

Davidson Student Evaluations – Fall 2018

Until Spring 2019, Davidson did not have an online evaluation system for classes. Below are an excerpt of comments from hand-written evaluations on an introductory course in education policy and a senior seminar on the politics of education. All underlining done by students.

General comments from students:

- “Being in this class made me a better citizen of this country.”
- “Dr. Marsicano, I believe you are doing an amazing job with the course. It has been truly a treat to be in this class. Looking forward to more EDU classes in the spring”
- “Dr. Marsicano is everything you want when you think of a Davidson professor. He is in communication with students, intelligent and informed. He needs tenure soon. Davidson needs more like him!”
- “Dr. Marsicano is very kind, knowledgeable, humorous, and inviting. He is one of the best teachers/professors I’ve had.”
- “Dr. Marsicano helped guide discussion, promoted evidence building for arguments, and led an open discussion classroom where students felt free to express their opinions.”
- “By far my favorite class at Davidson. By far, my favorite professor.”
- “Not shying away from touchy subjects was definitely the way to go and exposed many students to things they would not know about otherwise. The ‘Dad jokes’ were amazing.”

When asked to evaluate to evaluate the quality of the professor:

- “Best I’ve had at Davidson”
- “Instructor is highly energetic, passionate, and kind – traits that are awesome and desired in any professor.”
- “Dr. Marsicano is a great professor who really cares about his students”
- “Best part of the course was the passion you have for what you are teaching and for your students.”
- “He is an incredible professor. Not only does he find ways to engage students, but he also prioritizes students’ well-being and mental health. He cares about content, students, and change.”
- “You’re amazing! Phenomenal! It’s only up from here; thank you for making this a great senior fall.”
- “This man is passionate beyond belief. He just gets it.”
- “It is an honor to know him. Good job, Davidson.”
- “Office hours with Marsicano has shaped my career path. Forever grateful for this.”

When asked to comment on the quality of the class:

- “Best of this semester / technically my whole college career.”
- “The readings were carefully chosen and didn’t feel like busywork.”
- “I loved this course. I learned a lot and was challenged.”
- “Readings could’ve been cut down a tad, [but] that’s really the only change I can think of. I’ve loved this class – definitely top 3 of my 4 year Davidson career. ☺”
- “Truly an incredible class that I wish everyone could take.”
- “I truly believe this is the best class I’ve taken in my four years here.”
- “Loved it... [Class] discussions were invigorating. The most effective and fair of any writing assignments I’ve had [at Davidson]... my absolute favorite [class] ever.”