

Spring 2017 Comment Report

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Course Sections

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| A | BCOR 310 (03): The Search for Meaning |
| B | BGRK 612 (W1): Elementary Greek II |
| C | BIBD 661 (01): Theological Exploration |
| D | BIBT 400 (01): G.S.:Theological Exploration |

Comments -

A

- I really enjoyed this class and the material that was covered. I hardly knew a thing about Islam and its similarities with Christianity and Judaism but now I can confidently say that I have a basis of understanding. This class has helped me strengthen my own faith by learning about the faiths of other cultures and transhumanism. I wish there was more debate. Dr. Gibson did a great job of opening up the floor to students to share ideas, thoughts, or questions in discussion but only a few of the same people would ever respond. Perhaps if we were organized in a circle of chairs, there were only in class quizzes, and/or the "No technology" rule was more strict there would have been better discussion. Overall, really enjoyed the course!
- She is a great person...her immense knowledge made it difficult to understand the content because my brain does not work like hers.
- The material seemed to be all over the place. We spent the first half of the semester reading a book and we didnt even have a big project over it. Yet, out midterm was over a virtual tour we did outside of class.
- She rocks
- Gibson was a wonderful professor, but the content of this class is rather boring and unnecessary.
- She is wonderful and passionate about what she teaches. Probably the better BCOR professor!
- It's hard to teach a class that is required by the university, has a horrible preceding reputation, and literally no one wants to take. I appreciated the thought and effort you put into each class and module because the care you took to teach caused me and my peers to care to learn. I actually enjoyed some of the information we talked about in class.
- Terrific instructor in a course where the content makes it hard to be overly invested in.
- I really love Kelli's teaching style- mainly that of really letting students dialogue and externally processes, all the while directing the conversation through great questions. She used enough direction and yet you didn't feel that she was over-controlling because there was so much space for us to still come up with our own conclusions. Also I greatly enjoyed her choice of text in describing the christian narrative.
- Professor Gibson is a great teacher. Her enthusiasm about the content was very apparent. She approached the content in a way that was interesting and engaging
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- I just wanted to say that I really enjoyed your class, but often felt like your reading schedule was too much for me. Having 40 to sometimes 50 pages of reading before each class put a huge strain on me with all of my other responsibilities and made your class very difficult to handle some days. The readings were intresting, but the writing styles were often very confusing to understand and it was not fun not being able to understand something knowing I had quizzes over it every class. More through explanation of the course readings would be a recommendation from me for in the future, and less readings. Also, i did not like how all of our major work was stacked up in the last month of the semester. Most students are burnt out by the last month of april, so I'd suggest putting major assignments more toward the middle of the semester so that students can feel less stressed. All in all, I really enjoyed learning about Islam and more about the christian metanarrative. I felt that my knowledge was greatly expanded in these areas. However, finding a way to relate the subject material more to our own real lives as students would be helpful because the application to real life often felt distant.
- Thank you so much Dr. Gibson. It has been a challenging but also, wonderful semester in your class. You made BCOR bearable so, thank you for that and so much more. Have a splendid summer and God bless.

B

- Class was a very positive experience, challenging and introducing me to material to which I had not prior exposure. One thought - I would have benefited even more from the class if the discussion assignments had been structured differently. I would open up the translation assignments submitted by each student for everyone to review.
- Wonderful instructor and very supportive
- Dr. Gibson harnesses a difficult subject, namely an alternative language from our Western perspective, and makes it much easier to learn, than it would have been to learn without her facilitative efforts, which demonstrate, both a strong knowledge of her subject, and a strong, personal interest in the well-being and academic development of her students!

C

- Thank you, Dr. Gibson. The class helps to rethink the Christian-Muslim relationship. My view of Muslim has changed after taking this class. I am interested in learning more about Muslim and how Christian can work with them in a peaceful environment.
- Dr. Gibson is a good professor.
- In case she may remove the final paper, and ask students to design a seminar on the campus so that they can teach or present Islam and Christianity to others. In Brief, a sort of a pathway but applicable in the campus

Comments -

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

A

- She was awesome. Take the class with her and you will find out. :)
- She read from the bible and talked about Jesus frequently
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- I do appreciate how well she listened to everyone and read scripture in class a couple of times! I honestly would love to hear more about her personal testimony and could continue to compare all things to the Christian narrative.
- Kind, empathetic
- She has sincere reverence for The Lord and the Bible, which was very apparent almost every class period.
- Always showed her love and acceptance of all types of people with all types of beliefs.
- Genuine care for her students
- quiet time at the beginning of class
- She lives it out daily
- Helpful and patient
- She provided meditation time or time to reflect while she read an excerpt from the Bible/some other Christian reading. She also prayed with/for us.

B

- Dr. Gibson showed a strong, personal interest, both in the academic development of her students, and in their potential to develop their knowledge of Biblical languages for their long-term plans in the ministry.
- Very positive and encouraging.

C

- Listening, encouraging and able to allow others' opinions
- Openness and humility.