

Written Comments by Graduate Students (master level and PhD level)

Sample Student Responses from 3 leadership courses (instructional leadership and administrative leadership/from one semester only)--Teaching Effectiveness

What did you like most about this course?

Dr. Wang is a fascinating person that brings a wealth of worldly experience and technical knowledge to his classroom. I am thankful for having the opportunity to work with a professor of his quality and caliber. The ability to attract a professor of his stature in the leadership community speaks highly of the world class education available at the university!

The professor respects the students' experiences and integrates them effectively in his facilitations. The pedagogical vs. andragogical way of teaching, or instructing was very insightful. Dr. Wang's teaching style compliments the textbook. The fact that the activities done in class go with what the theories of best practice support. After you have done the reading, you can relate the activities to what you are doing in class.

It gave me the chance to get to know something totally new. Interaction with peers. I truly enjoyed the non-threatening, mutually respectful environment of the class. I liked the open environment and the ability to have discussions with classmates.

The instructor was very kind, fair, and flexible. I liked the open atmosphere in this class. I felt comfortable asking and answering questions. I liked how Dr. Wang assigned the chapters to the participants, allowing us to research and present. Great experience. I enjoyed the challenge that this course presented to me.

I really enjoyed Dr. Wang exceptional teaching style. His knowledge of the material for the course kept me engaged throughout the course. I enjoyed learning the content, the teacher's style of delivery and the teacher's overall manner. He was engaging, helpful and he demonstrated a genuine concern for the students. I did not expect to enjoy learning about how adults learn, but I thoroughly enjoyed it. The instructor made it interesting and kept us all engaged.

I appreciate the care and concern Dr. Wang gave our entire class. I was very tentative entering my first degree seeking graduate level course. Dr. Wang put our minds at ease and created a climate conducive to learning the materials. Our group projects took our learning to the next level and engaged deeper thinking and learning of the material.

He is an extremely well-educated man! Has such a great personality!!! One of the best teachers I have had!!! Dr. Wang practiced what he preached. We learned not only through WHAT he told us, but through HOW he taught it. Dr. Wang had a strong level of respect for all students and created us as equals, even though the knowledge learned was all new information.

Being able to have the professor's feedback in such fast and effective way helped me immensely! Usually, professors will take some time in answering emails, but Dr. Wang is truly amazing at it! The transition from andragogy to pedagogy is difficult. It would be nice to know that you can use the lecture notes for critiques, as well as reading the book. The course was perfect. No improvements necessary.

I do not have any suggestions for improving this course. I would look forward to taking more courses with Dr. Wang. Was a pleasure to take the class with Professor Wang. Thank you for an awesome experience. This class was one of my best ever. Thank you, Dr. Wang for facilitating this class. I really

enjoyed it.

I will most definitely take advantage of any opportunity to take another class with Dr. Wang. I enjoyed the course. I plan on taking leadership with Dr. Wang next semester. Great teacher, I hope I have him in all my courses. Excellent course - well planned out and informative.

Dr. Wang rocks as professor. What I liked most about this course was the opportunity learn more through class discussion in alignment with the assignments to critique the book and other's students' leadership biographies. The way the professor integrates the material from Lead I and II together in III.

The teacher's teaching style. The content was relevant and well delivered. The ability to have open discussions with peers and professor about the topic and theories. Subject matter. I have been through training as a leader in the Air Force.

Much of this material merely reinforces what I have already learned. I enjoy learning about leadership, I use it every day in my work as a JROTC Instructor, and teach it to my students. I really enjoyed the collaboration that the instructor encouraged.

During our classes we engaged in thoughtful, productive conversations that helped to solidify the course material. Dr. Wang provided guidance and clarity and helped facilitate discussions that allowed us to put the theories that we learned in to practice. I enjoyed engaging in conversations every Saturday. I liked that we were expected to think critically. There were discussions among the students from which we learned just as much as from the professor. The professor respected the students and their opinion while pushing for critical thinking.

I liked that the lessons were co-taught between instructor and students. I also appreciated the flexibility of the teacher and his respect for the student's time. I enjoyed tying together the learning that occurred in Leaderships 1 and 2. Good pacing and wonderful discussions about ethical leadership.

Dr. Wang. He's amazing. He could make memorizing the phone book interesting and engaging. I did not find the topic of this particular class all that interesting, but I thoroughly enjoyed the lessons and class discussions because Dr. Wang made the information valuable. Dr. Wang is a professor who can release the energy of learning within scholars.

Dr. Wang was certainly the best aspect of this course. After numerous classes and professors, Dr. Wang was BY FAR the best professor I have encountered at the university. The manner in which he engages students and the amount of respect he shows his students result in my being drawn to learning. Many other professors I have had at this university should take these education courses with Dr. Wang. That experience would certainly improve their teaching and student engagement.