

Teaching Evaluation Summary

Dana Williams

2005-2007

Average Student Evaluations

Course	Semester	Excellent Teacher	Excellent Course
Introduction to Sociology	Fall 2005	4.8	4.2
Introduction to Sociology*	Spring 2006	4.6	3.7
Social Movements	Fall 2006	4.8	4.6
Introduction to Sociology	Fall 2007	4.6	3.9
Social Inequalities	Fall 2007	4.4	4.0
Introduction to Sociology	Spring 2008	4.6	4.0

5=definitely true; 4=more true than false; 3=in-between; 2=more false than true; 1=definitely false

* Distance learning section

Sample Comments

Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2005)

“Mr. Williams was a great professor. He really knew his subject matter and presented it to us in very clear and concise ways.”

“Mr. Williams truly wanted all students in his class to succeed.”

“He is a very great instructor, and if I had a choice for an instructor for a different course, he would be my first choice.”

“I liked this teacher, but the lectures seemed pointless.”

“Dana created an atmosphere in which it was easy to learn. I enjoyed the experience.”

Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2005)

“Great instructor!”

Social Movements (Fall 2006)

“If [University of Akron President] Proenza is going to raise tuition and his salary as much as he does... the least he could do is hire more professors like Dana. I demand it as a victim of extortion via tuition dollars. If not “movements” are looming!”

“Very good instructor. Made learning the subject fun and easy to connect to. Used a teaching method that frowned upon just rehashing the stuff he had taught, instead we were challenged to apply it to our own selves. One of the best classes all year.”

Social Problems (Summer 2007) †

“Films were very interesting and related well to course materials. Although they were a bit intimidating at first, the class discussions were helpful and enhanced the class greatly.”

“The reaction papers made it easier to understand the topics. Having to come up with real solutions was also helpful in attempting to understand the depth of the problems.”

† Formal evaluations not conducted for Summer semesters; above comments from informal evaluations conducted by colleague

Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2007)

“I really like how Dana loves what he teaches, and he really enjoys teaching us. You can just tell he has a true passion for sociology.”

“This is the only class I actually looked forward to coming to everyday. Mr. Williams was a great, entertaining teacher and he cared about our success. I would recommend it to anyone.”

Social Inequalities (Fall 2007)

“Professor Williams made the material more interesting by the way he presented it. He’s a very good lecturer—he’s intelligent and believes and knows what he’s talking about which made it easy for me to care as a student.”

“Mr. Williams is a great teacher!”