

Signed Comments

SOAN*2120 01 - F12 - David Walters

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Name	ID	Comments
Jenna Burns	jburns03	By far the best professor I've had! Very encouraging, enthusiastic and positive. I hope to have Walters as a prof in the future!
Brittany Robertson	brober02	This instructor has been by far the best instructor I've ever had. He's excellent at explaining difficult concepts. The material he teaches isn't always the most interesting, however David Walters is always able to make it interesting and fun. I enjoy going to his class, and I know that if it were not for him, I wouldn't be receiving as high of a mark as I will. He makes it very comfortable for students to ask him questions, and replies on email as fast as he can. I'm very glad that I was able to have him as a professor this semester.
Jessica Chyc	jchyc	very helpful.. dedicated part of a lecture to telling students about our options after our B.A.. very helpful and I appreciated it!
Natasha Leeves	nleeves	Honestly, this is an AMAZING professor. He teaches really well and helps you understand all the concepts, which I really appreciate because sometimes the course material isn't that interesting (but he makes it seem interesting, and therefore easier to learn). David Walters is actually one of my favourite professors ever.
Claire Wiles	cwiles	The material in this course was very difficult, but professor Walter made it very easy to learn. He and the TA's are probably the best I have had to date. He is very approachable and encourages us to get all the help we can. In addition. he is very fair. I would highly recommend him.
Emma Brown	ebrown06	Professor Walters is easily the best professor I've had the pleasure of being instructed by. He is highly engaging, very clear in the work material, and makes the class fun. I have never had a professor who so openly cares about the success of his students. He revitalized my love for learning with his energy and passion for his work. I would recommend Dr. Walters to any of my peers.
Lori Brener	lbrener	Professor Walters is hands down the best professor I have had thus far at University of Guelph. If it weren't for him this would probably be an extremely boring course for me, and I doubt I would grasp any of the concepts. Due to his excellent stimulating teaching styles, including videos, slides, contests and his overall personality and enthusiasm about the material he draws in mine and I'm sure the entire classes attention. If I ever had the opportunity to take another course with Professor Walters I would do so in a heartbeat. On top of that I have never filled one of these out and am doing so only because he deserves above and beyond this recognition as a professor.
Meaghan Duckett	mduckett	no improvements, amazing prof!
Rachel Ruigrok	rruigrok	I absolutely love Professor Walters. He has turned a not so interesting subject into a class I love going to. He makes sure that all student understand the subject matter. He has made himself more than available inside and outside of class to answer questions and help his students. He makes a point of making sure every student succeeds in this course. I highly recommend this professor to any students who have to take this class. He makes the math portion of the class the easy part and I am horrible in math so this says a lot. If I could have everyone of my classes taught by this professor I would. I bends over backwards for his students. Amazing teacher!!!!
Meghan Aebig	maebig	Great prof, great TA's. The material was just tough.
Erin McEniry	emceniry	I took this course as an elective as I had heard wonderful things about David as a teacher. He designs a very effective class. It is a lot of work for an elective class. However, Professor Walters makes it as easy as possible on students. He is always able to greet you with a smile and a pop if you need to additional help out of class. Great class with an even better teacher!
Katie Haynes -Hyland	khaynesh	Amazing Professor!!
Julia Balsamo	jbalsamo	This course has been incredible, and only because of the professor who is instructing it. I don't particularly enjoy research and statistics and David Walters has made me really care for this course. He really cares about his students and it shows through each and every way he teaches the class. He inspires students to work their best and he really knows what he is talking about.
Shannon Lafontaine	slafonta	The only reason I gave a 4 in "how clearly was the course material was explained by your instructor" is because it was very math/technologically based. Unfortunately, I am not a pro in either. He did try to explain it, I just was not able to grasp the information as well as I liked. David Walters is a phenomenal professor. I enjoyed coming to the class even though I hate statistics with a burning passion.
Brian Button	bbutton	Dr. David Walters is the best professor/teacher I have ever had at any institution of learning. He taught a course that was daunting to many arts students, but made sure that we all felt comfortable with what we were learning. If there was any class that I thought I would fail it was SOAN 2120 - thanks to the impeccable teaching of Dr. Walters, I currently have an 86% at the time of writing this. Walters brings out the absolute best in his students and genuinely cares about our future. Give this man tenure as soon as possible, he is far too valuable to lose to another university that realizes his unmatched skills and abilities.

Nicole Hornby	nhornby	Dave was one of the best professors I have had at university so far. His lectures are very stimulating and although I first was hesitant about this class and how well I would do in it, I have really come to enjoy it and do fairly well. Brad has also been a very helpful TA and I would like to thank them both for a great semester.
Sonya Del Monte	sdelmont	great, helpful teacher, just wants students to succeed. He made the course interesting and always wanted to go to class
Sydney Thrasher	sthrashe	- Nicest and most caring professor i've ever had - always thinks about the students - goes out of his way to help his students - took time out of his course schedule to talk about future schooling (ex. being a lawyer, doctor, teacher, etc.) - I have nothing bad to say about him - Made lectures and dry material fun by including music, movies, videos, pictures, etc.
Bethany MacDonald	bmacdo02	I have never had such a problem when trying to get out of a midterm for a valid reason, the instructor handled it in such a way that I felt as if it I a burden and was not a responsible student. Also when written documentation was provided the professor said it wasn't good enough without even looking at it which was not a fair accusation. It wasn't until I said I would have to go the dean that he accepted it. I have never been so insulted and would like the professor to have some more understanding when students have situations in which they can not be in school.
Amy Mann	amann03	This course was excellent. It was very stimulating and I looked forward to attending it. The professor made himself more than available for extra help, questions, and concerns about the course, and for academic advisement in general. I hope to have him as a teacher again in the future.
Michael Ott	ottm	It's such a shame that such a good prof has to teach such a terrible subject.
Trusha Dash	tdash	I think you're so far one of the best profs I've had. Please continue to be as helpful and nice as you were, with such boring and not fun course material you really were the reason I attended as you made it interesting (and for this course that's saying something) and you explained everything so well. My only suggestion is to get more TA's like Brad but more importantly is to have more qualitative evaluations like the assignment and spread out and worth like 5 to 10% each so we can really apply the knowledge and not jsut memorize it and get to use the software more.
Stephanie Matusiak	smatusia	David Walter is an amazing professor that not only teaches the content and material but as well how it is relevant to the real world. He teaches you life skills and makes class enjoyable and funny. I am horrible at statistics and research methods but the way he teaches breaks down the information so that you are able to learn easily and understand the concept, just just memorize the material. An absolutely amazing professor!
Irina Petrovic	ipetrovi	David Walters is the best prof! He cares a lot about his students - always wants them to do their best. A great motivator as well. He is just amazing!
Aria Praulins	aprauln	David Walters was the best professor I have had in my University experience. The course material itself was extremely boring, but he made coming to class enjoyable and entertaining. Although he was a little speedy when it came to explaining course material, he did his best to help assure students that they can get it and they will get it. The TA, Brad, was amazing as well.
Sophie Lovell	slovell	This instructor was very good at explaining concepts in more than one way. I think that this is a very important approach to education and is often forgotten in University. I really appreciate his passion for trying to get every student to understand the material that he is projecting. I would suggest making the lectures a little more inclusive and not talking about drinking habits of university students as much. Other than that I thought that he was a really good instructor and really did a good job at being compassionate towards the needs of the students.
Dayna Lafrance	dlafranc	This instructor has been by far the best instructor I have had here at the University. He is always there to help and makes the lectures very enjoyable! Thank you to this professor, who has put so much time and effort into helping his students! It is greatly appreciated.
Jenna Hadden	jhadden	The instructor made class very interesting and entertaining, which made the subject area interesting. I never dreaded attending his class.he was very knowledgeable and very willing to help his students. And he encouraged us all throughout the course, so we wouldn't lose hope if we were struggling. I've never had a prof do this, it was a very nice change and made lecture more personal. Awesome prof!
Lauren West	lwest01	The best professor i have EVER had at the University of Guelph. More professors need to be like him. He was extremely passionate about his subject material and genuinely cared about his students. I loved going to his class and felt he was super fair with his marking and feedback.
Alexandra Misurka	amisurka	Course is very difficult, but the prof is great! I have never had a professor who motivated me and showed he cared for the students and their learning, rather than just completing his job. Despite the difficulty of this course, I feel like the prof has made me feel that I could succeed and is contributing to my want to succeed as well. I have never understood standard deviation up until this professor has taught me, that is a huge step for me. Some professors here especially in the political science department are awful and very very unmotivating. David Walters really engaged with the class. Truly great at what he does, I hope I have him as a professor again or a professor like him. The university needs more professors like him. Please look into hiring more motivating and enthusiastic professors who care about the students, there have not been many that I have experienced which I should be able to have with the amount of money I spend on my courses. Good job David :)
Emily Parker	eparke01	David, you were great: all the help you gave us this year: the office hours, review periods, the midterm chats, and all the time we spent on the project. Thank you so much!
Joshua MacHesney	jmachesn	Phenomenal professor. Turned a boring class into one i was excited to go to. Was always willing to go above and beyond to ensure we understood difficult concepts and went to the extreme to ensure we had all the help we needed with the final project. Was very stimulating in class and was a very likable prof. TA's were extremely helpful.

Kerrington Stuck	kstuck	The instructor of this course lectures in a very effective way. He is quite humorous and is able to hold the attention of the class. I don't think there is anything he needs to change at this time.
Jamieson Gascho	jgascho	This is a very stimulating course that requires a lot of work. Thankfully, David is a very interesting Professor who actually cares about the students in his class and wants them to do well. This was very unexpected because usually the professor is complacent about the students in his or her course. David is one of the best professors - or teachers - that I have ever had.
Jesse Adamson	jadamson	- very straight-forward - very willing to help - care about his students - does everything he can to help - funny! enjoyable to attend lectures
Adam Lachance	alachanc	I found this class to be very dry. The content was over-explained to the extent that it became boring. While the Prof and TA's seemed to be very down to earth and willing to help, the content of this course may have compromised their effectiveness. This class failed to offer the learning experience that I expect from high level establishments like UoG. Improvement could come about by actually teaching us how to analyse research in interesting ways. Perhaps a quick read-through of interesting studying to help us understand what to do in the final assignment. Also, The SPSS guidelines were over-simplified to the point that they became more confusing, similar to the lectures. A chalkboard drawing demonstrating that we needed to locate 3 variables, prepare them for analysis, apply descriptive measures to them, and do two statistical relationship measures (in like a diagram of some sort) would have really simplified the exercise. Going really slowly through this portion of the class compromised any real learning that could have occurred. I am thankful for the skills and information I learned from this class, The grading seems fair and the course expectations are clear. Walters is one of those profs you can't help but like.
Joshua Pinkney	jpinkney	Dave Walters was an excellent professor who is extremely talented at lecturing. It's a shame that his course material is just naturally dry as a subject (Sociology based statistics). Regardless of the subject, he consistently keeps class interesting and is constantly attempting to better his lecturing and testing skills.
Laura Chown	lchown	Excellent prof, willing to go above and beyond to help out students
Crisann Alevizos	calevizo	Dan Walters has been the best instructor I have ever have. He has made a subject that I struggle with something that I can understand. He was always available and created an amazing class atmosphere. Thank you Dan I appreciate everything you have done.
Amy Hilario	ahilario	SOAN 2120 was a course that I found intimidating before the semester started. It only took the first class and the first lecture by Professor Walters to put my worries at ease. I made sure to never miss a SOAN class and looked forward to coming Tuesday and Thursday. Professor Walters always found creative ways to keep the class intrigued. I'm sure everyone in the class would testify to being able to have a good laugh every class. The extra support provided by Professor Walters and all the T.A.s was incredible. Everyone went far out of their way to make sure all questions were answered and anyone who needed help got what they needed. Even the material in the course which was difficult was manageable because of Professor Walter's teaching style. Thank you so much for this experience and giving me such a strong base of knowledge for future research methods courses.
Jenna Stringer	jstringe	David Walters was an excellent professor! His passion for teaching and helping students is present throughout every single lecture. He goes above and beyond what any professor should, making sure every student comprehends the course material and holding additional office hours to help students on the final assignment. Not only does he teach the course material so it is easy to understand, but he also incorporates valuable information in his lectures to help us in the future. It is obvious his want for every single student to succeed, both in the course and for their entire schooling career. He does a good job of making sure you feel comfortable enough to confront him with questions about the course material. Will definitely look for him for an instructor in the future!
Danielle Wood	dwood03	Made the course material clear, interesting and easy to learn. Felt like I learned a lot in this course. All work was fair and graded accordingly. Prof Walters made class fun and very educating at the same time. He went above and beyond what he needed to to make sure every student had the help they needed. Even last minute questions the night before (or day of) the exam were always answered. He made the best interests of the students his main priority. Although the course wasn't easy, he made obtaining a good grade, and understanding the material achievable as long as the necessary work was put into the course. He provided information that applied to students lives outside of the course and provided information about our futures. BEST PROF EVER.
Sarah Perin	sperin	While Research Methods/Statistics generally isn't my area of interest, David made the class fun, which encouraged me and many other students to come to each and every class. I am in my fourth year, and he is BY FAR the best professor I have ever had. His teaching methods were excellent and he always clarified different aspects of research methods to the point that I could walk out of class feeling stress-free (it's a nice feeling!) I absolutely loved listening to music while waiting for the lecture to begin, and his many jokes that somehow always related to the course content. I am happy to have had the opportunity to be taught by David Walters.
Lorne Maxwell	lmaxwell	Professor Walters is an excellent instructor. He is enthusiastic about the course material and always willing to help his students. The course material can be tough at times, but he is always present to help when asked.
Taylor Campbell	tcampb06	David Walters is the best professor I've had so far in my university career.
Allyson Florence	aflorenc	Best prof I've had thus far
Craig D'Addario	cdaddari	It is very clear that David Walters put a lot of effort into his lectures in order to keep the interest of his students. He was a very charismatic and thorough teacher. He broke down subjects that many students found difficult into smaller parts (math, SPSS) in order for it to be learned easily.

Chloe Schleichkorn	cschleic	This class does not contain the most interesting content, but Professor Walters kept the class engaged all semester. It was by far my favourite class, as he brought in very creative ways to teach and ensured our understanding of the content. His availability to help throughout the semester and the final project was above and beyond, and he didn't only teach us the course's content but he taught us life skills that we could go on and use in our future. He was extremely motivating, supporting and caring. My hope is that I get the opportunity to have David Walters teach another one of my courses in the future.
Katrina Walsh	kwalsh06	This class was well taught. I always felt I had support from both my professor and TA's throughout the semester. They were always available to help me understand the topics I was unsure about. Everyone went out of their way to help us with the final project. It could be organized more efficiently. Walter's is a fantastic prof and really did make stats more interesting than I ever imagined it could be.
Jenine Vanofwegen	jvanofwe	David Walters is a great professor. He is always upbeat and makes sure that he does everything he can to ensure that we all succeed. After recently finishing the final assignment, I strongly believe that there should be a lab portion to this course as it would be very beneficial to all students.
Talya Icgoren	ticgoren	David has made this subject, which I generally wouldn't have been interested in, one of my favourite classes to attend. I love his way of teaching and the way he really understands what we are going through as university students. The extra effort he puts into his students, such as the live chats on courselink before each exam, made me feel he really cares that we do well in this course. He is definitely my favourite prof. that I have had so far!
Chaelen Crew	ccrew	Professor David Walters is by far my favourite professor I have had in university to date. Through his lectures he ensured to always answer any questions we had and would encourage us to ask questions and not be afraid or embarrassed to. Mr. Walter's lectures were extremely clear and concise, as well he always gave it a special touch by making them funny at times thus keeping our attention. Mr. Walter's encouraged us to go to his office hours or to email him with any concerns. Before midterms he set up a chat for the whole class where we could ask him questions and he would help us. This was his own time that he gave up in order to help us. It is really clear that Mr. Walters wanted us not only to succeed in his class but moreover, in life. He is a very inspiring professor and should honestly be commended for all that he does for his students. Thanks for a great term!
Tara Hendy	hendyt	Professor Walters is the best professor I have ever had. He kept the class engaged at all times and it was the only class I attended 100%, not 98%, 99%.. 100%. He was very funny, very thorough and very encouraging. He dedicated his time to "pep" talks prior to and following midterms and assignments. He used personal experience combined with humour to maintain the attention of the class. He made a video of how to get to his office from our class room to show people how to get there and it was quite humorous.. but worked! He was always available and always answered questions to the best of his ability. I truly hope to have Professor Walters as a professor again in years to come.
Gabrielle Forget	gforget	This course was very relatable to my major of Criminal Justice and Public Policy, but what made it stand out from my other courses is Professor David Walters. He is one of the best professors I have ever had. He teaches his lecture at a fair pace, in a clear manner, and always asked the class if anyone had any questions. He held weekly office hours and highly encouraged us to go see him then, or to make an appointment at another time. The night before our midterms and final exam, he held an online chat for the class in order for us to ask him and TAs last minute questions we may have. When I went to see him in his office hours to review my midterms, he went through the exams question by question with me, and explained anything I didn't understand. As for the final project in the course, he provided us with as much help as he possibly could. He held in-class labs and many extra office hours in order to meet the demand of help needed. He took some of his personal time to help us with the assignment. Overall, Professor David Walters is a great professor, who always went above and beyond in order to help us, make sure we understood material. He went out of his way to provide us with as much help as he possibly could, and I think I speak on behalf of most students in his course when I say it was greatly appreciated.
Kelsey Taylor	ktaylo11	Professor Walters is definitely one of the best profs I have ever had. He managed to make what I expected to be a dull class my favourite. He is more approachable than any prof I have ever had, and made the class feel like he really did want to be there for us. He could not have made the material any clearer and made sure to repeat difficult points until he was sure the class was on board. I will arranging the rest of my schedule around what he teaches in the future.
David Rashty	drashty	Professor Walters displayed an inspiring array of teaching skills and tools that significantly helped my learning process. His combination of professionalism and realness was proven to be a potent one. The amount of in and out of class help he had offered was nothing short of incredible and he truly wanted all of his students to succeed. Although not a popular course, Professor Walters had made it undeniably engaging. It is bittersweet that I will not be failing the course as I would love to take it again with Professor Walters.

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The material in the course was hard to grasp, but the way the professor explained and kept going over the material was very helpful and made the material easier to understand.
Professor Walters should teach a course for professors on how to be an affective professor. By far the best professor I have ever had