

Signed Comments

SOAN*2120 02 - F12 - David Walters

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Name	ID	Comments
Stephany Codd	scodd	I do find this class difficult, so it has been difficult keeping up with everything going on, sometimes a lot of information is passed in class and very quickly! You need to print out the slides before hand otherwise you won't get everything down. BUT the Prof and TA's were very wonderful at helping and always very friendly. Always had a laugh in class, Walters tried his best to make it engaging and also was very supportive and encouraging through-out the term.
Davina Battistelli	dbattist	This course was the most well organized, clear and enjoyable one I was enrolled in this semester. The instructor was motivating and incredibly helpful. Some of the material was intimidating but it was made manageable by all of the extra help and explanations given by the professor. It was an incredibly enjoyable course.
Samantha Neary	nearys	I can sincerely say that I would not be passing this class if David was not my professor. When I first realized I needed to take a course about statistics, I was worried about my success because I hadn't taken math since grade 11, nor was I very good at math then either. One of the first few classes David addressed how he would teach us all how to understand these statistics concepts without being good at math. David goes over the issues and breaks them down to such simple steps in a way that you clearly understand. Every class David talks about his office hours, as well of the TA's, and explains how important it is that we reach out for help if needed. His two midterms were extremely fair and I actually ended up getting better grades on the midterms than anticipated. I soon realized I understood more of the course material than I thought I did. David is a fantastic professor, and other students in the class or students I know that have had him, also have nothing but positive things to say about him!!
Morgan Richter	mrichter	David Walters has been the best prof thus far, and Brad Stewart has been by far the best TA - always available to help!!
Lauren Harbottle	lharbott	Both and the professor and lead TA have been excellent all semester in both explaining material and being available outside of class to help. This professor goes above and beyond when it comes to teaching and I have learnt a great deal from this course. I appreciate the time put it to make sure that students understand.
Rachel Vander Vennen	rvanderv	Professor Walters was excellent for wanting to make sure we really understood the material. He presented course material clearly and went at a pace that was good for a class of uneasy statistics newbies. He made lectures entertaining (which is a feat) and truly cared that we knew what was going on, that we were doing well, and that we were grasping the material.
Brye-Anne Maniaccio	bmaniacc	Always enjoyable to attend class. David is encouraging and readily available to help students. He is relatable and the way in which material is taught is relevant to his students. David always ensures students do their best on order to succeed in his course but to also be knowledgeable of opportunities past graduation. The tools learnt in this class will be used in all aspect of my careers.
Rachel McLean	rmclea01	David Walters is the best professor I've had in university thus far. It's a difficult course for arts kids but he does his very best to help us understand. He is very motivational and at times when I wanted to give up, he has encouraged the class to keep going. He always includes humour in his lectures and is pretty hilarious. It gives us comic relief we often need. He always stresses if we need help, he's there to give it. I plan on going to get help later this week for our upcoming paper. His midterms have been more than fair, but still challenging. He brought a storm trooper into our midterm. Best prof ever.
Leah Ditchfield	lditchfi	Only at times the lecture slides are moved through too quickly, but I understand there is a certain amount that has to be covered each class. That is the only "improvement" I have, and that just might be me thinking that. The final assignment is definitely out of my comfort zone, but he and the TAs have literally done everything to make it possible for us to achieve a decent grade. He holds office hours, and lab hours. He also provided two of our classes to be labs so we could each get individual help during our scheduled class time. I don't believe I will do great in this course, however that is not on him or the TAs at all. I just find the course material somewhat challenging and also have other commitments from other courses and a job. However, that all being sad, Professor Walters is by far the best instructor I have had here at the University of Guelph. By far.
Kristen Osuszek	kosuszek	David was an unbelievable professor. His engagement with the class made a boring concept more enjoyable and was always willing to help the students out. Guelph needs more professors like david because he truly cares about the students and wants to help his students excel in his course which could be difficult for most students.
Kayley Deline	kdeline	David has been an incredible professor - my favourite professor so far at university. His lectures are engaging and you can see that by the class attendance. David was always available during his office hours and was of great assistance each time. He responded to his e-mails quickly and efficiently. It was great! The course content was tough but there was no reason to fail the course whatsoever.Help was always available! His T.A.'s were great as well!
Jessica Pollitt	jpollitt	This is my absolute favourite teacher by far in all my years of schooling. The ability to add humour into such a serious lecture really awakens my personal ability to pay closer attention. All of the funny personal references, grades, and videos are motivation to do better and study more to improve, just as prof Walters has through his years of schooling. I really enjoyed the semester, hoping to have him as a teacher again in my remaining years of university!
Tanya Werger	twerger	While he is extremely engaging in class and presents the material clearly, he is very reluctant to answer questions and be of help during his office hours. Despite that he highly encourages students to attend.

Morgan Sage	msage	For a course I did not have an interest or much understanding of, David kept my attention with his stories/examples, jokes, movie and song references, and constant energy. A fantastic professor!
Ann Woodhouse	awoodhou	Couldn't do a better job, this prof knows whats up.
Michelle Lederman	mlederma	Great Professor. Always was available for extra help and was always willing to help students do better in the course. Took the time to motivate students. Best Professor I have had.
Patrick Stroyan	pstroyan	Please continue to teach the way you are! To date, you have been the best prof I have had. Very willing to help with every aspect of the course.
Sydney Kerslake	skerslak	Such a great prof! So funny and relatable
Heather Luz	hluz	Firstly, I would like to state that I think David Walters is an excellent professor; He is very engaging, and it's obvious that he cares about the success of his students. Secondly, I would like to comment on the course content with specific regard to the research assignment. Although it's important to know how to conduct research via SPSS software, I think that using this software pertains more so to a research 'statistics' course, not a research 'methods' course. I feel as though If David wants his students to understand how to use SPSS then the extent of this knowledge should not exceed examinations. Since the class was very large (~150 students), and did not have a lab, it was very difficult to receive help on how to use SPSS; I sat in class for half an hour with my hand up for help before I received it. So, I think that SPSS should not be a requirement to succeed in this course as there are other statistics courses (PSYC 2040) that pertain specifically to research related inquiries, including the use of SPSS. Finally, if David feels as though he wants to continue using SPSS I suggest him teach students on the basics of the software but only test their understanding of it through examinations.
Ashlee Victor	avictor	Overall enjoyed the class. The content is a little dry and not so interesting but the professor and TA Brad Seward make it worth attending and increase your desire to strive to do well for the sake of respect for the professor.
Kristopher Armstrong	kristoph	David, you should offer public speaking seminars. You are a master of your art.
Chantel Dionisio	cdionisi	This instructor has not only given us all the tools to succeed but is truly an effective and stimulating teacher. He honestly makes me want to come to class everyday. He sees things from a students perspective and I think that's an essential part of being a prof. He goes above and beyond for his students and puts in extra effort when it isn't even required. I have never had a prof treat his students with the integrity and respect as he has. I am so glad that I was able to take this class with him and can say he has been my favorite prof ever.
Lauren Hotchkiss	lhotchki	Dr. Walters always gives instructions in a very clear manner, while explaining challenging materials a number of ways so the entire class can understand. He encourages his class to succeed and is always available for additional help, to insure his students success. Dr. Walters made Statistics enjoyable. Bravo!
Brett Leslie	leslieb	I believe this course, taught by Dr. Walters, is what every course in university should be like. This means establishing a learning atmosphere rather than an opportunity to receive marks. This course material has practical use outside of the university, and David Walters made sure we knew it. Rather than the typical lecture of a professor talking and the student writing notes in order to be used later in an exam; Dr. Walters made the experience of learning evident and went beyond just lecturing for everyone to get a good grade in the class. Therefore, I believe many professors could learn something from Dr. Walters' style of teaching and would indeed benefit the university learning experience. If there was a time to consideration promotion or a raise, I believe, as many others would agree, David Walters deserves it.
Naomi Max	nmax	The class was done very well. Professor Walters encouraged students to come to his office hours, but I often felt embarrassed or stupid when I asked him questions, and that I was more confused when I felt. Other than that, he is a fantastic professor.
Catherina Saycocie	csaycoci	Keep on doing what you do never thought this course would be fun and engaging. You made this course easy to understand and follow, especially for people who do not like math.
Adam Thomas	athoma02	Questions were encouraged and answered clearly. Feedback was clear and constructive. Professor and TA's made themselves very accessible for assistance.
Jessica Frohlich	jfrohlic	Although I didn't end up needed to take the course as a requirement, I decided to take it anyway. As research methods is not my strongest subject I had difficulty but David and the TA's were very helpful when I had any questions or concerns. I found the content useful for future opportunities I may encounter and David's enthusiasm make the class much more enjoyable and interactive - Jessica Frohlich
Allison Nesbitt	nesbitt	-the prof gave great class examples and examples relating to his own life -he was very personable and approachable to seek help - very committed to helping his students and making them do the best they can

Taylor Grant	tgrant	This course has easily been my favorite that i have taken so far. The content was very useful and the final assignment was a really great way to get some hands on experience with the concepts we covered. The material wasn't always thrilling and easy but Prof. Walters did a spectacular job of keeping it interesting and easy to understand through humour, visuals, audio clips, and games. I especially loved when the professor would do things like encourage us to pay attention by peppering his lecture with subtle and not so subtle references to popular culture and offering rewards for students who could guess all the references correctly. He also encouraged us not to cheat during the midterms by bringing in a scary storm trooper! Well played Professor, well played! Beside the fun he was able to bring to statistics, he also did a great job at making sure everyone understood the content. In my mind, he did the most thorough job of going through the content and offering multiple examples to ensure that everyone fully understood. He also went out of his way to make sure that he offered ample office hours and in-class, hands on help with the final project. I can honestly say I enjoyed every moment of class and looked forward to going. It was obvious that Prof. Walters really enjoys teaching and puts the success of his students above everything else! I have yet to have a class that kept me interested and attending class throughout the entire semester and Professor Walters deserves a ton of credit! Thanks for the awesome semester!
Sarah Chlan	schlan	Professor Walters makes even the most complicated theories in his class understandable. He is always more than willing to explain material more than once and teaches the course in a manner where you want to attend and even look forward to the lectures. Although the course content seem challenging when explained in the first lecture, Professor Walters made sure to emphasize he would be there to help students every step of the way, and that he did. Introduction to Research Methods was a class that I dreaded all summer, David Walters turned it into one that I did not want to end.
Lily Gamble	lgamble	Professor David Walters is by far the best professor I have ever had the opportunity to study under. He consistently went beyond the expectations of the instructor to ensure the highest level of understanding for all of his students. Hosting online discussions and meeting in his own time made success in the class possible for many students who would have struggled to do so otherwise. Professor Walters went above and beyond to ensure the high well-being of his students academically and emotionally throughout the semester. The University of Guelph benefits greatly from professors such as David Walters, and I hope to encounter more instructors who are as committed and effective as he is in teaching.
Theresa Yuill	tyuill	I did not particularly enjoy this course. It feels as if I have not learned anything that is of value. However, I do understand that research methods is a difficult course to make interesting, and stimulating. One piece of constructive criticism that I would give would be to not dumb down the course too much. It takes away from the integrity of what we are supposed to be learning. For example, spending nearly two weeks on calculating the standard deviation and variance is not needed. Even though many students struggle with statistics and math-related concepts, if they still do not understand it after the lecture, extra help outside the classroom is something they should be seeking. There was also a lot of 'filler content' that students do not need to be taught (and I do not think was in the curriculum). One thing that really stood out in my mind was the class right after the midterm that lectured about getting your masters, going off into medical school, or other things in that nature. This information is helpful to a third or fourth year class but when one is teaching to a class that consists of nearly all first year students, I would think that only a small fraction is thinking that far in advance. I feel as if there was great potential to learn many things in this course, however, the execution and manner in which it was taught did not allow for it to happen.
Emily Pitre	pitree	This was a very interesting and informative course! I was a little apprehensive because I thought it would be boring, but Professor Walters did an amazing job of engaging the class and making it interesting. He set every student up to succeed, and I thoroughly enjoyed his class.
Alison Sumner	asumner	An extremely enthusiastic, relatable and caring professor. Works hard with the TAs and students to maximize support for success. Also distinguished himself from other professors, in that he spent time discussing the application of course knowledge and skills with respect to job opportunities and future academic pursuits.
Kaitlyn Hunt	khunt01	David is an outstanding professor. He always makes time for his students. David truly wants everyone in the class to do well as well as actually understand the material. I enjoy going to his class he motivates people not only with his class, with other classes and their future careers. David has given information about where to go in deciding on a career. You can tell his main focus is on his students. My major is sociology, and in the future I plan on searching for classes that David is teaching and enrolling myself in the classes just because he's such a good professor. I've been to his office hours and he won't let you leave unless your question has been answered and you truly understand the material. He's very motivational. His TA's have done an outstanding job at ensuring all the students understand the material as well. I think the reason the TA's were so well is because David motivated them to help all of us. I will recommend younger students in taking David's class because he is an excellent professor. He creates online chats for the students the night before every midterm and final. He takes time out of his night to make sure all of our questions are answered and that we understand what he's talking about. Statistics is difficult for many students, and I feel like this statistics course was enjoyable for the simple reason of David. Every lecture he makes a joke and engages with students. I haven't spoken to one person who doesn't like David as a professor! Our final assignment is quite difficult and David has put the most effort in ensuring we all know what were doing and that were on the right track. David should be allowed to have Lab hours, I think that he would use them effectively and it would benefit the students too.
Jordan Murphy	jmurph06	SOAN 2120 was a required course that I had to take for one of my majors. I am absolutely horrible at anything that has to do with math. Professor Walters was the best professor I could have been assigned for this class. He is funny, insightful, and he actually cares about the success of his students. I enjoyed attending this class everyday. Although I didn't do the best on the midterms, Professor Walters took time out of lectures to remind students that one bad grade won't ruin our future. He is an inspiring teacher and I am very thankful I had him to teach me this course :)
Robyn Arnold	arnoldr	Professor Walters was an amazing instructor. He made his classes so captivating. He was always available for extra help outside of class, and was very effective at clarifying questions. The final project was a bit confusing at first, but with all the extra help from him (in lecture step by step instructions) and the TA Brad, most questions were fully cleared up. Robyn Arnold 0766457
Cassandra Mingolini	cmingoli	My favorite prof. He is fun, charming, smart, and entertaining. He captivates his students and really cares about each individual. Loved this class and will continue with research courses because of him.

Michelle McMorris	mmcmorri	David Walters is a fantastic prof, this was not my strongest grade but was probably my favourite class to attend. He encouraged us all to achieve a better mark and it really did help me. He strongly encouraged us all to visit him during his office hours and was extremely welcoming, he is the best!!
Victoria Wrobel	vwrobel	David Walters is an excellent professor and really made this class enjoyable. His humour and understanding made the class come alive! Math and statistics is not my strong suit but with his clear and interactive ways of teaching, I was able to grasp the concepts of the course. He went above and beyond to help his students! Amazing professor.
Paige Miron	pmiron	Empowering. One of the best instructors I've had in my 3 semesters at the University of Guelph. Extremely encouraging.
Daniel Cuzzolino	dcuzzoli	I usually do not submit these course feedback forms but in Professor Walters case I believed it was a necessity. Professor Walters was an absolutely phenomenal professor in making each and every single effort in order to ensure we had the best tools available in order to help us in our learning. He went above and beyond the call of duty in attempting to help the students in his class through his course. An inspiring teacher I would happily take a class offered by him again. Thank you very much Professor Walters for all the support it is greatly appreciated.
Jade Kutchaw	jkutchaw	There couldn't have been a better professor for the course than David Walters. As a class filled with students where math isn't there strong point professor Walters kept the class engaged and entertained. Not only was he able to teach the course material but he was very relatable. He understood how we felt with each part of the course (ex. unenthusiastic about math) and continued to encourage us to stick with him. He made promises of assistance and support and he never let the class down.
Hannah Goldberg	goldberg	He did everything he possibly could to give all students the opportunity for success in the class. Particularly I liked how the night before the midterms and the final exam he has an online chat for any final questions anyone may have. I would not have gone to this class if the lectures were not so dynamic and involving but all semester I only missed 1 lecture
Erin Kinkade	ekinkade	David Walters is a great professor! I strongly believe I would have dropped this course or be failing by now if he wasn't the professor. He is great at explaining steps and understands this is a difficult course for most students. I never once felt stupid for asking a question or that I couldn't approach him. I will encourage everyone who needs to take a course like this, or any course David teaches to go ahead with it. One of the best professors I will have in my university career!
Morgan Basile	mbasile	I was dreading this class, not a big fan of math but David made it interesting, completely doable and one of my favourite classes! I enjoyed the class and his instruction made everything clearer.
Garly Chen	garly	I think David Walters is one of the best professors at the University. He cares about helping his students and is very helpful when doing so.
Michael Gilmour	mgilmour	One of the best profs I've ever had. Very passionate about helping students and helping them reach their potential. Kudos to UoG for hiring this young chap, great guy and great prof.

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