

## **STUDENT COMMENTS**

**“What are your professor’s strengths?”**

**From DeVry SIFFs**

**(Anonymous Student Instructional Feedback Forms)**

*Well versed in what she is teaching, very helpful, and makes class exciting.*

**Knowledge and enthusiasm of the subject matter.**

*Brought excitement into the classroom. Very knowledgeable of the material.*

*She is extremely knowledgeable of the subject taught. Information given in a clear and easily understandable way. Great examples given throughout the class. The English Web site was well organized and contained a lot of informative and relevant information.*

**Her knowledge about the course and the WONDERFUL website that she has put together  
OMG! I refer to her web page for other things as well.**

*Two of Professor Perkins's major strengths were her ability to keep a positive attitude and seeing every person's point of view. The class was a bit slow to warm up, but she stayed positive. The diverse backgrounds were not an issue at all. Some people knew more than others about English, but Professor did not point that out. She focused on what each person knew and led them down the correct path smoothly.*

**She actually teaches to the different levels of ability very well.**

**Organized! We knew exactly what was expected.**

**Enthusiastic, friendly, fun.**

*Excellent humorous personality.*

**Enthusiasm created a positive learning environment.**

**Great knowledge of English and writing.**

Interacting with the class.

*Explaining topics thoroughly.*

Going over my paper as well as other classmates' papers helped me improve in many areas.

*I learned what an expletive word meant. I am more conscious of throwing around such empty and non-visual words such as very or is, etc. Thanks Professor, I learned a lot.*

### **Knew the material.**

**Ms. Perkins was very knowledgeable and really made the class interesting. She explained things very well. She helped direct us to sources (for papers) and events (for reactions). She was a very GREAT teacher!**

*Her knowledge about literature.*

**I loved the presentations that we had to give because I really learned to analyze stories and not just read them without thinking more deeply about the author's thoughts and feelings while writing the story. I really like this class.**

*I loved the zombie speech by one of the students! The teacher did not discourage this, which made the environment very fun and enjoying! If I have to take this class again, or another similar one, I would wish to take it again with this certain professor.*

Sociability, which is key for teaching a public speaking course. Also, her approachability outside of class for inquiry.

**She encouraged individualism with allowing certain speeches, and creating a better learning environment.**

Seeing and receiving feedback and responsiveness to speeches.

*Prof. Perkins is making her class very interesting, and I don't think that anything else matters. We have many assignments to do, but we understand that this is helpful to us.*

**From [www.ratemyprofessor.com](http://www.ratemyprofessor.com)**

*Ms. Perkins is sweet. We had to do seven journals every week, about five different types of papers, one is huge, and one final paper, and keep a notebook with in class assignments and homework. She gets the whole class involved, so if you're shy watch out, but it's college so don't let that make you miss out on a good teacher. Watch your attendance if absent because the work is still due.*

### **Anonymous Feedback Form Student Comments Written Directly to Professor**

*"I just wanted to let you know how much your class has changed me. When I watch TV now, I am more of an active listener and viewer because of your teaching on critical thinking. Professor \_\_\_\_\_ started me out in COLL148 introducing me to critical thinking however, your teaching took it to another level. When I read I am putting into practice what you taught. I listen with a more deliberate ear and process information in a more mature manner. I was just talking to a student*

*about you this morning here at work. Every chance I get I will recommend your class because of the wealth of knowledge you have along with your ability to transfer that knowledge to us as students in a way that makes every day life and it's occurrences more applicable to our lives. You may not be aware of this but another student in our class told me that before your class they were not interested in what was going on in the world but now they are engaged and even keeping up with current events. Your style of teaching and your forgiving way in allowing us to do our work later even if that means that we will get a lower grade makes for a more productive and less stressful time in a student's life. Having the syllabus on your website along with detailed instructions and topics on subject matters is invaluable. You may not be told this often but today I wanted to let you know that you have made an impact on me so dramatically that I can never go back to the way I was before your class. Thank you so much for your contribution to my success here at DeVry."*

*"Thank you very much, Prof. Perkins! I truly enjoyed the class as well. I learned a lot more about why people do what they do. It was a fascinating class and I look forward in the future to delving a little deeper into ethics. People fascinate me. In the different classes that I have taken (Psychology, Sociology and now Ethics) I have learned a lot and my appetite to learn more has been whetted. I would like to take some courses in Psychology because I have always been fascinated with why people do what they do. This class gave me more to think about."*

*"Great! You are the best! I enjoy your style of teaching you give us so much to look forward to each week. I think that all who were afraid to speak originally have no problem now getting up in front of the class. It has also given me a sense of confidence to speak to anyone no matter with organization anything is possible. Education will help to change my life drastically. I've given so much sacrifice to my children to move forward in life now I'm trying to find myself again. It's so much fun meeting new people and learning so many new concepts. Why wasn't school this fun many years ago? DeVry is a great school for people who wish to experience it in a nontraditional way."*

*"Thank you for allowing students to use your web site for reference. I have used your site several times for other classes when I needed help with APA formatting or format for a certain type of paper. It has been a life saver. I look forward to taking your ethics class when I'm able to match my schedule with your teaching schedule. Thanks again."*

*"Thanks for the great class. I really think it has opened my eyes."*

***"Thank you very much for being such a great professor with very helpful tools for students. I really enjoyed your class and I hope that I will be able to take another class with you in the future."***

***"Thank you! I must say 3 years of college under my belt and you are awesome at what you do and I loved going to your class."***