

SW 3202, Interventions In Community and Social Policy
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-I had no interest in this course when I registered. Allister's interactive style and experiential teaching methods drew me in and made this one of two outstanding courses I have had in 5 yrs. of education at this University. Allister loves to share his knowledge. It would be in the best interest of this institution to do what it takes to keep Allister here and to do what it takes to acquire more instructors with his talent to teach and his enthusiasm.

-Allister Butler is an excellent prof. When he teaches he teaches with the heart. I have learned alot from this class and his African perspective really helped move and motivate the class. It's nice to have a teacher that goes beyond what textbooks can teach.

-I don't test well at all. SW 3202 has been one of the very best classes I've had in 5 years of college. I learned a lot about policies and life. Allister was a very large part of that learning. He got me to think and he became a friend. Allister ranks in the top 3 of all-time favorite teachers.

-I am a third yr. student and have been at 2 colleges. Through this time I have encountered many instructors. Honestly, genuinely, and truthfully, I can say Allister has been the most motivating, empowering, and influential professor ever. He ahs deeply impacted views and inspired me to make change when I can, to stand by what I believe in, to challenge not only myself but others as well. His incredible talent to teach has made this class the best class I have ever taken. He is resourceful and makes learning enjoyable.

-I really enjoyed the format of the class - it was very helpful to have things other than striaght lecture incorporated. The music and videos gave a good diversion while emphasizing class material at the same time. Allister did an excellent job of teaching us in a way that captured our interest and motivated critical thinking.

-This was one of the last classes I have taken at the U of M and I feel that it was one of the best, in terms of knowledge gained and more importantly, putting the theories in a context in which they can be applied in a practical sense. The techniques used in class were inovative and the discussion was thought provoking. Allister really inspired me to think and made the class enjoyable.

-Allister is the best instructor I've had at the University of Minnesota. I felt motivated to do the assignments and I looked forward to coming to class. I also felt motivated to really learn the material and to go beyond the material. Thank you so much for everything Allister and good luck where ever you go.

-This has been one of the best classes I have taken here and a large part of that is due to Allister. I learned so much. The teaching style was great - with lectures, small group, and videos. Things were really clarified in class. This class gave a side to social work that I never really thought about. Tests were good tests of knowledge. Enjoyed it. Thanks.

-Allister I believe served not only to empower myself but all my classmates. He presented diverse material in a way that all the class could participate and voice their point of view while learning.

-He is the best instructor I have ever had! He made the material come alive, it was easy and fun to learn. He is very understanding and approachable. There should be more teachers like him. He deserves a huge pat on the back and a thank you! The music and the video and the clear and to the point lectures were incredibly helpful! A truly great person.

-Allister made this class so interesting that it was a reward to come. I learned more about my own thoughts and feelings and about social work than any other class at the U. By far this was my best class in my 4+ years at the University.

-This course motivated me to take action in issues that are important to me. The videos, songs and additional course material were an excellent way to incorporate the important organizing concepts presented. Allister was a wonderful leader and his insight led to a fantastic class and life experience.

-I enjoyed that you could relate as a student. You made it interesting to be in class. Evening classes are difficult because they are so long. But you always made the time go by quickly. I like that we had varied activities instead of lecture for 3 hrs. I would recommend this class to others.

-It has been very, very helpful to encounter with Allister and his unique teaching methods. It has been very useful and helpful being taught this unique material in such a unique way. Maybe application of the material would be more useful than a midterm and final. I would like to know how to apply the material.

-Allister Butler is the best instructor I've ever had. His teaching methods and his excitement about the subject matter got me involved and made me want to learn more. He used updated info and subject matters that related to what's going on. He's a keeper, don't lose him. He's an asset to the social work environment and courses.

-Allister has an excellent way of getting the students involved. It motivated us to think for ourselves. This class was extremely interesting and I learned a considerable amount due to his teaching methods.

-Mr. Butler has been one of the best instructors I have had in getting the class involved in learning. His rapport is good with all of the students. He is very approachable and down to earth.

-Very innovative, creative, analytical and scholarly. It was nice to see a smile on someones face when teaching and to actually see someone who was trying to better themselves in order to better others. I thoroughly enjoyed Allister's teaching and his energy. Good luck!

-I found the presentation of the course material to be excellent - especially with the audio and video examples of the topics discussed in lecture. The teaching style was very helpful in that it enabled me to grasp the information more easily.

-Allister was very attentive to students needs and concerns. He was very good at staying on task in class and conveying information to students. he did an exceptionally good job at changing class structure to use the best style for all students learning needs! He was EXCELLENT!

-Allister has been an outstanding instructor. He made the material fun, come to life. It means a great deal to students to have such an exceptional teacher. He cares a great deal about the course and the students. Thanks Allister.

-The class was interesting because of the break up w/lecture, small groups, videos, songs and other relevant material. Allister made the material pertain to real life situations which made it more interesting. He also pointed out only the relevant pieces.

-I enjoyed the various learning materials. It keeps a 3 hour class interesting. Better than straight lectures. I liked the videos and music.

-This class would have been more interesting if we didn't have to look at so many different things and we could look at fewer issues deeper. I especially liked the variety in the class. The classes and tests were suitable for all different learning styles. You seemed very committed to your work and the students. Thanks!

-Brought excellent material into class to relay content. Helped with learning. Concentrated on only a handful of people in class usually.