

**Mean of Student Ratings of Course PSYT 550A on a 1-5 Scale (5 = strongly agree)**

<b>Assignments required by the instructor were useful learning experiences.</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>The class atmosphere was conducive to learning.</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>The instructor treats students with respect.</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>The instructor communicated the subject matter effectively.</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>The instructor effectively encouraged students to ask questions and give answers.</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>The instructor showed concern for student learning.</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Overall, I learned a great deal in this course.</b>	<b>5</b>

**Comments from Students:**

Thank you for the time and efforts you've put into helping us learn so much. I have never taken a course that has been so rewarding - I've learned so much! ...[Y]ou have made a great impact on my life!

Thank you so much for such a wonderful, unforgettable and inspiring course!

I do believe your course is a life-changing experience that should be provided as an ongoing mentoring training for all students everywhere! Many, many thanks! Wholeheartedly!

Thank you for such a wonderful, informative and dynamic seminar! You are one of those teachers who inspire the best that one can give!

...[T]wo underlying principles that you were teaching us throughout the course....you didn't just tell us these things, you taught us how to live through the readings and videos you provided.

Throughout this course you've helped us develop a stronger sense of our personal narratives, thus reminding us of all of the potential we have, and how we can (and should) take it to create good in the world.

We explored development from so many avenues: Cognitively, socially, culturally, spiritually, biologically, neurologically. While I learned so much about these areas of development, what I appreciate most about the course is how much I learned about myself. This course asked me to examine my own development and challenge my prior assumptions. How often does a course ask you to do this?

This course has taught me that it is okay to not know, rather the journey of life is about embracing the unknown and continuing to discover. This course is a gem. I would highly recommend it to any student

who wants to take a course that will challenge them cognitively as well as ask them to examine themselves and strive to be a better human being.

Thank you very much for leading fantastic discussions, pinpointing important points, always being encouraging and patient during the class.

I love the engaging and interactive class environment that was built by everyone in our class.

The way the course was organized was beautiful. We continued to build upon each topic each week.

I found the selections of readings to be particularly cohesive for this course. The themes of the course built upon one another and readings at the end of the course tied back to the concepts learned at the start as well. This course was structured in a way where true learning could take place. Often material is presented in a way where it seems like you have to cram in a bunch of facts and then they no longer apply the next week. This was not the case in this course. It felt we were thoroughly examining the topics at hand, wrestling with the subjects, and constructing understanding along the way.

Dr. Diamond brings so much love and personal care to her classroom. She is direct and will tell you when you are wrong. She provides so much feedback to help improve learning.... What stood out to me as one of the greatest acts of care and love is that she met with each student at the start of the term for a personal meeting. This meeting gave us time to connect with her as a person and talk about our lives.... I know very few professors who take such time out of their busy lives to just sit and listen to their students talk about life outside of the classroom. Beyond this activity, her warmth extended to each classroom discussion. She was very respectful when she needed to redirect a class conversation or correct something that a student said that was wrong. I loved that she did this because I walked away from class having a stronger sense of the concepts rather than just feeling good about myself because the teacher agreed with everything everyone said.

Thanks for everything! You and your course have been such a source of inspiration for me.