

Hi Dr. Brooks!

I'm not sure if you're aware of how much I appreciate your existence as a role model and mentor to me but, I wanted to make sure you knew how grateful and blessed I am to have the privilege of studying with you. It's still crazy to me that when I initially decided to come to Crane, I had no idea you would ever teach here and that I would be so interested in music history however, I consider myself very lucky with how things worked out.

I think saying I really enjoyed your Music, Gender, & Sexuality class this semester is an understatement. Hands down my favorite class I've ever taken. This class helped me realize things about my life (not to sound too existential crisis-y) by understanding gender and sexuality like I had never before and I find myself thinking about class discussions/topics all the time.

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I also felt myself grow a lot in this class in terms of how I read/understood articles and contributed in class discussions. I've never been a fan of classroom participation but, I developed a confidence in myself from this class and I'm glad to say I actually really enjoy participating now.

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Thank you for all you do!

You're a brilliant badass and absolutely the coolest mentor I could ever ask for!

[I literally cannot wait for class next semester :)]