

## Highlights from Student Comments on Anonymous Evaluations

S18 Medical Ethics (Two Sections)

Josh DiPaolo

### Section 1

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**Student 1:** “I love the open debates you allow to happen in class. Your teaching style is edgy and refreshing. This not the average philosophy class.”

**Student 2:** “This class is one of my favorites I have taken here at KSU and I haven’t ever had to think this deeply for a class before.”

**Student 4:** “Josh is one of the best professors I’ve had. He interacts with students, cares about the material, and is very understanding. ... It was the perfect balance of him explaining material and guiding us to dive deeper into understanding the material.”

**Student 7:** “The class was structured in a really great way to stimulate philosophical thought in the medical field. Really enjoyed.”

**Student 8:** “You took a subject that most of us haven’t looked into deeply and made all of us challenge things as “philosophers.” Impressive and I had a ton of fun in this class.”

**Student 9:** “I loved this class! You do a good job of facilitating discussion on controversial topics while keeping the discussion respectful.”

**Student 11:** “Josh is by far one of the best teachers I have ever had. ... He took the time to comment on my assignments so I knew how to improve each time.”

**Student 12:** “Obviously cares about students & material greatly. Forces us to think critically on material which I appreciate.”

**Student 14:** “You are a great teacher & super friendly”

**Student 16:** “It is rare that I have a teacher outside of the typical STEM class that can remain unbiased. I am so glad this class was different. Josh did a great job at mediating discussion in a constructive and fair way. I honestly have no idea what his opinions are.”

**Student 18:** “Really enjoyed this class. Appreciated the laid back, yet still professional attitude. It made class all the more enjoyable. Keep up the great teaching.”

**Student 20:** “This is one of the best classes I’ve had at K-State. ... it is applicable, it is taught very well, I have no complaints. Thanks for an awesome semester!”

**Student 21:** “Josh is a gem of a professor. I would be very disappointed if he doesn’t have tenure. Josh’s passion for philo really inspired me to reconsider working in the field of ethics; before taking this class I hated PHILO w/ a passion—now I love it. It’s rare to see a prof that ACTUALLY cares about his students. The only sad thing is I wish Josh could teach all of my classes. Great professor, greater person! =)”

**Student 23:** “I was slightly apprehensive about taking this course because I had heard negative opinions about previous professors & students having to cater to their ideas to receive a good grade,

but that was not at all the case here. I love this course & it's likely one of my favorite/most applicable courses I've taken. I really liked how the beginning of every class was a review & a good segue into the next topic!"

**Student 24:** "This has been one of my favorite classes."

**Student 25:** "I had a great time in this class. It was so interesting and went by fast everyday. What I learned will help me a lot in the long run. Thanks for everything!"

**Student 26:** "I really enjoyed this class. I admire how you completely took your opinions out of the class and presented both sides and then let discussion happen."

**Student 27:** "Great instructor and awesome class. I enjoyed the positive atmosphere in our class All of the readings were very interesting and taught me a lot"

**Student 29:** "Professor DiPaolo is honestly my favorite teacher I have had here at K-State and I am a senior if that says anything. He is so pleasant and kind and always want to help his students understand. He relates to us as a class very well and knows how to make us feel comfortable and unintimidated about ethics."

## **Section 2**

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**Student 1:** "Overall I really enjoyed this class. The topics were challenging, but I loved how the focus of the class was on learning and "seeking truth." Dr. D did a great job presenting in a neutral manner. 10/10 I feel more prepared to face medical ethical dilemmas in my future career."

**Student 3:** "Josh is a fantastic teacher! He explains things in a very modern way and makes the class enjoyable. Everything about this class is awesome!"

**Student 4:** "Great professor!!!"

**Student 5:** "I really enjoyed the variety of materials, the readings, videos, & podcasts gave a wide range of information."

**Student 7:** "I have enjoyed this class immensely. Josh is an incredible professor who clearly cares about his students and what they take from his class. I have never had a professor who has encouraged me to think about different topics on a deeper level. I have nothing that I could recommend changing because his class is constructed to well."

**Student 9:** "I was not looking forward to taking a philosophy class, but I thoroughly enjoyed medical ethics. ... I really enjoyed your class and getting out of my comfort zone when it comes to discussing tough issues. I feel way more confident doing that after taking this class."

**Student 10:** "I appreciate the time & effort you invest in commenting on all of our assignments. I also appreciate your flexibility with the class & with students. ... My only wish is that you had office hours at another time so that I could go more often."

**Student 12:** "Thanks for being a caring and passionate instructor! I was hesitant about taking a philosophy course, but the way you structured the class made it easy to come to class ready to learn. ... Overall, I feel like my ideas about med ethics have become more clear thanks to this class."

**Student 14:** “This course was much more applicable than I would have thought & I appreciate how you taught it without bias & teaching us also respect both sides of these types of argument. I believe this course has prepared me to ask more questions & look for more angles behind people’s arguments instead of taking @ face value.”

**Student 15:** “You are one of the best professors I have had at K-State... You are very understanding also, and I wish more professors were like that!”

**Student 17:** “I have taken one philosophy class before this and I did not enjoy it because the teacher was not neutral on all topics so the class seemed bias at times. You’ve done a great job at staying neutral and seeing both sides of the arguments. Amazing job!”

**Student 21:** “Overall, this class has been extremely enlightening and informing. At times reading such high level articles (potentially many times a week) got a bit overwhelming. Other than that I loved this class.”

**Student 22:** “I really enjoyed the class! It helped me to think about lots of important issues in a new way. It was a challenging but not stressful course which I think is perfect.”

**Student 23:** “Josh thank you for enabling us to think deeply about ethical issues, this class was enjoyable.”

**Student 24:** “Overall, I feel like this class has helped me become a better critical thinker. Thank you for everything!”

**Student 25:** “Josh’s approach to teaching has been the most beneficial learning environment I have been a part of at K-State. ... Other professors should follow his format—he is truly a spectacular instructor.”

**Student 26:** “Josh has been my best professor at KSU, he is very intelligent on the topics & helps the students constantly. His way of teaching is easy to follow while also challenging us to think further. I don’t think there is a single thing that I would want to change about him or the class.”

**Student 27:** “Fantastic professor!! His class was always something I looked forward to! ... Josh has made philosophy a topic I am super interested in now!! He is one of those teachers that inspires you to take more philo classes or become a philo major! ... I have LOVED! having Josh as a professor and can only say great things about his class and his teaching”

**Student 31:** “Before taking this class I was very nervous & hesitant. Now, it is my favorite class & I am so glad I took it. The material has been very applicable to my future profession & it has been taught in a way that I have been able to retain everything I have learned. Josh does a great job of being relatable & he makes the classroom atmosphere positive, even when discussing difficult things. Loved it all!”

**Student 32:** “DiPaolo made this class very interesting and fun. In a neutral manner, we were able to discuss very controversial topics. As a result, I am able to think more critically and be more vocal about different ethical areas.”