

Student Comments

Student Comments about Engineering & Society Course

From the course assessment form:

Q: What was the best part about this class?

- Integration of case studies.
- Learning about incidents regarding engineering failures.
- Engineering disaster stories.
- NSPE code of ethics.
- I actually enjoyed the presentations the most because I learned about a lot of situations and incidents I knew very little about. I also enjoyed the research aspect.
- Ethics and the ethics presentations.
- Learning how cases related to ethics. Generating good conversation about ethics. The open-ended ethics discussions; they were entertaining, but also educational.
- The ethics discussions were very fun and interesting.
- Learning about the reasons behind the disasters.
- Great discussions, very fluid, adaptable, and informing.

From course evaluations:

- The discussions about ethics were the best part of the class. It was good to see how it differs from one person to the next.
- I felt Prof. Newcomer's discussions were good. He talked about interesting and meaningful topics.
- Writing topics were helpful and centered around a useful topic (Ethics in Engineering). This combo is a great idea.
- Newcomer and Sylvester are a great team; they made learning fun and provided the knowledge from their respective fields to create a very effective class. Glad I had to take it; it was worthwhile.
- The dual-content element was helpful; the ethics and writing tied together well. All the projects we did and the order in which we did them made for a linear and educational course framework.
- I enjoyed this class. I liked learning about all of the different case studies.
- Learning about engineering disasters always grabs [ones] attention.
- The ethics discussions were excellent.