

**PHI 2000-002**  
**INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY**  
**THOMAS BROMMAGE**  
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<p>I think Tom is a great teacher. He really helped break down the confusing readings to an understandable level. Maybe next time other ways to get the reading across by other ways than straight from the book otherwise—Great!</p>
<p>The class should be taught in an actual classroom rather than a lecture hall. I would have enjoyed more content on the subject rather than having it be read to me. Prof. Brommage kept things interesting.</p>
<p>I had no real interest in philosophy. Just Gordon rule requirement and as such did not pay accurate attention.</p>
<p>This instructor was concise with the ideas presented in this course. The workload did not burden the class to the point where efficient learning, not solely regurgitation of lectures, could take place.</p>
<p>He read us our reading assignments straight out of the book, which discouraged us to do our reading. Explained material very well, though and interesting.</p>
<p>I thought that we could have done some different things in the class besides reading out of the text. I know the class was not really willing to talk (of all) ideas during class. I didn't like sitting in class listening to what was said from the text for two hours. A project or something would have been better.</p>
<p>I liked Tom's class. The only thing I did not like was reading the whole passage in class. We should be doing that on our own and he should then give us more explanation instead of reading it again. ☺</p>
<p>I had a lot of trouble with this class. It wasn't Brommage's fault. Its hard material and was a bit unwise to take it in such a short semester. I'm just glad there's a Summer B term so when I fail this class I can retake it and use grade forgiveness!</p>
<p>Tom was a great instructor and tried with all his might to get us interested in philosophy. My only problem was that the paper and final exam fall at the same time.</p>
<p>The only thing that I did not like about this class is coming to it and being read to. This is why you assign readings. Discussing them and being read them are two different things. I don't feel like I received a great understanding for any of it. Try lecture one day and group discussions another day.</p>
<p>Philosophy can get kind of boring, but Brommage does a pretty good job of explaining and trying to keep it interesting.</p>
<p>One of the best teachers I've had at USF the goes over material very detailed so you can understand. He asks everyone if they understand or need help constantly. Outstanding philosophy teacher. A++</p>
<p>Tom, I really enjoy this class you are very good teacher. Thank you for all your help. It was a fun and knowledgeable class!!!</p>
<p>This was my most challenging course at USF. Mr. Brommage was an excellent teacher. He is very knowledgeable and helped me to better understand the course. My advice for his next class is to not just read out of the book.</p>
<p>This class is generally boring, but Professor Brommage is really good at teaching the topic at hand. Very knowledgeable and very intelligent. Thanks.</p>

I had a good time in the class. Energetic teacher who related to his students. Genuine teacher with concern for students. Made philosophy Fun!!!

- Very specific expectations on what he wanted
- Always willing to help
- Outstanding teacher

Good teacher. Very animated and keep your attention. Taught kind of fusty. I felt that if would have been a lot easier to understand material if he broke it down in similar terms.

I felt that using some of the terminology from the more current works that we discussed at the end of the class to explain the earlier works at the beginning of the class caused some confusion.

I feel that the instructor could have better explained more of the points. I enjoyed that he read the readings aloud in class but he could have read slower and broken up the explanations more.

Mr. Brommage is an excellent instructor. Always willing to assist his students when they need help.

Great!

To me this class was very boring but yet difficult. I am glad I finished Thomas keep me from falling asleep sometimes.

I wasn't looking forward to taking this class but enjoyed it overall in the end. You could tell our instructor was interested in what he was teaching and I think that helped everyone to enjoy it more at all. The subject was thought well and the teacher was ready to help any of us that needed anything.

Once again, it is a pleasure to be in his class. If there ever was a class that was televised, that he taught, I would want to know. I won't be at this school anymore but would be more than willing to watch him teach again. He was always the kind of guy you love to watch teach because he'd maintain your interest simply by being the odd guy he is. He was my favorite teacher through my college career at USF and I will miss his class. Thanks Tom!

Mr. Brommage is great at what he does. You can honestly see that he has a passion for Philosophy and he puts a lot of work into it. He makes it fun, even though it can get boring at times. I would love to have him as my teacher again. Thank you

For a 6-week course on difficult material. Prof. Brommage did a great job. Prof. Brommage clearly knows his stuff and came to every class almost over-prepared. He was able to break the materials down into understandable "nuggets". His note pages were especially helpful. I do wish there would have been a little less of Prof. Brommage reading and more interaction. Though this particular set of students was tough to get to talk. I think the reading out loud, helped understanding but should have been limited to the big issues in the particular readings. Overall, Prof. Brommage did a good job and really sparked interest in me.

You did an excellent job! I have a few suggestions. First and most important, you might consider posting outlines of the main concepts you plan on discussing in class. At times, you speak too fast and this would help with that. Second, you might consider simply discussing the main ideas in each philosopher instead of reading their passages out loud; overall, it's been fun. Thank you.

The knowledge of the subject was definitely there, but the information was not clearly taught to the rest of the class.

<p>This course was very stimulating intellectually. The teacher went through each passage, reading and explaining the important concepts. The response papers were not very time-consuming. Even if you didn't read for homework you would be fine for class. He gave an exam review sheet to help with the studying. Effective class schedule.</p>
<p>I feel that our instructor knows the arguments of Philosophy &amp; those philosophers very well! I just hope that he instead of reading the readings in class, to more specify what the arguments mean so we can better understand them ourselves.</p>
<p>Since the subject of philosophy is a hard subject to teach, I think he did a good job. The classes were boring at times but I believe this is because of the subject he taught.</p>
<p>I still don't like philosophy much but I did learn something Pedagogically speaking, I would encourage more group work use of visuals of some sort and more time to write the final paper. I can not stand straight lecture because it's boring. Jokes did lighten up the class.</p>
<p>Tom, The class was considerably boring day after day. I think a good resolution to this problem would be to avoid reading directly from the book. This is a bad and boring idea. For example, the last class day you used the book to supplement what you were saying as opposed to supplementing the text with your knowledge. Thanks Tom you're a good guy.</p>
<p>This was my first time in a philosophy course and I found it hard at times in a philosophy course and I found it hard at times to follow along with the readings. He was a good instructor, but maybe could work on explaining things more rather than speaking as if we already knew them. Overall, it was a good experience.</p>
<p>I feel that you did a great job teaching this class. I am happy that I had it with you. You made the material easy to understand what was going on. Good job and good luck in the future.</p>

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<p>Tom is a very passionate teacher. He is concerned with students understanding of the material. He is readily available in and outside of class time to help. Tom also facilitates lively class discussion and he is open to amending the material he covers based on student interest. Good teacher!</p>
<p>Instructor showed care and responsibility from the beginning of class when he moved our environment to a smaller classroom, from this point on this class was much more open to discussion which helped everyone learn much more effectively. Instructor shows good teaching methods. Interacts well with students. Uses visual aids, instructs and lets students discuss topics as well. Also shows much patience and interest with every student's questions and concerns. The only negative criticism I can think of is for the instructor to have a little more of a teacher/student retention or separation. Not that the instructor fraternizes with students too much but this is the only neg. I can think of.</p>

The course material flowed well; discussion was very informative; time was the only problem (Heidegger esp.). Small class size was helpful and harmful. Criticism's not my thing...

A class that makes you think critically about your place in society, your thought process, your relations to people.

It was great. I enjoy everything I learned and will be reading this material outside of class even though, it is not my major.

As far as content goes, I cannot offer effective criticism since this is the only philosophy class I have ever taken and was clueless about philosophy before now.

Excellent class on a variety of thinkers. His excitement over the topics/thinkers made tough subject matter a lot easier to digest. He never made anyone feel stupid, which would have been very easy.

Brommage had a great teaching style. We had a lot of student-teacher interaction and we were able to openly discuss our thoughts and opinions. We had a course outline that was very interesting and we were able to follow through, as well as discuss other philosophers.

- The flexibility in deadlines was extremely relieving, no pressure to hurry.
- Maintaining open dialogue with students helped express alternative ideas.
- All around Hatred for Republicans is always a plus.