

ANONYMOUS SENIOR EXIT INTERVIEW RESPONSES

2015-2016

Kevin Walker

- Brings excellence to the department. Very willing to help students succeed. Could work on structuring classes more.
- We lost a lot of ground in class because of the depth of discussion. Never could get through completely what we were assigned. Maybe if the course syllabus was lightened, we could spend adequate time on things.
- Enthusiasm and passion for teaching and pursuit of knowledge was inspiring. Really encouraged me morally and spiritually.
- Loved, him, his classes, organization, respect, immense helpfulness.
- His passion for the things he teaches makes class more enjoyable. Political thought classes are great; I like how he focuses on primary source readings and we all read and discuss as a class. Sometimes he can go through readings in class too quickly and I don't like how he calls on people. It's intimidating and expects us to memorize the book to answer his questions which is impossible.
- Great professor! Needs to work on being less awkward.
- Phases are helpful for fully researching for topics and I enjoy his passion about the classics as well as all of the political thought classes.
- His passion in all areas of political life make him easy to follow—love taking his class!
- I always love the feedback he provides for our papers. My paper writing skills have definitely improved by having him as a professor. The reading questions can be too much as in too many questions that we rarely get to all of them in class. Always behind in class with curriculum. His political thought classes are superb! Super fun and I learned a lot. Wish I took more.
- Needs to teach with more than just lecture.
- Literally the best political thinker of our time. The whole of Wikipedia could not hold the knowledge contained in his shiny, glorious cranium. The best candidate for a philosopher king whose stern reminder to read my books will ring ever present in my ear. I salute you sir.
- Insightful professor who really makes you think beyond the confines of the class.

2016-2017

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- He is absolutely brilliant, but this is sometimes lost in lectures. Dr. Walker is in his prime in discussion-based classes. Lecture classes tend to go off on confusing rabbit trails however. This would be fine except that sometimes important points are skipped over.
- Father of philosophy. Kevin is amazing in engaging students in deep thought. I love his passion for all things philosophy and I am grateful to have developed an interest in it myself. He gets behind easily, but its due to his passion.
- His instructional ability was excellent. I learned a lot from his classes.
- Great professor! I really enjoyed his classes and the way his assigned readings and discussions challenged me.
- Passion for teaching is very clear. He always expects the best out of us which has pushed me to try to do my best work.
- Professor Kevin Walker is a gift to the Vanguard campus and the History/Political Science faculty. As a highly respected intellectual, he always challenged his students to think beyond conventional wisdom. Although I did not agree with everything he taught or said, I usually enjoyed the classes he offered. Wish he got back papers quicker, but I understand his life is quite busy these days. I think I will always cherish his helpful insights on research.
- Has caused me to become a life-long learner. Greatly impacted my life and how I view my education. My only comment is that he gets sidetracked too easily in class discussion.
- Great professor all around.
- Very hard grader on exams. His study guides covered too much information and were very vague for such specific exam questions. He is a great person though and I like how he encouraged us to read more books, but I do feel like the reading was excessive with four or five other classes to also take.
- Very easy to approach. Personally I do not feel engaged in his lectures, but he knows his material and I respect that.
- Good classes. Tended to pack too much in each class period though so couldn't cover it all.
- I like how Walker always has discussion in class and allows us to talk about what we think of concepts of ideads and how we can apply that to our daily lives. I also like how he allows us to write philosophy papers instead of only papers about research.
- Very enthusiastic. Too much on Aristotle, etc. at times. But loved his classes. Too busy sometimes—hard to get things back.
- I've had Professor K. Walker every year for classes. He genuinely cares for students' learning and success! His use of primary sources is wonderful.
- Overall good professor. I learned a lot. Little too strict on reading. Needs to accept not everyone cares or should be made to care about certain topics.

2017-2018

Kevin Walker -

- Dr. Walker is a great teacher who clearly loves what he is teaching. He does a great job involving his students and making sure he is available to answer any questions we may have. I enjoyed his classes because they challenged me and forced me to think about things I had never considered.
- Detailed and thorough—sometimes too much so. Too many readings. Very kind though. And smart.
- I almost feel bad that you are stuck with us undergrads. I feel like you should be teaching graduate level courses instead. I feel also that you should be running this school.
- I enjoyed his classes on the three branches of the U.S. government and Modern Political Thought. He is very knowledgeable and presents his information in an entertaining manner (especially with fun individual presentations). He sometimes gets behind schedule though, but his classes are still fun.
- Try to stay on topic and don't go off on as many tangents. These tangents get the instructor behind in the class schedule.
- He was my first professor. I really enjoyed his classes. He taught extremely well. I did not think it was possible to love politics more.
- Exceptionally extraordinary instructor who knows how to illustrate all sides of an argument, idea, area of study, and philosophy. It has been very helpful for me as a student to my learning abilities that he teaches everything from a neutral stance. Though he tends to stray from the syllabus, he knows how to balance his busy personal life with an excellent teaching style. He has truly been a joy to study under.
- I enjoy Dr. Walker's format for teaching classes out of books that are timeless and classic. I also like that he has us turn research papers in phases and gives us feedback for each phase. The one criticism I have is that sometimes it takes him a long time to grade our work so I am unsure of how I'm doing in the class for a while, but I understand he is very busy and has a lot going on.
- All of his classes were extremely enjoyable. I tried to take one every semester. I especially loved the political thought classes, especially Modern Political Thought.
- Dr. Walker was a challenging professor but was always pushing students to read and gain knowledge from his courses.
- Really cares about teaching curriculum and students. Willing to meet and work with students during office hours which is really helpful.
- Great person, cares about students. His classes sometimes dive too much into political philosophy when that is not the main subject of the class.
- Passionate, great lecturer, needs to work on test writing/study guides.
- Fantastic lecturer and thinker. Open for discussion always. Tends to get behind in schedule.
- Dr. Walker is great! More than any other professor, he has challenged me to think critically and really shaped my academic experience at Vanguard. I appreciate his love of philosophy and integration of faith into the curriculum. Having him as a professor has equipped me for future academic endeavors very well. Thank you Dr. Walker!
- He was a great teacher because he was very passionate about his student success and his various subjects that he taught.