

Spring 2009

SLN: 26531

Course ID: STS-304

Course Name: Science Technology & Society

Instructor: Foster, William Abbott

N Responses: 9

Are you taking this course as a required course or an elective course? **Required** 1 (11.1) **Elective** 8 (88.9) **No Response** 0 (0)

Is this course within your major? **Yes** 3 (33.3) **No** 6 (66.7) **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**

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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)	0 (0)	5 (55.6)	4 (44.4)	9 (100)	0 (0)
Course content?	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (11.1)	2 (22.2)	6 (66.7)	8 (88.9)	0 (0)
The overall effectiveness of the instructor?	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (22.2)	1 (11.1)	6 (66.7)	7 (77.8)	0 (0)
The clarity of course expectations?	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (11.1)	2 (22.2)	6 (66.7)	8 (88.9)	0 (0)
The extent to which teaching methods stimulated your interests?	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (33.3)	6 (66.7)	9 (100)	0 (0)
Degree to which the instructor encouraged you to interact with other students?	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (11.1)	2 (22.2)	6 (66.7)	8 (88.9)	0 (0)
Accessibility of the instructor?	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (22.2)	7 (77.8)	9 (100)	0 (0)
Timeliness of instructor response to questions, assignments and tests?	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (11.1)	3 (33.3)	5 (55.6)	8 (88.9)	0 (0)
Instructor's ability to explain the material?	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (11.1)	3 (33.3)	5 (55.6)	8 (88.9)	0 (0)
Helpfulness of instructor feedback?	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (44.4)	5 (55.6)	9 (100)	0 (0)
Fairness of the grading process?	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (33.3)	6 (66.7)	9 (100)	0 (0)
Relevance of required readings?	0 (0)	1 (11.1)	0 (0)	2 (22.2)	6 (66.7)	8 (88.9)	0 (0)
Relevance of activities and assignments?	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (22.2)	7 (77.8)	9 (100)	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)	0 (0)	2 (22.2)	7 (77.8)	9 (100)	0 (0)
The ease of course navigation?	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (33.3)	6 (66.7)	9 (100)	0 (0)
The quality of your experience with the technical interface?	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (11.1)	2 (22.2)	6 (66.7)	8 (88.9)	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 (11.1)	0 (0)	1 (11.1)	1 (11.1)	2 (22.2)	3 (33.3)	4 (44.4)
Your preparedness for the lab experience?	1 (11.1)	0 (0)	1 (11.1)	1 (11.1)	2 (22.2)	3 (33.3)	4 (44.4)

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)	0 (0)	3 (33.3)	3 (33.3)	3 (33.3)	6 (66.6)	0 (0)
The intellectual challenge presented in this course was...	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (44.4)	2 (22.2)	3 (33.3)	5 (55.5)	0 (0)
The amount of effort you put into this course was...	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (33.3)	4 (44.4)	2 (22.2)	6 (66.6)	0 (0)
The amount of effort required to succeed in this course was...	0 (0)	0 (0)	6 (66.7)	2 (22.2)	1 (11.1)	3 (33.3)	0 (0)

	Yes	No
Would you take another course from this instructor?	9	0
Would you take another online class?	9	0

From what location did you access your course MOST OF THE TIME?	
Home	9
Work	0
Campus Lab	0
Residence Hall	0
Library	0
Other	0

For technical assistance with your online course, where did you go for help? (check all that apply)	
ASUonline	0
Software manufacturer (Blackboard, Inc)	0
Instructor	5
Another student	2
UTO Helpdesk	0
Did not need help	4
Other	1

How many hours a week do you spend working for pay?	
Less than 10	0
10 - 20	1
21 - 30	2
31 - 40	0
40+	3
I am not working	3

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 (11.1)	2 (22.2)	3 (33.3)	3 (33.3)	0 (0)
This course contributed to my educational development.	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (44.4)	5 (55.6)	0 (0)
This course contributed to my personal development.	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (11.1)	4 (44.4)	4 (44.4)	0 (0)
This course decreased my time to graduation.	0 (0)	2 (22.2)	2 (22.2)	3 (33.3)	2 (22.2)	0 (0)

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

How did you learn about this course?	
ASU Schedule of Classes - online version	3
ASUonline (http://asuonline.asu.edu)	2
Extended Campus catalog - online	0
Alt^I website (http://alti.asu.edu)	0
Instructor	3
Advisor	1
Friend	0
Other	0
No Response	0

Why did you enroll in this course? (check all that apply)	
Commute time/distance to ASU too great	1
Family commitments	2
Work commitments	4
Lack of transportation	0
Physical condition prevents travel to campus	1
Resolve class schedule conflict	2
Required course	1
Only offered online	3
Other	1

What was most valuable to you about this course?

Course structure was excellent for an online class

Dr. Foster is able to bring up the infinite qualities of life and always gets me thinking.

I learned a lot about current technologies

I was encouraged to think outside of the box. Opinions were challenged and safe to share. I really absorbed the material mentally.

The ability to choose topics of interest to study and expand upon.

The boards.

The focus on independent study.

The group project. Helped me work with others only through online conversations.

The interdisciplinary thinking in content; concepts; knowledge; etc.

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

A little less reading and research on the issues not dealing with the homework.

Fewer assignments; each more substantial.

I would make a different group project at the end; this project was very hard to work together with a group on.

Make sure definitions of topics is clear and accurate

More material on information technology and assignments based on that material.

Nothing

nothing--it was great the way it was

The wiki project would be it's own class.

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

Excellent teaching--made us think for ourselves. Interesting topics that pertain to personal and academic life now and in the future.

He was very informative; very helpful. I'm already signed up for another one of his courses.

He was very interested in learning with the students and seemed very interested in the subject

Instructor was good at facilitating the online class and environment; provided interesting topics of study.

Professor challenges students and has a strong understanding of how to develop an online course

The class worked well

The instructor encouraged intellectual originality and complexity; which is atypical.

This is my second class with this instructor. I wish he taught others. He is excellent. I learn a lot and expectations are clear.

William Foster is a genius teacher. He stays involved in current affairs and provides important questions.

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

CONVENIENCE; CONVENIENCE; CONVENIENCE!

Ease of use--busy schedule

I was pleased with this course; the first I've taken.

I will take another class online but I do not believe I can complete a full load (12credits) online with success.

It depends heavily upon the instructor; but so far they have been good.

It works with any schedule.

Professor understands how to build an online course

Saves me time; I have two jobs and school. I can do the work when I get the chance.

Additional Comments

ASU should be proud to have such an intelligent; effective instructor. I know as a student; what I learned from his course will be with me in my future.

He's excellent. One of ASU's best. He is extremely enthusiastic about his field. My brain always felt exercised.

I loved the class; I took it very seriously.

William Foster allows his students work to be progressive in the time and space allowed.