

## Donovan Miyasaki Teaching Evaluations

### Numerical Course Evaluation Scores, 2008-2015

The maximum evaluation score is 5. After 2015, Wright State University student evaluations no longer included numeric scores. See below for recent selected course evaluation comments from 2020-2023. All electronically available course evaluations (2017-2023) have been attached below.

Course Number	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Instructor Available	4.87	4.97	4.93	4.90	4.86	4.95	4.92	4.93
Define Responsibilities	4.86	4.94	4.91	4.96	4.86	4.93	4.74	4.90
Class Time Well Used	4.65	4.83	4.92	4.64	4.67	4.56	4.81	4.79
Learned from Instructor	4.67	4.64	4.91	4.70	4.60	4.73	4.70	4.72
Learned from Materials	4.61	4.61	4.92	4.74	4.70	4.75	4.66	4.63
Challenged by Course	4.78	4.50	4.92	4.69	4.70	4.60	4.66	4.47
Motivated Coming In	4.38	4.29	4.92	4.42	4.28	4.40	4.48	4.48

### Selected Course Evaluation Comments, 2020-2023

- I think this course is really interesting and I feel like I learned so much. I'm a history major and interested in the ideas and beliefs that drive people to act as they do and how it affects our past and present. This course did a great job of fusing history and philosophy by providing deeper context in both subjects.
- I find that Professor Miyasaki made very complex philosophical ideas more accessible and easy to understand, even for those of us with no academic background in philosophy. He is an extremely eloquent and engaging speaker as well. I cannot compliment Professor Miyasaki enough!
- Dr. Miyasaki is among the most rare professors I've ever had the pleasure of attending a class. He presents information without the bias of his opinion. He engages the class in conversations that allow students to explain their understanding in informal conversation. Among the best professors period
- This class has nothing to do with my major, so I may not have the opportunity to take another philosophy class, but I believe that this class is the most impactful class I will ever take. The way I approach disagreements with others or internal conflicts has entirely changed. Thank you for presenting so many profound ideas in an easy to understand way.
- I appreciate the way that Dr. Miyasaki pushed me to do my best this semester. I learned so much and I hope to take another one of his courses in the future.

- I had some personal struggles during the semester. Donovan was incredibly helpful in making accommodations for me, while still making sure I was doing the work needed to fulfill the course.
- I was very impressed by the general environment that Dr. Miyasaki cultivated in class. There was a lot of diversity in the subject matter, points-of-view, students ideals and identities. I appreciated how he normalized exploring ideas through different lenses-- gender, race, class, etc.
- I really enjoyed the inclusion of non western philosophies especially when showing how different cultures had different relationships with philosophy. (Greek influence on Islamic philosophy)
- Wright state could use more professors like him. He truly cares about his students learning, and understands the real value of college
- My mind was really expanded through this course. I also appreciated the way he encouraged students to discuss topics in class, but never made us feel that we had to share, or forced us to collaborate or discuss in groups. The class felt like a safe and place to share ideas.
- Wright State has found a true gem in DR. Miyasaki, I do hope they handle keeping him better than they handle almost everything else.
- Great class! This class was good at having me think “outside the box.” I learned new things and new ways to analyze things I already knew.
- I loved almost all of the readings we did this semester, they are so relevant to today! Lots of great topics that make you really take a look at our society and what beliefs our system is founded on. I loved the Debra Satz, Tommie Shelby, Hobbes and Locke readings the most! Exploring the topic of intrinsic rights is very interesting to me.
- Professor Miyasaki is the best philosophy teacher any aspiring philosopher could ask to study under. I’d go as far as to say he is the best professor I’ve ever had. He is kind, considerate, thoughtful, insightful, open-minded, and highly intelligent.
- One of my favorite professors and classes. Give this man a raise!
- I can’t even properly describe how effective Dr. Miyasaki is at this.... Suffice to say that in my almost 4 years at this University, I keep coming back for Dr. Miyasaki’s classes over and over due in a large part because of this - He is one of the best professors I’ve had the pleasure of knowing in this regard.
- Other than the above, I would just like to say that Dr. Miyasaki is one of the best professors I’ve had, now and in the past. He’s the best. :)
- Just thanks, for being a really good teacher. Your job is hard. The switch to online was hard. You made it so much less stressful by starting every lecture with a reminder to take care of ourselves. This class challenged me in new ways and was honestly really difficult at times and you made it really accessible. Thank you!