

**Term** Summer 2022      **Course** CGSC S165 01/PHIL S165 01 - Phil & Cog Sci PHIL of Consciousness      **Primary Dept** PHIL      **Enrolled:** 31  
**Responded:** 11

**Instructors**

Blake-Turner, Joanna (P)

**#1 What knowledge, skills, and insights did you develop by taking this course?**

**Instructor:** Blake-Turner, Joanna

**Declined to Answer Question:** 3

Respondent	Answer
1601719	A deep understanding of consciousness and the issues surrounding it today.
1601758	This course not only included the knowledge of consciousness but also led us to think thoroughly about the different ideas. As an area that hasn't been indeed developed, this course taught me that do not easily draw a conclusion and consider things with different aspects.
1602003	This material of this course was very eye-opening for me. We examined something that we thought we are familiar with, consciousness, and discovered just how mysterious it is through different scientific theories. This course truly provided me the skills to analyze arguments, think critically and creatively, and most importantly, it encouraged me to not be afraid to challenge preconceived belief structures.
1602056	I learned about consciousness from both a philosophical viewpoint and a neuroscientific one. Very in-depth, especially given the short summer semester
1602080	I learned about the philosophical work that had been done into understanding consciousness. I also learned how to engage with philosophical texts and write for philosophy.
1602298	I gained a significantly greater understanding of consciousness and the many theories that attempt to explain it.
1602461	I learned about various theories concerning the phenomena of consciousness and how each of these theories compare and contrast. I gained knowledgeable insight about the true definition of consciousness, alongside learning about the "hard problem" and the "easy problem" of consciousness. By listening to my peers, I was able to gain perspective from others regarding each of these theories and how these perspectives relate to my understanding of consciousness.
1602468	This course involved a lot of reading and independent research, which enhanced my reading and writing skills. At the same time, the small group discussions improved my communication skills.

**#2 Your level of engagement with the course was:**

**Instructor:** Blake-Turner, Joanna

**Declined to Answer Question: 1**

**Average and Standard Deviation**

**Question Average**

4.2 ±0.8

**Dept**

4.1 ±0.8

**School**

4.2 ±0.9

<b>Choice Label</b>	<b>Counts</b>
Very Low	0
Low	0
Medium	2
High	4
Very High	4

### #3 What are the strengths and weaknesses of this course and how could it be improved?

Instructor: Blake-Turner, Joanna

Declined to Answer Question: 4

Respondent	Answer
1601719	Strengths: Incredible teacher Weakness: none
1601758	The course is reasonably structured. It helped me to understand consciousness from the shallow to the deep, and the reading before the course helped me to better preview each different concept. Joanna is responsible and willing to help students who don't know much about the field.
1602003	From the very beginning, our instructor made the course structure and evaluation criteria extremely clear. In the process, she and the TFs were also extremely understanding toward different students' needs and backgrounds, ensuring every student can get something out of the class. I really think it couldn't have been any better!
1602056	Very well-organized probably the best class Ive taken online! The only drawback was I wished the class a little more interactive, which was probably an artifact of it existing over Zoom.
1602080	Strengths: great content and structure. There was a good mix of different types of readings, and they were approachable but still challenging. The course was designed to promote student success; the reading responses in particular were very helpful for assessing my understanding of the course material.
1602461	- More application of knowledge regarding theories (i.e reading quizzes, pop quizzes, etc.). -More research activity within groups rather alone.
1602468	This course places equal emphasis on both the philosophical and psychological aspect of consciousness. Therefore, I think that the intersection of both these realms is its strength. I dont think the course had any weaknesses.

#### #4 What is your overall assessment of this course?

Instructor: Blake-Turner, Joanna

Declined to Answer Question: 1

#### Average and Standard Deviation

Question Average

4.7 ±0.5

Dept

4.4 ±1.0

School

4.1 ±1.0

Choice Label	Counts
Poor	0
Fair	0
Good	0
Very Good	3
Excellent	7

**#5 The course was well organized to facilitate student learning.**

Instructor: Blake-Turner, Joanna

Declined to Answer Question: 1

**Average and Standard Deviation**

**Question Average**

4.8 ±0.4

**Dept**

4.5 ±0.7

**School**

4.2 ±0.9

Choice Label	Counts
Strongly Disagree	0
Disagree	0
Neutral	0
Agree	2
Strongly Agree	8

**#6 I received clear feedback that improved my learning.**

**Instructor:** Blake-Turner, Joanna

**Declined to Answer Question: 1**

**Average and Standard Deviation**

**Question Average**

4.5 ±0.7

**Dept**

4.4 ±1.0

**School**

4.1 ±1.0

<b>Choice Label</b>	<b>Counts</b>
Strongly Disagree	0
Disagree	0
Neutral	1
Agree	3
Strongly Agree	6

**#7 Relative to other courses you have taken at Yale, the level of intellectual challenge of this course was:**

**Instructor:** Blake-Turner, Joanna

**Declined to Answer Question:** 1

**Average and Standard Deviation**

**Question Average**

3.5 ±0.8

**Dept**

3.5 ±0.8

**School**

3.4 ±0.9

<b>Choice Label</b>	<b>Counts</b>
Much Less	0
Less	0
Same	7
Greater	1
Much Greater	2

**#8 Relative to other courses you have taken at Yale, the workload of this course was:**

**Instructor:** Blake-Turner, Joanna

**Declined to Answer Question: 2**

**Average and Standard Deviation**

**Question Average**

2.9 ±0.9

**Dept**

3.1 ±0.8

**School**

3.3 ±1.0

<b>Choice Label</b>	<b>Counts</b>
Much Less	0
Less	3
Same	5
Greater	0
Much Greater	1



**#9 Would you recommend this course to another student? Please explain.**

Instructor: Blake-Turner, Joanna

Declined to Answer Question: 3

Respondent	Answer
1601719	Yes, great class
1601758	I would highly recommend this course to people who are or are not currently studying philosophy. The schedule of the course is well organized which makes students have a good path in learning.
1602003	Definitely. This class really helped me acquire the tools to see the world around me under a new light.
1602056	Absolutely! The TAs and professors were very knowledgeable and extremely helpful and accommodating.
1602080	Absolutely! Youll learn so much and have a great time doing so! This is a great intro philosophy class.
1602298	Yes, this course is a great introduction to psychology and philosophy.
1602461	I would definitely recommend this course to another student, seeing as I had an awesome time learning about the topic-- I think this is a great course for any students like me interested in STEM based classes that have hints of humanities practices to them.
1602468	I would recommend this course to someone who is interested in cognitive science because it opens their minds to a completely different philosophical aspect to psychology.

**#10 Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor. In what ways was their teaching effective and in what ways could their teaching be improved?**

**Instructor:** Blake-Turner, Joanna

**Declined to Answer Question: 2**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1601719	Very good at teaching, instilling knowledge, helping her students grow academically. No improvement necessary.
1601758	I haven't had many summer sections, but Joanna deserves to be the best teacher. She is patient and knowledgeable. She is supportive of students' curiosity and personal understanding.
1601765	Very involved. Cares a lot and makes sure that every person is heard and that all questions are answered. One of the most involved and best professors I have had at Yale.
1602003	Joanna made every class fun and engaging. She presented complex materials in comprehensible ways, and always took the time to make sure every student is on track and provided further explanations to anyone who needed them. Her dedication to her students was also evident outside of class, when she stayed behind for hours at a time after class periods to answer students' questions or engage in further one to one discussions. She is truly a passionate teacher who cares about her students' growth.
1602056	She was super-organized and helpful, meeting students where they were. She made material super accessible. Would recommend any class shes teaching!
1602080	Strengths: very knowledgeable and great at explaining concepts simply; also a super nice person! Weaknesses: none
1602298	Joanna has been an amazing educator and ensured that I was retaining the information learned in her class.
1602461	Dr. Lawson was awesome! Her lectures were thorough and she answered each and every question in depth. She never let a question go unanswered and she listened to the concerns of students! I think the way she applies herself to her work is absolutely beautiful and it is incredibly apparent she is passionate about her students and what she teaches.
1602468	Firstly, I thought that Professor Turner was always energetic and enthusiastic and constantly encouraged her students to speak. She went to huge lengths to raise class participation and answered to every question posted on the zoom chat or asked verbally. The only thing I think she could have done more was perhaps to include more videos about the topic since constant lecturing can get overwhelming.

**#11 The Canvas course site allowed me to identify and access required course materials easily.**

**Instructor:** Blake-Turner, Joanna

**Declined to Answer Question: 1**

<b>Choice Label</b>	<b>Counts</b>
Strongly Disagree	0
Disagree	0
Neutral	0
Agree	1
Strongly Agree	9

