

SLN: 84997

Course ID: SOC-352

Course Name: Social Change

Instructor: Foster, William Abbott

N Responses: 40

Are you taking this course as a required course or an elective course? **Required** 17 (42.5) **Elective** 23 (57.5) **No Response** 0 (0)

Is this course within your major? **Yes** 28 (70) **No** 11 (27.5) **No Response** 0 (0)

How many online courses have you taken at ASU, including this one?

None	1-2	3-5	6-10	11-20	21-30	>30	No Response
0	17	15	7	0	0	0	1

How would you rate ...	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Good + Very Good	No Response
The course as a whole?	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (5)	15 (37.5)	23 (57.5)	38 (95)	0 (0)
Course content?	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (5)	13 (32.5)	25 (62.5)	38 (95)	0 (0)
The overall effectiveness of the instructor?	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (7.5)	12 (30)	25 (62.5)	37 (92.5)	0 (0)
The clarity of course expectations?	0 (0)	0 (0)	7 (17.5)	10 (25)	23 (57.5)	33 (82.5)	0 (0)
The extent to which teaching methods stimulated your interests?	0 (0)	0 (0)	5 (12.5)	9 (22.5)	26 (65)	35 (87.5)	0 (0)
Degree to which the instructor encouraged you to interact with other students?	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (5)	9 (22.5)	29 (72.5)	38 (95)	0 (0)
Accessibility of the instructor?	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (5)	10 (25)	27 (67.5)	37 (92.5)	1 (2.5)
Timeliness of instructor response to questions, assignments and tests?	0 (0)	0 (0)	5 (12.5)	8 (20)	26 (65)	34 (85)	1 (2.5)
Instructor's ability to explain the material?	0 (0)	0 (0)	7 (17.5)	5 (12.5)	27 (67.5)	32 (80)	1 (2.5)
Helpfulness of instructor feedback?	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (10)	9 (22.5)	27 (67.5)	36 (90)	0 (0)
Fairness of the grading process?	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (2.5)	8 (20)	31 (77.5)	39 (97.5)	0 (0)
Relevance of required readings?	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (5)	8 (20)	30 (75)	38 (95)	0 (0)
Relevance of activities and assignments?	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (5)	12 (30)	26 (65)	38 (95)	0 (0)
The degree to which communication components of the course (chat, discussion board, e-mail, announcements, etc.) added to the interaction between students and instructor?	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (7.5)	6 (15)	31 (77.5)	37 (92.5)	0 (0)
The ease of course navigation?	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (5)	11 (27.5)	27 (67.5)	38 (95)	0 (0)
The quality of your experience with the technical interface?	0 (0)	1 (2.5)	2 (5)	11 (27.5)	26 (65)	37 (92.5)	0 (0)

If this class has a lab component, how would you rate...	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Good + Very Good	No Response
The degree to which skills learned in the lab helped you with your coursework?	1 (2.5)	1 (2.5)	6 (15)	6 (15)	13 (32.5)	19 (47.5)	13 (32.5)
Your preparedness for the lab experience?	0 (0)	1 (2.5)	6 (15)	6 (15)	13 (32.5)	19 (47.5)	14 (35)

Relative to other courses you've taken...	Much Lower	Lower	About the Same	Higher	Much Higher	Higher + Much Higher	No Response
Do you expect your grade in this course to be...	0 (0)	2 (5)	20 (50)	11 (27.5)	6 (15)	17 (42.5)	1 (2.5)
The intellectual challenge presented in this course was...	0 (0)	1 (2.5)	11 (27.5)	17 (42.5)	10 (25)	27 (67.5)	1 (2.5)
The amount of effort you put into this course was...	0 (0)	1 (2.5)	19 (47.5)	11 (27.5)	8 (20)	19 (47.5)	1 (2.5)
The amount of effort required to succeed in this course was...	0 (0)	2 (5)	19 (47.5)	13 (32.5)	5 (12.5)	18 (45)	1 (2.5)

	Yes	No
Would you take another course from this instructor?	37	2
Would you take another online class?	39	0

From what location did you access your course MOST OF THE TIME?	
Home	33
Work	3
Campus Lab	2
Residence Hall	1
Library	0
Other	1

For technical assistance with your online course, where did you go for help? (check all that apply)	
ASUonline	10
Software manufacturer (Blackboard, Inc)	0
Instructor	10
Another student	4
UTO Helpdesk	2
Did not need help	21
Other	0

How many hours a week do you spend working for pay?	
Less than 10	2
10 - 20	7
21 - 30	10
31 - 40	7
40+	9
I am not working	5

Please indicate the extent of your agreement or disagreement with the following	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No Response
This course contributed to my professional development.	0 (0)	1 (2.5)	9 (22.5)	18 (45)	12 (30)	0 (0)
This course contributed to my educational development.	0 (0)	1 (2.5)	2 (5)	23 (57.5)	14 (35)	0 (0)
This course contributed to my personal development.	0 (0)	1 (2.5)	4 (10)	21 (52.5)	14 (35)	0 (0)
This course decreased my time to graduation.	9 (22.5)	3 (7.5)	9 (22.5)	11 (27.5)	8 (20)	0 (0)

How did you first find out how to access your online course?	
ASUonline (http://asuonline.asu.edu)	15
An ASU publication	0
Instructor	5
Had prior knowledge	17
Other	2
No Response	1

How did you learn about this course?	
ASU Schedule of Classes - online version	29
ASUonline (http://asuonline.asu.edu)	0
Extended Campus catalog - online	1
Alt^I website (http://alti.asu.edu)	0
Instructor	0
Advisor	7
Friend	0
Other	2
No Response	1

Why did you enroll in this course? (check all that apply)	
Commute time/distance to ASU too great	13
Family commitments	8
Work commitments	16
Lack of transportation	1
Physical condition prevents travel to campus	0
Resolve class schedule conflict	20
Required course	14
Only offered online	5
Other	1

What was most valuable to you about this course?

Stimulating content and thought-provoking questions.

The instructor encouraged thinking outside of the box in all assignments, and I was rewarded for taking a risk in an essay.

Each week we posted discussion and were required to interact with other students by responding to their posts. I thought each discussion was incredibly relevant and rewarding. I looked forward to it.

It dealt with real issues that are going on in the world, which made it more interesting.

The reading material and instructor commentary.

The reading material was relevant and the discussion questions were thought-provoking.

The discussion boards were most valuable because it allowed me to read what other students had to say on the presented topics.

Wiki project

I valued the input of the instructor. He made sure to always comment on work that was turned in. I valued his comments and opinions. Also, the responses from other class mates.

The Wiki project was extremely valued. I will go on to use this tool in my future group projects. However, all of the material this class covered was invaluable to me.

I love the thought provoking topics Will Foster brought up on the discussion board. Although it was an online class, it felt like we were in person. We had group projects and weekly discussion boards. The books were great!

The reading materials were interesting.

The incorporation of internet with the course was impressive and that make it most interesting than merely reading books.

Our professor was awesome.

We have the freedom to express our own opinions.

The most valuable was the discussion board. It allowed us to really state our opinion and have peers make comments on our thoughts. The discussion was a virtual visceral experience.

The ability to take the class online

I Like how we were able to relate this class to relevant situations going on in the world to day. It gave me a better understanding on what Social Change is really about.

I enjoyed reading books for this class that took at different look on society...they really made the reader think about society, how it is changing, how it will change and what our part in that change is

The instructors ability to get me to really think and write 68outside the box68.

I think the discussion board, i twas great to see veryones ideas, and not just my own.

The assigned books and the questions raised had been very valuable

The most valuable part of this class was the discussion boards each week.

All 3 assigned books were good, informative picks.

learning about the real world (technology, economy, social subjects)

The reading and the questions applied to the reading

Dr. Foster, in my opinion, ranks higher than almost all instructors for my whole college career. This seems ironic for an online course. Typically, in an online course it's hard to get to know the instructor. Dr. Foster is an impressive instructor. He seems so passionate about his subject matter. He participated in the discussion board. He sent us numerous emails on the topics that we studied. He always answered student questions, and shared them with the rest of the class. If anyone was confused, he never made them feel stupid, or reply by saying read the syllabus again as some instructors do. The course content was interesting and challenging. I think he found great ways to make even the most disinterested person interested in the coursework. He had us read three books that I would have otherwise not read, nor really cared to read, yet I find myself talking to friends and family about these topics. I would have loved to have taken this class in person. I can only imagine t

I thought Dr Foster was great at challenging us to think creatively and outside of the box-which is challenging to do in an online format. He was great reading the text books that were assigned. I learned how to think deeper, more critical and interact with others responses on a positive note.

The professor's responses significantly enhanced the learning experience.

I really enjoyed how all students were required to interact with each other and that we had to consider other students views and opinions. The professor also encouraged us to think critically which I think is an invaluable tool in our careers in the future.

The teacher was easy to work with and the class discussions were very interesting.

The discussion boards and their requiring me to figure out the way I felt about different issues.

Reading Material

If you could make only one change to this course to improve it, what would that change be?

Better Wiki system something more user friendly, making a link shouldn't require code changes just a link button would be fine.

I think that an in-person discussion section meeting once a week would be valuable.

Nothing! I thought it was fantastic.

Not much, I really enjoyed it. I think that it was hard to do the group project, with the class being online. However, I can see why we had to do it because of the class being Social Change, we had to socialize and see what changes are made.

Have the class in person, only because if an instructor can be this engaging to his students for an online class, I can't imagine how amazing he would be in person.

I wouldn't.

n/a

Nothing

I enjoyed the class.

I'm not sure. This is probably the best course I have ever taken as far as content and the amount of knowledge I came away from this class with. I doubt that I would change anything because everything was so relevant and enlightening.

Not really, but I do think the course should focus pretty much on current events.

nothing it was great

none

The only thing I would change is to make a requirement to meet with the group in person at least once. Then really be supportive about how to create a wiki. I felt the final was rushed and not fully explained. Remember we are not all computer geeks.

Turn in discussion questions late, and still get partial credit!

no changes

no suggestions

More related books should be included in the syllabus to support the ones already in place. Very wide topic to narrow in only three books, great books but can be supported with other material related to the class

The group assignment could have been better.

Announce and allow the final project to be worked on from the beginning.

nothing, I just loved it

set the groups up earlier to allow the groups more time to meet

the wiki assignment with the other students wasn't very good because it depended on the other students and we are just too far apart from one another

even though the reading taught me to think more critical I didn't like the amount of reading and when we did the discussion questions that question was only on one of the chapters out of the 5 or 6 chapters we had to read.

I would select a better text in lieu of McDonaldization.

Even though I understand that the professor was trying not to guide us in any directions because he wanted our ideas to be original and our own. It would have been helpful to have some more detailed instructions for the assignments.

Some of the books chosen for the course were a bit biased and opinionative.

Live interface with the instructor.

Make a different group assignment

Would you take another class from this instructor? Why or why not?

Very open minded, picked some excellent reading materials.

This instructor really cares about the material and is able to handle a large class size effectively.

Professor is great about feedback and making the course material relevant to our lives. He challenged us to think critically and use our communication skills.

I liked. He was helpful and wanted to help us learn!

This was by far the best online class I have taken. I have learned more from this professor based on the materials that he provided for us to read which really prompted critical thinking and opened my eyes to conditions around the globe.

He is very knowledgeable and friendly; he explained the material very well and always answered questions via email very quickly.

The instructor provided prompt answers to any questions that students had. He also seemed to enjoy teaching this subject. It was evident in his emails and discussion points.

Have before, would again

I liked his teaching structure.

I will definitely be taking another of Professor Foster's classes. He was the most responsive and refreshing instructor I have had at ASU. I thoroughly enjoyed his style and how organized he was. He was very helpful and I believe I have learned the most from his class. I felt challenged--finally! I also enjoyed that he encourages outside-of-the-box thinking. He pushed me to challenge my views and I always had something to think about from different perspectives.

Because I enjoyed the readings and dicussion questions.

Because I graduating soon.

He is a great teacher, and I have learned a lot from him!

He responds to email quickly!

Very good instructor that really likes what he does and shows that to his students

All of the questions were EXTREMELY CLEAR, and all of my questions were answered promptly. Excellent selection of book and videos that we had to watch. And enjoyed interacting with students that i never meet with before.

Will was an awesome instructor. He structured the class so we really learned to analyze the material and interpret it with our own opinions, using the readings we had been assigned. Some college courses make you feel belittled with super-structured assignments...Will's allowed us use the references required to build our own opinions and express why something is the way it is.

I would take another class because I felt challenged and learned a lot during the process.

He was really good about emailing us with different links and ideas on how to complete assignments, he was alaways answering questions and would reply certain emails to the entire class if someone ask a good question. He was one of the best teachers i have ever had.

Great teacher !!! up-to-date with current events, great way to relate the class with experinces of the financial crisis going on, challenging assignments that generated effort to really understand the situation. Very respectful and fair, I would take any class with him.

I really enjoyed this class and I learned a lot this semester.

He sounds thoughtful, prepared and interested in what he teaches.

Dr. Foster is a wonderful instructor, very knowledgeable about this subject, very helpful and cooperative

All of them if I could!

He really cares about teaching and is available. Great teacher.

I enjoy how this class related to what was going on in our country.

I think he challanges you and your ability to think for yourself. I really enjoyed his class.

Great guy! Very interesting and easy to work with.

I can't really say yes or no, because I don't know enough about his teaching style.

He was very interactive

Would you take another class online? Why or why not?

i can complete assignments on my time according to my schedule.

I like having flexibility in how I do my work.

I feel like I got more out of it than some of my ground classes.

They help me with my busy work schedule!

Only if there is not another option for my requirements or if there was another online course offered from this professor.

It is easy to work the online classes around my internships and school schedules.

Online classes allow for me to work from home without having to worry about not attending class. It is just really convenient.

Convenient

I can access it at any time of the day.

I wish all of my courses were offered online. I have insomnia and this semester, my abilities to function in the classroom setting suffered. I ended up having to withdraw from those courses. The online classes allow me to do my studies when I am at my peak performance time--which varies. I enjoy the flexibility and found my online courses easier to be successful in due to my condition.

Because I don't have to sit in a lecture hall.

If I decided later to go to graduate, I will take online course because they give one ease of time and encourage students interaction than classroom courses.

Fits my schedule

I am able to take the class at my home and read the lectures at my own pace

Because, they work good with my work schedule and i haven't had any bad experiences with online classes!

Fits my schedule.

time

it is convenient

Time, schedule, availability and efficiency.

I have taken many online classes and i like them

Convenience.

Dr. Foster is a very good instructor

The class was time consuming yet it provided me a way to work on my schedule.

It's the only way I can take classes

Taking online classes you can work at your own pace & you don't have to worry about transportation.

I enjoyed the professor's teaching methods and questions.

I personally like on-line classes because they offer flexibility yet you have to be able to take responsibility for your own course work.

Only because of convenience. I am taking full loads every semester.

Convenience

Additional Comments

Great course! Great content! The instructor was awesome and I feel like I learned so much this semester. I would recommend this course and instructor to others.

This instructor worked very hard to maintain constant interaction with the students and provided really amazing reading materials. He proposed thought provoking discussions and I felt that he was genuinely interested in the subject matter and what the students thought about it, which is seemingly rare in an online class.

n/a

None

I enjoyed this class.

Regarding the questions on pages one and two of this survey, the responses would have been even higher if there had been the option. Professor Foster made this class above and beyond even my lofty expectations for a college course. I cannot stress enough or even convey how much this class has added to my knowledge base and expanded my horizons. This has been the one class where I felt that I did not pay enough in tuition for the amount of information I received.

Will Foster is amazing, and one of the best teachers I have had at ASU>

No Thanks

He was so great! I really appreciated him!

none

This is one of the few classes that I truly enjoyed!!

Great instructor and material, it was a pleasure to take this class.

He was great

This is one of the most interesting and rewarding classes I've taken in a long time. Great subject, great teacher, great participation of all fellow classmates. Very open minded class, a lot of useful information and crossfire discussions always with good conclusions. Good class to get a new perspective of the world we live in, It was great!!!

I learned a lot about this class, how real businesses work, interesting subjects.

This course was GREAT!

I think his way of teaching is very refreshing and much needed as a preparation for the workplace.

I learned a lot. Believe I would have learned a lot more if I could have sit in class with him for a semester and picked his brain with the rest of the students.

Instructor was great and easy to communicate with. For such a large class he really cared about his students and took the time to email each of us about what we wrote in discussion boards and about assignments.

Good Job