

# SIRS (Student Instructional Rating System) Compilation

## **Compiled ratings for Dr. Danah Henriksen**

Summer 2012 – Spring 2013

(More current SIRS forms follow a different format than the compilation below, and I am glad to provide them upon request via email.)

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*The report below contains all of my numerical SIRS scores from student evaluations, along with all qualitative comments from students. This report covers semesters in 2012 through Spring of 2013. After that point department SIRS reports no longer showed aggregated numbers broken down into the 5 categories below. Therefore, SIRS numerical scores from Summer 2013 through the present are not included in this document. However, individual copies of my most current SIRS individual forms are available on request via my email at [henrikse@msu.edu](mailto:henrikse@msu.edu)*

### **CEP 800 Learning Psychology in School & Other Settings**

#### **Masters**

#### **Spring 2013**

Instructional Involvement	Student Interest	Course Demands	Course Organization	Student Interaction
1.23	1.34	1.19	1.10	1.14

Professor Henriksen was an amazing instructor and this was one of the most useful classes I have had so far in my MAET courses. The course was incredibly organized and easy to follow which made it very manageable for someone like me who works full time. Great class and great instructor!

I really appreciated the detailed feedback I received from the professors in this course. Some of the expectations of this course were repetitive with "Teaching Content Matter Using Technology," but the readings provided different insight.

The instructors of CEP 800 did a great job of making the material interesting and relevant. They made the course load challenging and manageable for a full-time teacher which promoted learning.

I just can't say enough to how supportive Danah (and Hanah) were to me throughout this course. I experienced some tough challenges when it came to learning and doing some technical processes. But Danah was always patient and always attempted to 'see me through' the process at a very caring pace. Going so far as to contact the department to see if I could have a grade deferred, without me having to ask. Not to mention she always had some words of encouragement. Her assignments were appropriate for the course and never left me to wonder what it was that I was suppose to do or what she needed me to do. THANKS DANAH!!!!

This has been the most useful and well-organized course in my MAET coursework so far. Professor Henriksen presented incredible information that I have been able to share with the teachers in my School District over and over again. CEP 800 has been wonderfully practical and very enjoyable. I wish every course could be so easy to follow and enriching at the same time. loved the course! thank you

**CEP 800 Learning Psychology in School & Other Settings**  
**Masters**  
Fall 2012

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Instructional Involvement	Student Interest	Course Demands	Course Organization	Student Interaction
1.54	1.60	1.56	1.41	1.44

**Student Comments:**

Great organization. Course flows smoothly.

I thought Danah did an excellent job of contacting the students after each module and summing up everything that we'd accomplished so far.

Outstanding professor. The course was challenging, enjoyable, and educational for me.

I really enjoyed that every week Danah "summed" up the week with an email that highlighted our discussion posts. It demonstrated how much time was put into making sure we understood the concepts. Thanks for a great class!!!!

This course was appropriately challenging and the assignments were relevant. The projects were fun and worthwhile. I truly enjoyed this course and Professor Henriksen was very helpful, kind, knowledgeable and intuitive.

Dr. Henriksen is a superb instructor; much appreciated her quick and sensitive replies to my comments and queries. I also thought the class organization and schedule were the best I've seen so far, with sufficient time to learn new ideas and information before the start of activities to demonstrate what we've learned. An excellent class, and one of the best ones I've taken at MSU!

I love taking courses with Dr. Danah Henrikson. She is prompt in giving feedback and positive encouragement, and I enjoy communicating and learning from her.

Great class. I learned a lot and am happy I took this class.

I really enjoyed this class. I've gotten a great deal out of this course that I can apply directly to my teaching (and have already). A couple things stood out about this course when compared to other courses I've taken so far in the program: 1) Danah was enthusiastic and very helpful, and always provided assistance in a timely manner – often less than an hour after I sent an email. I felt like she really cared about my learning, and about me as an individual. If I had the opportunity to take a class with Danah again, I

definitely would. 2) The material and readings, in general, were appropriate to the content of the course, and the amount of material was also much more appropriate than I've experienced in some other courses. Rather than overwhelm students with readings, the readings in this class were of the amount where I could actually process and apply them, rather than skim through an immense amount of reading, at the expense of retaining the content. A note about the readings though – even though they were helpful in general, a couple things stood out in a negative way. First, at least 1 – 2 of the readings had spelling and grammar errors. In one of them, which was from a professional journal, there were at least 10 errors. Second, a few of these articles were pretty old (around 2000 – 2005), for example, yet there are many written more recently that would have been more relevant.

The course was excellently presented by the instructor. Our assignments were thoughtfully considered and commented on. I also appreciated her encouragement of diverse opinions and viewpoints. Technologically, everything went smoothly throughout the term. Overall, a very beneficial online learning experience.

**CEP 917 Knowledge Media Design  
Doctoral**

Fall 2012: Co-taught with Punya Mishra

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Instructional Involvement	Student Interest	Course Demands	Course Organization	Student Interaction
1.60	1.50	1.56	1.42	1.48

**Student Comments:**

You've been very responsive to concerns and questions, and willing to give up your own time to be helpful. This was much appreciated.

Very good teacher. Enthusiastic for the subject, and seemed to know her field well. I like the fact that she shared some of her published work with us.

Though Danah appeared less comfortable and more formal in the role of facilitator than Punya, she excelled in the one-on-one interaction and feedback. It was nice to have a positive, encouraging presence in the course at times when I felt I couldn't produce what the other instructor wanted to see. Her reading overviews were helpful but too wordy. I would recommend keeping the text on the slides as your talking notes and replace the text on the slides for the viewer with images that relate the people and concepts you're discussing to make them a little less dry. I thought the reading was a touch heavy and technical, Danah is clearly an intellectual, and I would've liked to bring the conversations down to a more casual level at times. All in all, I think she's a skilled instructor that excels on the one-on-one support of students but could ramp up her classroom presence a touch.

Danah has done an excellent job of providing timely feedback, supportive encouragement, and insightful lectures or comments. This has been a deep learning experience, replete with play and joy and fun, and I appreciate Danah's influence and expertise in the crafting of this course.

Danah is a wonderfully well-rounded instructor, bringing so many resources to the core ideas of the class. She is also an excellent facilitator, bringing with her an excellent sense of the group.

Thanks for a great semester!

Well prepared, responsive, and positive.

Thank you for a great course!

**CEP 822 Approaches to Educational Research**  
**Masters**  
Summer 2012 – 2<sup>nd</sup> session

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Instructional Involvement	Student Interest	Course Demands	Course Organization	Student Interaction
1.61	1.71	1.70	1.48	1.43

**Student Comments:**

I really enjoyed my instructor for this course. When I needed extra support and assistance, she responded to my email within 24 hours and gave me very detailed examples of what she expected and how I could improve my work. The only complaint I had is that I wish there would have been a few more examples of what each paper section could look like (i.e. research plan, literature review, annotated bib, and intro and conclusion).

Danah gave very thorough feedback and was extremely helpful! She was always ready to help and open to questions. Overall, I have had a great experience having her for a professor.

Good course. The instructor quickly answered email.

I really enjoyed CEP 822 Approaches to Ed Research because I love research. I actually liked the fact that I was able to do work on my own and did not have to collaborate with others on my project. The only thing I would maybe suggest for improvement is that audio lectures would be great. I am an auditory person and have loved in my other courses the ability to meet with my instructor face to face or view recorded sessions, etc. However, I really enjoyed the reading materials and detailed emails from Dr. Henriksen. She was extremely thorough when giving feedback on all assignments. Even though the class was fast-paced, it was one of the best graduate level courses I have taken!

Danah is a great instructor; she provides feedback that enables me to improve future assignments.

**CEP 416 Teachers and Technology**  
**Undergraduate**  
Summer 2012

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Instructional Involvement	Student Interest	Course Demands	Course Organization	Student Interaction
1.64	1.59	1.49	1.55	1.57

**Student Comments:**

Loved this class. Great online class, easy to do, and will help me in the future

I really enjoyed the class and I thought that Danah was great. Very helpful and gave great feedback as well. Also, she was very organized and on top of assignments which definitely helped!

This class was so useful. I know I will take back from this, more than just technology, but how to prepare myself for a classroom. Danah was such a helpful professor! She really made it easy to contact her, and was so great about helping out.

I enjoyed this class, and it helped me open up to new ideas, and it also showed me how to use technologies that I always wanted to use but had no idea how to use.

Awesome course!!! Danah was an awesome professor and extremely helpful and friendly!

Loved this course! Glad I have a general understanding of how I can implement technology in my classroom in the future!

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**Masters**  
Summer 2012

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Instructional Involvement	Student Interest	Course Demands	Course Organization	Student Interaction
1.56	1.50	1.51	1.40	1.50

**Student Comments:**

I was impressed that they were so patient with me when I had family complications. They made sure I completed the work instead of just letting it go. Great.

Excellent course. Assignments were meaningful and challenging with appropriate tutorials and instructor help. I can honestly say I learned how to do new things in this class. I appreciated the timely and thorough instructor feedback.

Great, enthusiastic instructors.

The technology portion of the class projects could be very overwhelming to someone without much prior experience, however once going through it, I value the experience and actually look forward to using what I learned in the future. Great feedback. Very responsive to questions throughout. Overall, a very well organized course.

I enjoyed CEP 800. The pace was appropriate for a six-week class, but not too overwhelming.

Danah was great! I had to email her several times with questions. She always responded in a timely fashion and would always end the emails by saying she was there for us to help when questions came about and she was happy to help us. She had a way of making me feel like she cared about my learning, which I genuinely feel she did. She was a huge help when I was not sure if I tackled an assignment correctly. After working out several glitches over a period of about a week, she reviewed my project and reported back to me. I appreciated her patience and willingness to go above and beyond to put my mind at ease. This psychology class also really related to my teaching. I have taken other psychology classes that were way over my head. I love psychology, and this course was a blast to take! I would take it again in a heartbeat.