

Fall 2016 Comment Report

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Course Sections

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BCOR 310 (03): The Search for Meaning

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- N/a
- Super glad I had these professors for BCORE
- It is clear that you are very educated on subject matters that were being taught. I enjoyed learning about the material that I had never really opened up my mind to.
- Professor Gibson is knowledgeable and has a passion for the topics discussed in Bcore, however her lectures are very dry for students who do not feel the same way about the topics of BCore. I never understood why we focused on Islam, instead of learning about multiple world religions, and the St. Athanasius section was tough to be engaged and interested in, a more current/relatable book may be helpful for students like me who are not into old literature that subject matter. Dr. Gibson is a qualified professor, she just does not make BCore exciting or interesting.
- Great professor, brought in theological and historical insight that provided a depth to the concepts being taught.
- I think she also was a great teacher, who was very passionate. She exhibited Christ-like behaviors that I really appreciated.
- I enjoyed how calm and collected you spoke when it came to lecturing, but then becoming passionate about specific things you find fascinating. It helps to awaken the class and not bore us with just some rambling lecture.
- She was great! Both she and Amy Sheasby are very sweet and make the class enjoyable! Learned a lot and gained new perspectives.
- I enjoyed her insight about Islam and Christianity, but sometimes it seemed to drag on. I know that she is passionate about the interaction of Islam and Christianity, but it was included in just about every discussion it felt like. Discussion regarding the two is important, I just felt like we never moved past it. Still valuable information, just a little too much.
- Dr. Gibson I was very glad to have you as an instructor. You have an evident passion for your field and the ability to help the class empathize with the marginalized and oppressed. I could see that you had a very thorough understanding of the subject matter you were speaking of and expressed that knowledge when aggressive questions came up in a very patient and professional manner. I want to encourage you and Dr. Sheasby in presenting an all around enjoyable and informative class, even with a class that is commonly heralded as a class that "sucks" among my peers. The only criticism I have for the class is sometimes the vocabulary was a bit advanced and though I understood it, along with a few other students, sometimes there were blank stares. I will give y'all the credit of catching that most of the time and explaining the vocabulary further, but there were a few times that people just kind of looked lost. I struggle with the same thing, and know how easy it can be to overlook, especially when you are dealing with college students who should have an advanced vocabulary. That is really my only criticism, I hope that y'all continue to teach this course for a long time.
- Amazing professor! Even though she specializes in other things, she brought such helpful knowledge and wisdom to the classroom. Sometimes the lectures could go a little above our heads but she would usually recognize that and reign it back in. It really did help, however, to have someone who knew what she was talking about and able to relate it to students who have never heard of the topic. I loved her enthusiasm and passion for the topics that we addressed and for the students themselves. Truly a loving and Christ-centered professor, I really enjoyed the class.
- I really enjoyed having Dr. Gibson for BCOR. She is very knowledgeable and passionate about what she teaches. She was very kind and understanding of her students and the ideas that were shared in class. Overall, great teacher! Would recommend this class to friends
- Thanks for all your help !
- Same as prof. Sheasby, She also inspired me
- So sweet, her voice is soothing and could listen to her for days. Knows so much about everything.
- You are a very intelligent professor. You speak very softly, so sometimes it is hard to hear you. I did not appreciate how you expressed your annoyance toward certain students in the class. We all have favorites and people that aggravate us, but consistently demonstrating our annoyance of certain individuals is not Christ-like. I recognize that this was undoubtedly not your intention, but it became apparent throughout the semester or at least it was perceived that way by myself and other students. Thank you for all the hard work you put into this course. You were an excellent professor whom I have recommended to other students.
- You are always energetic and I love that! I think you're a sweet person. I must be honest and say that all semester I felt sad knowing that I spent \$3500 on this class that I didn't learn much from. I don't think that the subject matter if particularly your choice, because I know all the other BCORE professors teach pretty much the same thing, so this negative comment is actually more towards ACU rather than you. Because like I said you as a person are so great! Anyway I just really really love learning about

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Jesus and I felt like reading Athanasius at the beginning of the course was super dry. Perhaps there is a different text to teach with? I think it'd be interesting if you guys taught something from the bible! I believe many people don't read their bible enough. I personally have always wanted to make curriculum on how the bible is set up and how to read it! Like I mean you would be so surprised at how many people don't understand the basics of reading the bible! That is totally my opinion anyway. And I think there is something to be said about reading scripture. Wouldn't that be great for the students who have forgotten what they learned in their earlier bible courses? Also, I wish the amount of time spend on the Islam unit was shorter. It would be great to learn more about Jesus. I feel like our generation is pretty accepting towards people who aren't "like us". Maybe that's just me. Also, when the class didn't do the reading, hearing you tell us that it's "unfair" for us not to come prepared when you come prepared is unhelpful. 1, I'm paying (no not my parents, i am not that lucky) good money for this class, and you are being paid to prepare for it. Please don't whine to students and make them feel awful about not reading. That made me not want to listen to that lecture and I tuned out after being attacked by both of my professors. 2. The reason no one read it is probably because of how uninteresting the material tended to be. 3. One of you was sarcastic about this event. I remember you saying "Well it's kind of hard to have class when no one came prepared" or something close to that. As a professional, it is not okay to be sarcastic with students EVEN if you are very frustrated. I felt so attacked during that class that I myself had to examine my own sarcastic tones and words because I saw how ugly it is. I know it was a moment of frustration so I definitely forgive you for that, I snap sometimes too, everyone does But I thought I would bring it to your attention to help give perspective. Anyway. I am pasting this comment for both of you guys because I think it works for both. As I said, I really hope this does not sound mean, I promise that I realize that you are teaching a course which is difficult to make interesting. You have the challenge of teaching students who are already focused on their majors classes, and who hear that this class is awful before even coming in. I sympathize with you in that way and that is why I don't mean to sound rude.

- she is nice and seems really intelligent. again, the class is just really boring
- You were a wonderful professor and an even better woman! It was a blessing to be in your class this semester!
- Professor Gibson always shows up to class prepared and excited to engage in the subject matter. My only comments would be that coursework was not graded quickly and that the quizzes are only worth 10% of our grade even though they consist of all the material that we cover in class and all of our reading assignments.

What specific actions and attitudes did you notice from your instructor that demonstrated his/her Christ-like character and conduct? -

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- Praying, reading scripture, etc..
- they are good people
- Loving
- The love for all and praying every time before class.
- The way they handled themselves to questions of Christ .
- The faith of both professors was extremely evident throughout the course. They both prayed before class almost every time we met.
- Compassion was evident, patience for students, and humility and grace with students
- Her desire for us to learn more about Islam and transhumanism even though they are not a part of most of our metanarratives showed her desire for the pursuit of knowledge and understanding. It is in that pursuit that you can see their Christ-like acceptance of others and a genuine desire to love more.
- I specifically saw how kind and caring the professors were to our class. Furthermore, how genuine they were in their interactions with us and how they encouraged us in our spiritual growth to continuing maturing and gaining a better understanding of other metanarratives in comparison to our own in Christianity.
- The sincerity behind both of their actions and words
- The way they treated us was very sweet and respectful! Always made themselves available to talk. You can tell they both have a strong faith by the way they spoke in class about Christianity.
- Both professors intentionally brought faith into every lesson. They discussed their own journeys and invited us to share our own. They also showed real concern for their students, asking about our lives outside of class. I felt truly seen and valued by these two women. They also prayed nearly every class, which I had never experienced at ACU.
- I appreciated when we prayed before class and when professor Sheasby asked about things going on around campus and in students lives.