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To Whom That It May Concern:

I have found An Introduction to Golf Course Design with Ray Hearn a very beneficial course. I am an aspiring golf course architect and have found that this course has helped me greatly. With the economy the way it is, I realize it is a very hard time to get in the business and have found this course a great way to keep my mind sharp. The readings offered a great amount of variety to really understand how a golf course is designed as well as everything that goes into it to get it from a thought to an actual built course. It has really opened my eyes to all of the aspects needed to build a course and all the different steps that must be followed to make it successful. I would really recommend taking this course and can't wait for design seminar 2 to begin.

I feel that each chapter assignment was well thought out and matched appropriately with the reading. All of the books used are great books. Most of the books I have read before, but haven't been required to read them in as much depth as I did for the assignments. That was very beneficial to me. In the past I have found it hard at times to keep up on reading, but having required readings for the assignments really helped me push over the hump. The assignments also really went into depth on how a golf course should be built and all the aspects it takes to get a golf course from an original idea to a fully built and operational course. I really liked the design aspect of the assignments as well. It really allowed me to experiment with my drawing and writing skills. There were several assignments that we got the opportunity to design a hole from scratch. Every assignment was reviewed thoroughly by Ray Hearn. You can tell that he put a lot of effort into giving good feedback. I found this very helpful. The feedback helped to open my eyes on every assignment and different ways to think about how something could be created. He also didn't hold anything back when he thought you were slacking or could have turned in something better. It really helped to keep you motivated throughout the course and to make sure you did your best every assignment. I really found this course beneficial and would recommend anyone that is thinking about a career in golf course architecture, or anyone that would just like to learn more about the industry to take this course. Ray really went above and beyond with this course. He even went so far as to contact a golf course construction company in hopes to get me a position with their firm. Take this course and enjoy.

Sincerely,
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