

GREG WELTY

STUDENT EVALUATIONS

[All comments were anonymously submitted to the administration after the class was over. I have no idea who these people are. Perhaps they are all the same person trying to pass my classes over and over again, and they think these comments will help. Clearly some are delusional. I mean, who really ‘enjoys’ learning syllogistic logic? ☺ –GW]

Spring 2020

- “Made me realize how important good argumentation is for communicating the truth of the gospel, no matter the field.”
- “The best part of this class was Dr. Welty. Not only is he extremely knowledgeable in the content, he is also very relatable. I loved his references to his sons’ protein powder and Fortnite adventures. I hope to take him again! The only downside is lectures can feel long, but that’s any class!”
- “Dr. Welty’s absolute mastery of the content, and the ease with which he is able to speak about the topics deeply and clearly made this course invaluable. I learned an incredible amount about philosophy and I am now very excited to continue in the field.”
- “The Student could clearly tell that Welty is an expert in their field, yet they felt completely approachable.”
- “Dr. Welty teaches this class wonderfully! I am so thankful for how he makes concepts attainable and also is fair when thinking about world views that differ from Christianity.”
- “I loved how engaging Dr. Welty was! He was clearly very passionate about philosophy as a whole, and he did a great job of drawing others in with his excitement. He was very engaging and class discussion was always helpful. The worst part was moving things online because I absolutely loved being in class every time I went!”
- “The best part was the lectures and the worst was not being able to finish in person.”
- “One best element of the class was how the professor welcomed questions.”
- “I liked how well complicated concepts were broken down to a place that was accessible.”
- “Dr. Welty’s passion and lectures were wonderful. I can’t think of any way to improve this class.”
- “The best elements came from Dr. Welty’s ability to explain certain philosophical concepts with many examples that helped me to fully grasp it.”
- “I’m much more knowledgeable in Christian Philosophy. The resources this class has provided me with are excellent.”
- “I feel like I am now better equipped to better defend Christianity from many of the arguments brought to bear against it.”
- “I feel I can more confidently and clearly interact with non-believers about some of these deep philosophical issues, and I feel like I can be a better listener, seeking to understand and reproduce the beliefs of others with charity and clarity, and can ultimately point out flaws in philosophical thinking that points to God and Jesus.”
- “This course presented several common arguments of today that are used to refute Christianity and God’s existence. It was nice to be introduced to them and to be provided with objections to these arguments in order to be better at apologetics.”
- “It has given me the ability to begin to ask the right questions in conversations when people are not followers of Christ and to understand where they could be coming from before replying to them as people!”
- “One of my other favorite parts was how Dr. Welty clearly married together the ideas of the great commission and philosophy. He underlined the importance of being able to have conversations in the atheistic, western world that we have found ourselves living in. He very much put philosophy out as an important part of sharing the Gospel with people, which I thought was amazing.”

- “I feel like it helped me better understand how to look at underlying issues of many deep thinkers who believe they have inherent issues with Christianity as well reconcile many philosophical thoughts to Christianity.”
- “I feel better equipped to handle many apologetic issues, which will help in teaching the church how to stand firm in their faith.”
- “This course helped me examine views outside of Christian theology. I enjoyed studying miracles and the problem of evil. This will help me better understand a non-believer's POV and aid me as I try to understand where their beliefs stem from.”
- “Helped engage with the philosophies of a secular age.”
- “This class helped me to see the fundamental arguments that this skeptical generation makes and how we should answer/approach them.”

Fall 2019

- “The best element of the course was the presentation that Dr. Welty led. Very informative and thought provoking.”
- “The best, of course, is Dr. Welty's knowledge and expertise with the subject of Philosophy. He was extremely helpful at times when I was lost and sought directions to finish my assignments.”
- “Welty's talk on foreknowledge was great.”
- “Dr. Welty was engaging in his lectures and brought us donuts. What more can you ask for? No negative aspects.”
- “The best was that it was a simple structure and Dr. Welty was a fantastic teacher.”
- “This course has already helped me to be better equipped to give an answer for my faith. When I am at work, it has helped me to explain what I believe in a more logical way and to better understand how others have come to believe what they believe.”
- “I'm able to articulate different views now and feel way more confident to speak up for the truth.”
- “I enjoyed the class lectures, the reading, the consistency of the class so that I could meet expectations-- everything was great.”
- “The best elements were the expertise of Dr. Welty in the subject matter. His teaching style is engaging and encouraging.”
- “This class really helped me in my apologetics and philosophy as I continue my MA in Apologetics and Christian Philosophy. This class and degree is giving me the knowledge and resources needed to fulfill the great commission in the secular arena as well as strengthening believers.”
- “Dr. Welty...by far. It was great to study the topic of Philosophical Theology under him. He knows all sides of the arguments and is very gracious in helping those with opposing views understand and support their own views even better. I really enjoyed studying with him. The readings were good too.”

Summer 2019

- “The apologetic nature of content was great. The professor was also very engaging and made the material more interesting.”
- “Dr. Welty was very fair in his presentation of the course material. He was engaging and helpful throughout the semester. I appreciated his weekly emails that contained personal information about his family, work, and ministry.”
- “I appreciated the personable nature of the professor and the high level of engagement.”
- “The professor was warm and engaging. I felt he covered the material extremely thoroughly. He and the material were great!”
- “He was one of the best online professors I've had at SEBTS.”
- “Dr. Welty did an outstanding job with the lectures. They were engaging. He used humor. Most importantly, you could see his passion for the Lord come through.”

- “I LOVED THIS COURSE! This was my seventh (consecutive) semester and Dr. Welty’s Philosophy course was my favorite by far.”
- “I really enjoyed how personable Professor Welty was. Great class!”
- “This class is critical as a basis for apologetics and coming to grips with our own beliefs. I think a deeper appreciation and faith is cultivated when our beliefs are challenged and this class certainly gave me more epistemological, metaphysical, and ethical tools (three words I had a hard time defining before this course) to be able to defend my faith and give a reason for the hope we have within us. Rather than fear or dismay, I now feel joy and preparedness to help my friends (particularly those who are atheist) to think through their beliefs and know that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in softening their hearts to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”
- “Understanding worldviews outside of Christianity has helped me prepare to contextualize the gospel for various circumstances. I was struck by how each worldview covered in the course underpins so much of what we hear in the world; this awareness helps me to be more equipped to share the gospel and respond to people where they are.”
- “This course challenged me to consider some of my philosophical assumptions that I make about the world and my faith. It helped me to think well about the Bible and my presuppositions that I bring to interpreting Scripture.”

Spring 2019

- “Dr. Welty’s lectures were phenomenal! They really made some dense philosophical concepts accessible.”
- “Welty’s lectures are second to none! He is abundantly clear and creative in these difficult subjects.”
- “Dr. Welty’s lectures were fantastic!”
- “I found the lectures the most helpful. Dr. Welty is very patient with his students and makes sure they understand the topics before moving on.”
- “The professor managed to create a feeling of community and team work.”
- “Dr. Welty KNOWS his material.”
- “The best part of this course was the professor. While the material was thorough and the reading was helpful, Dr. Welty is an excellent lecturer with a gift for teaching. Additionally, his lecture notes are outstanding.”
- “The course covered a lot of information yet the lectures helped explain things well if anything was difficult to understand, so it was just an all-around positive learning experience.”
- “The professor shared a lot about his own quiet time and how he uses the competencies taught in his every day life which encouraged us to apply what we learn to our personal walk with the Lord.”
- “Dr. Welty showed incredible patience and I never once felt like if I asked a stupid question he would treat me with any amount of unkindness.”
- “Dr. Welty was so humble in his conduct and teaching and exemplified for us how to engage these topics openly, humbly, and clearly.”
- “He was very passionate and enthusiastic about the topic.”
- “I’d never really thought about Philosophy aligning with the Great Commission, but Dr. Welty connected it so well.”
- “Dr. Welty helped me develop more refined analytic skills. On top of that, he did a great job of applying dense material to the Christian life.”
- “He showed Christian character in the discussions about the intersection of Christianity and thought. He was also a nice guy.”
- “Dr. Welty was a great professor who prayed before class and always presented differing opinions with charity.”
- “Dr. Welty knows his stuff! More importantly he connected his material to the work of the ministry. He is a very godly man.”

- “Interacting with the material from “Knowing God” as well as “Lament for a Son.” Humanized the process of grief in a space where I would have assumed we would have approached it differently. Grateful.”
- “Dr. Welty was incredibly gracious with his time and also being willing to help think through aspects of the class. He also went out of his way to provide suggestions for sources for the research paper.”
- “Dr. Welty is equally joyful and brilliant. Always a pleasure to learn from him.”
- “Dr. Welty was flexible and willing to discuss other aspects of the problem of evil that may have not been in the schedule. He was charitable during course discussions and willing to listen to student’s questions. He provided valuable feedback regarding assignments too.”
- “It was helpful to see Dr. Welty interact in a way other than the lecture style. I was able to witness how he navigates many of the key issues in philosophy.”
- “Feedback on class presentations: Dr. Welty was probably the best professor I have ever had for helping me to think about meaningful ways to improve my paper. I have had professors critique, but Dr. Welty actually proposed plausible solutions that he saw for my specific paper.”
- “I was thankful for Dr. Welty’s feedback on my prospectus. It was some of the best help I have received from a professor in the program to date.”
- “It was one of the best courses I’ve taken.”
- “Although this was a metaphysics course, careful attention was paid to how the ideas intersected theology and their repercussions.”
- “Dr. Welty displayed Christian excellence and humility in a God-honoring way.”

Fall 2018

- “Dr. Welty’s lecture notes and lectures themselves were very well organized and clear. You can tell he thoroughly knows the subject matter and is extremely capable of communicating it with clarity and persuasion. Having his lecture notes was extremely helpful as well as I could add the additional information that was discussed in class. The flow of thought was very clear and logical.”
- “Dr. Welty has a really engaging lecture style. I found it to be very helpful.”
- “Dr. Welty’s lectures were top-notch. He does a great job explaining the material in an understandable way.”
- “This course really helped shape my thinking and understanding of the theory of argumentation. How I made it through 178 hours of undergrad without covering that is beyond me and it would have been helpful to have had this class earlier in my theological education. It also helped me to grasp the atheistic approaches and understand the context they are coming from. This will be invaluable as I seek to teach the Gospel to diverse audiences.”
- “He allows us to ask a lot of questions and responds to all of them kindly.”
- “This course is exceptional for increasing the ability to think critically, argue persuasively, and communicate clearly. Even though the aim of the course is not strictly theological it really helped to strengthen my ability to formulate strong theological arguments.”
- “I really feel like this class equipped me to enter discussions with unbelievers without fear, which is so key for ministry.”
- “Dr. Welty was a very kind and compassionate to the students, and he always brought the philosophical material back to the Scriptures, and pointed us to Christ.”
- “Dr. Welty presented philosophy in a winsome way that increased my desire to study the subject.”
- “He had a great sense of humor and was willing to open up about who he was as a person and how he got to his current stage of life. I greatly appreciated that.”
- “This goes down as one of my favorite classes ever! Dr. Welty brought it! He’s so good at explaining things in lecture!”
- “The lectures were incredible. Dr. Welty is definitely one of the best professors I have had at SEBTS. I am SO thankful I decided to retake the class (and earn an A) after taking Philosophy with Dr. _____

(and earning a C.) I understood the way the material was presented better and felt the exams were much more fair in Dr. Welty's classes."

- "The discussion forums in this class were better than any in previous SEBTS courses, so good use of those. The lectures were among the longest but were also helpful."
- "The best aspect were the lectures. Dr. Welty is among the best online instructors I have ever had. He does well teaching to a camera! :)"
- "It makes an enormous difference when the professor himself is grading the assignments and giving brilliant/detailed feedback. Dr. Welty actually wanted me to grow in this class. I was thrilled. I wish this happened much more often in SEBTS online world."
- "Dr. Welty actually sends out emails himself each week. He also grades all assignments himself. That was particularly helpful and meaningful since most of the other professors at SEBTS use graders. I was so impressed by the fact that he interacted with students directly and wish all professors would do that. Also, Dr. Welty's lectures were incredible. I actually looked forward to turning on my computer and listening to them and I learned so much from him. God definitely used him in my life this past semester."
- "I developed a stronger appreciation for a subject that I did not have much interest in. Many of my view points were challenged, while others were strengthened. I don't know that you can ask for more."
- "Dr. Welty's depth of knowledge on these topics was astounding. And he's really good at putting them at a level most people could understand."
- "I did not do well on a test. I emailed the professor because I was very nervous. HE emailed me back so fast and spoke confidence back in to me. He has no idea how much that helped me finish out the course. I am very grateful."
- "He is a good lecturer and is definitely knowledgeable in his content. He reaffirmed confidence in biblical authority."
- "Dr. Welty took time to answer my questions through email and his answers were well thought out and detailed. I have never had that kind of interaction with a professor. He and Dr. Lawless are among the best of trying to minister to their students. By the end of the semester I had felt like I struck up a friendship with Dr. Welty and that does not happen often in online learning."
- "I would want to be friends with Dr. Welty in real life."
- "Clearly a godly man with a wealth of knowledge in his chosen area of expertise. Dr. Welty is among the best instructors I've had at SEBTS. This class required much more of me than others I have taken. However, my faith and my thinking were deepened."
- "He was tremendous in explaining the material in an understandable way."
- "Keep doing what you're doing. I wouldn't change much."
- "He was good. I have no complaints."
- "Dr. Welty was an all around great professor! He was always respectful with everyone and always willing to meet with students."
- "Dr. Welty was very knowledgeable about the material and strove to show us how to love the Lord with our minds in this class."
- "The readings were significant and challenging, the discussions were great, and the professor took great care in assessing and responding to assignments."
- "I was surprised at the depth of the feedback that the professor gave on assignments."

Spring 2018

- "He presents everything clearly and is very funny."
- "Enjoyed Dr. Welty's lectures. He's an incredibly bright individual with a passion for philosophy."
- "You can tell that Dr. Welty truly loves his students and the subject he is teaching. His knowledge base and passion for the subject was really helpful throughout the course both for lectures and any questions that were asked in class."

- “His lectures were very good. I always enjoyed listening to him.”
- “The professor showed a life of true compassion for the lost and desire to talk with people for the sake of the gospel, not winning an argument.”
- “The prof was very knowledgeable in his area of study and did a great job of bringing together Christianity and science.”
- “Gives great notes and lectures, always gives amazing feedback.”
- “Dr. Welty not only formed the course around the embodiment of the core competencies, he displays them in the way he interacts in the classroom.”
- “Always helpful, and gracious in answering questions, yet knowledgeable on all the topics discussed in the class.”

Fall 2017

- “Dr. Welty gave great, organized lectures.”
- “Lecture outlines included enough notes to help us understand basic concepts without burdening us down with excess information: EXTREMELY helpful.”
- “The best aspect of this course other than the interesting information was that my papers actually were responded to with helpful comments.”
- “The professor explained every concept thoroughly and would take as much time as needed to explain something to the class as well as showing patience to students who struggled to understand.”
- “I really appreciated his passion for the subject, and that helps the students be excited as well.”
- “I think the introductory nature of this class was perfect, as it gave a brief overview of philosophy that helped me critically understand fundamental aspects of the natures of how people think. This did prepare me well for the ministry field.”
- “Dr. Welty is a fantastic lecturer and made a very dry subject come to life at 8:30 in the morning.”
- “Dr. Welty took the time to clarify some confusing material via email which was extremely helpful!”
- “The best aspect of this course was how available and willing the professor was to meet to discuss anything related to class material.”
- “He exceeded expectations by critically analyzing arguments and gently revealing flaws, inconsistencies, and weaknesses while showing us how to make our arguments stronger.”
- “He made a subject that I feared be a blessing. I left thinking clearly about the world around me.”
- “Dr. Welty demonstrates exceeding integrity in the way that he approached this course.”
- “Dr. Welty was quick to clarify any material that was challenging in our in-class discussions and by way of email. It was beyond helpful.”
- “Dr. Welty is very thorough and gives a lot of additional information helpful to students who wish to go deeper.”
- “Dr. Welty is willing to support his students and makes the time to give intentional and specific feedback.”
- “His grasp of the field of philosophy is phenomenal.”
- “His Christian character and passion for discipleship was amazing.”
- “I have never seen a professor with as much integrity and Christian character as Dr. Welty.”
- “It is easy to see his love of the Lord and passion for truth. Dr. Welty embodies a man who is sold out to Christ and is passionate about helping the next generation defend the faith.”

Spring 2017

- “The lectures and the reading were all fantastic. I never felt like I was wasting my time.”
- “Dr. Welty’s lectures and lecture handouts were extremely helpful. His lectures are some of the most interesting and engaging that I have ever listened to. He stimulates thinking about the abstract ideas of philosophy, while making the ideas understandable and adding humor. I greatly appreciate the effort and time he put into his lectures.”

- “Dr. Welty’s lectures illuminated the reading materials and enriched the subject matter!”
- “Dr. Welty gave me the most meaningful feedback I have ever gotten on a paper, ever. And it was a book review. Dr. Welty should be in charge of establishing the standard for grading and feedback of papers. If I received similar feedback on every paper as I got from Dr. Welty then I would be twice the student I am.”
- “The best aspect of the course is listening to Dr. Welty’s lectures, and the second best aspect is the reading. I enjoyed the reading because it was deep enough to be engaging, but wide enough to cover a lot of topics. This is helpful because Christian philosophy may be the only philosophy class that many students take.”
- “Dr. Welty is very helpful and went above and beyond to help me understand the material and the assignments.”
- “It was wonderful getting to interact with Dr. Welty in regards to our assignments. He took the time to thoughtfully interact with our own ideas surrounding the material, providing timely and specific feedback. Overall, his class was just a delight. I had never taken a philosophy class before and was intimidated by the material. Dr. Welty’s explanation’s brought life to the countless theories presented. His presentations were thoughtful and engaging. He is clearly knowledgeable and yet remains humble. Thankful to have him as a brother!”
- “Every aspect of the course seemed to have a view towards actual ministry.”
- “Thank you, Dr. Welty, for making Christian Philosophy a fun and stimulating class. I appreciate the knowledge that I have gained. Also, this class has given me a desire to read on some philosophy topics now that the class has ended.”
- “Great lectures and reading. You managed to appeal to the different philosophical levels of the various students.”
- “The outlines for each topic and lecture were done very well and will be helpful for years to come.”
- “Prof knows his stuff. Best prof at SEBTS.”
- “The professor’s constant care and attention for the learning process was exceptional, his wit and humor entertaining, and his humility and deep care for students admirable. The professor’s lectures were the best aspect of this course.”
- “The professor was well-prepared, extremely knowledgeable, and exhibited a skill for (and love of) teaching.”
- “The professor demonstrated exceptional Christian character throughout this course, including great humility and real concern for the students’ learning. His excellence of both instruction and personal character perfectly embodied SEBTS core competencies and lifted students up to excellence as would a mentor.”
- “Emails received from this professor were always very thorough and clear. He took the time to really give good answers to my questions.”
- “Dr. Welty’s deep understanding, coupled with his ability to engage with students at their level, is exceptional.”

Fall 2016

- “Best lectures I have had at SEBTS.”
- “His use of illustrations and discussion were very helpful. He took time to explain anything that was asked and he did it with a great attitude. The outlines were very helpful. His teaching mixed with his humor kept the material alive, especially given the time of day. I also appreciate that prayer was a big staple. That and his interaction with his students was encouraging. It is obvious that he wants everyone to succeed.”
- “The discussions and questions in the class were handled really well.”
- “Probably one of the better lecturers that I’ve learned from.”

- “Normally I am not hugely in favor of straight lecture 100% of class time, but Dr. Welty excelled at this. In a field as deep as philosophy, I found it refreshing to just sit, listen, and soak in during class time (as opposed to simply hearing the opinions of others in the class in a sort of discussion/group time).”
- “Philosophy can be a bit intimidating for those new to the scene, but the prof did a wonderful job in being down to earth and not above the heads of the students. His ability to show examples while mixing cultural relevance made for some interesting subject matter. His attitude was also very enjoyable, as he dealt with many abstract questions and individuals in a very patient and humorous way.”
- “Dr. Welty’s depth of knowledge and skill as a lecturer really made this course shine.”
- “Clear presentation and gracious towards opposing views.”
- “His attitude and care for his students is most noticeable. His patience in dealing with so many questions that could easily steer one off course was greatly appreciated. His care and concern in prayer was a wonderful sight to see. He reflected Christ in so many ways.”
- “He worked hard to make sure everything was equal and fair amongst the students and he did a good job at lecturing and even took time for questions regularly.”
- “The professor taught us how to think “Christianly”. The course was not merely theoretical, but the impact of philosophy on life and ministry was often made clear. I also want to add that I found the professor’s prayers to be encouraging and very God-centered.”
- “Philosophy was not a course I was looking forward to taking, but it ended up being one of my favorites at SEBTS so far.”
- “He gave great feedback on our papers which exceeded some previous experiences in other classes. I was blessed by his relation of philosophy to ministry and also relating the material back to his experience as a Christian.”
- “Dr. Welty succeeded in tying all kinds of philosophical things back to Scripture and the Christian life. In a course in which so many different things that cut against the grain of Christian orthodoxy are discussed, Dr. Welty did a great job of demonstrating their relevance to the work of Christ.”
- “Professor always had quick and thoughtful answers when the class had questions.”
- “I found that being called on to give answers from the homework was helpful. It forced me to think through the homework problems because I did not want to look like an idiot in front of the class.”
- “The professor kept the class upbeat and was very fair to the students.”
- “Lectures and feedback have been the best I have had at SEBTS. Dr Welty really goes the extra mile to make sure his students are thinking critically.”
- “Dr. Welty was so gracious to help me understand the material. I was very nervous before the class but I am very content with what I have learned.”
- “Always willing to talk or meet with me.”
- “I really enjoyed Dr. Welty’s academic knowledge and commitment. You could ask him anything. He listened well, tried to understand what people were saying. Never spoke of other things or positions in negative way. I had 75 citations in a paper and he looked up every last one. Who does this?”
- “The discussion around various topics, and the student presentations of reading material, paper prospectus’, etc., were extremely helpful. Dr. Welty is extremely knowledgeable in the relevant areas, and very good at leading the class in a useful direction.”
- “Dr Welty prayed at the start of each class. He did so in such a way that none of us could miss his heart for the gospel and the majesty of our God. The topic could be studied without reference to God at all (Science and Religion can merely be a philosophical or sociological exercise). Dr Welty made sure we continually returned to the apologetic and theological task throughout the class.”
- “Dr. Welty didn’t exceed my expectations. However, the only reason he did not exceed my expectations is because they were high to begin with because of his high level of teaching.”
- “Dr. Welty’s treatment of the students in the class, especially the way he handled disagreement and discussion, were very useful.”

Spring 2016

- “Dr. Welty’s lectures were phenomenal. Started the class with no interest in philosophy and ended with a deep appreciation for how relevant Christian philosophy is to our life and ministry.”
- “Dr. Welty is an incredible teacher and has a great way of explaining difficult subjects. He is funny and engaging. He is also very compassionate and understands that philosophy is not an easy subject.”
- “The professor had a winsome spirit.”
- “I found all the methods used by the professor to be helpful.”
- “Welty is a fantastic teacher. His lectures and notes were among the best.”
- “The detail that we went into in the lectures, carefully describing arguments and weight the merits of them, was very helpful.”
- “Dr. Welty is an extremely gifted lecturer and I absolutely loved listening to him talk about specific philosophical positions without bombastically taking a side like several of the other philosophy professors. He presented the positions in such a way that it forced me to think. I have taken a lot of classes, but I have never gained so much knowledge about a particular topic in such a short amount of time through lectures. I can say that my time in his classroom was 100% worth the night drives and 10/10 I would take him again.”
- “I thought Dr. Welty was awesome!! No improvements needed.”
- “This was my first class at SEBTS and I was very challenged. I don’t have much to compare this class to but I was very impressed with Dr. Welty and learned a lot from him.”
- “This professor goes above and beyond on reaching out to students, being accommodating, giving feedback. He provides an outline for students to follow along. There is not much to improve on.”
- “Dr. Welty took confusing philosophical concepts and explained them thoroughly and in a way that made them relatable to real-world evangelistic encounters.”
- “I really enjoyed the discussion regarding the problem of evil.”
- “Professor is very knowledgeable of the subject and works hard to provide valuable feedback.”
- “It was very helpful learning about the ways to defend the faith against the ways of the world.”
- “Honestly, Dr. Welty’s background was the best aspect of this course. Coming from a non-believing family and seeking to know God on his own (not by force of his family) made me interested in philosophy, not normally a subject I would say sign me up for! He was passionate about what he taught and you could tell he had a lot to teach all of us. I definitely learned a lot from him.”
- “The best aspect of this course is the professor’s ability to maintain my attention in a 3-hour course.”
- “Great lectures; lovely reading.”
- “It was very challenging in thinking about how we approach deeper concepts that sometimes get pushed aside. It also helped with general apologetics and understanding how/why our world thinks the way that it does.”
- “I feel like more than anything I learned how to understand and make arguments. The discussions on compatibilism vs incompatibilism and the problem of evil were the highlights of the class.”
- “The instructor is definitely a subject matter expert and thoroughly knows the material.”
- “I had a great experience in this course because of the instructor’s preparation, knowledge, and passion for the material.”
- “He made a clear connection between the course content and evangelism. He also prayed before every class, which I appreciate.”
- “He is an incredibly gifted teacher that consistently spoke the truth of the gospel as he taught philosophy. He always brought it back to scripture and defeated philosophical thoughts with God’s word.”
- “He was always very well prepared and was an excellent communicator. He had a zeal for Jesus that was evident in his prayers.”
- “The professor works hard to help students think critically and provides valuable feedback.”

- “I was impressed with his availability to his students. I e-mailed him a question on a weekend and he answered before Monday. He always seemed available and open to helping us. It was cool how we learned about all types of philosophers and ideas, not just Christians philosophers and one type of belief. Knowing this helps defend my faith more.”
- “The professor helped me think critically about Christian doctrines and to provide coherent answers to people who ask me about my faith.”
- “He gives very helpful feedback to papers and exams. He is structured with time and what he says actually happens in the manner instructed. He gives not only the Christian view but the arguments to a view and then he gives what is a good response to the arguments. This combination gives the student a well rounded view of a subject.”
- “He has a heart for students and for the gospel.”
- “Great class!”
- “He is excellent in knowing the material and even working through it piece by piece.”
- “Not only did we learn Christian Philosophy, but I feel that we fairly represented and tried to understand opposing philosophies as well, thus our ability to think clearly and argue persuasively was enhanced.”
- “I didn’t know what to expect. He was phenomenal in his analysis of the material.”
- “He was very smart. It was very evident that he really loves Jesus!”
- “Welty did an excellent job of incorporating how every single topic that we discussed interacts with evangelism and apologetics. He taught us how to think well and the importance of the Gospel. I don’t think that you can reasonably expect much more than that.”
- “The chapter outlines and summaries Dr. Welty provided for each class were helpful especially in following his lecture and in preparing for the exams.”
- “The lectures and assigned reading were solid.”
- “The instructor’s lecture notes were very useful in analyzing the assigned reading.”
- “Interesting content, well-presented and well-organized by the professor.”
- “I think Dr. Welty demonstrated Christian disposition and a servant’s heart to the students by responding quickly and intentionally to email communication. He also responded graciously to them in class when someone asked a question. He also does demonstrate careful and critical thinking as he engages with the material and teaches it.”
- “He obviously has a very deep knowledge of the subject, and was always polite and generous when asked a question.”
- “Very helpful feedback (and flexibility) on developing the paper.”
- “Displayed rare combination of great spiritual maturity and deep philosophical understanding.”
- “Dr. Welty is a great professor. His lectures are engaging, he cares about students, and he works hard. His feedback on our tests was by far the most detailed and helpful response I have ever gotten at SEBTS. In my opinion, he is invaluable to the school - definitely a top tier professor.”
- “The professor was phenomenal with the content. The questions and discussions we got into in class, while still covering the material made it a great learning experience, especially as this was structured Friday-all day Saturday.”
- “I was really happy with it. Enjoyed it. Was challenged. Learned greatly from professor. He’s super personable as well as knowledgeable.”
- “The students and professor were really enjoyable to spend time with and everyone wanted to be there, everyone wanted to learn, and the professor was really interesting and knowledgeable.”
- “Knowledge and approachability and conversational interaction. He was super smart but also really good socially and conversationally.”

Fall 2015 – on sabbatical

Spring 2015 – on sabbatical

Fall 2014

- “The professor was very personable and easy to listen to and learn from. He thoroughly explained things without loading his lecture with jargon and fancy words.”
- “Dr. Welty’s lectures are superb. At the beginning of the semester, I dreaded the idea of going to Philosophy at 7:30 every Tuesday and Wednesday morning. However, Dr. Welty brought Philosophy to life with his clear and very interesting lectures. Dr. Welty is certainly among the best professors I have ever had in my schooling. He is superb!”
- “The lecture notes were extremely helpful in understanding the content and preparing to test on it. The lectures stuck to the notes, but also expounded on them in detail, thus offering substantial content and structure to the class.”
- “The lectures were phenomenal, especially at 7:30 in the morning.”
- “Dr. Welty’s lectures were always very easy to understand.”
- “Dr. Welty was the best aspect of this course. I could tell that he truly cared about the students and wanted us to learn. He is a wonderful servant of the Lord.”
- “Awesome godly professor. Taught as both a professor and pastor.”
- “It was helpful that the professor connected the philosophical ideas with real questions that people might raise in evangelistic and church counselling contexts.”
- “The professor was incredibly knowledgeable on his subject material and immensely prepared. He was always well organized and, though the material was quite dense and hard to comprehend at times, he always explained it in a way that could easily be understood. He made the material approachable and understandable.”
- “His lectures were great. Also, he gives the best feedback I have ever received by a professor. You actually know he cares about you and your process of learning.”
- “The material presented in the class will help greatly as I share the Good News and answer questions raised by those with whom I share.”
- “He made philosophy a practical and relevant part of ministry by philosophically examining arguments made by atheists and others against Christianity, as well as arguments for Christianity.”
- “My reliance upon the Word of God is even stronger because of my time spent in this class. Dr. Welty did a wonderful job of applying the Bible to many of the topics that we discussed.”
- “His knowledge of the subject helped me to critically think through different scenarios. He used scripture to back up his philosophical worldview. It was a great opportunity to learn much.”
- “Professor prayed before each class. Also he was willing to engage with students’ ideas and give a fair hearing to positions that were different than his own. He did a great job of using examples to make abstract ideas more easy to grasp.”
- “I always find Dr. Welty’s lectures to be engaging and accessible. He always makes the material clear and comprehensible.”
- “The instructor was willing to answer questions outside of class to make sure each student understood the material.”
- “Dr. Welty is the best aspect of his course. He is able to make very confusing abstract concepts understandable and concrete. He redeemed philosophy for me, and it was only under him that I would have attempted logic.”
- “I enjoyed the participation from the class and the professor was very helpful in his critiques. He helped me to rethink some arguments and brought up great ideas.”
- “Dr. Welty is a phenomenal professor; SEBTS is lucky to have him. The best aspect of the course was the knowledge he brought to the table and the ability to pass it along to us.”
- “Dr. Welty goes above my expectations in taking time to answer questions by email fully. I appreciate the time and thought that he devotes to helping me work through my questions.”

- “My professor did an excellent job demonstrating how the principles of basic logic can be utilized to better understand, interpret, and express the truths found in Scripture, as well as how they can be used to evaluate our own arguments and the arguments of others pertaining to the same.”
- “Especially in regards to thinking critically, this course exceeded what I expected to gain from it. I was interested in this class, thinking it would be beneficial--but after taking it I see it more as a necessity to be a good teacher and preacher.”
- “Dr. Welty is the most prepared professor that I have taken at this school. His lectures are always thorough and helpful and his dedication to excellence is unrivalled. He obviously is committed to serving the Lord through teaching.”
- “This was a class I was not looking forward to before, but I was very pleased with the material. The instructor made the class practical and showed the importance of the topic.”
- “He was willing to answer any and all questions I had. This allows me to be a better pastor to others. I feel like I was able to get a handle on some topics that were previously unclear. I shared some of what I learned with a student attending Yale. The content of my course helped me to confidently address his questions.”
- “The professor is extremely knowledgeable concerning the seminar material and communicated well.”
- “Very sharp and helpful prof. E-mail responses were timely and very thorough. This helped me tremendously. Also, the students who participated in class discussions helped a great deal.”
- “Dr. Welty made the discussion relevant to Christian life and practice.”
- “His responses to e-mail questions were far more thorough than what I would have expected. It is clear that he took his time to try to help me think through the issues. He took a good bit of time with me also one day after class.”

Spring 2014

- “Dr. Welty was always willing to give additional examples in lecture to help students understand the various concepts.”
- “The class notes the professor provided are amazing. They will be a great resource for future ministry.”
- “I appreciate Dr. Welty’s lecture notes. They were very well organized and thorough. It made his lectures easy to follow. Since studying philosophy is new to me it was helpful to have a lot of documents to follow along with.”
- “The professor had a tremendous knowledge of the material and did a great job communicating it to the class.”
- “The lectures were very informative and when questions were raised the instructor did a great job of answering them but not letting the questions take us down a rabbit hole that we didn’t need to follow.”
- “Dr. Welty’s lectures were by far the most helpful part of his class. He explains the material well.”
- “The lectures and class discussions were amazing.”
- “Dr. Welty did a great job. The information is dense and technical at times. I appreciate how he was always willing to stop and receive questions.”
- “I don’t know how it could be improved. The class was really good. Dr. Welty is a great teacher and SEBTS is lucky to have him.”
- “My favorite aspect of this course was being able to answer tough questions that were raised by the teacher.”
- “The best aspect of this course was the feedback received from the professor. He graded all of our work himself, and the comments he provided helped to better understand the topics covered. I incredibly respect and value the feedback received by the professor. This is one aspect that made this class one of my favorites to participate in.”
- “One of the best things about the class was the feedback on the assignments. The questions above made me think of that. Dr. Welty was timely in getting our papers back to us and gave me a ton of helpful and constructive feedback. In other classes in seminary I have wondered if my professor or grader even read

the paper. Here that was not so. Dr. Welty always returned our papers with tons of Microsoft Word notes on the side of them. I am so grateful for that! Even though some of those notes were hard to read!”

- “Philosophy can be a daunting subject at times. Dr. Welty did an amazing job making it practical and always taking it back to Scripture. Could not have asked for more.”
- “The instructor really genuinely cares about his students and his field of study.”
- “I was just really pleased with the instructor’s presentation and command of the material.”
- “Welty grades his own assignments which is very helpful when he gives feedback.”
- “Dr. Welty’s lectures were easy to understand and he was extremely fair on grading.”
- “This was such an immense improvement over my undergrad philosophy course that I don’t even know what to say.....It just stretches your mind in the most amazing ways and really just makes you worship the Lord for giving us wisdom. Great instruction.”
- “I can’t think of anything. I also wanted to say I appreciate his emphasis on starting every class with prayer. In many of my other seminary classes @ SEBTS there were times when class would start with prayer but many other times it did not. Dr. Welty was always sure to start every class by going before the Lord in prayer.”
- “This class challenged our thinking and it will help us serve God better with our minds.”
- “[I appreciated] His willingness to work through issues and student questions with multiple examples.”
- “He never showed partiality, not with students and not with arguments, or beliefs or ideals.”
- “This guy was just incredible. I think he probably knows how to build a flux capacitor. He is the kind of man of God that you want representing and teaching at Southeastern.”
- “He helped me to really think critically about what I believe and the arguments that I suggest to others in leading people to Christ.”
- “He clearly explained the purpose of Philosophy/Apologetics, which helped to view the course in light of the Great Commission. Like I’ve already said, the thing I valued the most was the feedback provided by the professor on assignments and tests.”
- “He was very personable and made time for his students. Also it was easy to see his passion for Christ and the local church. He was always talking about his work as an elder.”
- “I never realized how much knowing philosophy can be used in reaching people with the gospel.”
- “The instructor was very clear in how to relate the material being studied to ministry and the Great Commission.”
- “He is a brilliant philosopher and teacher, one of the best I have had while at Southeastern.”
- “He sought to explain philosophy in a way that would grow us spiritually.”
- “We had complete freedom to make our arguments, and were not judged negatively if they were not the same ones that Welty himself held.”
- “The subject matter was very exciting for me and that was the best aspect for me. Learning how to access arguments is always a helpful tool in defending theological positions in a secular world. The class atmosphere was very relaxed yet focused on learning and that helped provide a great learning experience.”
- “The professor was very willing to discuss all questions or concern and modelled godly leadership in the classroom.”
- “The best aspect of this course was to see a balance to what is presented in the popular sphere concerning religion and science, particularly that science and Christianity are not antagonistic.”
- “I thought the introduction to the issues underlying the philosophy of science were very well explained in the limited time we had!”
- “Dr. Welty really grounded me in an understanding of the field of the philosophy of science.”
- “[I appreciated] The time he took to respond to questions by students and critiquing our papers and test answers.”
- “The professor possesses excellent scholarship and knowledge of the subject, and he was able to relate the topic to how discussions in science can provide talking points to secular individuals.”

- “Dr. Welty’s lectures are fantastic and his outlines are extremely valuable without making it pointless to come to the actual lecture.”
- “Dr. Welty is an excellent presenter and makes these very hard to understand topics very understandable.”
- “I did enjoy his lectures, but I also enjoyed when we would do discussion questions as a class as well.”
- “Excellent lectures and notes. Provides excellent feedback on questions and skillfully guides discussion to arrive at the crux of the matter.”
- “Dr. Welty is the most interesting and illuminating professor that I have ever had. He does a wonderful job at explaining and making the topics understandable.”
- “Simply superb. Dr. Welty is one of the brightest and most substantive professors at Southeastern. This course was easily one of the most perfect and complete class experiences that I’ve had.”
- “The lectures were great and having one textbook be an application of the material to Christian apologetics while the other was more of a technical overview of the subject was an excellent balance.”
- “He did a wonderful job, no improvements needed.”
- “In helping us understand how we come to know things, and how we are justified, we can apply that to our biblical theology.”
- “The professor did a great job helping provide us knowledge for ministry and leadership in the church and in the world, especially when encountering lost people.”
- “[I appreciated] The time he devoted to answering our questions and responding to our ideas.”
- “Always respects the students asking questions, and does an excellent job of finding the heart of the question and providing valuable insight into the issue at hand. Also does a great job of positioning the important need for theologians to reflect on philosophical matters.”
- “In every way, Dr. Welty is a master of the subject and really does a great job of showing how the subject affects Christian faith.”
- “The material was extremely challenging, but learning it was extremely rewarding.”

Fall 2013

- “Dr. Welty is extremely valuable to this institution. I’m thankful that he is here. God bless.”
- “Dr. Welty is the best lecturer that I have had at SEBTS (and I’ve taken about 90 credit hours). He is able to utilize humor in a way that instead of distracting from his main point actually serves to make his main point memorable.”
- “The fact that the professor did about as good of a job at making a late evening 3-hour class exciting and enlivening as could possibly be done. Well-done, good sir!”
- “I truly enjoyed the professor’s enthusiasm and mannerisms. His energy and jokes on particular philosophical discussion of claims kept the students in-tune.”
- “The professor had a great presence when lecturing. In fact, he has made philosophy more understandable and applicable in my life.”
- “Despite how easy it would have been for the instructor to get off topic and chase some philosophical rabbit, he stayed on topic and remained genuinely excited about the topic.”
- “I really liked that he was available to speak to after class or on a break in the middle of class.”
- “I love Dr. Welty’s prayers before class. He keeps the class in perspective. I also enjoyed his examples and teaching.”
- “Great feedback on assignments. I know that must be time consuming, but it is so helpful. Thank you.”
- “It has prepared me to evaluate people’s worldviews so that I can better understand the obstacles that stand in their way to believing the gospel.”
- “I can take philosophical reasoning and help church members to understand doctrine, and use philosophy to help in apologetics and evangelizing unbelievers.”
- “He’s like the perfect combination of genius and hilariousness. And he knows when to turn both switches on as well with remarkable discernment.”

- “The reason I checked yes to drama/skits/roleplays on the previous set of questions was because Dr. Welty can’t talk about running from a giant spider without running running from a giant spider. Or talk about flying thru a mall without giving us an idea what that looks like. Another thing I like about Dr. Welty is his syllabus. Very detailed, and he stuck with it. Every professor should have to run their syllabi by him for approval.”
- “He is very humble when he teaches. He is also very prepared and sharp minded.”
- “[I appreciated] The energy and passion the professor shows for the course and the Christian faith.”
- “Really great for a night class, very engaging style, far from dry. Lecture outlines were a very useful tool, I was able to spend my time listening and embellishing the outline with notes.”
- “Dr. Welty does a great job of keeping things interesting with humor, and with bringing it all back to Christ. His teaching style is a faster pace than most which keeps the content from dragging.”
- “This course gave me clarity in understanding some issues, such as the inspiration of Scripture and the resurrection, that are challenging and deserve to be examined in order to ensure the consistency of Christianity.”
- “He is very knowledgeable and passionate about the material being presented.”
- “Extremely helpful feedback on assignments and incredibly detailed notes. I love the format of going through the arguments presented in the book.”
- “Provided valuable insight into a thriving and greatly important subject in philosophy directly related to Christian doctrine.”
- “Excellent outlines, superb summaries of the content being taught, and insightful evaluations of the various positions.”
- “Incredibly thorough and precise.”

Spring 2013

- “Appreciated lecture style - great personality, engaging lectures. Enjoyed the fallacies exercise as well as the argument presentation.”
- “I really enjoyed learning from Dr. Welty. He helped me to see how important critical thinking is, especially how we need it in every area of our lives. He always used good illustrations to drive home important points.”
- “I enjoyed learning the syllogistic logic.”
- “It helped me to think critically so that I can develop strong arguments in defense of my faith and can help others to see the strengths and weaknesses in their arguments.”
- “He was very intelligent, and explained things well.”
- “I could tell that he viewed this class as his ministry. He used great illustrations, used his voice and body movement to drive home points well, and he was always available to answer questions after class.”
- “Great personality and knowledge of the subject.”
- “If I were to emulate half of what he does when I teach, I would be a great teacher.”
- “This course summarizes what the entire MAPR program is about. I thoroughly enjoyed the professor’s intentionality with answering our questions and with providing extra material on Moodle for our learning.”
- “Excellent overview of the important and relevant topics in philosophy of religion.”
- “He always makes room for questions.”
- “Great personality and knowledge of subject matter.”
- “Clear, precise, direct, always willing to listen and respond.”
- “Lectures and discussion were both engaging, insightful, and enjoyable.”
- “It was a steep learning curve to one without a scientific background. However, this is not a critique because it pushed me immensely.”
- “I understand the issues surrounding science better so I am better equipped to respond to a culture that tends to prize science above all other disciplines.”

- “He is extremely knowledgeable and passionate about the subject.”
- “He is incredibly thorough and has a schedule for his lectures. He also provides notes to follow along that we can then fill in to our desire.”
- “Lectures were very informative but also entertaining, especially considering this was a three hour course from 6-9pm.”
- “Very clear, very precise, listened well.”
- “Welty is an extremely intelligent individual. His philosophical background/knowledge surpasses any professor I’ve sat under in the past 7- years at SEBTS.”

Fall 2012

- “Dr Welty is very knowledgeable and explains complex ideas very simply.”
- “Dr. Welty had some jokes that he would throw into his lecture that were funny.”
- “He is brilliant. Seriously.”
- “The professor explained all the views in such a way as to give them all an air of credibility before we discussed them and the problems with each particular view. He didn’t pick favorites, nor did he demean any of them.”
- “We covered a significant amount of reading and the professor exhibited excellent mastery over the material.”
- “There are many who have the debate regarding free will and determinism. I now feel better able to engage them in intellectual discourse.”
- “He was very open to students asking questions.”
- “His humor and his level of knowledge about the subject. Of all the professors here, Dr. Welty is among the best (in the top 5).”
- “Openness to a diversity of orthodox opinions on the topic.”
- “Orderly, humorous, and always willing to work through a question with the students.”
- “He knew the material well and could interact with a wide variety of resources.”
- “Dr. Welty has a passion for teaching and is very knowledgeable.”

Spring 2012

- “Dr. Welty has a good sense of humor and he is very intelligent. He exudes a love for philosophy and that helps with the class.”
- “Dr. Welty’s delivery was great. Clear, understandable (tough feat with this subject), and at the same time witty and engaging.”
- “I appreciated the professor bringing Scripture into the discussions consistently. You could tell that he had thought the issues through in a biblical manner and he was encouraging us to do the same.”
- “I cannot complement this course enough. I had a philosophy class in undergrad that was discussion based. The class never overcame the skeptical argument concerning epistemology. The class in undergrad left me with a distaste for philosophy. I came out knowing nothing because we had not discussed anything except for matrix possibilities. This course was fantastic. I found myself with a love for philosophy. Now, I know it is something that is worth the working for, and I will continue to study it now that I have tasted its value for personal growth and ministry. Thank you for this course!”
- “The prof effectively communicated the connection of dated philosophies to the ways we think today. He was very passionate and engaging in his teaching style. Philosophy is in his blood and we could tell it.”
- “I am now equipped with the knowledge of philosophies that have shaped our world’s thinking. I can more easily understand the thought process of an unbeliever now. Chances are, the present philosophies of our society can be traced back to philosophies that have already been seen in our past.”
- “This course has helped me to recognize worldviews and understand responses to them. I have already used the things I’ve learned in this course about truth theories in witnessing to someone. Without this

course, I would not have been able to understand that man and helped him to see the flaws in his thinking. I've found that, even when I have not heard a position/worldview before, I'm able to evaluate it and respond."

- "Dr. Welty was fantastic. I can't say it enough. I would have never thought three hour sessions of philosophy would have passed quickly, but they did. He spent plenty of time explaining ideas, and they made sense.(He also adds humor in the right places as well.) The outlines that he gives are perfect for reviewing lectures, and they will continue to be a good resource."
- "Engaging, cerebral, but approachable and wants to answer questions!"
- "He has focused on the facilitation of learning more than any educator I have ever had. When grading, he explains where the answers were strong, where they were weak, and how they could be improved."
- "I appreciated his knowledge and his ability to teach well. He made the difficult issues understandable. The intelligent wit made the class enjoyable."
- "Knowledge of the subject matter. I very much appreciated the Professor's dedication to promptly grading material and giving good, constructive, instructive comments on them. He was the best professor I've had so far in that area."
- "The professor was engaging and funny. He also gave illustrations, which helped in understanding the material. He would also repeat things for emphasis. It was evident that teaching philosophy is something the professor is invested in."
- "He is very good at providing resources. He is also good about getting back to student's questions."
- "His wit and candor certainly make an hour and half seem too short."
- "I took many biology courses in my undergrad and was never exposed to a philosophy of science class. Dr. Welty's class gave me a more comprehensive view of science and its relation to religion. This was extremely helpful in understanding the biases of professors in approaching science, and it also gave me more confidence in understanding the relation between Christianity and science."
- "Scientism is pervasive throughout our culture. With a better understanding of the interaction between science and religion, I have more confidence in sharing my faith with those influenced by scientism."
- "He is very knowledgeable of the topics and his notes are very comprehensive. His precision in the details of an argument helped me become a better communicator and thinker."
- "I appreciate his lecture style, and his willingness to understand student's questions and confusions before moving on. Mostly, however, I appreciate his comments and critiques w/papers and tests. He does a good job of challenging students in a grace-giving and Christ-like manner."

Fall 2011

- "Welty is an amazing lecturer."
- "Welty's outlines were extremely helpful. They are resources that I will keep for a very long time."
- "Engaging and easy to understand. I believe the mark of a great teacher is one who makes the profound simple and the simple profound. Dr. Welty has mastered this ability."
- "Generous...he never ever wants students to be embarrassed. He is a great guy."
- "He was animated and really tried to make the (sometimes dry) material more accessible."
- "I liked how he frequently gave examples of the concepts he was trying to communicate. For someone who is not good at philosophy, it helped me to continue listening."
- "Dr. Welty covers all of the bases and is always well-prepared and punctual."
- "I appreciate that he knew this particular aspect of the Coherence of Theism very well. I also enjoyed being able to survey the vast amount of literature. I was thankful he did respond to our papers so quickly."

Spring 2011

- “Dr. Welty has a heart to teach and serve his students- he is an amazing professor. It was challenging to have such a deep course, but he was very patient and understanding with the class. It was obvious that he knew what he was talking about.”
- “His heart for teaching is obvious, and his patience really pays off. I’m not afraid to ask questions.”
- “Dr. Welty always gave an outline so as to aid students in his lectures. To me, it looked as if he gave great care to his lectures, and really tried to help his students.”
- “He was always interesting and engaging.”
- “His passion for the student to comprehend what he is teaching. His openness to ideas that he has not considered - he is a teacher with a commanding knowledge of the subject; yet, maintains a humble and teachable spirit. He clarifies, as much as possible, hard to understand concepts. He is animated with a little humor that keeps your attention and focus.”

Fall 2010

- [No data for this term. It was my first term at SEBTS, and perhaps the administration didn’t have me in the system yet. –GW]

Spring 2010

- “I don’t think I could have asked for a better Philosophy professor. He made the concepts clear and easy to understand, but did not make the class easy either. He is obviously well-read, and very well-prepared.”
- “Dr. Welty took a difficult subject and made it as easy to understand as is possible for a philosophy class. Not that I always understood everything, but he gave a lot of down-to-earth examples which were very helpful in learning the different positions of the writers we reviewed.”
- “Dr. Welty is great at organization. This helped me very much in my learning.”
- “Many of the questions that were raised in this course I puzzled at for the few years that I have been a Christian. This class may have had one of the most profound effects on me to date.”
- “Again, this has been a great class and a great professor who I will sadly miss as he is leaving for another seminary next year. I had hoped to take many more classes through him, but will have to consider alternative options.”
- “This is a very difficult subject but the professor really bent over backwards trying to help students understand the content of the course. His explanations and examples--even silly ones--were very helpful in making sense of a lot of it. He took what could have been very boring subject material and made it lively and interesting. He allowed a lot of questions which helped spur thinking to higher levels.”
- “Awesome course wish Dr. Welty was staying to teach other classes!”
- “I really appreciate Dr. Welty’s enjoyment and knowledge of the subject. I am deeply grieved at his leaving... He leaves a major hole in the SWBTS philosophy department. I hope that SWBTS replaces him with someone of the same quality.”

Fall 2009

- “I entered the semester not knowing much of Welty, but left highly respecting him as a prof and a Christian man.”
- “Dr. Welty was one of my favorite professors I have had in seminary. I took a whole lot away from this class. He made some very difficult subject matter understandable.”
- “Again, Dr. Welty did a fabulous job. I highly enjoyed this class!”
- “Course content was highly appealing and interesting, and Welty did a great job teaching it to me.”
- “I have extreme dislike for philosophy. There are mysteries to this universe that I will never understand and that I don’t need to understand. I am okay with this and philosophy is not. Therefore, I have avoided taking philosophy until now. Dr. Welty turned a subject that I hate into an enjoyable experience. I have learned an appreciation for the subject and see the importance of it now. I would have never taken this

class if it was not a requirement. I am glad that I took it with Dr. Welty because I won't have gotten nearly as much out of the class if it were not for his quality of instruction."

- "Dr. Welty is an extremely capable professor that all students would do well to learn from. Southwestern would be wise to hire more professors of his caliber because his display of knowledge, humility and instructional ability are unmatched by any professor I have had up to this point."
- "Dr. Welty is a great teacher who is always prepared and always treats his students with the utmost respect."
- "The turnaround time on grading materials was excellent. I received my grade on exams within days of taking it."
- "Dr. Welty is one of the most cheerful, energetic, and entertaining professors that I have ever studied under. He managed to make this philosophy course in logic fun!"
- "Outstanding class."

Spring 2009

- "This has been one of my favorite classes that I have taken thus far. Dr. Welty demonstrated a very good knowledge of the material, was able to teach difficult concepts with clarity, and demonstrated a humble Christian spirit."
- "Great course! The professor was amazing and very knowledgeable. He was always willing to answer our questions and made sure that we were able to understand everything. I thoroughly enjoyed this class and learned a lot."
- "Dr. Welty made the class very enjoyable and was very respectful towards those who either did not understand or had different opinions."
- "Excellent all around. Dr. Welty leads intriguing discussions and never looks down on a question. I felt comfortable in unfamiliar waters."
- "Dr. Welty has definitely caused me to be more excited about philosophy and how it can really buttress our faith. He is a great communicator and incredibly passionate about teaching. This makes every one of his classes enjoyable."
- "Dr. Welty has an amazing ability to communicate difficult areas of philosophy for students who aren't very familiar with philosophy. I loved his teaching style, his content, the books he assigned. I also enjoyed how he would relate these various aspects of philosophy to ministry and the pastorate."
- "Overall, this class was interesting and Dr. Welty did a great job of explaining difficult material."
- "Great professor. Great Christian character. Very intelligent, and very good at explaining complicated topics in a clear, concise way."
- "I really like Dr. Welty, his method of teaching and his subject matter. Out of all of the things he could have pulled for this subject, Dr. Welty selected various works to guide the students to understand how to get the difficult matter of God and evil biblically-based within the students and how to approach the subject with others in our future ministry. Dr. Welty is golden and I wish I could take him for other classes even though his tests scare the snot out of me. I can take knowledge from his class and apply it to ministry and my personal theology without wondering whether it is biblically-based or scholarly-based. Every major point that was made was defined in context within Scripture and delicately, plainly put so that we could share it with others in our ministry. What a stellar teacher for SWBTS to have!"
- "Dr. Welty is one of the best professors that I have ever had. He makes the material interesting and understandable. He is also very personable by sharing stories about his children and other life happenings. After being in class with Dr. Welty, you not only respect the professionalism and knowledge of Dr. Welty, but you also like him as a person."
- "As with many Seminary courses, there were only three grades which makes each assignment stress since it counts for so much. But Dr. Welty spread out the assignments so that each could be given proper attention so that good work could be done on each one. I also really liked how Dr. Welty structured the course to begin with the logical then evidential arguments from evil and the progressed on to the pastoral aspects of

the issue. This approach established a good philosophical foundation for us before we progressed into the more personal area of counseling and comforting those facing trials in life.”

- “Great books. At first, I was a bit perturbed and/or overwhelmed by the sheer number of required volumes, but they have all (without exception) proven very beneficial to my overall learning.”
- “The material was organized in a fashion that made sense to me. Dr. Welty presented the philosophical side (which is mind-oriented) of the issue within God and evil then the existential side (which is dominantly heart-oriented).”
- “Syllabus was clear. I like the table of contents section on Dr. Welty’s syllabus so that I don’t have to search through the whole thing to find the section that I want. The readings were all very appropriate to the course material. The readings at the beginning are all very philosophical and so can be dry and complicated. However, Dr. Welty made them accessible. I really enjoyed the Lewis and Wolterstorff readings. They were very informative from a pastoral point of view.”
- “This class has greatly increased my interest in the subject area, and has better prepared me for my ministry.”
- “The material as well as the teacher re-shaped my theology within the attributes of God to be more conformed to Biblical truth. Another aspect of the class that has changed my outlook on God was Dr. Welty’s prayers. He was humble, compassionate, sincere when leading his students before a holy and sovereign God. This refined my personal prayer life.”
- “All in all, the grading was done within a reasonable time. Dr. Welty also gave great feedback. The tests are essay, so they are really hard, but hey make you know the material. I don’t like the tests when I am taking them, but I am thankful for that format because it forces me to really know the material.”
- “Dr. Welty’s clear teaching style and humble approach of dealing with people made this class a profitable learning experience.”
- “Dr. Welty is a brilliant, stimulating professor. I’ve greatly enjoyed his course, and have learned an incredible amount from him.”
- “Dr. Welty is a wonderful asset to SWBTS.”
- “Professor knew the subject material very well. Also, he was very concerned that we learn the material. He took a lot of class time to help us understand.”
- “Assignments were graded quickly and returned promptly.
- “This was my first logic class, and I loved it. I was hoping this would increase my research and comprehension skills for doctoral work, and I feel it did. The first few weeks were slow because we spent a lot of time just doing the exercises from our homework which at that point was fairly simple. But as we moved forward, the benefit of doing those assignments together became clear. Great prof and great class.”
- “I enjoyed the class a lot. I learned a lot this semester.”
- “Professor was excellent. High interaction, high willingness to help student learn.”

Fall 2008

- “This is my first semester, and I’m so glad I was able to have Dr. Welty for one of my first classes. My interest in Philosophy of Religion was greatly increased, and even though the material was difficult at times, Dr. Welty brought it down to the student’s level each time. Great experience overall.”
- “Dr. Welty has a humble, sincere approach to prayer (prior to class time) that makes me strive to be a better praying Christian.”
- “I had no background in Philosophy before taking this class so I was a little worried, but Dr. Welty made all of the concepts easy to understand while still challenging me to think about the concepts and not just accept what he said.”
- “I enjoyed his teaching style and presentation. He took a hard class and made it understandable.”
- “Dr. Welty was clearly very organized and very knowledgeable on this subject. He took time to clearly understand and clarify the questions of the students to ensure that he answered their questions.”

- “This course was difficult to understand but Dr. Welty did an excellent job explaining it so that I could understand it.”
- “With brief readings before each major topic in class and readings to continue the discussion, the class was structured well.”
- “Dr. Welty’s use of the board in the front of the class gave us all a visual representation of the line of thought of the various philosophers. This helped not only to grasp the material initially, but to remember it perpetually as well.”
- “Makes me want to roll over into the post-masters program in the field of philosophy.”
- “I learned a great deal in this course. I feel as though I am better prepared to answer the ‘tough’ questions about the Christian faith.”
- “I really enjoyed this class. I was open to the class to begin with, but am leaving with a desire to take more classes from the philosophy and ethics department.”
- “Well taught class. Makes me want to change concentrations to become a Philosophy person.”
- “This was my first philosophy class that I have ever taken and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Not only do I have a deeper appreciation for the subject but I plan to continue to study it as well. I am aware that as a first-time philosophy student that I could easily think I am smarter than I really am but Dr. Welty always answered questions in a way that was kind yet humbling to the beginning student. He has a vast biblical knowledge and is able to defend his positions and critiques philosophically and biblically. If I can work it out, I would like to use an elective to take another class with Dr. Welty. This was a wonderful class and I will recommend it to others.”
- “This subject is difficult for me but Dr. Welty made it enjoyable and I come out with it still being difficult but with a better grasp of the subject.”
- “I did appreciate this class. The reading required was very beneficial. Class time was used very well and discussions explained well.”
- “Very knowledgeable professor. Explain complex concepts in an easy-to-understand way.”
- “I was very, very pleased with Dr. Welty and how he taught the class. He was very professional but at the same time very relational. He knew current culture and how to use examples that would be meaningful to us as students. He was able to show that he is intellectual and academic but also just another Christian man who is doing his best to live a life that is pleasing to God. He has an amazing ability to explain and illuminate hard to understand concepts so that even those who don’t particularly like or understand philosophy can grasp the material. He is also able to listen to a student’s comments and respond in a way that is respectful. He also is able to answer their question or argument in systematic and thorough way. He sees straight to the heart of issues and questions. In short, Dr. Welty is one of the best teachers I have ever had in my whole academic career.”
- “Great use of textbooks. The readings very much enhanced my learning.”
- “I was not at all interested in this subject matter prior to taking this course; however, I am now very interested in the subject matter. The professor was very stimulating. His teaching methods, in my opinion, stimulated his students’ learning effectively.”
- “Dr. Welty made the material relevant and interesting. Class was never boring and always demanded my most keen attention.”
- “The standard of work for the class was certainly high which is good since it forces students to learn. The turn around time for grading was a bit long, but this was mostly due to the fact that our tests were essay format. Such format is bittersweet. It is bitter because studying and taking essay tests is hard and stressful. But, it is also sweet because it makes the student really learn the material. If I were a professor, I would give essay tests too. That way I would know that the students actually knew the material and not just studied for a test.”
- “Great course. One of my very favorites so far. Excellent professor.”
- “This was a great course. I loved it and Dr. Welty’s teaching so much that I am taking his God and Evil course next semester.”

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Spring 2008

- “My teacher is truly a good instructor in philosophy. He knows the subject very well and can answer any question that you may have. He does an excellent job of explaining the philosophy contents of each lesson and making them easy to understand. I would gladly take another course under him.”
- “Excellent professor, excellent class!”
- “I loved all the assigned readings for this course. They were all very helpful.”
- “Dr. Welty offered great feedback on our written assignments. Thank you for the feedback.”
- “Dr. Welty, this has been one of the most important classes in my seminary experience. Thank you for the WONDERFUL challenge and placing such material before me. I will forever use this material in my ministry as a pastor.”
- “Dr. Welty is a brilliant and godly professor. We are blessed to have him in the SWBTS family.”
- “You do a very good job of explaining things in a clear and simple way. Philosophy can be extremely confusing to those of us who don’t understand it very well but I think one of your strong suits is the way that you explain and describe the material in an understandable way.”
- “Dr. Welty was great. He took a subject that can be fairly boring, at 8:00 and actually brought some life out of it. He is dedicated to his work and I enjoyed his lectures. A superb prof with much ahead of him, a genuine man who cares for his students. Great patience and strong intellect. Teaches well. An asset to your school...”
- “I was astounded by the professor’s thorough understanding of the content. He clearly spends time making sure that he knows present and past issues regarding the topics covered in class.”
- “The teacher is a Christian, courteous and considerate of students.”
- “The instructor’s knowledge and presenting of the subject is incredible. It was an experience learning from him along with interacting with him during class time.”

Spring 2007

- “Dr. Welty is a great professor. He has a love for the subject matter and is very knowledgeable. He was always willing to answer questions outside of class or during class. He demonstrates the characteristics of a godly, Christian minister.”
- “Dr. Welty is very fair.”
- “The professor has been very enjoyable. Thanks for trying to make a difficult class interesting.”
- “Dr. Welty is an excellent teacher – very intelligent, yet humble.”
- “My mind as definitely stretched! Thank you for challenging my thinking and providing me with some tools to use when discussing/debating the existence of God, etc.
- “Very challenging, but rewarding!”
- “Dr. Welty is a great teacher – he is interesting in his lectures. He has vast knowledge and passion for the subject. And he is respectful of students and patient with them when questions arise.”
- “Well organized.”
- “The outlines were very helpful.”
- “I learned a lot and gained a better appreciation for the subject.”
- “Dr. Welty did an excellent job, and I enjoyed the class!”
- “Explained ideas very well. Made tough ideas seem easy. Good instructor.”
- “Good class. 10x better than my Phil of Rel class I took in my undergraduate.”
- “I enjoyed writing the paper. It really made me think about what I believe and think about certain issues.”
- “Perfect for an introductory course on philosophy of religion.”
- “Was well versed in the subject and didn’t mind clarifying material that was unclear to students.”
- “Made course interesting. Gave me a desire to learn subject matter.”

- “Was well prepared and knowledgeable in the subject matter. I really appreciate the humbleness he modeled in class, and willingness to continue to explain things until we got it.”
- “I really feel like I learned biblical/logical ways to address some of the most common attacks upon our faith.”
- “I really enjoyed this class. It was very challenging, but feel it has equipped me in new ways.”
- “Dr. Welty is an asset to the school – both a knowledgeable professor and an engaging communicator.”
- “This class answered some basic questions I receive from others, helping me to be better prepared.”
- “Great class, glad I took it.”
- “Has a deep understanding of subject matter and is an asset to SWBTS.”
- “Teacher made a difficult subject manageable.”
- “Great teaching style; clear presentation of material.”
- “Was very knowledgeable in the course work. I really enjoyed the class. I definitely want to continue learning philosophy, and I would take another class by him and recommend him to others.”
- “I enjoyed my time under your teaching in Philosophy of Religion and Apologetics. You have a lot of wisdom in these two subjects and I learned quite a bit – especially in the philosophy class. Thanks!”
- “Very personable, good communication, effective lecturer.”
- “Really enjoyed the class, the open dialogue, and the information presented.”
- “Tough, but fair and very good.”
- “The teacher showed a great love for the Lord and for defending the faith. He displayed a tremendous amount of knowledge of the subject matter.”
- “Very knowledgeable – knows his subject. Though this class was philosophical in nature, Dr. Welty did a great job explaining difficult concepts in an easy to understand manner. Thank you!”
- “The teacher was outstanding.”
- “One of the best classes I have taken in seminary.”
- “Dr. Welty is a great professor. A tremendous mind.”

[Comments for Fall 2003-Fall 2006 are not available. If I recall correctly, these were not made available to professors in electronic format, and I have no idea where any hardcopies are stored. –GW]

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