

Instructional Related Activities
Report Form

SPONSOR	DEPARTMENT
IRA	History and Psychology
ACTIVITY TITLE	DATE (S) OF ACTIVITY
Request # 411 - Speakers for HIST/PSYC 436 Courses	Fall 2011

PLEASE EXPLAIN (1) DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY; (2) HOW DID THE ACTIVITY RELATE TO A COURSE(S); AND
(3) WHAT YOU LEARNED FROM THE PROCESS.

1. The activity was to have speakers for the HIST-PSY 436 East Asian Warrior Culture course. These speakers came to campus and spoke about and demonstrated specific styles of Asian movement arts (yoga and martial arts).
2. The activities served to show how the historical arts are conceptualized and practiced in the modern world. The demonstrations gave students a deeper understanding of the psychology and physicality involved with these arts.
3. We learned which techniques employed by the speakers/demonstrators were successful and which were not. We also learned that we should not let the demonstrations go on for too long. Student report that the presentations/demonstrations given by the speakers were a really interesting aspect of the class and that they learned a lot from them. Students requested to have more interaction during the demonstration where they have a chance to participate. We will try to incorporate this in the light of safety considerations.

Course:	PSY 436 01 - PSY & HIST OF EAST ASIAN	Academic Program:	Psychology
Responsible Faculty:	Rainer Buschmann; Kevin Volkan	# Responses:	23
Faculty:	Kevin Volkan		

SRT		Volkan, Kevin							
		Responses				Individual			
		[SA]	[A]	[D]	[SD]	N/A	S.D.	N	Mean
Q1	I understood the learning outcomes expected from the course.	13	8	1	1	0	.77	23	3.4
Q2	To me, the course content seemed well organized.	12	11	0	0	0	.50	23	3.5
Q3	To me, class sessions seemed well organized.	13	10	0	0	0	.50	23	3.6
Q4	The time I spent in class sessions furthered my understanding of the course material.	13	10	0	0	0	.50	23	3.6
Q5	Examples and illustrations provided in this course aided my understanding.	15	7	1	0	0	.57	23	3.6
Q6	The course provided some general concepts that helped me see connections among specific topics.	13	10	0	0	0	.50	23	3.6
Q7	The course was a valuable learning experience for me.	15	6	1	1	0	.77	23	3.5
Q8	The assignments in this course aided my learning.	12	9	1	1	0	.77	23	3.4
Q9	I was able to effectively use instructor feedback to increase my learning.	10	12	0	0	1	.50	22	3.5
Q10	I learned ways of reasoning that I could apply to other disciplines.	11	10	1	1	0	.76	23	3.3
Q11	My learning experience increased my appreciation for the subject covered.	14	9	0	0	0	.49	23	3.6
Q12	I gained awareness of the relevance and importance of the course material.	13	10	0	0	0	.50	23	3.6
Q13	The course made a relevant contribution to my overall education.	13	10	0	0	0	.50	23	3.6
Q14	I felt I was evaluated fairly in this class.	12	11	0	0	0	.50	23	3.5
Q15	I felt I was treated with respect in this class.	13	10	0	0	0	.50	23	3.6
Q16	The class atmosphere supported my learning.	12	11	0	0	0	.50	23	3.5
Q17	I felt encouraged to contribute civil dialogue to this class.	11	12	0	0	0	.50	23	3.5
Q18	When I sought outside help from the instructor (such as by phone, e-mail or office visit), I received it.	11	5	2	0	5	.69	18	3.5
Q19	I felt welcome to seek help and advice from the instructor.	12	7	0	1	3	.74	20	3.5
Q20	The help I received from the instructor was useful to my learning.	10	8	0	0	5	.50	18	3.6

Responses: [SA] Strongly Agree=4 [A] Agree=3 [D] Disagree=2 [SD] Strongly Disagree=1

Q21 - What changes would you make in your own approach in order to improve your learning?

Faculty:	Volkan, Kevin
Response Rate:	34.78% (8 of 23)

I wouldn't miss a single class

I would have done the assigned readings.

No changes he is a great professor.

I'd be quicker to finish the reading materials.

I would probably have read more of the papers online.

STUDY MORE

I think this course is great for anyone who has a real interest in the subject matter.

No changes needed professor was passionate about material.

Q22 - What aspects of the course would you advise your instructor to retain?

Faculty: Volkan, Kevin

Response Rate: 34.78% (8 of 23)

EVERYTHING

The demonstrations were amazing, I got experiences from the demos I never would have imagined to get anywhere else.

All the demonstrations and videos that were shown

The demonstrations were as entertaining as they were educational, especially when students were volunteered to help.

The Demonstrations were awesome, and lectures were great

DEMONSTRATIONS

They did an excellent job of combined teaching and were very well organized. They both seemed to enjoy teaching and enjoy the subject

No retention professor kept the class interesting.

Q23 - What suggestions would you provide to your instructor for revisions that would produce a better learning experience for you?

Faculty: Volkan, Kevin

Response Rate: 39.13% (9 of 23)

The class was amazing. I wouldn't change a thing.

Nothing.

Just more information on the subjects and not to cover a thousand years in one session.

For Professor Volkan to teach the whole class

N/A

Make us do the activities demonstrated, like when we went to the gym...instead of sitting down watching...have us all participate in the exercise of the martial art being demonstrated.

HAVE CLASS LECTURES PREPARE YOU FOR THE VERY DIFFICULT EXAMS.

They made a great team. Maybe since the names of some of the people we learned about are so similar soundin and have diffèrent spelling there could be more clarification on who was being discussed especially in such a large room. That could be a personal problem but it was something I struggled with but that is the only thing I can think of. I will likely take another course with this dynamic duo.

Proffesor showed the whole class how passionate he was about the subject and how much he enjoyed teaching about it good job to him too!