

# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

## FACULTY COURSE EVALUATION REPORTS

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### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Fall 2022 Instructor: Raychaudhuri, Tanika Instruction Mode: Face-to-Face  
 POLS3312-15758 Arguments, Data, Politics

#### Section 1 Instructor

	Relative Frequency Distribution of Response						Section Statistics			Dept. Statistics			College Statistics		
	N	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	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.	35	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5	0	2792	4.68	0.62	18100	4.67	0.65	
2) The instructor presented the course in a clear, logical and organized manner.	35	91.4	2.9	5.7	0.0	0.0	4.86	0.49	2780	4.4	0.89	18070	4.47	0.87	
3) The instructor encouraged student participation, questions, and discussion as the class size allowed.	35	88.6	8.6	2.9	0.0	0.0	4.86	0.43	2753	4.33	0.92	17774	4.52	0.81	
4) The instructor encouraged critical thinking and evaluation of ideas and evidence.	35	88.6	8.6	2.9	0.0	0.0	4.86	0.43	2765	4.34	0.89	17981	4.51	0.81	
5) The instructor was well prepared for class.	35	94.3	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.94	0.24	2773	4.46	0.82	17878	4.5	0.84	
6) Tests, examinations, projects, papers, or creative activities reflected materials emphasized in the course.	35	88.6	8.6	2.9	0.0	0.0	4.86	0.43	2777	4.34	0.96	18074	4.49	0.85	
7) The grading practices were clear, consistently followed and fair.	35	91.4	0.0	5.7	2.9	0.0	4.8	0.68	2776	4.47	0.84	18085	4.46	0.89	
8) The instructor evaluated exams, quizzes, papers or creative activities in a timely manner.	35	88.6	5.7	2.9	2.9	0.0	4.8	0.63	2767	4.47	0.83	18028	4.43	0.91	
9) The teaching assistant was receptive to questions.	27	66.7	7.4	25.9	0.0	0.0	8	4.41	0.89	1887	4.14	0.97	13253	4.32	0.92
10) The teaching assistant was available for assistance to students.	28	57.1	7.1	28.6	0.0	7.1	7	4.07	1.25	1853	4.09	1.01	13088	4.31	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	71.4	25.7	2.9	0.0	0.0	35	4.69	0.53	2800	4.06	1.02	18230	4.24	0.98
12) The overall quality of this course is	77.1	14.3	8.6	0.0	0.0	35	4.69	0.63	2795	4.03	1.01	18206	4.2	0.99
13) This instructors availability for individual assistance is	82.4	8.8	5.9	2.9	0.0	34	4.71	0.72	2788	4.05	1	18179	4.27	0.96
14) This instructors demonstration of respect for students is	91.2	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	34	4.88	0.41	2789	4.38	0.87	18160	4.47	0.85

#### 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?	97.1	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
	<b>Never</b>	<b>Very Seldom</b>	<b>Quarter of the time</b>	<b>About half the time</b>	<b>More than half the time</b>
16) How often did the instructor either cancel or not show up to teach?	88.6	11.4	0.0	0.0	0.0

### Section 4 Student Information

	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Post Baccalaureate
17) Classification:	0.0	28.6	37.1	34.3	0.0	0.0
	<b>Required course</b>	<b>Required, but would have taken it anyway</b>	<b>Interest in the subject</b>	<b>Other</b>		
18) Reason I enrolled in this course:	68.6	14.3	14.3			2.9
	<b>This department</b>	<b>Another department in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences</b>	<b>Natural Sciences and Mathematics</b>	<b>Other</b>		
19) My major is in:	62.9	20.0	5.7			11.4
	<b>Much less than in most courses I have taken</b>	<b>Somewhat less than in most courses I have taken</b>	<b>About the same as in most courses I have taken</b>	<b>Somewhat more than in most courses I have taken</b>	<b>Much more than in most course I have taken</b>	
20) Compared to other courses at the same level, the amount of work I did was:	2.9	20.0	57.1	14.3	5.7	
	<b>More than half of the time</b>	<b>About half of the time</b>	<b>About a quarter of the time</b>	<b>Only a few times</b>	<b>Never</b>	
21) How often did you miss class?	2.9	2.9	8.6	54.3	31.4	
	<b>&lt;2.0</b>	<b>2.00 - 2.49</b>	<b>2.50 - 2.99</b>	<b>3.00 - 3.50</b>	<b>3.51 - 4.00</b>	
22) In what range does your current GPA fall?	2.9	2.9	8.6	42.9	42.9	

### Section 5 Students' Comments

#### What, specifically, were the strengths of the class?

- 1) She is really patient and considerate. She always encourages questions and does not let us being behind schedule bother her as long as we understand the topic.
- 2) She's very thorough with her examples and problem explanations and takes her time to ensure everyone understands!
- 3) Professor Raychaudhuri is very passionate about the material she teaches, I found this to be very inspiring and encouraging, and her positive attitude made taking this course enjoyable despite its difficulty.
- 4) The professor was always on time, posted the slides to make it easy to follow along, and very receptive to questions. Having this be applied to political science is a strength as well because it makes the math practical, not just theoretical.
- 5) The professor was very clear with her expectations, and her lectures were always very easy to follow. She was very receptive to questions and always made sure we understood what was going on.
- 6) Th clearness of what the teacher was teaching and what she expected on the test. She is very organized and that shows with the course layout and how she ran the course.
- 7) the way in which the instructor explains the content very thoroughly and in a very understandable way
- 8) Punctuality as well as care for the subject.
- 9) organization and communication
- 10) The teacher was very knowledgable
- 11) The problem sets were challenging but encouraged me to learn the material enough to confidently complete the problems. The material was well explained. The structure, lectures, and material was challenging but the professor was a great guide.
- 12) Easy to listen to lectures and straight forward syllabus.
- 13) The professor was very polite and did a great job explaining the material.
- 14) the professor being helpful
- 15) The textbook was helpful to read over.
- 16) Professor Raychaudhuri did a great job in ensuring that she explained all topics thoroughly.
- 17) Numerous examples were provided to gain a better understanding of the conceptual aspects and the problems and exercise questions. As well as the content in general. In addition, the professor was readily available to assist students with any questions, comments that we may have. I appreciated that the material posted onto blackboard was well prepared and easily accessible to students before and after every class session. That way we can review upcoming information and review content and additional information covered in class.
- 18) Works the problems out with us
- 19) It was very well structured.
- 20) Teachers responsiveness
- 21) The strengths of the class were organization and care for us as a class
- 22) Every single detail I needed to know for the course was defined, and the professor was the most attentive professor I have ever had.
- 23) The content of the class was educational and informative
- 24) It was easy to access office hours, notes, and information and gave clear guides for how to succeed in the content areas.
- 25) Professor Raychaudhuri was very thorough during her lectures, offered a ton of opportunities for student participation, and graded in a timely manner.
- 26) The amount of information provided towards statistical analysis

27) The lecture recordings for the r-studio portion because it was easy to find help than looking all over the web.

### How could the instructor improve the course?

- 1) I think the courses is fine as is
- 2) Can't think of anything. She's great and the course is amazing
- 3) This course is very difficult, I'm a slow learner when it comes to numbers so I would say maybe slowing it down. For someone who's not mathematically inclined, this course can be overwhelming so teaching the material slower I feel would be beneficial for students. However, professor Raychaudhuri was very adaptable.
- 4) Make lecture less about reading off the slides and providing more example problems.
- 5) I think sometimes a bit more review would be helpful for some of the harder topics, especially before the exams. Additionally we would sometimes not get to finish some of the lectures entirely, which was a bit confusing for when we would pick up later on.
- 6) Make the information more understandable. It is okay now, but in class its hard to understand what you are talking about when you go through the slides very fast. I think that this class is a great class but the subject is tricky.
- 7) no improvements, she's great
- 8) Make it not so self taught in such a big class.
- 9) remove r studio from course
- 10) None
- 11) NA
- 12) Maybe more grades for those who may struggle so they can better average their grades.
- 13) The amount of information scheduled to go over in one class was sometimes too much and would carry over into the following class, putting us off schedule. This wasn't too much of an issue but, maybe finding a way to cut some material or quickly skim over less critical material in the PowerPoint would help.
- 14) slowing down the process of teaching rstudios
- 15) Make it easier for the R program.
- 16) N/A
- 17) N/A
- 18) More time learning R Studio.
- 19) More in depth of how to do the math
- 20) Implement a daily grade to do every week, that way there is weekly work, quarterly work that is worth more, and then tests of course. That is just my preferred structure.
- 21) maybe read off the slides less but other than that, nothing else
- 22) There is nothing I can currently think of for how the instructor can improve the course.
- 23) I think the only thing that could improve the course would be a specific set of formulas for all of us to follow, just as a study guide or reminder since the semester is filled with formulas.
- 24) I think the instructor does not need to change anything for improvement.
- 25) The R-Studio portion of this course is really tricky, I would suggest having more in-class activities that pertain to r-studio.

### Would you recommend this instructor to other students? Why?

- 1) Yes, because the professor taught the class in a professional manner, and was very helpful.
- 2) Yes, she is an excellent professor, and you will learn.
- 3) Yes. You get taught R
- 4) I would definitely recommend professor Raychaudhuri to other students. She is very knowledgeable and understanding, and she also goes above and beyond for her students.
- 5) Absolutely! She helped me have a deeper understanding and appreciation for stats and is great at answering questions.
- 6) Absolutely, Professor Raychaudhuri is a phenomenal teacher! I love how organized and clear her classes are, and she has a wonderful personality as well.
- 7) Yes, but for her other class.
- 8) yes, she is a great professor, and it was for the most part easy to understand the material
- 9) yes, she does care about the subject and tries her best to relay info to the students
- 10) yes, in terms of student and professor communication
- 11) Yes because she is a really good instructor even though the class is difficult but she makes it better
- 12) Yes because it left me knowledgable on the material and inspired to take more courses in related material. I felt challenged but never left in the dark. The professor offered great lectures that prepared me for the work that was expected. The course material was challenging, but she did very well in explaining, offering additional help, and thorough explanations.
- 13) Yes. Very simple, formulaic syllabus which can lead to easy study patterns, etc.
- 14) Yes, this instructor made the class enjoyable and the workload feel less stressful.
- 15) yes because shes very helpful
- 16) Yes, I would definitely recommend this instructor to other students. The professor was always readily available to help us as students. The way the content/material was presented to us was in a clear, detailed, and organized manner. One of my favorite classes this semester!
- 17) Yes, she's understandable
- 18) Yes, the professor is very efficient.
- 19) Yes, she is very helpful and has a clear teaching style
- 20) Yes because she cares about her students
- 21) Only if they need it or are interested in research. I am not a fan of coding.
- 22) yes I would, she is a great professor, she encourages students participating and is very respectful and nice to the students and is also flexible with due dates as well
- 23) Yes, because the instructor is clear, caring, kind, and flexible with student's needs and explains the content very well.
- 24) Yes! She is great, nice, and understanding.
- 25) Yes because she takes the time to make sure her students understand the content and how to apply it.
- 26) Yes I would, the professor is passionate about teaching and is always encouraging students to think broadly and with different perspectives.

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

- 1) Professor Raychaudhuri has been a pleasure to learn from, I didn't think I'd enjoy this course as much as I have but because of her, it has been a great experience. I definitely believe she makes the University of Houston a better place.
- 2) More time dedicated to Studio and some explanations of the coding reasoning would be helpful.
- 3) N/A
- 4) Please add a grading curve since this class is basically a math class. Also, if no grading curve please offer more extra credit opportunities, please.
- 5) n/a
- 6) Make the subject more approachable for the people who have no prior knowledge to stats.
- 7) none
- 8) I really like her
- 9) This is such a great class with a great professor. You can tell she cares about her students while challenging us to learn more. She never made us do busy work. The assignments, in class activities, and lectures were always connected, which made learning easier.
- 10) Good Class
- 11) This instructor seems to genuinely care about the students enrolled in the course and the subject being covered. She proved to be very knowledgeable about the topic at hand.
- 12) I thoroughly enjoyed taking this course! Although, I am not a political science major; I am required to take a math/reasoning course, which this class was included as an option. I am glad I decided to take this course, as I learned a lot and has even increased my interest in the field of political science.
- 13) N/A
- 14) N/A
- 15) She is extremely nice and understanding.
- 16) I enjoyed this course a lot more than I thought, it was very interesting to me and i'm glad I took it.
- 17) None, Dr. Raychadhuri was awesome!
- 18) Loved this course! Never thought I would learn to code, but glad I did it with Professor Raychaudhuri.
- 19) na

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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