

# HADI BANAT | EVIDENCE OF TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS

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## Introduction

Over the last fifteen years, I have had a variety of teaching experiences. My most recent teaching appointments have been at Purdue University while pursuing my Ph.D. in English. I taught English 106: First-year Composition, ENGL 420: Professional Writing, and I tutored undergraduate and graduate students at Purdue's Writing Center. As an instructor at Purdue University, I have also won teaching awards and the Writing Center Best Tutor Award (please refer to curriculum vitae for more details). It has been a pleasure and a privilege teaching various student populations at Purdue University and learning from experience. To demonstrate my growth and strengths as an educator, I have compiled both qualitative and quantitative data from sample course evaluations; there are three tables for the quantitative data. Table 1 is a collection of student evaluations from two sections of ENGL 106. Table 2 is a collection of student evaluations from two sections of ENGL 420, and Table 3 is a collection of tutor evaluations from the Writing Center.

## Qualitative Responses from Students in ENGL 106 – First Year Writing

**What is something that the professor does well ( that is, something you hope that the professor will continue to do in the class in the future)?**

- The readings our instructor included within the course were very powerful and interesting to read, and our instructor also gave good feedback on our assignments as well.
- The Professor is open to discussing topics with the students and is good at relating them to the course. It is always beneficial to discuss a wide array of topics in class to experience many different perspectives.
- Overall, Hadi is an excellent professor. He cares about his students' success. He is easily accessible and is open to all opinions. I have enjoyed this course
- Hadi wants everyone to succeed through this (relatively) new way of conducting English 106, and I would say that it was very successful. Not only did I learn crucial English elements such as rhetoric, composing different pieces of writing for different purposes and audiences, and remediation, but he did it through a medium that is beneficial to me as a human being. Learning these topics through studying other cultures was interesting and it made me invested in the class.

- Typically, I do not enjoy English courses and I prefer courses that have to deal more with numbers, but I really enjoyed learning about other cultures, not only across the world but within our own country and even Purdue as well. The class was well run, the lessons were clear, and it was taught in an interesting fashion that made the course interesting and easier to be invested in its work. I give Hadi a lot of respect for conducting this course in a unique and new fashion, and I believe that it was successful, as I enjoyed it and I am sure my peers did as well. Hadi is very accessible and I have felt comfortable to go to him for help on assignments and to ask him for advice. I enjoyed having him as my instructor as well as participating in his class.
- Hadi has created an environment that is ideal for learning. He makes everyone feel comfortable and encourages us to speak and give our opinion.
- Encourages and motivates students to voice their opinion and always knows how to compliment students.
- Treats every student with a lot of care. Extremely responsible and does everything possible to make the course seem less demanding.
- My professor was very detailed when it came to giving me feedback, it helped a lot in making adjustments to my assignments.
- I think the way he leads discussions is very effective because he always relates them to what we are working on. Furthermore, he tries hard to ensure that everyone says something in discussion which I like because it's not the same 4 people speaking
- I find that Hadi has maintained a friendly, but still professional relationship with his students. This makes it easier to approach him in cases of needing to ask questions or requiring additional help.
- He is very easy to talk to and is always willing to help you when you have questions.

## Quantitative Responses from Student Evaluation Reports

### Instructor and Course Based Questions

Table 1-Numeric Student Evaluation from ENGL 106 - First Year Writing

<b>Selected Questions</b>	<b>Fall 2017-2018</b>	<b>Spring 2017-2018</b>
<i>Overall, I would rate this instructor as:</i>	4.9	4.8
<i>My instructor seems well prepared for class.</i>	4.9	4.7
<i>My instructor presents information effectively.</i>	4.9	4.8
<i>My instructor related reading assignments to writing assignments.</i>	4.9	4.6
<i>My instructor shows respect for diverse groups of people.</i>	5.0	4.9
<i>My instructor is open to differences in perspective.</i>	5.0	5.0
<i>Overall, I would rate this course as:</i>	4.9	4.6
<i>Relationships among course topics are clearly explained.</i>	4.9	4.7
<i>Class discussions are helpful to my learning.</i>	4.9	4.7
<i>Comments on my papers help me improve my writing.</i>	4.8	4.8
<i>When I have a question or comment, I know it will be respected.</i>	4.9	4.9
<i>This course effectively challenges me to think.</i>	5.0	4.7
<i>This course improved my writing skills.</i>	4.8	4.7
<i>This course encourages me to think critically.</i>	4.8	4.6
<b>Overall Rating</b>	4.9	4.75
<i>Number of students in class</i>	19	20
<i>Response Rate</i>	53%	55%

## Qualitative Responses from Students in ENGL 420 – Professional Writing

**What is something that the professor does well ( that is, something you hope that the professor will continue to do in the class in the future)?**

- Very good professor, one of the best and most invested in students
- I like how class is more of a discussion than a lecture. I also liked the samples that were provided as it gave me an idea of the structure/layout of the projects
- I hope he will continue to make the course very interactive and provide students with insight on why things are relevant and tie into the course, I found this very helpful in understanding the assignments.
- He is an excellent instructor. He gets along with students very well and he encourages us every time.
- Hadi is one of the most caring and sincere instructors I have ever had, and he has helped many students to develop into professional writers and thinkers over the course of the semester.
- Hadi Banat is very enthusiastic about his teaching. He has a niche for teaching students and a way of challenging us to become our best. I admire his work ethic and his ability to manage a class in such a fluent way. His course was more organized than professors that have been teaching for 10 years. I honestly enjoyed this course despite the difficult material / assignments we were assigned. Hadi is genuine with his actions and shows his care for his students due to how he assists when assistance is needed. He has a natural ability to encourage greatness. His teaching style was well balanced. I enjoyed working with Hadi.
- Great teacher. Awesome feedback. Learned a ton
- The instructor was always very prepared, confident, and enthusiastic. This was very important in fostering a learning environment that was not always present with previous English teachers that were often lethargic.
- I enjoyed being in Hadi's class this semester. I appreciated his passion for teaching and willingness to work with you on an individual level. I hope he continues to bring the

passion and energy he teaches with because it made the class way more interesting and enjoyable. I also appreciate his emphasis on the communication process because it helped me to think better about how to effectively communicate.

- Hadi, I want to start off by saying I'm really glad you were my teacher for this course. You pushed me to become better and gave me the opportunity to grow by taking time out of your day to help me along. No other professor has helped me as you have and for that, I am truly grateful. I understand this is your last time teaching so you should be proud of the mark you have left and continue to make these impressions on people as you move forward in life. Thank you again for everything!
- Fantastic instructor. I hope that Hadi continues to engage the students the way he did this semester and allow people to gain experience interviewing each other to choose groups. It really created effective teams in the end.
- Actually cares about all of his students, is always available to students who have questions or want to discuss anything, does a good job of getting students involved, shows a strong passion for teaching and improving others' skills.

## Quantitative Responses from Student Evaluation Reports

### Instructor and Course Based Questions

Table 2-Numeric Student Evaluation from ENGL 420 - Professional Writing

<b>Selected Questions</b>	<b>Spring 2018 – Section 11</b>	<b>Spring 2018 – Section 12</b>
<i>Overall, I would rate this instructor as:</i>	4.8	4.8
<i>My instructor attempts to relate present learning to work in my future profession.</i>	4.8	4.7
<i>My instructor seems well prepared for class.</i>	4.7	4.8
<i>My instructor is actively helpful when students have problems.</i>	4.8	4.7
<i>My instructor's responses to assignments are beneficial for me.</i>	4.7	4.7
<i>My instructor shows respect for diverse groups of people.</i>	4.7	4.9
<i>My instructor addresses ethics and culture in workplace writing.</i>	4.8	4.9
<i>My instructor displays enthusiasm when teaching.</i>	4.8	4.9
<i>Overall, I would rate this course as:</i>	4.6	4.5
<i>The content of this course is consistent with the course objectives.</i>	4.7	4.7
<i>This course provides an opportunity to learn from other students.</i>	4.7	4.8
<i>When I have a question or a comment, I know it will be respected.</i>	4.8	4.8
<i>This course effectively challenges me to think.</i>	4.7	4.3

<i>I learned to use writing to analyze and address problems.</i>	4.7	4.5
<i>This course helps me understand ways audiences affect my writing.</i>	4.8	4.5
<i>I learned principles of document design.</i>	4.7	4.5
<i>I learned how to manage long- and short-term writing projects.</i>	4.8	4.7
<i>I have acquired skills in working with others as member of a team.</i>	4.7	4.7
<i>I gained experience using technologies to produce documents.</i>	4.7	4.3
<b>Overall Rating</b>	4.7	4.67
<i>Number of students in class</i>	20	20
<i>Response Rate</i>	55%	50%

## Qualitative Responses from Student Evaluation Reports in the Writing Center

### **What is something that the tutor does well ?**

- A clear way to organize my arguments.
- I learned the proper ways to format an essay.
- Hadi was super sweet! I got really stressed out during the session, but he calmed me down and gave me some really good advice. I really appreciated that.
- Phrasing, sentence building, upper level terms
- Hadi is the most dedicated tutor I have ever had. He even extended our meeting by five minutes in order to get my cover letter completely checked.
- How to make my ideas more concise and connect them to the internship I'm applying to

## Quantitative Responses from Students Evaluation Reports in the Writing Center

Table 3-Lickert Scale Evaluation Report from Tutees at the Writing Center

<b>Selected Questions</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Response</b>
<i>The tutor explained ideas to me in a way I can understand and use.</i>	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>The tutor addressed my concerns.</i>	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>The tutor made me feel respected and comfortable during the session.</i>	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%