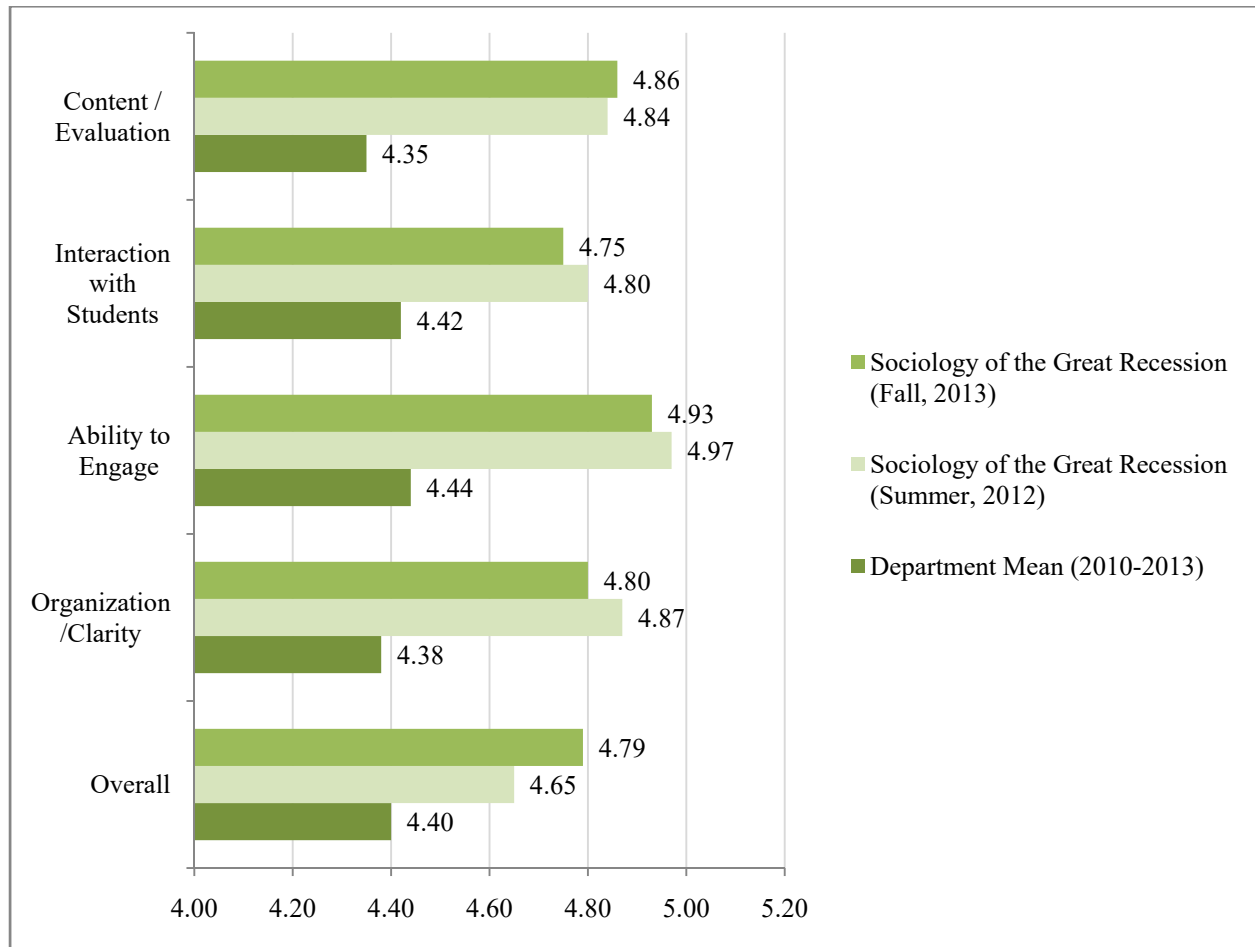


Sociology of the Middle Class

COURSE EVALUATIONS: FALL 2013 & SUMMER 2012



STUDENT COMMENTS

Please comment on the individual instructors with regard to effectiveness and attitude toward students:

- Used humor to keep students alert and participatory.
- Explained things very well and inspired interest in the subject
- Loved the eagerness and relatability that the professor had with the students.
- Explained broad concepts and their relevance to both students' lives and the entire United States.

Please comment on assignments and exams (difficulty, length, frequency, usefulness, and their success at testing conceptual understanding rather than recall):

- The assignments were to-the-point with no need for fluff, and I like that. They had a clear components and purpose and I believe they helped me learn to better analyze and make arguments. Having the final presentation due before the final essay is a great thing because it allowed us to get feedback before we had to explain the ideas and conclusions in our research in great depth. I also liked how assignments were handed back with written comments. It helped me learn how to improve.
- Assignments were well spaced, and the expectations for each were made very clear. Beth also gave specific feedback on each assignment.
- The papers were really clearly explained and were really helpful in developing skills like how to create an argument.
- Assignments were challenging and required critical thinking. They were difficult but to the level that they pushed the student to their best potential. The length was adequate. The frequency was often which always kept us busy.
- Homework got harder one by one. Asked for a lot of good ideas and intellectual work
- The length was perfect. I like how you built up the length of the papers and how we had plenty of time to complete the assignment

Do you have any additional comments on the course over-all?

- I got some good life lessons out of this class. I am very happy that I took it and feel that it was quite the valuable experience. Also, I felt the class size was just right. There were few enough people that we could have actual discussions, but not too few that there was not diverse input into those discussions.
- I really enjoyed this class!
- I found this class a great opportunity to inform myself not only about current economic issues, but other relevant American events and topics. In this quarter alone I have felt as if I have become more knowledgeable about American issues than ever before. The topics brought up in class made me want to learn more and more about national policies and controversies. I also felt challenged to continuously ask the question "why?" which enriched my knowledge and experience tremendously.
- This was the best class I have ever taken!
- She was an amazing teacher! Amazing personality, everybody liked her