

## **Selected Instructor Evaluations**

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# **Introduction to Psychology**

PSYC 1

Summer 2017

**Psyc 1: Introduction to Psychology**  
**Selected Summary Rating Statistics**  
 45/55 Students Participating

Instructor Appraisal

\*All evaluations completed on a 5-point Likert scale.

Rating Question	Percentage of Students Giving a 4 or Higher	Mean Score
Course preparation & organization	91%	4.62
Use of class time	91%	4.64
Clarity & understandability	91%	4.53
Enthusiasm for subject & for teaching	94%	4.78
Respect for students; sensitivity to & concern with their progress	89%	4.64
Instructor availability & helpfulness	86%	4.52
Instructor fairness in evaluating students	87%	4.47
Instructor's overall effectiveness as a teacher	91%	4.60

Course Appraisal

Rating Question	Percentage of Students Giving a 4 or Higher	Mean Score
Syllabus & handouts	91%	4.60
Examinations	86%	4.29
Assignments	86%	4.45
Supplementary materials (films, slides, videos, guest lectures)	88%	4.61
The course overall as a learning experience	89%	4.58

\*Full course ratings available upon request.

**Psyc 1: Introduction to Psychology**  
**Selected Narrative Evaluations**

“Please comment on how the instructor’s teaching helped your learning in this course:”

1. “She was always willing to adjust her teaching style to the class. Always willing to answer any questions we had and provide mini in class activities that helped us learn the material.”
2. “Annie is very enthusiastic and interested in the material and presents in a relatable way.”
3. The video clips really help the concepts come to life. Very funny too. I really enjoy the lectures.”
4. “Ms. Ditta's enthusiasm and attempt to connect with individuals as well as the class as a whole really helped to make the learning experience enjoyable.”
5. “Professor Ditta was my favorite professor at UCSC and I have been here for 4 years now. She is the only teacher that has actually connected the material to memory for me from solely her lectures. She is an awesome teacher and I would love to have her again!”
6. “The instructor used a lot of outside sources and examples to deepen my understanding of the material.”
7. “The instructor was very enthusiastic and active. The interesting videos helped the learning experience a lot. The kahoots were also very good for reviewing the material learned in class.”
8. “Annie put a lot of effort in giving great, relatable examples of every concept which was so beneficial when it came to understanding the concepts.”
9. “Loved her slides, not too full of information that it’s overwhelming and always with just the right amount of memes. Lessons were always very informative and I never felt like we were learning about something not important. She was a very clear lecturer and to the point. Good syllabus and instructions for thought papers.”
10. “She has very good examples and have been doing in class kahoot activities. It really helps. Very natural and funny when she lectures, which is very good for actually understanding what she is saying.”
11. “My teacher's lectures were very good. She had many different ways to keep the class interesting and different. The videos and images help me better remember certain topics, which was useful. The kahoots were also very helpful because they really helped me understand the material.”
12. “Annie was super enthusiastic and held a teaching style that was very different from most professors I have had at the university! She was interested in finding new ways to engage the class and by doing so, participation by the class held steady for the entirety of the course which was really awesome and helpful as a student!”
13. “The course was very thorough and everything was explained very thoroughly. There were plenty of examples and videos to help see how the content applied to reality.”

\*Full narrative evaluations available upon request.

# **Feelings & Emotions**

PSYC 135

Summer 2017

**Psyc 135: Feelings & Emotions**  
**Selected Summary Rating Statistics**  
 56/58 Students Participating

Instructor Appraisal

\*All evaluations completed on a 5-point Likert scale.

Rating Question	Percentage of Students Giving a 4 or Higher	Mean Score
Course preparation & organization	96%	4.70
Use of class time	93%	4.61
Clarity & understandability	92%	4.62
Enthusiasm for subject & for teaching	99%	4.86
Respect for students; sensitivity to & concern with their progress	96%	4.75
Instructor availability & helpfulness	96%	4.79
Instructor fairness in evaluating students	96%	4.73
Instructor's overall effectiveness as a teacher	95%	4.65

Course Appraisal

Rating Question	Percentage of Students Giving a 4 or Higher	Mean Score
Syllabus & handouts	97%	4.71
Examinations	93%	4.45
Assignments	93%	4.47
Supplementary materials (films, slides, videos, guest lectures)	88%	4.52
The course overall as a learning experience	97%	4.61

\*Full course ratings available upon request.

**Psyc 135: Feelings & Emotions**  
**Selected Narrative Evaluations**

“Please comment on how the instructor’s teaching helped your learning in this course:”

1. “One of the best professors I have ever had. Use of multimedia in the classroom was relevant and effective- I also enjoyed learning about all the different studies. It was good to learn about different studies in the past, whether they are trustworthy or not, and how experiments conducted in the past were not maybe ethical. Prof also shared anecdotes about her relevant academic experiences to the course material which was good.”
2. “I felt as though the teaching style was very effective. I’m typically very inclined to lose focus in class so having picture-focused slides helped me maintain attention. It forced me to really pay attention to lecture so I could take notes I could later refer back to since just looking at the slides without any context would not help.”
3. “Discussed a lot of studies in correlation to the concepts being lectured as well as showed many videos and other visuals. kahoots were fun!”
4. “She was very enthusiastic and open to comments from students. It made the environment feel very welcome and friendly.”
5. “Annie Ditta was cheerful and knowledgeable. She made the class fun and interactive which made the material much more digestible.”
6. “The enthusiasm really helped because I could tell she was really into what she was talking about which made me more interested. As well, her examples were great because they were relatable, and the supplementary material made it fascinating.”
7. “In depth explanations of the research concerning multiple topics. Annie did a good job at keeping clear the subject material and presenting it in a straightforward and digestible manner”
8. “I like that she doesn't put much words on the slides so we can actually focus when we take notes. For me, I found it to help way better for me to learn the material. I like that the professor is very enthusiastic about the course materials. The video examples and real-world examples help as well.”
9. “She is super enthusiastic and makes it so much easier to want to learn and stay focused. Although it was only a 5 week class -- I strongly believed she taught this class as sufficiently as she could. She is a graduate student but did an exceptional job being the stand in professor!”
10. “Annie gave us a ton of examples for each theory/concept. The slides are not as wordy, and more visual, which worked well for me. The study guide was accurate on what was going to be on the midterm. I really liked the activities she provided.”
11. “Enthusiasm for content and flexibility with wants and needs of students. Kahoots really help and were fun”

12. “Annie did a great job making this course fun and interesting and keeping students engaged even though we had 3.5 hour long lectures. She used real - world examples that students could relate to and kept us engaged by using a FREE platform that allowed us to take in class quizzes while simultaneously checking attendance. She made the subject interesting which is grat because often professors are the reason students get discouraged or unmotivated to succeed in their classes. She's a great teacher and I hope to take many more classes with her.”
13. “Annie Ditta was very enthusiastic about course material, which made the 3.5 hours of lecture enjoyable. I liked how we were not called on or forced to participate in front on of the class. Rather, we had the opportunity to talk to our neighbors about topics. It was a good way to get the class to communicate without being on the spot or feeling any pressure.”
14. “Course material was presented very clearly and lecture slides were easy to follow, so I always knew what I was expected to learn. Annie had a lot of enthusiasm for teaching and encouraged student participation and feedback. Daily quizzes were helpful in reviewing the information.”
15. “Annie taught each lecture with amazing, inclusive and enthusiastic energy which helped to keep us all focused on sometimes challenging research studies. Annie regularly allowed and incorporated group discussion and turn to a partner activities which enhanced my understanding of the topics at hand with new understanding from my peers. Annie is awesome & I hope continues to teach forever :)”
16. “Annie was remarkably good at keeping pace and maintaining an energetic style. Though the course was tedious in length, I was always surprised with how much I had absorbed when I began to study. I believe this was due to her teaching.”
17. “Annie has great enthusiasm when teaching. She projects her voice well, she moves around and that is helpful! She gives real life examples so makes it fun to attend lecture. The lectures sometimes felt very fast paced but hey that's summer right.”
18. “Annie's enthusiasm and general personality made this class such an enjoyable experience for me. I had taken [the class] before ... but this class gave me a much clearer understanding of the course material. She involved class discussions that felt interesting to talk about and wasn't scared to wait for people to actually reply. It made the class feel like it was having more of a discussion, or at the very least that the class was comfortable with sharing information. Either way, she is a wonderful instructor. 10 out of 10. Would recommend.”
19. “Professor Ditta's implementation of visual media and alternative sources of explanation helped us to semantically encode much of the information for this course.”
20. “Very clear and concise, relatable example. Not mundane or monotone. Jokes were appreciated. Love the kahoots also.”
21. “Enthusiasm and supplemental material kept me awake and made the class entertaining. as a result I learned a lot. She made sure material was understandable and spent time clarifying concepts when we had questions. Cool that she let students participate as often as she did and engaged us frequently. A very good instructor and an intelligent person.”