UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON
FACULTY COURSE EVALUATION REPORTS

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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Spring 2022   Instructor: Raychaudhuri,Tanika   Instruction Mode: Face-to-Face

POLS3368-20630   Race,Gender & Ethnic Politics

Section 1 Instructor

	Relative Frequency Distribution of Response						Section Statistics		Dept. Statistics			College Statistics		
	N	Agree	Agree	Neutral	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	NA	Mean	Std. Dev.	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	N	Mean	Std. Dev.
1) The instructor provided a syllabus and reviewed course expectations at the beginning of the semester.	27	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		5	0	1643	4.7	0.58	15757	4.65	0.67
2) The instructor presented the course in a clear, logical and organized manner.	27	96.3	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0		4.96	0.19	1636	4.46	0.87	15734	4.47	0.88
3) The instructor encouraged student participation, questions, and discussion as the class size allowed.	27	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		5	0	1606	4.45	0.87	15473	4.51	0.82
4) The instructor encouraged critical thinking and evaluation of ideas and evidence.	27	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		5	0	1622	4.42	0.87	15633	4.5	0.83
5) The instructor was well prepared for class.	27	96.3	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0		4.93	0.38	1623	4.53	0.78	15494	4.49	0.85
6) Tests, examinations, projects, papers, or creative activities reflected materials emphasized in the course.	27	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		5	0	1639	4.4	0.94	15704	4.5	0.84
7) The grading practices were clear, consistently followed and fair.	27	96.3	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0		4.93	0.38	1634	4.43	0.91	15696	4.45	0.9
8) The instructor evaluated exams, quizzes, papers or creative activities in a timely manner.	27	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		5	0	1634	4.46	0.89	15655	4.45	0.9
9) The teaching assistant was receptive to questions.	24	83.3	4.2	12.5	0.0	0.0	3	4.71	0.69	1080	4.12	1.01	11189	4.29	0.94
10) The teaching assistant was available for assistance to students.	24	83.3	4.2	12.5	0.0	0.0	3	4.71	0.69	1064	4.08	1.03	11045	4.29	0.94

Section 2 Common University-Wide Items

	Relative Frequency Distribution of Response					Section Statistics			Dept. Statistics			College Statistics		
	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	N	Mean	Std. Dev.
11) The overall teaching effectiveness of this instructor is	85.2	3.7	11.1	0.0	0.0	27	4.74	0.66	1640	4.19	0.98	15837	4.24	0.99
12) The overall quality of this course is	81.5	18.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	27	4.81	0.4	1635	4.11	1.01	15808	4.2	0.99
13) This instructors availability for individual assistance is	92.6	7.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	27	4.93	0.27	1639	4.15	0.99	15803	4.28	0.96
14) This instructors demonstration of respect for students is	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27	5	0	1635	4.42	0.91	15776	4.46	0.87

Section 3

	Never	Very Seldom	Quarter of the time	About half the time	More than half the time
15) How often did the instructor come more than ten minutes late?	92.6	7.4	0.0	0.0	0.0

	Never	Very Seldom	Quarter of the time	About half the time	More than half the time
16) How often did the instructor either cancel or not show up to teach?	77.8	22.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

Section 4 Student Information

	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Post Baccalaureate
17) Classification:	0.0	22.2	29.6	44.4	0.0	3.7

	Required course	Required, but would have taken it anyway	Interest in the subject	Other
18) Reason I enrolled in this course:	14.8	40.7	44.4	0.0

	This department	Another department in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences	Natural Sciences and Mathematics	Other
19) My major is in:	48.2	40.7	0.0	11.1

	Much less than in most courses I have taken	Somewhat less than in most courses I have taken	About the same as in most courses I have taken	Somewhat more than in most courses I have taken	Much more than in most course I have taken
20) Compared to other courses at the same level, the amount of work I did was:	11.1	14.8	63.0	11.1	0.0

	More than half of the time	About half of the time	About a quarter of the time	Only a few times	Never
21) How often did you miss class?	7.4	3.7	7.4	55.6	25.9

	<2.0	2.00 - 2.49	2.50 - 2.99	3.00 - 3.50	3.51 - 4.00
22) In what range does your current GPA fall?	0.0	0.0	15.4	26.9	57.7

Section 5 Students' Comments

What, specifically, were the strengths of the class?

1) The professor encouraged group discussions multiple times throughout each class. It allowed us to think about the material we were being presented with and understand it. She was also willing to assist anyone in understanding the material

2) Instructor gave slide days before class period for students to prepare. Gave reading specific to class material. Gave study guides for exams at least 2 weeks before exam.

3) The professor was amazing!!! She made the class worth taking.

4) The professor would put videos to use as examples during our lectures. I am not a big reader but when I can see what we are learning in a visual sense it makes it easier to be more attentive.

5) she was very kind, very respectful. she took the time to learn all her students names which i greatly admired. She was very neutral in her political stance and very understanding regarding absenses.

6) The strengths of this class were that the professor always allowed and persisted in the use of discussion to understand concepts, enabling students to speak their opinion and learn from others. The professor thoroughly taught every question and was very open-minded toward questions from students without making anyone feel like they were dumb. Additionally, there was an exam review session before every exam that painted the way the exam was going to go which allowed me to scale what the exam was on and study accordingly.

7) She is a really caring professor

8) There are many strengths in this class. Professor Raychaudhuri made her expectations for this class very clear in her syllabus. The format of this class was very flexible, as this was a Face-to-Face class, she also live streamed and posted every lectures on Teams for students who were not available to come in person due to Covid, or any other circumstance. Students who could not attend in person, still were able to get participation credit by completing the discussion online. One thing I really enjoyed about this class was how discussion based it was, it felt that I was engaged more in the class, and was able to grasp the material better. It

9) Covered many topics.

10) Professor is very well-prepared and respectful and more importantly understanding.

11) This professor is one of my favorites Ive had at this university. The material is relevant and the lectures are engaging.

12) The discussions after the lecture were great in tying everything together and making the class engaging. Hearing the perspectives of my classmates was really valuable and it allowed me to take what I've learned and apply it outside of class.

13) The professor is one of the most well-prepared professors I have had in my UH career. She really provided a lot of useful learning materials to the students. The lecture slides posted on blackboard really helped me when I wanted to review the subjects on my own pace.

14) Strengths in this class were that the professor was really knowledgeable about the topic that was being taught. The class was very organized and there was no confusion as to what was going on or what we were doing that day.

15) She does encourage discussion and ensures students understand the lectures she gives.

16) the detailed outline of the topics being gone over in class at the very beginning every day.

17) the lectures and the way the professor allowed us to have discussions in groups to allow us to share our thoughts over certain topics

18) the professor is very knowledgeable

19) The way in which the professor prepared the class for each test and project. Also, the organization of the professor to get through all the materials in class.

20) Class was extremely organized. Exams covered material that was discussed, so nothing was surprising.

21) Discussion-style classes are always better.

22) very clear expectations, engaging with the class

23) Very great Powerpoint slides! Amazing at teaching!

24) Very informative class

25) The expectations of the class The interesting and engaging readings Timely grading

How could the instructor improve the course?

1) My only recommendation is to shorten the exam reviews as they were too broad.

2) More engaging materiel.

3) The exams are very heavily information based, not that that is a bad thing, but it is a lot of studying. I personally think this course is good as it is and the tests being heavily information based is very understandable.

4) I think if ted-ed videos could be included those would be great because I feel that they are great when providing brief information and instruction.

5) maybe more hw to help improve grades or adding any sort of extra credit opportunities

6) nothing.

7) Make lectures more entertaining.

8) None that I can think of, I absolutely loved this course how it was.

9) I think it's perfect the way it is.

10) Not applicable this was an amazing course

11) I think this course could be improved by possible having other forms of media of which to learn from other than the readings. I enjoyed the times we were able to watch a short film or have a speaker come to class, so more of that would be really engaging.

12) The only fault I had with the course is the classroom situation. The layout of the classroom made it difficult to see the screen. Although posting the lecture slides beforehand did help that problem.

13) The instructor could improve the course by being a little more specific on the exam review sheets.

14) The lectures were uninteresting and at times it felt like she was just reading directly from the powerpoint. Maybe have more assignments to keep students engaged, and also so student grades don't rely heavily on the exams.

15) gain a little more knowledge on texas politics specifically

16) n/a

17) no complaints

18) The class is politically stuck in the narrow American lens. It could be improved by looking at the more radical political views when discussing different groups of American voters.

19) I don't have a suggestion. Course is set up really well.

20) Not a big fan of long answer questions on exams.

21) There was a lot of information, maybe cut down on some of the topics taught.

22) Make a vocab list of things we should really focus on in the readings. It's a lot to do every week, and I think the reading would be more manageable if it were concentrated on specific topics/concepts such as linked fate, intersectional invisibility, or identity-to-politics link

Would you recommend this instructor to other students? Why?

1) YES! The material is extremely interesting, and the professor engages with the class throughout the lectures.

2) I would, she is a good teacher. This was her second semester teaching and I understood everything in the class and was able to do well because she provided guides for studying.

3) 1000%. She is very responsive and accommodating. It is evident that she genuinely wants her students to do well in the course. In any case of emergency she has helped, with lacking attendance she has been understanding and offered students chances. Her course is easy to follow and the syllabus is very clear with assignments. She is also very communicative and emails before deadlines so we always know when we have an exam or assignment.

4) Yes because the professor is very welcoming and understanding of the student lifestyle and is open to our needs.

5) yes i would because it was a great experience learning wise and personally.

6) I would recommend this instructor to other students because she allows the students to be flexible with their schedule and still do well in the class without shaming them for not bing able to class in person.

7) Yes!

8) Yes, and I already have to so many other students!! As a senior in college, Professor Raychaudhuri has been the best professor I've had at the University of Houston. It is clear she has a passion for teaching, and genuinely cares for her students and wants them to succeed.

9) Yes, I would! I learned a lot in a very manageable way.

10) Definitely yes. We all want a respectful and understand and kind professor.

11) Absolutely! she is attentive and understanding displays her respect for students and encourages engagement and questions.

12) Yes, I would recommend this instructor because she is not only good at teaching, but she is very understanding of her students and clearly values their input.

13) Definitely! The instructor really encourages her students to discuss their thoughts in class without pushing them too far. Professor Raychaudhuri is one of the most helpful professors I have ever had. She gives out reviews to prepare her students for the exam. And the reviews thoroughly reflect what is focused on the exam. The course itself is very interesting to learn.

14) I would recommend this instructor to other students because it is a well organized course and students have easy access to the instructor.

15) I would recommend her because she was extremely nice and understanding, and her teaching style was very easy to grasp and understand.

16) yes, the class takes on super complex ideas and makes them easily digestible for everyone.

17) yes, this professor is very understanding and passionate about what she teaches. I've already recommended her to two of my friends. I really enjoyed this class and learned a lot

18) yes, because she is very smart, and loves feedback, and is not a very harsh grader and is understanding

19) Yes, this is a great class where you can learn a lot of information while also not damaging your GPA.

20) Yes definitely. She is really understanding and a great teacher. I love the way her class was set up and she was very helpful and flexible with her students.

21) I would definitely say this is a vital and essential class for political science students.

22) yes

23) I would recommend this instructor to other students because she teaches very well, is great at explaining and helping students understand if they are confused on anything.

24) Yes, very accommodating

25) Yes. She's an understanding, caring and considerate professor who gives you multiple chances to succeed in her class.

What other comments and suggestions would you like to make about the instructor or the course?

1) No further suggestions. However, I would like to thank the professor for making this course interesting for her students.

2) Great!

3) Thank you for being a great Professor and caring about students!!

4) I really appreciate her positive attitude and welcoming feeling to the class.

5) N/A

6) N/A

7) Keep it up! This course was a pleasure to attend and your style of teaching works, and is appreciated.

8) The professor was overall super nice and always answered our questions and simplified complex material to ensure we understand.

9) The only suggestion I have is to change the classroom situation because it was not ideal. Another issue is that the articles were a bit too long, but that might just be because I am a slow reader so it takes me twice as long.

10) Overall she was extremely nice to have as a professor, and I genuinely think I have learned a lot this semester thanks to her.

11) n/a

12) n/a

13) She was a great professor. I'm super glad I decided to take this course. I learned a lot. She kept everything super engaging.

14) N/A

Mean= 5 point scale, higher scores desirable
N, Mean=The college statistic data for items 11 through 14 include Distance Education.