

Student Evaluation of Teaching, Fall 2017

Rachel Surminsky, POLI 100-600 INTRO TO GOVT IN US

Raters	Students
Responded	6
Invited	18
Response Ratio	33.3%

Overall

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. Overall, this course was excellent.	4.17	4.00	0.75	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	16.7 %	50.0 %	33.3 %
2. Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.	4.33	4.00	0.52	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	66.7 %	33.3 %
3. Overall, this instructor was an effective teacher.	4.50	4.50	0.55	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	50.0 %	50.0 %
4. The instructor was one of the best I have had at Carolina, fully deserving of a teaching award.	4.00	4.00	0.89	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	33.3 %	33.3 %	33.3 %

	N	Yes
1. The instructor provided regular assessment of my work throughout the semester.	6	100.0 %
2. The instructor held class meetings consistent with the course syllabus and the official schedule published for this course.	6	100.0 %
3. Is this a required course for you?	6	50.0 %

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Very Easy	Easy	Average	More Rigorous	Most Rigorous
1. Rate the grading standards of this course compared with others you have taken at UNC.	3.00	3.00	0.00	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	100.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %
2. Rate the workload required in this course compared with others you have taken at UNC.	2.83	3.00	0.41	6	0.0 %	16.7 %	83.3 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

Diversity and Inclusion

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. The diversity of my classmates enriched my learning in this course.	3.67	3.50	0.82	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	50.0 %	33.3 %	16.7 %
2. I increased my ability to work on a team with students from different backgrounds and perspectives.	4.00	4.00	1.00	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	40.0 %	20.0 %	40.0 %
3. This course exposed me to points of view different from my own.	4.17	4.50	0.98	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	33.3 %	16.7 %	50.0 %
4. I became more aware of multiple perspectives on issues of diversity.	3.67	4.00	0.52	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	33.3 %	66.7 %	0.0 %
5. The instructor, Rachel Surminsky, valued the diversity of life experiences among students.	3.83	4.00	0.75	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	33.3 %	50.0 %	16.7 %
6. The instructor, Rachel Surminsky, saw cultural and personal differences as assets.	4.00	4.00	0.89	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	33.3 %	33.3 %	33.3 %
7. In-class activities were organized to value the diversity of life experiences among students.	3.67	4.00	0.52	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	33.3 %	66.7 %	0.0 %

Department Specific

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. My teaching associate was fair in the assignment of exams and paper grades.	3.83	4.00	0.41	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	16.7 %	83.3 %	0.0 %
2. My teaching associate did a good job of leading class discussions.	4.50	5.00	0.84	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	16.7 %	16.7 %	66.7 %
3. My teaching associate was well prepared for class.	4.50	5.00	0.84	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	16.7 %	16.7 %	66.7 %
4. My teaching associate displayed mastery of the material.	4.33	5.00	1.03	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	33.3 %	0.0 %	66.7 %
5. My teaching associate was available for help during office hours.	4.50	5.00	0.84	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	16.7 %	16.7 %	66.7 %
6. My teaching associate made useful comments on my paper.	3.50	3.50	1.05	6	0.0 %	16.7 %	33.3 %	33.3 %	16.7 %
7. Overall my teaching associate did an excellent job.	4.33	4.50	0.82	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	16.7 %	33.3 %	50.0 %

Class Status:

First Year	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Other
16.7 %	0.0 %	50.0 %	33.3 %	0.0 %

To the best of your knowledge, what is your grade in this course now?

A	B	C	D	F	PS
50.0 %	50.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

Open-Ended Responses

How Did the Diversity of Your Classmates Contribute to Your Learning in This Course?

Comments

had people from foreign countries talk about their government

Seeing the different perspectives of foreign governments from exchange students was very interesting

Diversity of inherent political beliefs helped display different viewpoints on the topics of government that we were discussing.

How Might the Class Climate Be Made More Inclusive of Diverse Students?

Comments

it was good

N/A

The class climate could be made more inclusive by speaking freely and developing a trust in different political issues.

Department Specific

Please offer your teaching associate positive feedback, suggestions for change, and any other comments you have about his/her performance.

Comments

I thought that Rachel did a great job as the TA for this course, handling class discussions skillfully, even when the students did not want to participate. She was engaging, knowledgeable, helpful, and approachable. One of the best TA's I've had at Carolina, I would say.

You made the recitations useful and enjoyable

N/A

Some people just didn't talk at times! I know it's difficult to get people to talk but maybe there is something you can do to change that if you experience something like you did with our recitation class this semester.

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Rachel Surminsky, POLI 100-601 INTRO TO GOVT IN US

Raters	Students
Responded	7
Invited	17
Response Ratio	41.2%

Overall

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. Overall, this course was excellent.	4.71	5.00	0.49	7	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	28.6 %	71.4 %
2. Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.	4.71	5.00	0.49	7	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	28.6 %	71.4 %
3. Overall, this instructor was an effective teacher.	4.67	5.00	0.52	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	33.3 %	66.7 %
4. The instructor was one of the best I have had at Carolina, fully deserving of a teaching award.	4.29	5.00	0.95	7	0.0 %	0.0 %	28.6 %	14.3 %	57.1 %

	N	Yes
1. The instructor provided regular assessment of my work throughout the semester.	7	100.0 %
2. The instructor held class meetings consistent with the course syllabus and the official schedule published for this course.	7	100.0 %
3. Is this a required course for you?	7	42.9 %

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Very Easy	Easy	Average	More Rigorous	Most Rigorous
1. Rate the grading standards of this course compared with others you have taken at UNC.	3.14	3.00	0.69	7	0.0 %	14.3 %	57.1 %	28.6 %	0.0 %
2. Rate the workload required in this course compared with others you have taken at UNC.	2.86	3.00	0.38	7	0.0 %	14.3 %	85.7 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

Diversity and Inclusion

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. The diversity of my classmates enriched my learning in this course.	4.50	4.50	0.55	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	50.0 %	50.0 %
2. I increased my ability to work on a team with students from different backgrounds and perspectives.	4.17	4.00	0.41	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	83.3 %	16.7 %
3. This course exposed me to points of view different from my own.	4.83	5.00	0.41	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	16.7 %	83.3 %
4. I became more aware of multiple perspectives on issues of diversity.	4.83	5.00	0.41	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	16.7 %	83.3 %
5. The instructor, Rachel Surminsky, valued the diversity of life experiences among students.	4.83	5.00	0.41	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	16.7 %	83.3 %
6. The instructor, Rachel Surminsky, saw cultural and personal differences as assets.	4.67	5.00	0.52	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	33.3 %	66.7 %
7. In-class activities were organized to value the diversity of life experiences among students.	4.67	5.00	0.52	6	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	33.3 %	66.7 %

Department Specific

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. My teaching associate was fair in the assignment of exams and paper grades.	4.29	4.00	0.76	7	0.0 %	0.0 %	14.3 %	42.9 %	42.9 %
2. My teaching associate did a good job of leading class discussions.	4.71	5.00	0.49	7	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	28.6 %	71.4 %
3. My teaching associate was well prepared for class.	4.86	5.00	0.38	7	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	14.3 %	85.7 %
4. My teaching associate displayed mastery of the material.	4.86	5.00	0.38	7	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	14.3 %	85.7 %
5. My teaching associate was available for help during office hours.	4.86	5.00	0.38	7	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	14.3 %	85.7 %
6. My teaching associate made useful comments on my paper.	4.57	5.00	0.53	7	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	42.9 %	57.1 %
7. Overall my teaching associate did an excellent job.	4.71	5.00	0.49	7	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	28.6 %	71.4 %

Class Status:

First Year	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Other
57.1 %	28.6 %	14.3 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

To the best of your knowledge, what is your grade in this course now?

A	B	C	D	F	PS
57.1 %	28.6 %	14.3 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

Open-Ended Responses

How Did the Diversity of Your Classmates Contribute to Your Learning in This Course?

Comments

Having international students in an American politics class brought new and world perspectives that showed the "perfect" American government in new lights.

I was able to hear their backgrounds and opinions on topics.

It gave me many different points of views on topics.

Since this is a poli class, diversity was very important. The diversity of my class, especially having a student from ENGLAND, helped me learn more and broaden my view. So awesome.

Diversity of students brought different perspectives to topics in the class which contributed to discussion and gave a fuller picture.

How Might the Class Climate Be Made More Inclusive of Diverse Students?

Comments

By including more diversity into the lectures.

Not sure, very inclusive class.

No way.

N/A

Department Specific

Please offer your teaching associate positive feedback, suggestions for change, and any other comments you have about his/her performance.

Comments

I loved having Rachel Surminsky as my TA, she made the recitation interesting and her lectures were always well prepared.

Great teaching associate. She was very engaged.

She rocks!!!!

Very good!! Learned a lot in my recitation and loved it!!

You did an amazing job! You were always well prepared and extremely knowledgeable about the course material.

Student Evaluation of Teaching, Fall 2017

Rachel Surminsky, POLI 100-604 INTRO TO GOVT IN US

Raters	Students
Responded	9
Invited	18
Response Ratio	50.0%

Overall

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. Overall, this course was excellent.	4.00	4.00	0.50	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	11.1 %	77.8 %	11.1 %
2. Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.	4.33	4.00	0.71	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	11.1 %	44.4 %	44.4 %
3. Overall, this instructor was an effective teacher.	4.25	4.00	0.71	8	0.0 %	0.0 %	12.5 %	50.0 %	37.5 %
4. The instructor was one of the best I have had at Carolina, fully deserving of a teaching award.	3.44	3.00	0.73	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	66.7 %	22.2 %	11.1 %

	N	Yes
1. The instructor provided regular assessment of my work throughout the semester.	9	88.9 %
2. The instructor held class meetings consistent with the course syllabus and the official schedule published for this course.	9	100.0 %
3. Is this a required course for you?	9	55.6 %

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Very Easy	Easy	Average	More Rigorous	Most Rigorous
1. Rate the grading standards of this course compared with others you have taken at UNC.	2.78	3.00	0.44	9	0.0 %	22.2 %	77.8 %	0.0 %	0.0 %
2. Rate the workload required in this course compared with others you have taken at UNC.	2.56	3.00	0.73	9	11.1 %	22.2 %	66.7 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

Diversity and Inclusion

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. The diversity of my classmates enriched my learning in this course.	3.89	4.00	0.60	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	22.2 %	66.7 %	11.1 %
2. I increased my ability to work on a team with students from different backgrounds and perspectives.	3.50	3.50	0.53	8	0.0 %	0.0 %	50.0 %	50.0 %	0.0 %
3. This course exposed me to points of view different from my own.	4.22	4.00	0.44	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	77.8 %	22.2 %
4. I became more aware of multiple perspectives on issues of diversity.	4.00	4.00	0.71	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	22.2 %	55.6 %	22.2 %
5. The instructor, Rachel Surminsky, valued the diversity of life experiences among students.	4.11	4.00	0.78	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	22.2 %	44.4 %	33.3 %
6. The instructor, Rachel Surminsky, saw cultural and personal differences as assets.	4.11	4.00	0.78	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	22.2 %	44.4 %	33.3 %
7. In-class activities were organized to value the diversity of life experiences among students.	3.78	4.00	0.67	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	33.3 %	55.6 %	11.1 %

Department Specific

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. My teaching associate was fair in the assignment of exams and paper grades.	4.33	4.00	0.71	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	11.1 %	44.4 %	44.4 %
2. My teaching associate did a good job of leading class discussions.	4.44	4.00	0.53	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	55.6 %	44.4 %
3. My teaching associate was well prepared for class.	4.78	5.00	0.44	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	22.2 %	77.8 %
4. My teaching associate displayed mastery of the material.	4.56	5.00	0.53	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	44.4 %	55.6 %
5. My teaching associate was available for help during office hours.	4.67	5.00	0.50	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	33.3 %	66.7 %
6. My teaching associate made useful comments on my paper.	4.67	5.00	0.50	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	33.3 %	66.7 %
7. Overall my teaching associate did an excellent job.	4.75	5.00	0.46	8	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	25.0 %	75.0 %

Class Status:

First Year	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Other
22.2 %	77.8 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

To the best of your knowledge, what is your grade in this course now?

A	B	C	D	F	PS
37.5 %	62.5 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

Open-Ended Responses

Comments on: The Instructor Provided Regular Assessment of My Work Throughout the Semester. (Comments)

Comment

- Only assessment of my work would be the two essays that were assigned

How Did the Diversity of Your Classmates Contribute to Your Learning in This Course?

Comments

It exposed me to different ideas and ideologies

When we discussed controversial topics (like Silent Sam, flag burning, etc.) the diversity of my classmates helped me to understand the wide variety of perspectives held by Americans on these topics.

It allowed me to see different political views from my own, which was helpful

It helped gain different opinions and insights to create a more unified opinion of my own that is much more well-informed and contextual.

Exposure to different opinions helped broaden my perspective

How Might the Class Climate Be Made More Inclusive of Diverse Students?

Comments

N/A

N/A

The class did not have this problem. Everyone was completely included.

N/A

Department Specific

Please offer your teaching associate positive feedback, suggestions for change, and any other comments you have about his/her performance.

Comments

You made class discussions easy by making us feel comfortable and validated in class. At the same time, you taught material in a way that was super easy to understand. My only suggestion for change is that you use the discussion questions we write in a concrete way to lead class discussion. Otherwise, the exercise feels kind of useless.

Very nice, accessible, knowledgeable, discussions were interesting

I love Rachel! I have so greatly been inspired by her expertise in the field of political science and the help she has offered me in office hours, both inside and out. I will miss her greatly and wish her the best of luck in her future.
