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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Spring 2022 Instructor: Raychaudhuri, Tanika Instruction Mode: Face-to-Face
 POLS3395-25564 Ethnic Politics Selected Topics Am Gov

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.	21	95.2	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.95	0.22	1643	4.7	0.58	15757	4.65	0.67	
2) The instructor presented the course in a clear, logical and organized manner.	21	95.2	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.95	0.22	1636	4.46	0.87	15734	4.47	0.88	
3) The instructor encouraged student participation, questions, and discussion as the class size allowed.	21	95.2	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.95	0.22	1606	4.45	0.87	15473	4.51	0.82	
4) The instructor encouraged critical thinking and evaluation of ideas and evidence.	21	90.5	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	0.3	1622	4.42	0.87	15633	4.5	0.83	
5) The instructor was well prepared for class.	21	95.2	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.95	0.22	1623	4.53	0.78	15494	4.49	0.85	
6) Tests, examinations, projects, papers, or creative activities reflected materials emphasized in the course.	21	85.7	9.5	4.8	0.0	0.0	4.81	0.51	1639	4.4	0.94	15704	4.5	0.84	
7) The grading practices were clear, consistently followed and fair.	21	90.5	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	0.3	1634	4.43	0.91	15696	4.45	0.9	
8) The instructor evaluated exams, quizzes, papers or creative activities in a timely manner.	21	95.2	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.95	0.22	1634	4.46	0.89	15655	4.45	0.9	
9) The teaching assistant was receptive to questions.	16	81.3	0.0	18.8	0.0	0.0	5	4.62	0.81	1080	4.12	1.01	11189	4.29	0.94
10) The teaching assistant was available for assistance to students.	16	81.3	0.0	18.8	0.0	0.0	5	4.62	0.81	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	90.5	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	21	4.9	0.3	1640	4.19	0.98	15837	4.24	0.99
12) The overall quality of this course is	85.7	9.5	4.8	0.0	0.0	21	4.81	0.51	1635	4.11	1.01	15808	4.2	0.99
13) This instructors availability for individual assistance is	95.2	0.0	4.8	0.0	0.0	21	4.9	0.44	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	21	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?	95.2	4.8	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?	90.5	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0

Section 4 Student Information

	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Post Baccalaureate
17) Classification:	0.0	9.5	57.1	33.3	0.0	0.0
	Required course	Required, but would have taken it anyway	Interest in the subject		Other	
18) Reason I enrolled in this course:	23.8	38.1	38.1		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:	85.7	9.5	0.0		4.8	
	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:	9.5	4.8	85.7	0.0	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?	0.0	0.0	14.3	47.6	38.1	
	<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	14.3	0.0	52.4	33.3	

Section 5 Students' Comments

What, specifically, were the strengths of the class?

- 1) *The strengths of this class were that it was very engaging. Students were encouraged to voice their opinions and experiences, and this inspired other students to do the same.*
- 2) *She is very passionate about teaching and makes class very engaging. I liked how this class was very discussion based, and helped me grasp the material better. 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.*
- 3) *The teacher articulated her thoughts on the subject matter very clearly and correlated ideas between the required readings and the lectures very clearly.*
- 4) *Great response time for questions, clarification for assignments was awesome, well thought out courseload*
- 5) *The strength of the class was her engaging style of teaching. The conversational way of teaching made the material much easier to understand.*
- 6) *Professor was very helpful to us.*
- 7) *The teacher was well prepared and extremely knowledgeable about the topics covered in the course. She was also excellent at covering difficult or sensitive topics in a respectful manner.*
- 8) *The biggest strength of the class was the very few assignments required in the course. I felt less stressed about completing assignments and felt that I enjoyed the class a lot more.*
- 9) *Slides posted before hand, extra credit/grade make up opportunities, great discussion. Honestly all of those are pretty good and I would have to say, the professor herself is probably the best, if not the best professor I have had here at UH. I have taken many honors courses too, and they pride themselves on having good professors. She is fantastic.*
- 10) *That she accommodated for people who couldn't go to class*
- 11) *She really allowed students to engage in the course and in discussions, which allowed me to learn and get different opinions and points of views from various topics.*
- 12) *understanding professor, provided opportunities to better our grades*

13) *Considering the nature of this course as discussion-based, it allowed for a safe space to hear how others feel about the content especially with the varied perspectives and experiences each individual brought to the table.*

14) *I enjoyed the teaching style that the instructor employed. She was very easy to talk to and it was fun participating in the course.*

15) *The Professor is the largest strength of this course. She explains the material extremely well and provides the students with the materials necessary to perform excellently in this course.*

16) *Some strengths of this course were the leeways the chapters endorsed and the material covered throughout the course.*

How could the instructor improve the course?

1) *I feel like she could include activities that are other than class discussions to get greater class participation.*

2)

3) *I can't think of anything.*

4) NA

5) *Do not give an option of on line or face to face.*

6) n/a

7) *She can improve the course with more visual aspects.*

8) *I feel like this course could be improved if the modules were broken up a little more. At times it felt like there was a lot of information in some modules and readings that it was hard to comprehend all of the information.*

9) *Always a fan of little extra credit stuff here and there but honestly this is pretty much taken care of by the professor already.*

10) *She could try to make it a bit more engaging*

11) *I think its perfect.*

12) *she's done a phenomenal job this semester*

13) *I can confidently say that I truly cannot point out one aspect which I did not enjoy in this class. Extremely informative, professor Raychaudhuri is objective when it came to personal views, only commenting on the strengths and weaknesses of the studies in terms of validity rather than personal political leanings. Does not make it unnecessarily difficult especially when it comes to details of the substantive work, very fair grader and provides thorough feedback. I also loved how it wasn't structured around exams but one's grade is a combination of homework to choose from, one exam, and a paper which allows for multiple opportunities for improvement! Most of it is structured around what the student found most interesting to them. Undoubtedly one of the best (if not the best) POLS instructors I've had. Additionally, it is not an easy course but requires good engagement which anyone can do if they choose!*

14) *I don't think there is any way that the professor could improve this course.*

15) *The professor was outstanding at broking down each lesson to be able to be understood by her students.*

Would you recommend this instructor to other students? Why?

1) *Yes, I would definitely recommend this class to other students because she is a very hands-on instructor. She is very good at making everyone feel included regardless of their level of participation in class.*

2) *Yes! Professor Raychaudhuri was extremely prepared and presented the course in a very organized way. She's also very respectful towards students and available for help. One of the nicest and most effective instructors!*

3) *Yes and I have already recommended this class to many already!! As a senior, Professor Raychaudhuri has been my favorite professor at UH. She genuinely cares for her students and wants them to succeed, and is there to help students.*

4) *I would recommend this class because she really cares about the class and her students.*

5) Yes, its a fun and engaging class

6) Yes! She's knowledgeable on the subject.

7) Absolutely, her course topics were engaging and related to current day problems. Her way of teaching is what made the class so enjoyable, not to mention how it encouraged us to get along with students of opposing mindsets and ideals.

8) yes because she was very helpful to me.

9) Yes, she was a fantastic teacher and I learned a lot from the class.

10) I would 100% recommend Professor Raychaudhuri to other students because she is very professional and you can tell that she is very passionate about what she teaches. She cares about her students and wants everyone to succeed in her course.

11) I have recommended her to other students already. I will go to bat for this prof. She clearly understands all the material and makes it accessible. She is available out of class to clear anything up. I would die for her if she needed it from me.

12) Yes she's very nice and respectful

13) YES YES A MILLION TIMES YES. She is so understanding, and caring about the students in a way where she wants them to learn, understand the material and for us to actually succeed. I love how she updated us with emails after class, provided the reading materials and allowed us to see the PowerPoints even after which was amazing when it came down for me to study. I loved being able to go through the material we learned in class and it allowed me to learn, study better.

14) yes I would, for the amount of passion this professor gives to her students with the subject she is teaching

15) Absolutely! Detailed above

16) I would. They teaching style made it easier to learn.

17) Yes, the instructor performed her duties as a professor perfectly. She answers questions very quickly and helpfully, she is extremely understanding and helps her students perform to the best of their abilities.

18) Yes, she is understanding and gives students a chance to submit assignments, very flexible and super attentive.

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

1) I just want to say that Professor Raychaudhuri was a breath of fresh air. She went above and beyond to help her students succeed, she sent out regular reminders for assignment due dates, helped with a midterm study guide, and provided multiple opportunities for students to improve their grade. She really stands out from the other professors in the POLS department and I would recommend her to all my peers.

2) The instructor is very flexible with all of her students on due dates, she understands we have things going on like work, family emergencies, etc. This is something that you don't see often with instructors, and it is very much appreciated. Thank you!

3) NA

4) Too many articles hard to understand.

5) i dont have

6) Avoid calling articles boring. It might be true but it can come off as if you are uninterested about the topic you are teaching.

7) This was an amazing class that I feel I learned so much in. My eyes were opened up to a variety of different perspectives that I never would have realized had I not taken this course. 100% recommend Prof. Raychaudhuri!

8) She's great! Give her a raise! And benefits and stuff! And other adult things!! I honestly can't recommend her enough.

9) I just want to thank her for giving and providing us with resources to succeed. I have taken other professors and they did not do much for their students to succeed or better learn the material and she was

amazing. I really loved taking her class. I am taking her again next semester because professors like her are hard to find.

10) none at all

11) The instructor is very passionate and this really does show throughout the class.

12) I do not believe the professor needs to improve, she is an outstanding professor!

Mean= 5 point scale, higher scores desirable

N, Mean=The college statistic data for items 11 through 14 include Distance Education.

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