Below are the averages of my student evaluations for my undergraduate classes from 2017-2018.

1. Overall evaluation of the instructor.
2. Overall evaluation of the course.
3. The instructor provided an environment that was conducive to learning.
4. The instructor provided helpful feedback on assessed class components.
5. The course objectives were clearly stated.
6. The course was well-organized.
7. The course was intellectually stimulating.
8. The course was effective at helping me learn.
9. The instructor encouraged student participation.
10. The instructor was effective at facilitating class discussion.
11. The instructor was open to questions and multiple points of view.
12. The instructor was accessible to students.
13. The instructor created an environment that promoted the success of students with diverse backgrounds and experiences.
Below are the averages of my student evaluations for my UNC-Chapel Hill philosophy classes.

| 1. Global Index | 2. Course/Instructor Characteristics | 3. Overall Course Assessment | 4. Teaching Award Recommendation | 5. Feedback to Students | 6. Challenged me to think deeply | 7. Clearly communicated expectations | 8. I was able to get help when needed | 9. The course material was helpful | 10. The course assignments were helpful | 11. The instructor evaluated my work fairly | 12. Showed concern about student learning | 13. Expressed ideas about course clearly | 14. Showed enthusiasm for the subject | 15. Showed enthusiasm for teaching | 16. The instructor was respectful | 17. The instructional techniques were engaging | 18. Provided me with helpful feedback | 19. This course was very exciting to me | 20. The grading standards were high | 21. The workload was high | 22. Overall, this course was excellent | 23. Overall, this instructor was effective | 24. Overall, I learned a great deal. |
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| Population Ethics (Spring 2017) | Philosophy of Comedy (Fall 2016) | Ethics and Activism (Spring 2016) | Food, Animals, and the Environment (Fall 2015) |
Student Evaluations – NYU Animal & Environmental Studies

Below are the averages of my student evaluations for my classes from 2011-2014.

1. How would you rate the instructor overall?
2. How informative were the classes?
3. How well organized were the classes?
4. How fair was the grading?
5. To what extent was the primary instructor effective in helping you learn in this course?
6. How would you rate this course overall?
7. How clear were the objectives of the course?
8. How well were these objectives achieved?
9. How interesting was the course?
10. To what extent were your own expectations met?
11. How heavy was the workload?
12. How much did you study for this course?
Below are the averages of my student evaluations for my NYU philosophy classes.

1. Overall, the instructor is a good teacher.
2. The instructor presents the material in a stimulating way.
3. The instructor presents the material in a clear way.
4. The instructor is well-prepared and well-organized.
5. The instructor is receptive to questions and responds well to them.
6. The instructor is available for consultation.
7. The instructor gives helpful comments on written work.
8. The instructor treats students respectfully and considerately.
9. The instructor's grading is fair.
10. Compared with other courses, the workload is demanding.
11. I have learned a lot in this course.
12. All things considered, this has been a good course.
Student Comments

Below I quote selected comments from my students on evaluation forms.

“Alright. I don’t want to get too sappy here but I don’t really know how to articulate my thoughts without getting too sappy so bear with me. Jeff Sebo is the best teacher I have ever had. He was kind, funny, thoughtful, smart, and he invigorated my quest for knowledge and sparked my interest in a multitude of different areas. He was so passionate and excited about what he was teaching that it got ME excited and the class made me want to do more research on my own and think about every topic from as many viewpoints as possible and question myself and everything around me. He was compassionate and warm when answering students questions and he never condescended, but he always had something smart and well-articulated to say in response to anything thrown his way. He kept us on course and taught us everything the syllabus described with impeccable grace while also handing over the reigns of the class discussion to the students for nearly every class. I have never spoken to Prof. Sebo one on one and yet I regard him as one of my favorite people ever. Right when my hope for NYU and the teachers here was fizzling out he instilled hope within me by proving to me that brilliant professors still exist. Best teacher I have ever had, taught me more about the world and my own mind than anyone else has. I loved this class immensely.”

“Jeff is a GREAT lecturer. Very engaging with students and with the material. Hard to suggest something that needs improving.”

“Jeff is exemplary of a great scholar and professor.”

“Professor Sebo is a great professor, and is very passionate about environmental ethics. He has encouraged me to become a strong writer and grow my interests in ethics.”

“Professor Sebo is excellent. During lecture, he always provided nuanced and unique ways of looking at environmental problems. He promoted a lot of class discussion, which allowed me to consider different viewpoints.”

“Professor Sebo is truly a wonderful professor. I’ve never learned so much as I did this semester from him. The class was intellectually challenging but I felt engaged by the lectures and the plenty of time we were given to discuss with the entire class. I have no recommendations, it truly was perfect.”

“The professor was extremely excited and dedicated to the topics he taught and he was enthusiastic about hearing what the students thought. I felt very encouraged to participate and take part in my learning. The professor’s energy is infectious and I wish I could take the course again!”

“The class was very engaging because it always felt like a discussion rather than a lecture.”

“Jeff is so passionate and knowledgeable.”
“Great class, very interesting topics and articles. Prof. Sebo is super nice, very passionate and engaging, also very approachable. Class atmosphere was really good for learning.”

“This course was really great, no suggestions!”

“Jeff is one of the most open-minded, helpful, and kind professors I’ve had throughout my entire academic career. No matter what we say or argue in class and in one-on-one sessions he makes us feel that our comments are important. I appreciate how understanding he was that most of us do not come from a philosophy background. He was willing to let us write diverse papers that perhaps cover fields outside of philosophy. I will say that NYU is a VERY rigorous institution, but professors like Jeff make it easy to keep up with the work and to flourish because he is a phenomenal mentor and guide. I would take another class with him in a second!”

“I can honestly say this is the best course I have ever taken at NYU. Professor Sebo not only focused on extremely interesting topics, but also created a classroom environment where everyone felt free to discuss their opinions. I had some of the most interesting conversations in this class, and Professor Sebo’s open and cool vibe really helps the class loosen up to a discussion. The only thing I would suggest is possible adding in a few times where students get into small groups and discuss before a larger classroom discussion. This is great for people who are more anxious about speaking in front of the class, and allows a few more personal connections for students. Even without that, this class was amazing, and I hope I can take more of Professor Sebo’s classes in the coming semesters.”

“Jeff Sebo is a kind and compassionate professor who clearly cares deeply about the subject and the students. No improvement suggestions.”

“Jeff was always open to discussion and different view points. His ideas were never the ‘only ideas.’ The class was almost entirely discussion, except for when he needed to explain some concept or theory in order for us to integrate it into our conversation.”

“Jeff is the best instructor I have had yet at NYU. He does his lectures without notes, cares about students’ feedback, and encourages them to talk with him if they have further questions. He recognizes the magnitude of the subject matter and does not belittle it. He explains himself and reexplains himself in order to reach the most amount of learners possible. His teaching style is not easy to accomplish and what he has managed to do as an instructor is not something many could do.”

“The instructor was very inclusive of people and their different points of view. He taught us very eagerly, and was well-informed with most topics and questions brought up by students during class discussions.”

“so enthusiastic he made me want to learn all I possibly could”

“Professor Sebo is an excellent instructor. He explains all concepts clearly and backs everything up with examples that can make you understand concepts better. He makes class fun, interesting and thought provoking.”

“Professor Sebo was open to all student perspectives and made sure that everyone was able to speak.”
“Jeff is the best professor I have had in all my four years at NYU. He is highly knowledgeable, very passionate, extremely clear, and super helpful and accessible. Though the concepts in his courses can be difficult, he explains them extraordinarily well. He is laid back and fun, but also incredibly engaging and inspiring.”

“Jeff is an absolutely amazing/brilliant/hilarious/awesome professor and person. I plan on taking more of his courses in the future. Would highly recommend to other students.”

“Jeff is an amazing teacher. He’s a really engaging lecturer and always stimulates interesting class discussions. The workload was modest, but the reading is always extremely interesting. This has been one of my favorite classes throughout my undergraduate career.”

“Jeff Sebo is an outstanding teacher and mentor. His classes have changed the way I think as well as the choices I make in daily life. He makes you reevaluate many aspects of life that are often accepted and perpetuated without any conscious reasoning, and presents many other alternatives to possibly improve your ethics and moral standing. I have recommended his classes to many friends and continue to recommend him to everyone that wants to take an enjoyable and life changing class.”

“Put simply, Jeff is fantastic. I have now taken three classes with him and all have been equally challenging and rewarding. Jeff is a consistently engaging and inspiring professor. He is equally adept at making difficult material accessible to students and challenging them to think in depth about a complicated issue. His classes are immensely rewarding and, more than any of my other classes, have had a real impact on my life. When a class is simply too good to miss even under the most dire circumstances, that is the mark of a good professor. Jeff has been an inspiration and a motivator. He makes me want to do homework assignments and participate in class for my own sake rather than for a grade. I could go on forever. Jeff is easily the most inspirational professor I have had here at NYU. He has infinite potential and I am sure he will go on to do great things. I was deeply saddened to learn that he will be leaving NYU next year. I wish him the best, and I am jealous of the students who will have the opportunity to take his classes wherever he ends up.”

“This class is great and Jeff is a wonderful instructor.”

“Jeff is a spectacular professor. His laid-back attitude and passion for the subject make for very lively debates in class, and a good learning experience is had by all. I really enjoyed this class especially because Jeff presented essentially a whole field of study in just a few months. We went from heavy philosophy, to gross animal industry videos, and then political and legal implications. It was interesting and I genuinely enjoyed attending class. It was the perfect elective to take senior year and had this been a minor when I was a freshman, I would have taken more courses in the department. Thumbs up for Jeff!”

“I LOVED having Jeff. He is amazing. I am so sad this is his last year. I could not have asked for a better class and I was excited for class every week!”
“Jeff Sebo is the best professor I’ve had at NYU. He is extremely helpful and kind and makes the information accessible by presenting it in a way that is simple to understand. He made time to listen to every classmate’s input and was genuinely interested in what we had to say.”

“Professor Sebo is extraordinarily knowledgeable in the fields he teaches; the wealth of information he presents to the class in a direct and thought-provoking way is always much appreciated.”

“I absolutely loved the class. I went into the class not knowing what to expect and gained so much knowledge. This class showed me a new interest in animal ethics, which I had never previously thought about. Jeff Sebo is an amazing professor and is able to animate the class with his conversations. He always supports class participation and encourages it by picking people and continuing the conversation. This is a class that I looked forward to each week, not just because the material was interesting but also because the professor is amazing.”

“Jeff is truly one of the most enthusiastic and knowledgable professors I’ve had thus far. This course was a highlight in my academic career at NYU.”

“The discussions we had in the class were the among the most stimulating and challenging that I have ever had in a classroom in my entire life. Jeff navigates the roles of peer, facilitator, and expert with remarkable grace, and this draws a tremendous amount of critical thinking out of his students. In many of my classes, students are more than content to sit back, and participating even becomes somewhat uncool. Jeff avoids that trap entirely: every student wanted to contribute, and was pushing his or her own self to craft valid and well-constructed thoughts for the discussion. Jeff made it fun to learn. It felt like the occasional profound conversation that friends will spontaneously have outside of a classroom, but with the addition of an instructor ensuring that it stayed on track. If I could improve the course I would increase its length. We had a very condensed schedule, and I wanted more time to process the content of the class. I’d like to add that this course made me do some very profound self-reflection, and that I feel motivated for, rededicated to, and most importantly awoken to some of the issues that face our climate. I have made a handful of changes to my lifestyle that I am immensely proud of, and I owe that to this class informing me of the importance of making those changes. I feel like I am more appropriately concerned and educated about what very well may be the defining crisis of this era of human history.”

“Professor Sebo is a fantastic professor. More than anything, he is a fantastic facilitator and is always interested in student comments and ideas, which makes for a great discussion in class.”

“I was blown away at how educated Jeff was on the subject at hand. Because this class was discussion based, I thought I would have a hard time getting myself interested in the class discussion, but Jeff made sure that the conversations were interesting and managed to keep everyone in tune with the topic. Overall, I really liked the way Jeff made himself available to us and the way he designed the class meetings, assignments, and presentations.”

“Jeff is my favorite teacher. He is the best teacher I have ever had, by far.”

“Jeff is the best. He changed my life.”
“I do not mean it lightly when I say that Jeff is the best professor I have had during my time at NYU. After taking three of his classes his impact on me has been profound. His teaching has completely shifted my world view and armed me with the skills to keep pace in any level of discussion of the topic of animal ethics. His lectures are informative and interesting, and the quality of class discussions motivates me to do the reading every week so that I can participate more fluently. He is a master at using language that appeals to students of all intellectual backgrounds while maintaining a high level of academic decorum. He is a skilled debater, an interesting thinker, and a virtual encyclopedia of philosophy. I will really miss going to this class every week and I hope to continue the discussion with Jeff beyond the scope of the semester. He will be deeply missed when he leaves NYU and his future students are in for a real treat wherever he ends up.”

“This was by far my favorite course this semester! I really enjoyed it. The class was very interesting and I definitely learned a lot.”

“I have never given an professor all 5s on a course evaluation before. I can honestly say Jeff has been the best professor I have had so far at NYU. Granted, I am extremely interested in the topic of animal rights, but my knowledge in the subject has increased beyond my wildest expectations through taking this course. Jeff’s teaching style is very informative and keeps me interested and he goes to extensive lengths to remain balanced and unbiased in his teaching of a controversial subject in which both he and his students are already biased. Taking this course inspired me to pursue a minor in animal studies, and I will be taking both classes that Jeff is teaching next semester. Especially considering his age and teaching experience compared to many other professors, it is clear that Jeff has a very bright future as an educator and philosopher.”

“This was hands (and paws) down the best class I have ever taken.”

“This is easily the best class experience I have had at NYU thus far. Our class discussions were so stimulating and fun, and I was lucky to be surrounded by peers who really wanted to contribute to the classroom experience. I looked forward to class each day, and Jeff was informative while really using his role as the professor to be a discussion facilitator rather than simply lecturing, which I hugely appreciated. For me, there is nothing more educational than having an interesting discussion throughout class time that is engaging and challenging while still remaining respectful, and this class epitomized that experience. I had a general interest going into the class but probably would not have taken it if I did not have a science/math requirement, and it completely exceeded my expectations in every sense. I would highly recommend this course to ANYONE, especially those who do not necessarily have an interest in food, the environment, or moral philosophy, because as I am sure my classmates can attest, the content of the class is hugely eye-opening and grants a really imperative perspective on the world in which we live.”

“Jeff Sebo is the best teacher I’ve had at NYU. I decided to stick with the class despite the difficulty because he really loves what he does and it makes the class that much more exciting.”

“I have a very high respect for Professor Sebo, as he told us on day one what he his personal philosophies were, yet in the class he was very open minded and acknowledged and respected arguments against his own beliefs. I’m sure this is the case for many college professors, but considering I had his class first on my very first day of college classes, it was a new experience. I differ greatly with him on the key points in the class, yet I feel as if he never discriminated or judged me for it, something I had a problem with with high school teachers.”
“Professor Sebo is literally one of the best teachers I’ve ever had in my life. He is unbelievably smart and taught the course so incredibly, I learned so much and it was so helpful for me. I can’t say enough good things about him.”

“Jeff really cares about his students and this is evident in every class. It is not uncommon that students will gather around him after class to ask him more questions. Not because he is confusing, but rather because most of us feel intellectually stimulated by the class discussions and we want to know more. Jeff never hurries away, but always answers everyone’s questions. Everyone in this class is very attentive and almost everyone participates regularly. I think that the reason why everyone is so “there” in this class is because Jeff does a good job at picking at all of our brains, making us think, and engaging us in ways that interest us. I would highly recommend taking a class with Jeff Sebo, to anyone I know.”

“Professor Sebo is an excellent professor. You can tell that he is very passionate about the subject. He is incredibly knowledgable and is very good at explaining the material which can be challenging for someone with no background in philosophy.”

“Jeff is an incredible professor. Not only is he passionate about what he is teaching, but he is engaging and open minded. His style of teaching has so much clarity and it made his lectures very enjoyable to follow. The way he presents this information is thoroughly thoughtful and organized. It is a challenge I have found in philosophy based courses for the professor and students to stay on topic because there are so many valuable tangents. Jeff found a way to explore some of these tangents, but relate it back and still keep the conversation centered and focused. I have not yet been in a class where I not only was excited to do the readings, but excited to go to class and have such open discussion. Jeff had such a great balance of sharing his opinions while still providing the other side and allowing the students to think for themselves and create their own values and ideas. I feel so lucky to have found this minor and to have taken this class. I am POSITIVE that I am going to do something with animal rights and ethics and I am looking forward to taking the activism class to see how I want to go about becoming an activist. What is so great about this class is that it is not about memorizing information, but it is about: LEARNING, thinking, being creative, evaluating, debating, discussing, and overall realizing that ethics take time to truly understand and it will be a constant life discovery. What Jeff has taught us this semester extends beyond the classroom and has helped shape me and the other students to become better people.”

“Jeff was an amazing teacher who broke down very complicated material and made it digestible for his students. He really cares that everyone understand the course materials and does his best to get everyone up to speed. The class was a very open environment and it was a wonderful place to learn. I’ll always remember Jeff and his great class.”

“I loved this course and Jeff. This was a different, fun, intellectual way at looking at animals.”

“Jeff is one of the best professors I’ve ever had. He is extremely passionate and knowledgable about the topic, and he really cares for his students (and it shows!). All of the assigned readings and the discussions were thought-provoking and made me change the way I perceive things. I have never been as interested in a class as I was this one. Jeff spoke in a previous class of mine and my friends raved about him, so I’ve been waiting to get into one of his classes for almost two years. I’m so happy I did. Best professor, best class, best part of my semester.”
“Jeff Sebo is a brilliant professor. I had no previous experience in any of this subject material, but he makes everything easily accessible and understandable, regardless of your prior knowledge (or lack thereof). He asks engaging, meaningful questions and is genuinely interested in hearing each person’s opinion. The class has been interesting and informative and has opened me up to a whole world of information and a style of thinking that I was previously unaware of. Jeff was recommended to me by a friend of mine who had taken many of his classes, and I am so glad I followed through with this recommendation. I would absolutely recommend him to all of my friends, as well.”

“This has been hands down the most inspiring course I have ever taken. It made me reevaluate my daily life to the extent that I made actual changes, follow a new outlook and found a new passion. I am confident that a large portion of this was due to Jeff. The clarity with which he was able to explain complex philosophical ideas gave me a basis in understanding that I would not have been able to achieve on my own. You can tell how much pride Jeff takes in organizing his courses. There was a reason for everything. It is really easy to tell when a teacher cares about the subject matter and his students. Jeff clearly cares about both. He wanted to impart knowledge and start a conversation amongst students, and I have an immense amount of respect for that. I could go on and on about this class and professor, but what is most telling is that it changed my entire outlook. Anyone would be beyond lucky to get to take any of Jeff’s classes, and I am really grateful that I had the chance.”

“Jeff is truly an engaging and passionate professor. I took this class because I wanted to experience a philosophy class, a subject I was not at all familiar with. Jeff made the discussions accessible and easy to follow even for a novice like myself. He was always entertaining and he made the three hour classes fly by. He was very considerate as a professor and very mindful of his students at all times. I could really tell that he loved being in the middle of the discussions and that he was trying to learn from them too. I was so pleasantly surprised by how much I enjoyed this class, and that is in large part due to Jeff.”

“Great professor.”

“This course was really the highlight of my week. Jeff really went above and beyond as a teacher. In a lot of (other) classes the teacher talks for most of the time, and the discussion is limited to a few students who are particularly interested in the subject. But in this class, everyone was very involved because the readings provided were intellectually challenging, interesting, and thought provoking (I actually ended up sending many of the readings to my friends and family members because I found them so awakening). Jeff did a really good job making sure we understood all sides of the arguments addressed in each essay and reading he assigned. He also tailored the midterm and final papers in a way in which we could pick an essay topic from a few prompts, or work with him to create a prompt that satisfied both the class requirements and our individual interests. I thought this was really awesome because so many teachers are cut and dry, but Jeff is really passionate about not just teaching, but learning too. The fluidity and understanding of his teaching style made for very interesting class discussions and the ability for us students to learn and apply what we learned to what interested us most about the class. My best advice to Jeff would be keep on doing what you are doing, this course was definitely the most thought provoking and engaging of the courses I have taken at NYU thus far. And I don’t say that lightly.”

“Jeff is an amazing teacher. I think that he should certainly go on to bigger and better things, like SAVE OUR EARTH ☀️”
“This course has changed my life. Mr. Sebo allowed me to view environmental issues through a whole new frame of mind. I even became a vegetarian due to what I learned! He respects all opinions and is open to class discussions.”

“I can’t say enough positive things about this course and instructor. I thoroughly, thoroughly appreciated Jeff Sebo’s moral philosophy approach to the coursework—it made me see the material in an entirely different light. Furthermore, the discussion in the course was one of the most active I’d seen in my entire career at NYU—somehow, students who didn’t talk for the first two courses ended up being active participants in discussion. And despite the extremely personal and controversial nature of the subject matter, Jeff was able to build trust with the students so that acutely honest and open conversations took place. Again, this was totally unprecedented from my experience at NYU. I wish I could make this course required for every undergraduate student.”

“Jeff Sebo was amazing! Very informative and great at making one think philosophically. I would recommend him a thousand times over. Very interesting class discussions.”

“This course was really great. Prof. Sebo is incredible at breaking down the readings and getting students to be involved. This class had one of my lighter work loads this semester, but all of the work was extremely productive. I honestly think I learned more in this class than in any other class this semester and that the style it was presented in will lead me to retain my knowledge. No standard tests, no cram studying that I will just forget, and this allowed me to take the time to learn. I did not realize how focused this class would be on the animal rights movement, but I enjoyed it. All in all I think this class was very fair.”

“Jeff was absolutely great. He really knows his stuff, and the class is overall a great enlightening experience!”

“Professor Sebo chooses engaging and pertinent material to read and discuss, and he organizes the class in such a way that there is the perfect balance between lecture and discussion/debate. I learned an incredible amount in this course and I would absolutely recommend it to anybody, regardless of whether or not they had previous interest in the subject matter—after this class, they will be interested.”

“Professor Sebo’s lectures are really very energetic and informative. The discussions were extremely involved and interesting due, at least in part, to Professor Sebo’s ability to keep the students’ interest piqued.”

“Jeff is awesome. Very nice, personable and loved how passionate he was about the subject. He’s one of the best teachers I’ve ever had.”

“Jeff has been a wonderful teacher to have this semester – his passion, enthusiasm and general interest in both philosophy and animals have shone brightly since the beginning of the course. Conversations with him both in and out of class are always inspirational, and his positive outlook on the potential and power of acquiring knowledge have greatly impacted me. I will truly miss having Jeff as a professor and friend.”

“Great job. Thank you.”

“Great job. Thank you.”
“Professor Sebo is fantastic. He is enthusiastic and knowledgeable and a great lecturer. He has an amazing ability to explain difficult concepts in an extremely clear manner. He was very understanding about personal obstacles I encountered during the semester and is very accessible in general. I seriously loved his class and plan to take more courses from him in the future!"

“It was an engaging and inspiring course! Jeff is incredibly knowledgeable about the subject matter and presents it in an engaging and interactive way. He facilitates wonderful discussions and covers a ton of material thoroughly and memorably in a very efficient way. I would recommend this course to everyone – it should be required! Greatly increased by understanding of moral ethics and the human/animal dynamic! Thank you!”

“This class is my favorite so far that I have taken at NYU. Everything was incredibly well organized and the professor’s interest in student input was greatly appreciated. Thank you for confirming, and augmenting, my interest in Animal Studies. I sincerely hope to further engage with this professor in the future!”

“Jeff Sebo is an excellent professor. He is very approachable and very intelligent. He keeps the class engaged and encourages his students to give their ideas and speak their minds. I would without a doubt recommend him as a professor to someone else. I enjoyed both of his classes: Ethics and Animals and Animal Minds.”

“This was an awesome course, one that I would absolutely recommend to anyone. The workload was focused and manageable, and content was clearly discussed during each lecture. The course really taught me to think about the material in a new way, and was extremely engaging and informative. The instructor was helpful, knowledgeable and engaging, as was the teaching assistant! Awesome course!”

“I love that Jeff is open to considering any idea and will explore, in words, its implications no matter how perverse. It makes the class feel comfortable and fosters discussion.”

“I thoroughly enjoyed this course, especially considering my initial apprehension. I had absolutely no background in philosophy prior to this, and my current knowledge exceeds what I expected to learn and retain. Professor Sebo was not only insightful but extremely interesting and humorous. After dissatisfaction with my first grade, I visited his office hours and my grade significantly improved. He was very helpful and eased my tensions, and I greatly appreciate professors so willing to help their students.”

“Jeff is easily the best, most interesting professor I have had the opportunity to encounter during my time at NYU. Classes were, without fail, thought provoking and entertaining and has improved my manner of thinking about philosophy and animal rights issues exponentially.”

“Jeff is one of the best professors I’ve had at NYU. He is animated and passionate about the material, making it very easy to pay attention, participate, and learn in his class. He also quickly answers any questions you ask and encourages input and discussion from everyone. I loved this professor and class!”
“Jeff has been a fantastic professor. Probably my favorite one here at NYU. He is very passionate and approachable. I would recommend both him and this class to anyone.”

“Jeff Sebo was very good at engaging the students and making them question and actually think about what we talked about. Extremely good professor and an extremely interesting class.”

“Professor Sebo is always enthusiastic when he teaches the material, and it’s so refreshing to have a professor who is so engaged and passionate about the subject. It made me more excited to learn about the topic. Lectures were always clear and helpful. Great class overall!”

“Eloquent and interesting, plus very knowledgeable of all topics. Makes the complex issues approachable and still challenges common thought. Overall, an excellent class and thoroughly enjoyable. THANKS!”

“Really enjoyed the course. The balance between philosophical teaching (which I felt was made very accessible) and real life application to morally relevant content (about animals) was very well done. I learned a great deal. Than you. Also, relaxed discussion based environment appreciated.”

“The professor was extremely knowledgeable about the subject and presented the info clearly and in an interesting way. The subject is new to me yet I fully understood the concepts and digested the info. I loved this course and the professor was awesome!”

“Both Jeff Sebo and Ben Philips were extremely approachable, insightful, and helpful whenever help was needed. Jeff made the course and the topics interesting and also challenged me to think in new ways, which even helped me to form opinions on many important issues. He explained material we had to read very thoroughly and was also interesting and fun in his teaching methods. I would definitely take another of his courses!”

“The class was very interesting and informative. Jeff got me thinking a lot about ethics in my everyday life. It was not material that just stayed in the classroom.”

“I loved this course: I thought it was very interesting and thought provoking. The instructor, Jeff, was very enthusiastic about the class and made it very enjoyable. He always had the class engaged in fun discussions.”

“I loved the class and the professor’s ability to present abstract concepts in a clear, organized, analytical way. Easily my favorite professor/class I have encountered during my time at NYU; I’m looking forward to taking other classes with Jeff in the future.”

“This course and its material were structured well which was incredibly important given the subject matter. Professor Sebo communicated all the concepts very well and was excellent at addressing questions. He made the subject matter very interesting!”

“Sebo was an excellent professor who helped me understand and gain interest in tough areas revolving around philosophy. This class has really helped me in other classes as well.”

“Great professor!! He was very helpful and nice and understanding, and made the class very interesting and engaging!”
“Jeff is seriously awesome. He’s really funny and knowledgeable. I learned a ton and I would definitely recommend this class to anyone.”

“Jeff is one of the best professors I’ve had at NYU. He’s extremely well versed in the literature and can answer any philosophy question in an informative and clear way. He’s great at leading discussion, letting everyone have their say, yet always redirecting discussion back to the topic. Every class session was fascinating and productive, and despite the “meta” subjects of the course, Jeff never left out the moral and practical implications we wanted to talk about. He never made us feel like our questions were stupid – he’s a very diplomatic teacher. His joy at assigning one of his own paper was awesome. Great paper but an even better professor. Made summer classes not only bearable but actually rewarding. Thanks Jeff!!”

“This was a great course. All of the readings were really interesting and informative. Jeff did a great job of teaching and explaining the material in an engaging way.”

“Jeff is a great professor, he is incredibly passionate about his job and that is transmitted to us students, who get very excited too. In addition, he is always well prepared and has an amazing memory to remember details about the subjects we discussed. He makes philosophy much more fun than it already is and makes it more practical!”

“I really enjoyed this class. It was a great way to introduce myself to the animal studies minor. I enjoyed it so much that I am taking a class that Prof. Sebo is teaching next semester.”

“Jeff is an awesome professor – he is brilliant and eloquent, and we all learned so much. Very stimulating discussions, and Jeff treats all points of view and positions with the utmost respect and consideration. Great class, excellent prof.”

“Jeff Sebo is a very dynamic, enthusiastic and stimulating Instructor. He cares about philosophy and shares his enthusiasm for the course. Jeff Sebo demonstrated a caring personality in helping his students to understand the subject content. He makes himself readily available for consultations and support of his students’ needs.”

“I really enjoyed this class and thought Jeff was an awesome instructor. He was extremely knowledgeable, had ample examples to illustrate points we weren’t understanding and made the class exceptionally pleasant by being enthusiastic about the topics. The readings were really relevant, and I would definitely take another class taught by Jeff and will recommend him to others.”

“I thought this was an amazing class! I have very little philosophy coursework in my background but Jeff presents in a clear, stimulating manner for all audience levels. Honestly – I had no idea what to expect. Now I would take any class that he would instruct. Thanks Jeff!!”

“Jeff was always enthusiastic and energetic. He gave us no choice but to engage the material in a thoughtful and productive way. Also seems like a good guy in general.”

“I have learned so much from this course. I had been a bit hesitant to take a course at CAS given the class size, however Professor Sebo has done an excellent job in making this course feel like a small seminar. I feel very fortunate to have had him.”
“Jeff has definitely always been prepared to teach for the class and as a result of his great organizational and teaching methods I was able to learn a lot about logic in a very clear manner. He was always willing to help the students out after class or in class and was open to suggestions. Thank you for your awesome work!”

“I have taken many undergraduate courses at many institutions, ranging from community college to an ivy league university, and I have to say that this was one of the best classes, if not the best, I have ever taken. I wish more of my classes had been taught by two individuals (which, by the way, I have never experienced a class taught by two instructors, and now believe it is an excellent way to add enthusiasm and expertise to a course) as passionate, intelligent, and simply as good at philosophy and teaching as Jeff and Colin. They complemented each other extremely well and this will be one of my fondest memories of formal academia.”

“This was one of the best philosophy classes I have taken. The chemistry between Jeff and Colin was amazing. They were able to work off of each other and create class discussion like seasoned veterans. I would recommend this class and these professors to anyone interested in philosophy or the basis of law in America and for humanity.”

“This was an exceptional course. It was both very informative and extremely engaging. The instructors demonstrated a deep and broad knowledge along with infectious interest in the material. Despite the wide range of backgrounds among the students, the instructors fostered a discussion environment that was both lively and rigorous. I would recommend any course taught by Jeff Sebo or Colin Marshall very highly. My fellow students and I learned a lot, had a great time, and came away inspired. I’m grateful to have had a chance to take this course, and the reason for that is the exceptional teaching of Jeff Sebo and Colin Marshall.”

“Both Jeff and Colin are very good at expressing complicated philosophical ideas simply and eloquently. I was impressed by their broad and deep knowledge of the course material and philosophical ideas in general, as well as their abilities to relate to the students.”

“Jeff Sebo and Colin Marshall were some of the most exceptional teachers I have ever encountered. The class was stimulating, challenging, and very rewarding. The scope and variety of material covered were excellent, and Sebo and Marshall possessed an impressive amount of knowledge and insight in every area. Despite the wide range of student backgrounds in the class, Sebo and Marshall managed to create a discussion environment that was both lively and rigorous. I cannot say enough good things about them, and I would recommend any class they teach to anyone. I am grateful to have had the chance to study with such extraordinary professors.”

“Jeff is an amazing instructor and has a natural talent to teach in a manner that is very engaging. He has been one of the best professors I have ever had.”

“I think this class was very stimulating and interesting, the teacher was clear and really helped me understand the information. I loved the class and would recommend Jeff Sebo to any of my friends.”

“Great professor.”

“Highly enthusiastic.”

“YAY!”
“Jeff was one of the best teachers I’ve ever had. I followed everything, was excited to learn, and enjoyed everything I learned and discussed, while also being challenged and pushed. He was a great teacher.”

“By far my favorite TA at NYU so far. May consider changing majors entirely because of the inspiration I gained from Jeff. So funny and genius, better than a majority of experienced professors I’ve had. Thank you for such a rewarding term.”

“Jeff is great! He is so energetic and enthusiastic about the material. He is personable and approachable, always willing to read drafts, answer questions, and offer constructive feedback. I learned a lot in recitation because Jeff is very intelligent and insightful. Overall, an amazing guy!”

“Jeff is a great teacher who really knows how to engage a class in an interesting and relatable way. He makes sure that everyone knows what is going on and offers helpful advice when necessary. Keep it up Jeff.”

“Jeff is different from other philosophy TA’s that I’ve had. He’s so brilliant yet he’s able to connect with us undergrads so well. He’s certainly made recitation and the class more enjoyable but also has given great depth to the course and the way I view philosophy. Simply put, he’s awesome.”

“I really loved Jeff Sebo’s recitation. He is extremely intelligent and knowledgeable about a variety of topics and understands and presents the issues clearly and in a very stimulating way. He is charismatic, kind, humble and has a great sense of humor. He is also relaxed and understanding. Our discussions were very engaging and Jeff addressed and answered everyone’s questions patiently and thoroughly. Yay Jeff! He is also a vegan – commendable!”

“Jeff is a phenomenal TA. He really does help understand the material in an optimal way. He is enthusiastic and always kept me interested.”

“Jeff was a great recitation leader. He was engaging and funny even when the material was dry and boring. He always got us thinking in broader senses and got us talking with each other. I would highly recommend him to any of my classmates.”

“Jeff has been an excellent recitation leader. He presents the material in a manner which makes it much easier to understand.”

“Jeff is an inspiring, gifted teacher. His genuine enthusiasm was indispensible to my involvement in this course. Simply put, Jeff is committed, passionate, and thoughtful, and has helped me get excited about ethics and philosophy.”

“Jeff is a great teacher. He communicates well and knows how to engage students by leading great discussions.”

“Jeff is really good at not only maintaining an interesting discussion, but also actually providing new information to our discussions to further stimulate thought. He is a great teacher who also summarized difficult papers well.”

“Jeff is the best ever.”
“Jeff is awesome. He is an intelligent and articulate TA who is versed not only in philosophy, but also effective communication in an instructive capacity. I think he’s a better teacher than our professor.”

“Jeff is seriously the best TA I have ever had. He’s helpful, kind, interesting, and explains the material well. He makes me think in class. He’s always happy, cheerful and upbeat, which in turn makes me happy and makes the class pleasant. I always leave section glad that I came. Best of all, he keeps philosophy from being pretentious or on some level we can never reach – he makes it accessible and enjoyable. If I ever get the chance to take another class or section from him again, I will.”

“Jeff is an awesome TA. He really made the discussion and therefore the course interesting and fun. I couldn’t ask for much more in a TA.”

“It’s apparent in every recitation that Jeff loves philosophy, loves teaching it, and loves discussing it with everyone and in any context. He was able to explain subtle differences in philosophical terms that were confusing at the time. Every recitation, I knew he would be standing in front of the class, bouncing up and down with his enthusiasm that was infectious to each and every one of us. Not only a fantastic teacher, but a fantastic learner.”

“Jeff is a great teacher. He makes everything interesting and relatable and understandable. He has made me think in ways I hadn’t before.”

“The large number of 5’s was not me rushing through this. Rather, it is my attempt to communicate how incredible of a TA Jeff was. I have been almost unconditionally dissatisfied with the quality of my TAs at NYU. Jeff completely changed that. His leadership and insight not only explained or clarified the lectures but instilled a sense of excitement in his students. He is the whole reason I learned so much and found this course so interesting.”

“Jeff is an amazing TA. He made class easy to follow and was very passionate about what he was teaching. Animated and brought life to the recitation. Only can hope to get another TA like him.”

“Jeff has been an incredibly helpful teacher. I have learned a great deal from him and can always depend on him to clarify the lecture. He takes a genuine interest in his students.”

“Jeff is a really understanding and inspiring teacher. He always makes sure everyone is on the same page, and presents material in clear and efficient manner. I’d love to take a course of his if he ever became a teacher.”

“Jeff is a charismatic educator who seems to attain a genuine joy from his subject, and the various challenges brought forward through it. He has been greatly prepared for each class, all the while providing the students outside consultation, should they require it. He is not overly lenient with his grading, but is quite apt in providing useful critique for future philosophizing.”

“Jeff Sebo is brilliant: by far the best philosophy TA I’ve ever had thus far. He not only has a comprehensive and deep understanding of the material but he presents it in a clear and creative way. The lectures could often be dry, but Jeff made up for it in his animated use of concrete “life” examples. He replaced the professor during one lecture and gave his own interpretation of de Beauvoir. It was extremely thoughtful, clear, and illuminating. Jeff essentially rocks. ☺”
“Jeff is a passionate, engaging teacher. His written feedback on my assignments has been direct, detailed and insightful. I enjoyed this class.”

“Jeff has been an excellent TA this semester. Now that I’m a senior, I have had many TAs, and it is not hard to figure out who wants to see the students learn the material and succeed. Jeff took an active role in answering questions and explaining the material in a way that all of us could understand (some of us had taken 7 philosophy courses while others had never taken one). Jeff provided valuable comments on the papers and was willing to meet before the papers were due to help work through difficult concepts. He also encouraged us to speak up as much as possible and was easy to approach.”

“Jeff is my favorite TA. The sessions have been wonderfully helpful and informative. In fact, this has been the only recitation I have taken at NYU that I have actually enjoyed.”

“Jeff is passionate about the material, able in engaging with it and applying it, and can present his ideas clearly and confidently. His lectures were also lucid and stimulating – he seems comfortable presenting his ideas in this style.”

“Honestly, although I did learn a lot in class, I learned a majority of the information this class had to offer from Jeff himself. He was always clear and flexible. If he didn’t have the answer then he would have it by the next class. He was the best TA I have ever had at NYU. Hooray for Jeff Sebo!”

“Jeff has done a great job of taking a very difficult and dense course with very difficult material and discussing it with us in a way that makes it very respectful and very engaging, not to mention funny and light-hearted. I think he will make a great professor someday. He has made this experience for me completely enjoyable. (Thanks for the fun times!)”

“I think Jeff’s been a really great TA for this class. He’s made the material very accessible for us and has stirred up some excellent class discussions. I also enjoyed the lecture he gave about Simone de Beauvoir’s work; it was well organized and thorough and thoughtful, but Jeff was still open to reinterpretations.”

“Some of this class has been rather challenging, but Jeff does a great job of bringing the kids up to speed. He is also generally enthusiastic which is a quality I appreciate in a teacher. He treats students as equals, probably because he is one, but also because he is ethical and believes in the freedom of all wo/mankind.”

“Jeff has a solid ability to relate and communicate with a student, which is both rare and important for a teacher and skilled philosopher.”

“It’s refreshing to have such complex ideas presented in an accessible way, with easily relatable examples used to provide some clarity to the material. Jeff is a great facilitator of the discussions we have. He’s a good listener and manages to address problems and puzzles presented in a way that demonstrates his background-supported grasp on the material. More confidence in his ideas and maybe less qualification of them would much improve his teaching.”

“Jeff was very animated and eager to discuss the material with his students. A fun and informative time was had by all.”

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“Jeff is the sort of person and teacher that inspires respect and affection from everyone. He is an amazing TA, and not only is it clear that he knows his stuff, is open, philosophical, really smart and intelligent, he’s also moral and so passionate in this self-aware way. He is truly a great TA. He grades papers carefully, and it’s clear that he cares about his students. His recitations are always fun, engaging, demanding, yet at the same time laid back and non-judgmental.”

“Jeff has been considerably more helpful, insightful, friendly, and available than any of my TAs in other courses. He has made my experience in this course understandable and interesting. And he convinced me to become a vegetarian.”

“Jeff Sebo is an amazing TA – he gives incredibly intelligent, clear explanations of the material and leads good discussions.”

“Jeff Sebo is probably the best teacher I have ever had. He knows the readings backwards and forwards, and he understands the literature so well that he can explain the material in a lighter way to make it easier to understand for people who are not so familiar with it.”

“Jeff Sebo is great.”

“Jeff was a very informative and interesting TA. He kept recitations light-hearted and was able to answer all questions openly.”

“Jeff has made what was previously very confusing incredibly interesting and easier to understand. The recitation was provocative, dynamic. He really knows his stuff, and how to present it.”

“Jeff is great! He is smart and knowledgeable about ethics. This class has been productive and informative.”

“Jeff made Ethics very fun and clear. He was very receptive to questions, gave us a great deal of respect, and summarized the material in a clear and concise way. I think I learned as much in recitation with him as I did in the 2 lectures per week.”

“Jeff is a fantastic TA who has presented complicated material in a clear, stimulating way.”

“Jeff is very approachable and knowledgeable about the subject. He also explains everything very clearly and answers questions well. . . . best TA ever?”

“I respect Jeff not only as an instructor, but as a person. He is really great at what he does.”