they did not prepare me for tests or reinforce any sociological principles. Overall the class reminded me of a high school class-- it did not challenge me to think in new ways, but merely to try and think like the professor.

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He's very enthusiastic about the course subject and entertaining in his teaching method. Yamane constantly encourages class participation in a variety of ways, and his homework assignments ensure that students keep up with the reading.

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Dr. Yamane is a very knowledgeable and helpful professor. He allows us to have fun in the class, but still keeps the students productive and participative. He is open to the thoughts and ideas of the students and initiates good class discussion. The class atmosphere is always relaxed so that everyone feels free to participate in discussion. For the course preparation assignments we did for each class, I found them a bit annoying to begin with, until I realized that by doing one for every class, we didn't have to write any big paper for the class like a lot of the other sociology classes do. I think that doing the course prep assignments rather than a paper was much more beneficial for the students.

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Enthusiasm for classroom materials was beneficial for stirring enthusiasm amongst students for the same material. The teacher has an incredible ability to relate to students/keep the class lively and entertaining.

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Although Dr. Yamane came in as a new professor this school year, he was still very enthusiastic about the course overall. He is a very straightforward and down-to-eath kinda guy and uses his personality to enhance class time. Each clss is always fun and engaging not to mention encouraging laughter. I would definitely recoment this course to anyone with a willingness to learn.

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I like the way Dr. Yamane approaches sociology and how he teaches it to his students. He really connects with them and makes you feel like you are not really doing work or learning at all but then once you think about it you realize that you have learned so much. He understands what is going on in our lives and knows what it is like to be a student so he makes learning interesting. Personally I like the course the way it is. Good book, good workload, good tests, great professor.

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I think this course was made much more interesting by the fact that Dr.Yamane was teaching it. He's incredibly knowlodgeable on the subject yet finds a way to charismatically deliver the lesson for every class. Activities are interesting and there is a good mix between joking and serious atmosphere. My only problem was the daily homework...it got pretty annoying towards the end of the semester. Although it did help me tremendously with actually learning the material so perhaps its some form of tough love. Overall, I think this is a great course and Dr.Yamane is an excellent teacher.

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Wow, Professor Yamane tought a great Intro to Sociology class. He is one of the best professors I have had at Wake because he is so engaging with his students, and makes the material fun and easy to understand. His enthusiasm makes people actually want to attend class! The course and its materials were very interesting,

especailly the supplementary materials that Professor Yamane offered in class. The daily assignments helped me to understand the material and his tests, though at times challenging, were representative of the material covered and were graded fairly. All in all this class was a wonderful experience.

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Dr. Yamane is a very helpful and personable guy, and always does a good job of incorporating students into the discussion. I also like his policy of assigning a small homework assignment for each class, as it helps me to keep up with the assigned material. I think overall this was an enjoyable and interesting class.

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I think Dr. Yamane did an amazing job at teaching us material in a way that was very interesting to learn. It could have been very easy to just teach us through the readings of the book, which would have made this class very boring, but he brought in outside material that we were able to relate to such as recent movies, music and playing games as a class that helped us understand the material. I don't have any suggestions in changing this class, I think he conducted it in the best way possible.

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Professor Yamane was very enthusiastic and clearly enjoys teaching. He made coming to class early in the morning less of a chore. He really wants his students to be interested in the material he is teaching, and does a very good job of doing so. I found his tests to be fair and comprehensive, but not necessarily easy. He made it clear what was expected of you as far as homework, attendance and tests. I think Prof. Yamane is a great addition to the Wake Forest faculty and that he has a great deal to offer his students.

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I really enjoyed the energy that the teacher displayed while teaching this course. He kept the students active during the class and provided meaningful activities that reinforced the material that was in discussion for the day. The only thing that I would change is to only require one course assignment per week, because having a assignment due for every class sometimes became burdensome. I would also include a wider variety of music to your collection. Possibly something from Seattle or New Orleans.

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The instructor was both professional and stimulating. Considering the limits of this class he did a very good job of relating the material in a way that was both engaging and effective. I learned a good deal in this class but did not feel bored or exasperated at any time. The teaching engaged me at all times. This course was a solid one I have no suggestions for improvement.

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I really enjoyed this class! Prof. Yamane made coming to class fun everyday, and we learned a lot. I have taken other sociology classes before this, so I was coming into it kind of assuming that a lot would be a repeat, but the material covered was extensive, and I feel like I understand sociology a lot more now. The homework write-ups we had every night were really beneficial because they forced me to stay up on the reading and remember to always prepare for class. Prof. Yamane has been one of the best teachers I've had here at Wake...his enthusiasm for the class was clear, and I'm going to remember the theories and everything else because of the creative examples that he used to teach the material. He also really encouraged the class to interact together, and I've found this to be a really nice class to look forward to twice a week. I really don't have any suggestions b/c this was really one of my favorite classes...challenging but interesting and fun at the same time. It has been a real pleasure!

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The instructor provides an enthusiastic and upbeat environment conducive to learning the material of the course. His attitude is definitely refreshing and I would take his courses again and recommend them to others. He presents the material in a clear and easily-interpreted manner.