

**Student Evaluation of Teaching, Fall 2018**  
**Rachel Surminsky, POLI 130-609 INTRO TO COMP POLI**

Raters	Students
Responded	5
Invited	18
Response Ratio	27.8%

**Overall**

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. Overall, this course was excellent.	4.40	5.00	1.34	5	0.0 %	20.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	80.0 %
2. Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.	5.00	5.00	0.00	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	100.0 %
3. Overall, this instructor was an effective teacher.	5.00	5.00	0.00	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	100.0 %
4. The instructor was one of the best I have had at Carolina, fully deserving of a teaching award.	4.60	5.00	0.55	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	40.0 %	60.0 %

	N	Yes
1. The instructor provided regular assessment of my work throughout the semester.	5	100.0 %
2. The instructor held class meetings consistent with the course syllabus and the official schedule published for this course.	5	100.0 %
3. Is this a required course for you?	5	20.0 %

	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.	3.60	3.00	0.89	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	60.0 %	20.0 %	20.0 %
2. Rate the workload required in this course compared with others you have taken at UNC.	3.40	3.00	0.89	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	80.0 %	0.0 %	20.0 %

**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.	4.40	4.00	0.55	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	60.0 %	40.0 %
2. I increased my ability to work on a team with students from different backgrounds and perspectives.	4.20	4.00	0.84	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	20.0 %	40.0 %	40.0 %
3. This course exposed me to points of view different from my own.	4.40	4.00	0.55	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	60.0 %	40.0 %
4. I became more aware of multiple perspectives on issues of diversity.	4.20	4.00	0.84	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	20.0 %	40.0 %	40.0 %
5. The instructor, Rachel Surminsky, valued the diversity of life experiences among students.	4.80	5.00	0.45	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	20.0 %	80.0 %
6. The instructor, Rachel Surminsky, saw cultural and personal differences as assets.	4.80	5.00	0.45	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	20.0 %	80.0 %
7. In-class activities were organized to value the diversity of life experiences among students.	4.40	4.00	0.55	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	60.0 %	40.0 %

## 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.	4.80	5.00	0.45	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	20.0 %	80.0 %
2. My teaching associate did a good job of leading class discussions.	5.00	5.00	0.00	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	100.0 %
3. My teaching associate was well prepared for class.	5.00	5.00	0.00	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	100.0 %
4. My teaching associate displayed mastery of the material.	5.00	5.00	0.00	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	100.0 %
5. My teaching associate was available for help during office hours.	5.00	5.00	0.00	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	100.0 %
6. My teaching associate made useful comments on my paper.	4.00	5.00	1.73	3	0.0 %	33.3 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	66.7 %
7. Overall my teaching associate did an excellent job.	5.00	5.00	0.00	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	100.0 %

### Class Status:

First Year	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Other
60.0 %	0.0 %	40.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

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

A	B	C	D	F	PS
50.0 %	25.0 %	25.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

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## Open-Ended Responses

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

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Comments

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Enriched the perspectives.

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

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Comments

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NA

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## Department Specific

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

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Comments

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My TA, Rachel, was amazing. She was personable and knowledgeable of the course. She gave great examples in recitation to relate to the material.

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She is an excellent teacher, very knowledgeable, approachable, and great at conveying the information

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Love her teaching style! Perfect combination of class discussion/engagement and lecture and always helpful during office hours

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## Student Evaluation of Teaching, Fall 2018

### Rachel Surminsky, POLI 130-616 INTRO TO COMP POLI

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.	4.22	4.00	0.67	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	11.1 %	55.6 %	33.3 %
2. Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.	4.56	5.00	0.53	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	44.4 %	55.6 %
3. Overall, this instructor was an effective teacher.	5.00	5.00	0.00	7	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	100.0 %
4. The instructor was one of the best I have had at Carolina, fully deserving of a teaching award.	4.33	5.00	0.87	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	22.2 %	22.2 %	55.6 %

	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	77.8 %

	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.	3.22	3.00	0.67	9	0.0 %	11.1 %	55.6 %	33.3 %	0.0 %
2. Rate the workload required in this course compared with others you have taken at UNC.	2.67	3.00	1.00	9	11.1 %	33.3 %	33.3 %	22.2 %	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.	4.00	4.00	0.50	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	11.1 %	77.8 %	11.1 %
2. I increased my ability to work on a team with students from different backgrounds and perspectives.	3.63	4.00	0.92	8	0.0 %	12.5 %	25.0 %	50.0 %	12.5 %
3. This course exposed me to points of view different from my own.	4.50	4.50	0.53	8	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	50.0 %	50.0 %
4. I became more aware of multiple perspectives on issues of diversity.	4.50	4.50	0.53	8	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	50.0 %	50.0 %
5. The instructor, Rachel Surminsky, valued the diversity of life experiences among students.	4.38	4.00	0.52	8	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	62.5 %	37.5 %
6. The instructor, Rachel Surminsky, saw cultural and personal differences as assets.	4.38	4.00	0.52	8	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	62.5 %	37.5 %
7. In-class activities were organized to value the diversity of life experiences among students.	4.25	4.00	0.71	8	0.0 %	0.0 %	12.5 %	50.0 %	37.5 %

## 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.	4.67	5.00	0.50	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	33.3 %	66.7 %
2. My teaching associate did a good job of leading class discussions.	5.00	5.00	0.00	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	100.0 %
3. My teaching associate was well prepared for class.	4.88	5.00	0.35	8	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	12.5 %	87.5 %
4. My teaching associate displayed mastery of the material.	4.67	5.00	0.50	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	33.3 %	66.7 %
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.	4.00	4.00	1.07	8	0.0 %	12.5 %	12.5 %	37.5 %	37.5 %
7. Overall my teaching associate did an excellent job.	4.89	5.00	0.33	9	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	11.1 %	88.9 %

### Class Status:

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

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

A	B	C	D	F	PS
25.0 %	50.0 %	25.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

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## Open-Ended Responses

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

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Comments

Made for interesting points on topics we were learning about.

Differences in opinion led to better class discussions

It didn't.

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

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Comments

I think it was diverse enough.

n/a

It really couldn't; there wasn't much of an opportunity.

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## Department Specific

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

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Comments

Always kept class interesting, made sense of the material

Rachel was AMAZING! Best TA I have had at Carolina. She presented all of the material very clearly and really engaged the class with thoughtful questions. This class was great in terms of the lecture but was made complete through the recitations led by Rachel.

I think Rachel is wonderful. She is helpful, bright, and she relates well to the students and goes over concepts in ways which are helpful to me. She really does want each student to succeed. No negative comments at all :)

Rachel was one of the best instructors I have had at UNC, better than many professors. She made a topic I honestly have a hard time getting into very interesting and presented all information very clearly. She wanted us to understand the concepts and offered tons of knowledge on the topics.

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## Student Evaluation of Teaching, Fall 2018

### Rachel Surminsky, POLI 130-606 INTRO TO COMP POLI

Raters	Students
Responded	5
Invited	18
Response Ratio	27.8%

#### Overall

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. Overall, this course was excellent.	3.80	5.00	1.79	5	20.0 %	0.0 %	20.0 %	0.0 %	60.0 %
2. Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.	4.00	5.00	1.73	5	20.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	20.0 %	60.0 %
3. Overall, this instructor was an effective teacher.	4.40	5.00	0.89	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	20.0 %	20.0 %	60.0 %
4. The instructor was one of the best I have had at Carolina, fully deserving of a teaching award.	4.25	4.50	0.96	4	0.0 %	0.0 %	25.0 %	25.0 %	50.0 %

	N	Yes
1. The instructor provided regular assessment of my work throughout the semester.	5	100.0 %
2. The instructor held class meetings consistent with the course syllabus and the official schedule published for this course.	5	100.0 %
3. Is this a required course for you?	5	20.0 %

	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.	3.60	4.00	0.55	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	40.0 %	60.0 %	0.0 %
2. Rate the workload required in this course compared with others you have taken at UNC.	3.00	3.00	0.71	5	0.0 %	20.0 %	60.0 %	20.0 %	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	5.00	1.00	4	0.0 %	0.0 %	25.0 %	0.0 %	75.0 %
2. I increased my ability to work on a team with students from different backgrounds and perspectives.	4.50	5.00	1.00	4	0.0 %	0.0 %	25.0 %	0.0 %	75.0 %
3. This course exposed me to points of view different from my own.	4.50	5.00	1.00	4	0.0 %	0.0 %	25.0 %	0.0 %	75.0 %
4. I became more aware of multiple perspectives on issues of diversity.	4.50	5.00	1.00	4	0.0 %	0.0 %	25.0 %	0.0 %	75.0 %
5. The instructor, Rachel Surminsky, valued the diversity of life experiences among students.	4.50	5.00	1.00	4	0.0 %	0.0 %	25.0 %	0.0 %	75.0 %
6. The instructor, Rachel Surminsky, saw cultural and personal differences as assets.	4.50	5.00	1.00	4	0.0 %	0.0 %	25.0 %	0.0 %	75.0 %
7. In-class activities were organized to value the diversity of life experiences among students.	4.50	5.00	1.00	4	0.0 %	0.0 %	25.0 %	0.0 %	75.0 %

## 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.	5.00	5.00	0.00	3	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	100.0 %
2. My teaching associate did a good job of leading class discussions.	4.40	5.00	0.89	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	20.0 %	20.0 %	60.0 %
3. My teaching associate was well prepared for class.	4.60	5.00	0.55	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	40.0 %	60.0 %
4. My teaching associate displayed mastery of the material.	4.60	5.00	0.55	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	40.0 %	60.0 %
5. My teaching associate was available for help during office hours.	4.80	5.00	0.45	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	20.0 %	80.0 %
6. My teaching associate made useful comments on my paper.	5.00	5.00	0.00	3	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	100.0 %
7. Overall my teaching associate did an excellent job.	4.20	5.00	1.10	5	0.0 %	0.0 %	40.0 %	0.0 %	60.0 %

### Class Status:

First Year	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Other
50.0 %	50.0 %	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
0.0 %	33.3 %	66.7 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %



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## Open-Ended Responses

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

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Comment

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- Only in office hours. TA isn't the one doing any grading other than participation, which is not fairly delineated.

### Comments on: The Instructor Held Class Meetings Consistent With the Course Syllabus and the Official Schedule Published For This Course. (Comments)

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Comment

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- +extra time to meet!

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

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Comments

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

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Comments

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n/a

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## Department Specific

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

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Comments

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She is AWESOME

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I loved having Rachel as a TA, she was very nice and super helpful and always lead great discussions in class and was always willing to help you if needed.