

Student Comments on What They Enjoyed the Most from Online Learning in COM360

- I enjoyed the guest speakers and talking to classmates in the breakout groups.
- I really like the whole class this semester, whether the teacher or the classmate. But what I enjoyed the most is watching the connected episode regarding poop. That was really surprising to me. We could know people's lives in that area and their mood from people's poop by just simply testing the river water. And I also enjoyed meeting the guests virtually, especially with Dr. Roel Lutkenhaus. Because I saw how people could use social networks to analyze and solve real life's issues. I think this is the significance of learning social network analysis.
- I enjoyed the breakout groups and interactive sessions
- Overall, I really enjoyed this class. I think if I had to pick though, I really enjoyed the celebrity guest speakers, as it gave us the opportunity to learn from other professionals. Additionally, I enjoyed the calming activities before class began as it allowed me to relax my mind from a long busy day and allowed me to stay focused. Thank you for everything this semester!
- I enjoyed having guest speakers come in and talk. I do not get this as much in other classes and it helps bring other experts in and credible sources to give first hand experiences.
- I really liked the variety of the class and how many different things we would do in the class. The mindfulness exercises we would do in the beginning were pretty interesting and also made me more involved in the class. I also enjoyed the guest speakers throughout the class and learning things from them too. Overall, I liked the different aspects of class and how the professor tried to make class interesting instead of just giving out lectures the entire time.
- I really enjoyed the breakdown of the class. Despite it being 2.5 hours, Prof Wang did a great job of giving us different assignments and tasks throughout. I also enjoyed the variance of each class, like the breakout groups and occasional guest speakers.
- I enjoyed the weekly meetings with the other kids and could see how this would work in a real-life setting, I also like the Netflix week and the guests were fun to listen to
- For me the most enjoyable part of this class was when we broke into group sessions as I feel like I actually connected with people in this class. Despite only seeing everyone once a week, I feel like I know this class much more than all of my others. I hope everyone has a great winter and thanks for the semester Dr. Wang.
- All of my classes were online this semester; however, this is the only one that I actually met for at a specific time. That being said I feel like I got more out of this class than any other class this semester. I really enjoyed the way you formatted our classes each week, although we weren't always overly talkative, I personally feel that I retained a plethora of this class simply by being able to answer and ask questions as needed. Thank you for seeming so concerned for our personal well-being as well as how we do in the class!
- During my time in COM 360, I truly enjoyed every moment spent within the class. Professor Wang was truly invested in the class and in making us feel as involved as possible. The guest speakers were one of my favorite parts of this class because it allowed us to hear perspectives from those within the profession and gave us the opportunity to ask questions to help us better understand the topic at hand. I am very happy that I chose this class and hope others can share this feeling as well in the near future.

- Over the course of this class, there were many aspects that made this class enjoyable, and most importantly able to manage during this transition to online only. The TED talks and Netflix documentaries were the most notable in my opinion. With those being enjoyable to watch, it made learning the material very fun and engaging. It also helps to connect the material to the real world, especially in these virtual only times. An honorable mention is that the mindfulness practices did help me a lot when I was stressed with other classes.
- I really enjoyed dancing to Happy, it was a fun way to start class that day. I liked the discussion with Professor Barry Wellman. He was a very interesting and smart person and the interview was very insightful.
- The one thing I enjoyed the most for this class was having the guest speakers for class. I found this very cool because due to social distance learning many classes did not have any guest speakers. I thought it was great that you invited guest speakers to talk to us about topics we were learning about via zoom. It made taking classes online more interesting and fun. It was also great to learn about our topics in class from other researchers in the field. The guest speakers were really the highlight of my semester.
- It sounds weird but I enjoyed watching the connected episode regarding poop, along with hearing about from different groups their episodes as well. The poop episode highlighted how much just 1 single flush is connected to many different elements from the river, to discovering people's mood, and being able to tell what drugs people are using just by testing the water.
- I enjoyed the interview with Dr. Roel Lutkenhaus the most. Not only was it a very interesting learning from him. I also thought he was a very interesting person, who had many things to share that I have never really thought about. I also enjoyed the weekly breakout group we did. Working with different classmates and brainstorming with them was a good experience.
- My favorite memory from class was actually from watching the Social Dilemma. It was the perfect documentary to relate to what the world is currently dealing with when it comes to the overuse of technology and also relates to the class in how social connections work and skew our influence.
- What I enjoyed most about this class was the way Professor Wang made almost everyone in the class get to know each other by constantly using breakout rooms since we are online this semester instead of in person.
- I think my favorite part of this class was connecting the networks that we learned about in class to real life situations.
- Mindfulness Exercises! I learned great skills that I have been utilizing lately.
- I would have to say the two guest speakers. Listening to them and how they bring in the examples of real-life stuff it was cool to hear and learn about this stuff.
- The guests that we met over the semester were the best part of this class for me. It is hard to interact and communicate well with people online. The best online interaction was when someone new (like the two guests) appeared to speak. Both interviews were very entertaining and interesting to me. I would continue to have guests come on and speak.

- I loved this class! I really loved the guest speaker from Holland. I thought it was so cool that we could be in class with someone so far away! His accent was also awesome. I also loved how you were so genuinely concerned and accommodating with all of us students!
- I really enjoyed our guest speakers. It was nice to get insight from people both in other countries and how they relate to our country and are going through similar circumstances. I also enjoyed watching the Netflix series because that made for a fun assignment outside of the zoom class.
- My favorite part of class was the connected documentary at the beginning of the semester it was a really interesting episode that I watched. I had the episode about the Sahara Desert.
- My favorite component of the course was having the guest speakers such as Dr. Lutkenhaus and being able to learn about his research in the Netherlands involving Drill Rap.
- I enjoyed watching the Netflix documentary the most. I thought it was entertaining and a fun activity.
- I liked the guest speakers and the Netflix documentaries.
- I enjoyed both Netflix documentaries, The Social Dilemma and Connected!
- The thing I enjoyed the most in this class was actually the group activities we did every week. In a pandemic setting where we lost some of the interaction, we would have with each other in a physical classroom, it was very nice to have that in the form of Zoom breakout rooms.