

# Sample Student Evaluations



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# Digital Media and Religion *Spring 2018*

- This ended up being my favorite class of the semester, which I never would've thought in the beginning. I'm very thankful for Emma and all the care that she obviously put into making sure all of us students got the best experience we could.
- This has been my favorite class so far! Each class we are presented with new ideas and ways in which to view the world. I have thoroughly enjoyed listening to both the instructor and my classmates' ideas on the topics covered in class.
- This is my favorite class I have taken at Iowa thus far. The teacher created a very open and inviting discussion environment.



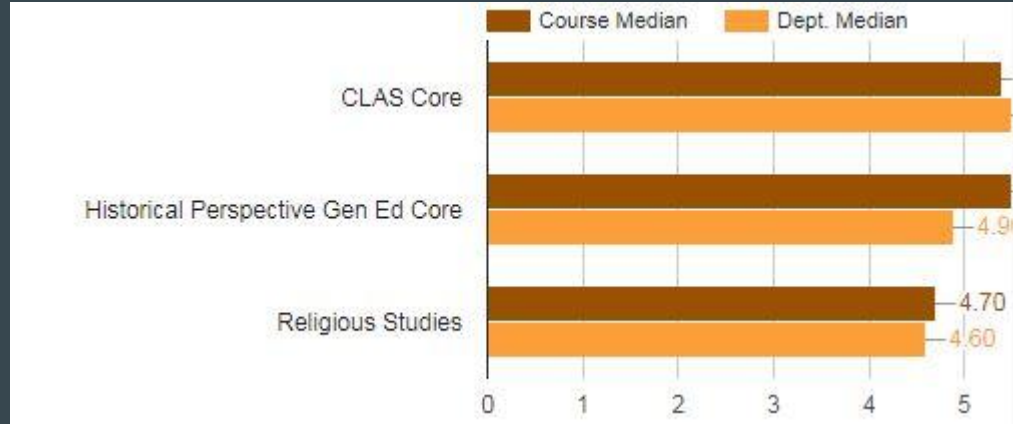
# Harry Potter: Mystery & Mystery of Life *Fall 2017*

- Great professor! She is great at initiating conversation and class discussion in a learning environment. Pushes students to elaborate and clarify ideas which is very helpful.
- By far my favorite TA I've had in college!
- Emma has been one of my favorite instructors without a doubt. She was very good at making topics that were not that interesting to me incredibly engaging. Given the chance I would definitely take another course with her!



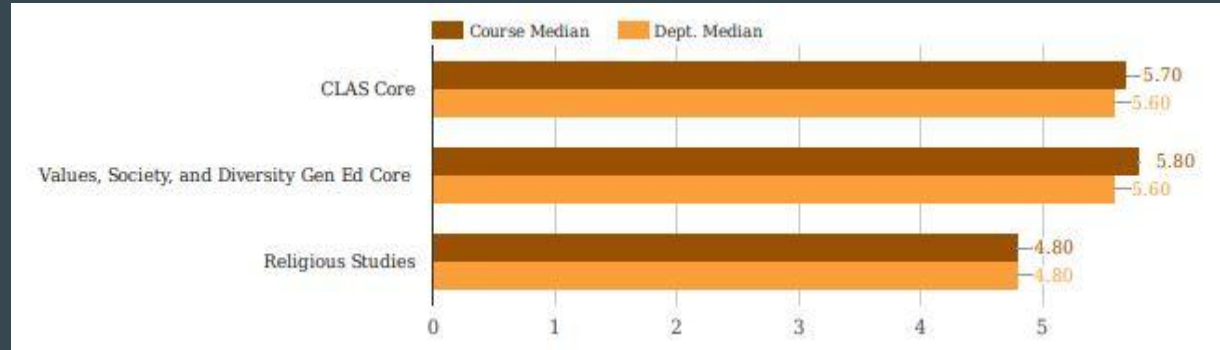
# Modern Religion and Culture *Spring 2017*

- I really enjoyed this discussion section! I appreciate that participation was highly encouraged and the classroom environment made it comfortable for students to ask questions. Emma did a great job with this section and really helped me understand the course material.
- Emma did an amazing job of adapting her teaching style to the needs of our class!
- Emma was great! One of the best TA's I have had in any class here at the university. I really enjoyed participating in discussion conversations because she was passionate about the material and she made all conversations feel like actual conversations instead of being lectured to.



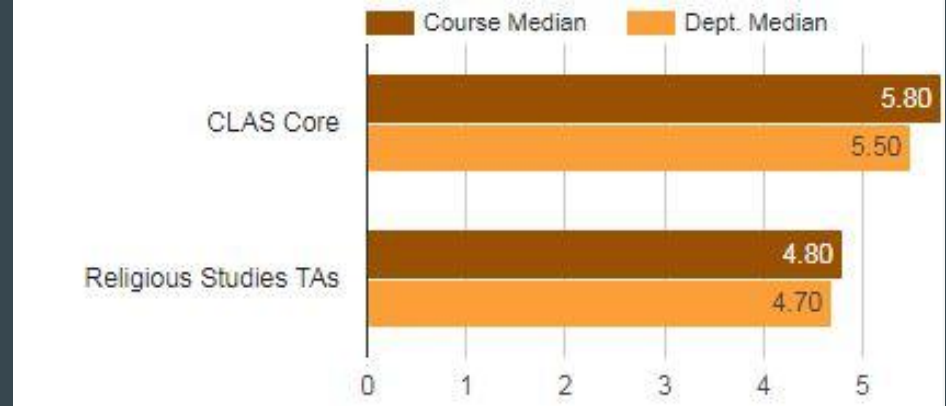
# Religion in America Today *Fall 2016*

- The TA for this course was incredibly welcoming, accepting, and pleasant to everyone. She also was able to explain concepts of the class very well. I would consider her my favorite and best TA of my classes this semester, and would gladly take another course with her in the future.
- I think Emma is a remarkable TA; always helpful and willing to meet. I appreciate how organized and prepared she is...Best TA I've had this semester.
- She was great at mixing up the activities we did during discussion to help understand the material better. She takes what her students say into account and makes us feel welcome.



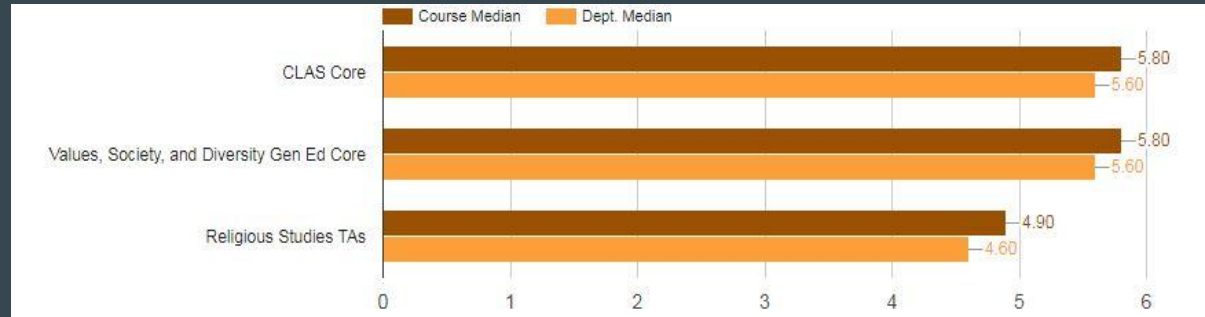
# Sport and Religion in America *Spring 2016*

- She was very good at explaining and clearing up any confusion we might have. She offered outside examples to help us relate and get us thinking. She was great at giving back comments on papers, and whenever I asked for help she was widely available! She is good about telling you your strengths but also good about helping you improve.
- Emma is truthfully the best TA that I have ever had, BY FAR! Her grading is prompt, her discussions are rather enjoyable, her feedback is wonderful, and her overall desire to help her students is unmatched.
- I truly believe that Emma is one of the best TA's that this school has to offer.



# Religion in America Today *Fall 2015*

- Emma excelled at maintaining a safe environment to share and posing questions to make us think about things from a different perspective. She really expanded on the discussions started in lecture and allowed us to present our perspectives on the subject.
- Emma is a wonderful TA and person! She is very caring with all her students, and is genuinely excited about TA-ing the class and teaching the discussion sections. Class discussion was always encouraged and I felt like I was a welcome part of the class.
- I was very impressed with Emma. Definitely one of the most prepared, mature, and confident TAs I have had.



# Sport and Religion in America *Spring 2015*\*

- The discussions that Emma created were really good, along with paper workshops that helped effectively improve my paper.
- I liked the discussions that we had in class because it gave people the chance to state their views in a comfortable, non-threatening environment. It also made for some thought provoking discussions.
- Emma was extremely prepared for every class and always had topics and information to share.
- Friendly, gives great feedback on papers. Rewards attempts to improve. Easy to talk to and approachable.
- She showed real interest in what she was teaching.
- Very passionate about the subject so it made class exciting.

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