

# NYU School of Continuing and Professional Studies (SCPS)

**Simon Surowicz**

**HumaArtsWrtg WRIT1-CE9569 NCRINVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM**

**Section: 1 Spring 2012**

Individual Evaluation: 1 out of 9



Single answer questions		Answers
The course was well organized.		Strongly Agree
The course was appropriately challenging.		Strongly Agree
The course met my learning expectations.		Strongly Agree
The course was relevant to the overall curriculum of my degree program/certificate		Strongly Agree
Overall evaluation of the course.		Excellent
Was this a required course?		No
The instructor was well prepared. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
The instructor communicated well. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
The instructor motivated me to learn. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
Overall evaluation of the instructor. (Surowicz)		Excellent
Multiple choice questions		Answers
If this is a graded course, what grade do you expect to receive? If you anticipate an Incomplete grade, enter the grade expected when the Incomplete is removed.		A
Text response questions	Answers	
What features of this course were especially effective?	Simon is by far one of my favorite NYU professors I've ever had the pleasure of learning from. He is a REAL professional who brings real life investigative journalism stories and techniques into the class room. I'm so happy I've had the pleasure of working with such a fabulous man and teacher, and I will never forget this class. Simon, you're my favorite!! :-)	
If you could add or change anything about this course, what would it be?	Absolutely nothing!	
Please suggest specific changes that the faculty member could make to improve the course, and comment on positive aspects that should be continued. (Surowicz)	Every lesson plan was well thought out and educationally challenging. I wouldn't change a thing!	

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Individual Evaluation: 2 out of 9

<b>Single answer questions</b>		<b>Answers</b>
The course was well organized.		Strongly Agree
The course was appropriately challenging.		Strongly Agree
The course met my learning expectations.		Strongly Agree
The course was relevant to the overall curriculum of my degree program/certificate		Strongly Agree
Overall evaluation of the course.		Excellent
Was this a required course?		No
The instructor was well prepared. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
The instructor communicated well. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
The instructor motivated me to learn. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
Overall evaluation of the instructor. (Surowicz)		Excellent
<b>Multiple choice questions</b>		<b>Answers</b>
If this is a graded course, what grade do you expect to receive? If you anticipate an Incomplete grade, enter the grade expected when the Incomplete is removed.		A
<b>Text response questions</b>		<b>Answers</b>
What features of this course were especially effective?	The teacher had personal experiences and brought guests that were relevant to the topic at hand. There were several opportunities to speak one on one with the teacher that helped guide my personal career goals.	
If you could add or change anything about this course, what would it be?	I would make it longer.	
Please suggest specific changes that the faculty member could make to improve the course, and comment on positive aspects that should be continued. (Surowicz)	I have none. One of the best teachers I have ever had.	

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Individual Evaluation: 3 out of 9

<b>Single answer questions</b>		<b>Answers</b>
The course was well organized.		Strongly Agree
The course was appropriately challenging.		Agree
The course met my learning expectations.		Strongly Agree
The course was relevant to the overall curriculum of my degree program/certificate		Strongly Agree
Overall evaluation of the course.		Excellent
Was this a required course?		No
The instructor was well prepared. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
The instructor communicated well. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
The instructor motivated me to learn. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
Overall evaluation of the instructor. (Surowicz)		Excellent
<b>Multiple choice questions</b>		<b>Answers</b>
If this is a graded course, what grade do you expect to receive? If you anticipate an Incomplete grade, enter the grade expected when the Incomplete is removed.		A
<b>Text response questions</b>	<b>Answers</b>	
What features of this course were especially effective?	The teacher's ability, through examples and case histories, to show what an accurate, solid and fair journalistic story is. This has been enhanced even more by the excellent hosts he invited in class whose comments shed light on different aspects of the journalistic profession.	
If you could add or change anything about this course, what would it be?	I think this course would be even better if it was multi-media oriented. It'd be great if students and teacher working together on a topic were able to shoot, edit and produce an investigative video story.	
Additional comments:	I've been told that only certificate students can have access to Lexis Nexis database. I think students that enroll for this course should have access to such an important tool, at least from the beginning to the end of the course. This would allow them to have the same learning facilities as those of certificate students, since they're paying the same amount of money for the course. Also, the university should always guarantee access to the Internet in class (sometimes it didn't work).	
Please suggest specific changes that the faculty member could make to improve the course, and comment on positive aspects that should be continued. (Surowicz)	Everything was perfect. Every session stimulated critical thinking.	

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Individual Evaluation: 4 out of 9

<b>Single answer questions</b>		<b>Answers</b>
The course was well organized.		Strongly Agree
The course was appropriately challenging.		Agree
The course met my learning expectations.		Strongly Agree
The course was relevant to the overall curriculum of my degree program/certificate		Strongly Agree
Overall evaluation of the course.		Excellent
Was this a required course?		No
The instructor was well prepared. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
The instructor communicated well. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
The instructor motivated me to learn. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
Overall evaluation of the instructor. (Surowicz)		Excellent
<b>Text response questions</b>	<b>Answers</b>	
What features of this course were especially effective?	I felt that in class discussions were extremely informative. What I liked the most about that aspect is that our discussions did not only need to revolve around our assignments to be educational. Many of my questions were answered in these conversations. All of the information that Simon shared from his own experiences, as well as, our assignments were always on point, entertaining and motivating.	
If you could add or change anything about this course, what would it be?	I would have liked to have learned a little bit more about how to get connected with news organizations that would be interested in those types of investigative stories.	
Additional comments:	Overall, this has been, by far, one of my favorite courses throughout my college career. I wish that the class could have been longer, because there is some much more that I would have enjoyed learned, that expanded upon what was already covered.	
Please suggest specific changes that the faculty member could make to improve the course, and comment on positive aspects that should be continued. (Surowicz)	Simon was a very in depth professor, who was skilled at presenting his lessons in a way that entertained his students. He was really able to connect with the class, and that made it exciting to learn, and pay attention in class. I would have enjoyed reading more articles from previous years that Simon considered good examples of investigative techniques. But, other than that I found Simon's lesson plans to be very well planned out, and presented.	

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<b>Single answer questions</b>		<b>Answers</b>
The course was well organized.		Strongly Agree
The course was appropriately challenging.		Somewhat Agree
The course met my learning expectations.		Agree
The course was relevant to the overall curriculum of my degree program/certificate		No Opinion
Overall evaluation of the course.		Very Good
Was this a required course?		No
The instructor was well prepared. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
The instructor communicated well. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
The instructor motivated me to learn. (Surowicz)		Agree
Overall evaluation of the instructor. (Surowicz)		Very Good
<b>Multiple choice questions</b>		<b>Answers</b>
If this is a graded course, what grade do you expect to receive? If you anticipate an Incomplete grade, enter the grade expected when the Incomplete is removed.		A
<b>Text response questions</b>	<b>Answers</b>	
What features of this course were especially effective?	Guest speakers from current professionals in the field was particularly effective. Also effective were class activities looking at current news stories in a variety of medium, and doing hypothetical exercises to see how the story was produced.	
If you could add or change anything about this course, what would it be?	More writing assignments or more demand for a final written product at the end of the course.	
Please suggest specific changes that the faculty member could make to improve the course, and comment on positive aspects that should be continued. (Surowicz)	The lively conversations were a great supportive learning environment. The faculty member facilitated class participation in a way that encouraged everyone to participate and arguments were friendly and constructive. The weekly homework assignments were relevant, clear, and interesting (they generally involved some research or viewing/reading material in preparation for class discussion.) As mentioned above, more actually writing or deliverable assignments could improve student learning.	

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Individual Evaluation: 6 out of 9

<b>Single answer questions</b>		<b>Answers</b>
The course was well organized.		Somewhat Agree
The course was appropriately challenging.		Agree
The course met my learning expectations.		Somewhat Agree
The course was relevant to the overall curriculum of my degree program/certificate		No Opinion
Overall evaluation of the course.		5
Was this a required course?		No
The instructor was well prepared. (Surowicz)		Agree
The instructor communicated well. (Surowicz)		Agree
The instructor motivated me to learn. (Surowicz)		Agree
Overall evaluation of the instructor. (Surowicz)		Very Good
<b>Multiple choice questions</b>		<b>Answers</b>
If this is a graded course, what grade do you expect to receive? If you anticipate an Incomplete grade, enter the grade expected when the Incomplete is removed.		C
<b>Text response questions</b>	<b>Answers</b>	
What features of this course were especially effective?	Articles and video assignments were very helpful and I thought encouraged very good debate and discussion.	
If you could add or change anything about this course, what would it be?	Class discussions often felt disorganized because too many people were trying to get their views in at once, and many times it seemed that discussion veered from the topic at hand. I understand that we were trying to foster open debate, but the discussions often felt overwhelmed by a lack of structure.	
Please suggest specific changes that the faculty member could make to improve the course, and comment on positive aspects that should be continued. (Surowicz)	More structure to class discussions. Having specific articles/videos to discuss helped a lot, especially when very specific investigative methods were highlighted in the examples.	

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The course was well organized.		Strongly Agree
The course was appropriately challenging.		Strongly Agree
The course met my learning expectations.		Strongly Disagree
The course was relevant to the overall curriculum of my degree program/certificate		Agree
Overall evaluation of the course.		Very Good
Was this a required course?		Yes
The instructor was well prepared. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
The instructor communicated well. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
The instructor motivated me to learn. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
Overall evaluation of the instructor. (Surowicz)		Excellent
<b>Multiple choice questions</b>		<b>Answers</b>
If this is a graded course, what grade do you expect to receive? If you anticipate an Incomplete grade, enter the grade expected when the Incomplete is removed.		A
<b>Text response questions</b>	<b>Answers</b>	
What features of this course were especially effective?	I particularly enjoyed Simon's enthusiasm and ability to provoke thought with every question. Simon brought in wonderful guest speakers that honestly illuminated what investigative journalism was all about and what to expect in the industry.	
If you could add or change anything about this course, what would it be?	Nothing, it was even more than I expected. Intelligent and insightful.	

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The course was well organized.		Strongly Agree
The course was appropriately challenging.		Strongly Agree
The course met my learning expectations.		Strongly Agree
The course was relevant to the overall curriculum of my degree program/certificate		Strongly Agree
Overall evaluation of the course.		Excellent
Was this a required course?		Yes
The instructor was well prepared. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
The instructor communicated well. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
The instructor motivated me to learn. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
Overall evaluation of the instructor. (Surowicz)		Excellent
<b>Multiple choice questions</b>		<b>Answers</b>
If this is a graded course, what grade do you expect to receive? If you anticipate an Incomplete grade, enter the grade expected when the Incomplete is removed.		A
<b>Text response questions</b>		<b>Answers</b>
What features of this course were especially effective?	Having access to the inside and out of investigative journalism and learning its importance to the reporting process was an invaluable and eye-opening experience.	
If you could add or change anything about this course, what would it be?	Make it longer than 10 weeks.	
Additional comments:	The class showed me how critical thinking is essential in the real world -- especially if one happens to be a journalist. It gave me a different perspective of the career; it also compelled me to maintain a constant alertness to the way things are presented or packaged to the masses.	
Please suggest specific changes that the faculty member could make to improve the course, and comment on positive aspects that should be continued. (Surowicz)	Overall, everything was great with the course. Give Simon Surowicz more classes to teach in the Journalism Program!!	

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The course was well organized.		Strongly Agree
The course was appropriately challenging.		Strongly Agree
The course met my learning expectations.		Strongly Agree
The course was relevant to the overall curriculum of my degree program/certificate		No Opinion
Overall evaluation of the course.		Excellent
Was this a required course?		No
The instructor was well prepared. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
The instructor communicated well. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
The instructor motivated me to learn. (Surowicz)		Strongly Agree
Overall evaluation of the instructor. (Surowicz)		Excellent
<b>Multiple choice questions</b>		<b>Answers</b>
If this is a graded course, what grade do you expect to receive? If you anticipate an Incomplete grade, enter the grade expected when the Incomplete is removed.		A
<b>Text response questions</b>	<b>Answers</b>	
What features of this course were especially effective?	Simon was an excellent instructor. He cultivated compelling discussions that made us think and learn the relevant concepts. There was a great mix of readings and materials to review outside class, class discussions, guest speakers and assignments to teach concepts. Simon has excellent industry knowledge that he brought to this class. It was refreshing to have an instructor that has such a depth of professional experience as compared to many professors that have no experience in the real world and live in theories.	
If you could add or change anything about this course, what would it be?	It would have been nice to be able to add a multi-media component to this course in accordance with different students' interests. It is rare in this day and age for a journalist not to work with some form of multi-media and this would have enhanced the class.	
Please suggest specific changes that the faculty member could make to improve the course, and comment on positive aspects that should be continued. (Surowicz)	I think that this class should remain as it is, but add a multi-media component. Also it might be nice to force students to actually follow through with conducting a small investigation beyond just the pitch, but this may not be realistic. But at least students could practice elements such as doing an interview, etc.	