

Instructor Evaluations Summary

For Fall 2019

Date: 12/19/2019

Department: 54 - POLS
 Course: 100 001
 Title: AMERICAN POLITICS
 Instructor: Hansen, Michael A
 Enrollment: 36
 # of Responses 19

	Student Information					Class Avg.	Dept. Avg.	*S	Dept. Std. Dev.
	1	2	3	4	5				
1 How motivated were you to take this class?	0	1	1	6	11	4.42	3.98		1.23
2 How many credits toward graduation did you have before this semester?	11	3	3	1	1	1.84	3.04		1.35
3 What is your approximate grade in this course?	0	2	4	9	4	3.79	4.32		0.82
4 Required for majors: not required?	10	9	0	0	0	1.47	1.50		0.76
5 How many hours per week on average have you been employed this semester?	6	3	6	3	1	2.47	2.96		1.36

INSTRUCTOR CHARACTERISTICS

6 Did the instructor encourage student participation in class discussion?	2	0	3	2	12	4.16	4.25		1.24
7 Did the instructor explain the importance of the subject matter?	0	1	4	4	10	4.21	4.38		0.91
8 Did the instructor make clear what were the objectives of the course?	0	1	1	4	13	4.53	4.25		1.21
9 Did you find the class sessions stimulating?	0	0	4	4	11	4.37	4.12		1.22
10 Did the instructor explain the subject clearly?	2	2	1	4	10	3.95	4.18		1.18
11 Do you feel that you learned a great deal about this subject from the instructor?	1	1	2	2	13	4.32	4.29		1.14
12 Did the class sessions seem organized?	0	1	1	5	12	4.47	4.19		1.23
13 Did the instructor appear to have command of the subject of the course?	0	1	1	1	16	4.68	4.60		0.87
14 Did the instructor seem helpful?	2	1	2	3	11	4.05	4.33		1.09
15 Did the instructor explain criticisms of student performance?	3	1	4	4	7	3.58	4.02		1.29
16 Did the instructor treat students fairly?	0	1	0	4	14	4.63	4.58		0.93

COURSE CHARACTERISTICS

17 How difficult was the subject matter?	2	2	8	5	2	3.16	3.38		0.93
18 How much work was there for you to do in the course?	0	2	13	3	0	3.06	3.59		0.93
19 How much did you learn from the course readings?	1	2	4	5	7	3.79	4.05		0.93
20 How hard have you had to work to achieve your present grade?	0	1	6	8	4	3.79	3.92		0.93
21 Did the course constitute a coherent body of knowledge?	2	0	3	7	6	3.83	4.00		0.93
22 Is your level of interest in the course greater or less than it was at the beginning?	1	2	4	3	9	3.89	3.88		0.93
23 How interested were you in the subject to begin with?	1	4	4	3	7	3.58	3.55		0.93

***Note:**
 S=Significance
 + Class average above department average by more than one Std. Dev.
 - Class average below department average by more than one Std. Dev.

Comments:

1. If you rated your instructor especially high or low in any of the standard questions, please mention here your specific reason for doing so.

I rated the instructor relatively high due to his knowledge of the subject, as well as his enthusiasm for the subject.

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Although I was relatively interested in the class, the factor that reduced my interest to being indifferent was outside responsibilities on my part. Real life responsibilities cause me to be laser focused on completing real life tasks rather than my class work, and subtract my overall learning experience. Once again, this is entirely my fault.

3. Briefly explain why and to whom you would recommend this course (e.g. to majors? Non majors? Freshmen or upperclassmen?)

I would recommend this course to those studying in criminal justice majors as this class goes into relatively good detail describing why certain individuals commit crime and what crimes are overseen by the state or federal government.

4. Mention here any particular point about the instructor or course you want to make but were not covered in the above questions. Is there one helpful thing you'd want to say to your instructor that would have made the course a better experience for you?

One helpful thing I want to say is that I enjoyed American politics as a class even if I was more ambivalent overtime, albeit still interested to the point of wanting to learn and participate in class. I hope to take a similar class in the future. There was a surplus of good humor which I will remember for quite a long time.

RESPONSIBILITIES

due to real life to

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The professor had very high standards. Hansen was in command of each subject taught.

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This course is very stimulating when learning the basics of law.

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Comments:

- 1. If you rated your instructor especially high or low in any of the standard questions, please mention here your specific reason for doing so.** I love how engaging Dr. Hansen is. He demands that the class participates in lectures, and for that reason, his class is superior to other classes I have taken.
- 2. Sometimes a class may not go well for you for reasons partly beyond the instructor's control (e.g., students in the course were at different ability levels, there were technology issues, or outside responsibilities) Were there such factors that reduced – or increased- the effectiveness of this course for you? Explain.**
- 3. Briefly explain why and to whom you would recommend this course (e.g. to majors? Non majors? Freshmen or upperclassmen?)** I would recommend this course to any major. It is important to know how our government and how our politics work
- 4. Mention here any particular point about the instructor or course you want to make but were not covered in the above questions. Is there one helpful thing you'd want to say to your instructor that would have made the course a better experience for you?** Everything of interest was covered.

Comments:

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Professor Hansen is an amazing instructor & made class fun to attend. I really enjoyed how he made class discussions regarding the topics which I learned a lot from. He is very knowledgeable in everything I will always have an answer to a question. He is also a very nice professor and if you are struggling he is willing to help.

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3. Briefly explain why and to whom you would recommend this course (e.g. to majors? Non majors? Freshmen or upperclassmen?)

I would recommend this course to Freshmen → Upperclassmen. I believe that they will enjoy taking this course because this class is very important in our everyday lives. I learned so many new things & some of my perspectives changed & had a great impact.

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Nothing was bad at all, Taking this course was very interesting & learned a great deal of topics.

Comments:

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He taught the class as if everyone already knew everything about Politics. I felt as if this wasn't a 100 class.

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The slides had no effort put into them.

3. Briefly explain why and to whom you would recommend this course (e.g. to majors? Non majors? Freshmen or upperclassmen?)

I would recommend this to someone who knows a great deal about Politics already.

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Take your time with the slides instead of teaching it as if everyone already knows what your talking about.

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High. There were no general complaints and I feel as if he connected with class and encouraged us

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I focused my attention on other courses rather than this one because the others were more challenging and that affected my grade

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definitely people who are a poli sci major or seeking to go in law. It's a great deal of help

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want for me to comment about

Comments:

1. If you rated your instructor especially high or low in any of the standard questions, please mention here your specific reason for doing so.

I rated him high because he was probably the best teacher I had this semester. He helped me understand the material and made it more interesting than any other history based class I've ever taken.

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I think the class was over all good.

3. Briefly explain why and to whom you would recommend this course (e.g. to majors? Non majors? Freshmen or upperclassmen?)

I think it's a great class for anyone of any age it was a good entry class and helped me as a freshman get the hang of courses.

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I think he did great. I just wish essay feedback was more substantial and helpful, so that I don't have to track him down and talk to him face to face.

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Freshman majors or gen ed requirements
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Comments:

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Professor Hansen clearly has a deep understanding of the material and cares about how his students learn. Class engagement is heavily encouraged and he ensures that conversation is kept on topic and comprehensive.

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no

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3. Briefly explain why and to whom you would recommend this course (e.g. to majors? Non majors? Freshmen or upperclassmen?)

I would recommend this to any freshman or non major student. Understanding the government systems is important for everyone.

4. Mention here any particular point about the instructor or course you want to make but were not covered in the above questions. Is there one helpful thing you'd want to say to your instructor that would have made the course a better experience for you?

no

Comments:

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I rated Dr. Hansen high in class stimulation because he was able to get the whole class's attention by bringing real life examples to the subjects we were talking about

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No

3. Briefly explain why and to whom you would recommend this course (e.g. to majors? Non majors? Freshmen or upperclassmen?)

- people interested in law / politics
- people who aren't educated about the way politics work

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No

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majors / non -majors
but good for freshmen

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professor was invested in our understanding of the material

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No

3. Briefly explain why and to whom you would recommend this course (e.g. to majors? Non majors? Freshmen or upperclassmen?)

I would recommend this course to both non-majors and majors because it is important for us citizens to have a basic understanding of politics & our political system.

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Explain the assignments a little more broadly

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Very Passionate and Caring, Great Professor
Who wants students to learn

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N/A Class was smooth

3. Briefly explain why and to whom you would recommend this course (e.g. to majors? Non majors? Freshmen or upperclassmen?)

Poly-Sci majors, Great course for
anyone who wants to learn more
about American Politics

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N/A

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Professor was honest and it was clear that he cared about what information students were retaining. Made it very easy to listen and learn.

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NONE

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3. Briefly explain why and to whom you would recommend this course (e.g. to majors? Non majors? Freshmen or upperclassmen?)

Everyone - course lays out a basic understanding of the government.

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Very well done. Nice. cool. you've got this.



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Good prof, needs to make self more available for students. Communicate better...

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More communication from prof. to student.

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Very reasonable instructor made time if needed; nice connection

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quizzes were to be taken online outside the class -

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I would recommend it to Freshman to catch a feel on how college is going to work and get a better understanding

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Helpful thing is that he was relatable and friendly, very approachable for questions

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I rated generally high because I thought his class was very engaging and interesting and he went through material thoroughly.

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I had to miss class for athletics-but it wasn't hard to stay on top of the work.

3. Briefly explain why and to whom you would recommend this course (e.g. to majors? Non majors? Freshmen or upperclassmen?)

Good entry level course for freshman
I would recommend for polysci/law majors.

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Maybe more review for tests?

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Great professor, but went very fast and had a hard time understanding concepts. Made class fun.

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Mainly concerned about financial stuff and family stuff. Mental health. All negatively affected by performance.

3. Briefly explain why and to whom you would recommend this course (e.g. to majors? Non majors? Freshmen or upperclassmen?)

Majors, Political Science Minors, people interested in politics.

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Post slide before you present would make things easier. otherwise, awesome professor.