Texas Tech University

Spring 2020, SASW SOC 1301 Introduction To Sociology Section 7

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There were: 266 possible respondents.



Question Text	N	Avg	SASW Avg			Str Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Str Disagree
1 1. Course objectives followed	153	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.5	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%
2 2. Instructor effectiveness	153	4.9	4.4	4.3	4.3	90%	10%	1%	0%	0%
3 3. Valuable learning experience	153	4.9	4.4	4.2	4.3	88%	10%	2%	0%	0%

Text Responses

Comments instructor or course

I overall enjoyed this class. It was a great learning experience and Dr. Koch was very clear in what he expected out of his students and gave ample opportunity to succeed. I would definitely recommend this class to others.

Outstanding professor. One of my favorite learning experiences at Texas Tech

Dr. Koch was super funny and entertaining. He made the class extremely enjoyable and informative. He really cares about his students and that was really refreshing to see from a Professor!

Dr. Koch kept me interested and engaged every day and even opened my eyes to sociology in a way I never imagined. I would love to take more courses taught by him in the future. *Did wish for more assignments or grades to be given in order to earn more points in the class.

The class was very informative and interesting. Dr. Koch is the best professor I have had at Texas Tech. He makes you want to go to class and learn. For a nontraditional student the best learning experience I have had.

Very interactive with students and made class fun.

kept the class interesting and kept the students engaged

only thing I didnt enjoy was the class you brought the gay priest guy in. Im sure hes very well educated and can add some substance to a class but it was overall a waste of time and the only thing that he did consistently during that lecture was mention how he was a gay priest.....to be honest, no one cares.

I would have to say that this instructor is easily the best at his profession. I learned more than I could have ever imagined. I found myself simply listening out of interest instead of writing down every word hoping I would be prepared for the test. Interesting class!

Amazing Lectures and teaching style

Loved this course and how passionate you were about teaching it. I always looked forward to and enjoyed going to class (both in person and online).

Very engaging, looked forward to his lectures

N/A

Amazing professor who really make you learn and not just learning for a test but for knowledge you can use in the future. Texas Tech needs more professors who are as genuine and takes enjoyment in what he is teaching.

This instructor went out of his way to make his class more enjoyable and more relatable, which made the content easy to understand. When we went all online he went even more out of his way to make this hard time better.

I liked how Dr. Koch made me think out of the box.

Dr. Koch has been my favorite professor I've ever had. He is a very nice guy who genuinely cares about his students and their success. He made sure each student was satisfied with their learning capacity, and if they weren't, he made sure to fix it.

Enjoyed the class

Best professor I've had at my time at Texas Tech.

I absolutely loved your class and the unique perspective you bring to Sociology. Very interesting perspective and created a fun learning environment.

Dr. Koch was an incredible joy to have! He made sociology fun. He seems to be a walking bank of information. He is also incredibly passionate about what he does. You can tell he loves being an instructor. I would most definitely recommend Dr. Koch to any student taking sociology

I loved every minute of this class, everything was so interesting and there was always a reason why we were learning about a topic. I really enjoyed the dad jokes and magic tricks during class. The thing that I found most helpful was the review days before the test days. this class also had a very good TA, that knew her stuff which was important too. This is the only class that I have never skipped a class because I wanted to learn about all the topics.

Most enthusiastic professor I've ever had. He made sure to thoroughly explain each topic during lectures.

great class

Dr. Koch was awesome and is amazing at what he does. I wish i could take more of his classes, but they're not apart of my degree!! I love him, he is very sweet and truly cares about his students!

Great professor and a great class to take.

This was by far my favorite class I have ever taken. I never missed a class and never wanted to!

Such a great educator that obviously cares about much more than getting students in and out. Extremely interesting to listen to.

Amazing professor!! The class was very enjoyable and interesting. i have no complaints at all, but what i do have is a suggestion... Be more direct and concise about the main subjects in the class and what you want people to take away from it. it took me nearly the whole semester to completely understand "Perspectives" because the digressions seemed to distract me from what was being taught. (The video you posted to youtube for exam 4 review was my breakthrough... so maybe approach it in that way!) When it finally clicked everything became very simple!

I did not take SOC 1301 for course credit, and it has by far been one of the most valuable courses that I've been able to take. Dr. Koch is an outstanding professor with and incredible knowledge and passion for his work, which is so evident in every lecture. He deeply engages students with the material and succeeds in coaxing us to reflect on how the material is relevant to our daily lives. I would recommend Dr. Koch in a heartbeat.

So far, my favorite class I've taken at TTU. He is an amazing professor and you can tell he loves his job. I wish all professors were exactly like him. I wish I could take new classes with him every year.

Super good teacher! Really makes you think.

Very nice guy and great teacher.

Great professor!

Dr. Koch is a great professor. He made the course straightforward and I always enjoy going to his lectures.

Thank you for being a great professor -Tanyi

Dr. Koch was an amazing professor who was clearly passionate about what he was teaching. He made his lectures interesting and fun to attend, and I would absolutely take his course again if given the option.

Best teacher I have ever had.

Absolutely fabulous and dedicated to a valuable learning experience beyond the grade book. Would take his class again if I could.

Dr. Koch is an amazing professor! His lectures were continually very interesting. I learned a lot that I can use throughout my life. I would definitely recommend this class to others. His dad jokes are hilarious. He obviously knows what he is talking about when he is teaching.

Mr. Koch is an amazing teacher and creates a great learning environment and makes lectures fun to listen to. This course has made my semester fun and I always look forward to coming to his class.

I absolutely loved this class! You made it fun and interesting, your class was also the only class that I was in that constantly was full, so that should show how well you teach. I loved your jokes before each class and the magic tricks before each test. I was really sad when I found out we couldn't meet in person anymore. Thank you for the experience in class and being extremely entertaining!

This class was absolutely amazing and the professor was wonderful.

He always kept his audience's attention and was very engaging.

He is such a sweet professor, always willing to help a student understand a situation or problem and willing to answer any questions thrown out at him.

Great guy, no better person to teach sociology

Dr. Koch is essential to this University, because without him, class wouldn't be interesting and fun. He got cool tricks

I really enjoyed this class. The professor always seemed enthusiastic about class and made the class interesting.

Great lectures, and I loved your system of doing things. Here is a joke for you. A Man walks into a bar-- WHAM!.....OUCH! it was the best I could come up with. I hope you smiled

To be honest, the first day i thought i'd hate your class. However, as time passed i knew that my mind had changed. You genuinely care for us students, want us to succeed, and push us to throughly think through the material in this course. It was refreshing and I appreciate the opportunity to take this course.

Favorite professor to date. Including previous university, Tarleton State.

One of the best college professors I have ever had. Professor Koch is an interesting man and always made the class interactive

I absolutely loved this course Dr. Koch comes every day to class in a good mood and overall makes the room just a fun place to be. The way he incorporates stories into his lectures manages to make every single lecture feel unique and actually interesting to listen to. Would strongly recommend this course to anyone

An eye opening subject taught superbly by Dr. Koch. He is very easy to listen to: articulate, straight to the point but strangely with a lot of detail, and amazing humor like no other instructor I've come across. Dr. Koch shows that he values his students' feedback and enjoys teaching his material; its evident by the energy he brings to class. He allowed me to understand and pursue sociology related material. I realized that knowing the social aspect of society is as valuable as any other discipline. Most importantly, i think, is that he doesn't show any judgement when I ask questions, regardless of how silly they may be, Dr. Koch finds a way to understand your intent of the question, and cordially provides you with your answer. This has been my favorite course in my whole undergraduate experience.

He was a great professor, he was always helpful and wanted us to succeed. He made class fun

A great prof who really wants you to learn

My professor was great. Taught very well and helped if anyone had questions. Overall he made the course enjoyable.

This class blew me away. The professor is one of the best at the university in my opinion. Great teaching style, connected with students, cared about their lives just as much as their grades. Would take it again if I could!

This was my favorite class this semester! Dr. Koch made this class so valuable and opened my eyes to the world around me. I went into this class considering myself to be a very open minded person but the way I was enabled to think in this class amazed me!

The course was wonderful! As a professor, I believe Dr. Koch did a wonderful job teaching and enlightened me in ways that have legitimately changed my way of thinking. However, after visiting him during office hours and being talked to In a very demeaning way, I had some trouble with fully believing everything he was teaching to me. It felt quite hypocritical when he preached treating others with kindness even though myself and a close friend of mine left our meeting tearing up due to the way we were spoken to. Great teacher, not so kind when it's a smaller setting.

Learn was made easy and attending this class was my favorite thing to do because of Dr. Koch.

Some contents of the course could be confusing but Dr. Koch explained everything very very well and made being in class a really enjoyable experience!

I absolutely love dr. Koch and his classs was amazing. if you miss a lecture he posts all lectures online, along with a format for taking notes for each lecture. This makes it so that taking notes is much easier and if you miss a class you can still do well on the test.

DR. KOCH IS MY KING!!! He was so kind and helpful. His lectures are interesting and I looked forward to this class.

Professor Koch is honestly the best instructor I have ever had the pleasure of learning under. Even through the transition to online classes, he remained persistent with his quality of teaching through introduction videos to each segment of the class; it felt as though I had never really left the classroom environment. Again, I know it sounds cliche and broad, but Professor Koch is truly the best professor I have ever worked with.

Dr. Koch made sociology very interesting and enjoyable for me, enough to make it a concentration in my HS major. Also loved the dad jokes and magic tricks.

Was very good professor and made it fun!

He was an amazing professor and made sure all instructions were clear and was very good at clarifying topics we might not have understood. There was never anything I didn't understand in that class. But watch out for tests because most of the time it is just one word that changes the answer.

AMAZING!!! You can tell he really loves his job and cares about his students. He is definitely one of the best professors I have ever had. Also has great stories relating to content to help you understand and apply the concepts.

I loved this class. Mr. Koch taught me how to think outside the box and I could always tell he genuinely cared about his students and our questions. Amazing person and instructor.

The best professor in the game. Everything he teaches is useful information that you can apply to everyday life. Hands down most interesting class I've ever had. GO TO CLASS, READ THE READINGS, & DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK QUESTIONS!

Overall one of my favorite professors and most enjoyable classes.

This was the only long lecture I have ever been able to fully pay attention to. He keeps you interested with his digressions while staying on topic. He displays the information in situations we may have been in so we get a better understanding.

Dr. Koch is easily my favorite professor I have ever had. He makes lectures interesting and fun with dad jokes and magic tricks, and he genuinely cares if students are doing well or not. He follows the course well and is able to teach in a way that the students understand. He is understanding and insightful, two qualities every professor should have. Overall, this course and professor have really helped me to like my time at Texas Tech more.

Awesome professor. I'm not a very good verbal learner, but he is very entertaining to listen to.

TAKE. THIS. COURSE. Dr. Koch is the professor you will look back on your college years and remember him to a T. I loved his class so much and he really cares for his students. He really opened my eyes without making me feel as if I was being forced to see things his way, instead he made me see things my way but with a new perspective. Thank you for a great semester.

Dr. koch makes lectures enjoyable and bearable, while tending to the needs of his students. he is very relatable, openminded and quite understanding. one of my favorite professors.

Professor was clear on lecture material. Useful information and extremely knowledgeable on the topics. Really made you think about sociology with real world issues. However, went too fast in lecture sometimes, making it hard to take note of information. Would be helpful to slow down slightly to help students better retain the information, especially the students who are writing. Additionally, it would be helpful for Dr. Koch to clarify which portion of the lecture he is on (with the lecture notes). Was normally pretty good but there were many times he would not clarify. One thing that stood out to me about Dr. Koch is that he really cares about his students. Always encourages mental and personal health and gives great advice. Very personable. Overall a great class and awesome professor. Makes you want to learn and encourages you to be there. Attendance is made fun with the Abbott days. Love the dad jokes and magic tricks before tests. Overall Dr. Koch is a fantastic professor.

Without doubt, the best instructor I have ever had the chance to learn from.

Great instructor. Love the way he teaches the course.

I loved this professor!!!!!! He is so funny and down to earth. He really knows his stuff. He was an amazing teacher and made me insanely interested in sociology.

Great

Since the beginning of the semester, I could tell that Professor Koch really enjoys what he does. He allows us to form our own insights into specific topics, helps us see things from a different perspective, but is never forceful in what we might not agree with. My respect for him is very high and I hope to continue to see him educate students with the attitude he carries. Its refreshing to have a college professor not enforce certain beliefs on you but instead allows you to form your own with his lectures. I have had many discussions about certain topics that have come up in this course, and that's exactly what the entire point of this class is, to form opinions but be able to see it from different angles. I would recommend Professor Koch to any student that would be willing to take Sociology.

I love hearing his life stories every class. It really helped me analyze the lessons and every class meeting is interesting. 10/10 would take again!

Fun uplifting instructor. If you want to pass this class understand the Functionalist, Conflict, interactionist perspectives otherwise you will fail. They are on every exam and sometimes show up more than 25-30 times. Show up to every class if you happen to miss a lecture listen to them online. Put in the work and you will be reworded.

One of ht best instructors ever. Knows what he is doing, has passion for it and always kept an open mind when we asked questions.

The instructor did a very good job of explaining what was expected and following and holding people to that level. He was very willing to work with students and do his best to help students that were struggling. He made the course interesting.

I enjoyed the lectures and they were almost always engaging

COVID-19 Comments

Worked very well to benefit the students even when COVID-19 threw us for a loop. Great job by Koch.

Dr. Koch seamlessly transitioned from having the course in-class to having the course online. He did an excellent job at communicating and his expectations for the class moving forward.

Dr. Koch seamlessly transitioned our course to online learning. Study materials were readily accessible and he kept in constant communication with us. Test were given in a clear manner and I felt well prepared. Above all he put the lives and well being of his students above everything else. Dr. Koch started and ended each email/class with a message of hope, health, and love. This was something I had never experienced from a professor of any kind and it really makes your day and makes you feel important. Thank you for making an impact on my life and that of all your students!

He continued to provide us with the necessary information to succeed. Not a huge change but would have like to be in class for lectures they are that good.

Hands down my favorite class

I felt like the transition was handled in the best way possible.

The instructor went above and beyond. He would record videos each week, so we did not have to read long emails of information. It seemed as if the professor expected something of the sort to happen, and I have been pleasantly surprised with the way the instructor proceeded with the course.

smooth transition and modifications were made to grading to accommodate for change in timeline.

N/A

None

In light of COVID-19, Dr. Koch has done an outstanding job of providing students with a quality learning experience through videos and audio recordings. He is patient, flexible, and unbelievably understanding.

He has helped the class transition very well. Instead of making everything harder on the students, he's worked with students to make sure students aren't hurt by the changes. He does everything he can to help us succeed.

Going online did affect the way i performed in school because of my home environment.

Sad to not see him and hear his dad joke of the day.

I think he was the professor of mine that handled this the best. The transition was smooth. He did not add, nor take away anything we were doing in class regularly which kept a sense of normalcy.

Dr. Koch did an excellent job transitioning to online class. He posted videos on YouTube to make sure we could see them and responded very quickly to emails if we had any questions.

Love it more online. He is very flexible and has good skype office hours.

He did a great job of adapting to the online system and making us feel a lot better and not stressed about the whole situation.

He did wonderful accommodating his students during this time. High praise towards him.

He was so understanding and made it as painless as possible, I truly admire him!

Handled the change very well and seems genuinely concerned with helping his students, which is really wonderful to see

Did a great job of adapting to the situation

Did a really good and effective job transitioning the course to online!

Dr. Koch handled the transition very well, his online lectures were the same thing because they were already prerecorded from the fall semester.

great and helpful transition

He transitions effortlessly to the online learning module due to Coronavirus. He was very helpful and sent out emails to remind everyone of due dates, overview of new modules, and easily accessible if I needed help with anything online.

Enjoyed the class and Professor Koch is a great.

Still prefer in class lectures, but he has made outstanding efforts to continue the fun aspects in lecture while ensuring safety and health comes first.

Dr. Koch took the change due to COVID-19 very well. He is extremely understanding and helpful. He made sure the course was in one spot instead of a million different places, which was very helpful. He also made sure that we all had enough time for his exams. Overall, he did a very good job with the change to online.

Smooth transition and very pleasant form of communication.

Was unfortunate because his class was so fun to go to but did not hinder class

Dr. Koch adapted great to the online transition of the class. He provided us with all the information we needed. Always in communication with his students. It's safe to say that the online instruction transition had no impact on my learning experience. Amazing professor!!

Always responsive to emails and very helpful. he has had virtual office hours that are beneficial and the online course work was good

Too much distraction at home affecting my learning ability to focus.

He went above and beyond to make sure everyone was accommodated and had all the materials we would need to succeed. He even recorded his magic tricks for us!

So kind and understanding. Very caring towards our health and how we were doing.

Smooth transition to online classes, audio lectures were good and still fun to listen to. Magic tricks and weekly intros were helpful.

Dr. Koch did an amazing job with the online transition. He was always there and available if we needed any help.

He was very well prepared due to him recording all of his lectures and posting them on his website. He was always available for Skype office hours and made it very easy to complete work during this time.

Our transition to online class was hard, but Mr. Koch made it as easy as possible. I like how he always recorded his lectures, even before COVID-19.

N/A

He adjusted very well to going online.

He made the transition very smoothly and provided all the resources we may have needed during this hard time.

N/a

Dr. Koch just used old lectures from the 2019 fall semester. It's been pretty smooth and he's been helpful by sending out weekly emails.

Dr.Koch was made the whole transition very easy and non stressful. I missed being in class very much though.

It was a very smooth change.

The transition was smooth and I didn't have any issues.

N/A - Was covered in precious response.

Dr. Kochs class transfer to oonline went incredibly smooth in my opinion. Its almost like nothing has changed. I just listen to the lecture when I would normally attend his class, and for the tests I do the same.

Best professor I've had at tech.

Here helpful and supportive during these times

He is doing great with the change to COVID-19. He makes weekly videos for the upcoming lectures, and really tries to help us during this time.

This was the best adaptation of all my classes.

Wonderful during the change. extremely accommodating and brought my mind such ease during a difficult time.

Lectures that are posted online are still rewarding to listen to and being able to do things on our own time has been extremely relieving.

Dr. Koch really helped us through the transition. He extended dead lines, and made sure he gave us all of the information. His lectures were recorded so we could easily learn. He gave us weekly email updates (still including jokes haha.) Definitely took care of his students!

The professor was able to make the transition very easy for me.

Responded very well to COVID-19. Had introductory videos that were really helpful to lay out the coming week. Online lectures were good but sometimes hard to follow simply because they were a recording, but that is not Dr. Koch's fault. Overall was very supportive to his students during this time.

He has transitioned very well and is always willing to help and answer questions. He is very understanding.

None

In transitioning to online courses, Professor Koch really went above and beyond for us as students. Online is not always the best learning environment as people get distracted and taking in the knowledge just isn't the same. However, our professor made sure to make this as simple and enjoyable for us as he kid, and I thank him for that. It's unfortunate that we did not get to finish the semester together in person, but he still allowed me to learn in the best way I could. Thank you Professor Koch no.

It took a bit to transition but the lectures were still enjoyable to listen to

This was such a crazy semester for us and Dr.Koch does not normally teach online. I think he did a fantastic job of making the information available to us. Sending out email reminders really helped me stay on track. I personally enjoyed not having any zoom meetings so I could pause lectures to take notes and do lectures on my own time as well. He even kept up the dad jokes and magic tricks! Thank you, thank you!