

# Reformed Theological Seminary

## Course Evaluation Results

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Academic Year	Academic Term	Number of Evals	Knowledge	Presentation	Use of Authority	Course Organization	Relations with Students
<b>Mr. Branden Henry</b>							
<b>01PSY5220 - Group Theories &amp; Practice</b>							
2020-2021	Fall	30	4.79	4.49	4.73	4.48	4.85
2021-2022	Fall	48	4.63	4.31	4.61	4.16	4.61
<b>Course Averages</b>		78	4.71	4.40	4.67	4.32	4.73
<b>01PSY5260 - Substance Abuse &amp; Addictions</b>							
2019-2020	Winter	7	4.81	4.81	4.57	4.64	4.74
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<b>01PSY5260 - Substance Abuse and Addictions</b>							
2020-2021	Winter	24	5.00	4.97	4.98	5.00	4.99
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<b>01PSY592 - Substance Abuse and Addictions</b>							
2018-2019	Winter	13	4.69	5.00	4.96	4.96	4.96
<b>Course Averages</b>		13	4.69	5.00	4.96	4.96	4.96
<b>Professor Averages</b>		122	4.78	4.72	4.77	4.65	4.83

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2019-2020	Winter	I loved taking this course. It was one of my favorite classes that I have taken so far.
2019-2020	Winter	This was one of the most informative, creative, and enjoyable classes I have taken so far at RTS. I would recommend it to any of the theology students for elective. Incredibly useful research and practical information/experience.
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### 01PSY592 - Substance Abuse and Addictions

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2018-2019	Winter	Excellent course! Should be a requirement for all RTS students.
2018-2019	Winter	This was an extremely well-done class. Not only was it one of the most coherent, organized, and thoughtful classes I have ever had at my time at RTS, but the instructor was one of the most (appropriately) vulnerable. Truly, one of the greatest strengths of this class is Branden Henry himself. I honestly cannot imagine the course, even with the same layout and information, being as rich if it was taught by someone who had not experienced the depths of addiction and trauma and done (extensively) their own work. Please invite him back to teach this course again. I would actually really love for him to somehow be involved in the sexuality course that we take, if possible. It's also worth noting that Branden seemed to have put more work into designing the course thoughtfully than any other prof I've had here. Every hour of the week had a purpose (I especially loved having guest speakers). We always started and ended on time (even when coming back from lunch, which NEVER happens). The boundaries that Branden set (and maintained) for our class is what made the heaviness of the course possible to process in such a short amount of time. That seems difficult to accomplish, so I applaud him!
2018-2019	Winter	This class was one of the most educational and enriching that I've ever had. Brandon's humility, engaging style, and vulnerability is on par with the best of the MAC faculty (which says a lot!). He's also unusually well organized, in touch with recent research, and included content that was very relevant to our personal and professional lives. RTS, please bring Brandon Henry back to teach more classes.

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2018-2019	Winter	This is the first time I have looked forward to filling out an evaluation for a class at RTS. My feedback can be summed up by this: Never ever ever ever ever ever ever ever let anyone else teach this class. Branden was an incredible teacher and amazing person. He impacted me both professionally and personally. I won't ever be the same after his class. He has obviously been planning this class for a long time and it showed. No class I've ever been in was so well-organized and thoughtfully crafted. He incorporated lectures, videos, small groups, guest speakers, and experiential activities. I was never once bored or distracted or restless. Above all of this, he was passionate about addiction and substance abuse, and I wish every teacher could teach the subjects that make them come alive like Branden came alive teaching this class. Please, invite him back to teach this for infinity years.
2018-2019	Winter	This was a great class! Overall it was a helpful use of the time, but there needed more diverse discussion and goals for the small book discussion time. It became a little redundant after the third gathering. It might have been sufficient with just one discussion. Also, maybe more of a feedback time after each small group gathering where goals were set for the case study. But, the overall use of time was great for the nature of the block course with time limitations and the heaviness of material.
2018-2019	Winter	Outstanding course. Probably one of the two most valuable courses ive taken at RTS. Exceptional reading assignments
2018-2019	Winter	This was one of the best classes I have ever taken. Banden made sure to teach to every learning style, which is rare in the graduate setting. I really loved having guest speakers it was helpful to hear from other counselors/pastors that are working in addictions. It is extremely evident that Branden not only loves his work as a counselor but he is also an extremely gifted teacher.
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2018-2019	Winter	The professor integrated spirituality into his work with addictions with such tenderness and compassion. I so appreciated his personal experiences sprinkled throughout the course and particularly benefited from the "self-care" moments that were helpful for us to process our own emotions and was a great model for us as we seek to care for ourselves in the future as therapists.
2018-2019	Winter	This course was one of the best, if not the best course I have taken at RTS. Well organized, thoughtful, insightful, and extremely well executed.