



Phillips, Melanie (POL SCI 140M LEC 001 TOPICS IN COMP POL) - Su 2020 (Instructor Version)

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Subject Details

Name	POL SCI 140M LEC 001 TOPICS IN COMP POL
DEPT_NAME	POL SCI
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EVALUATION_TYPE	G
First Name	Melanie
Last Name	Phillips

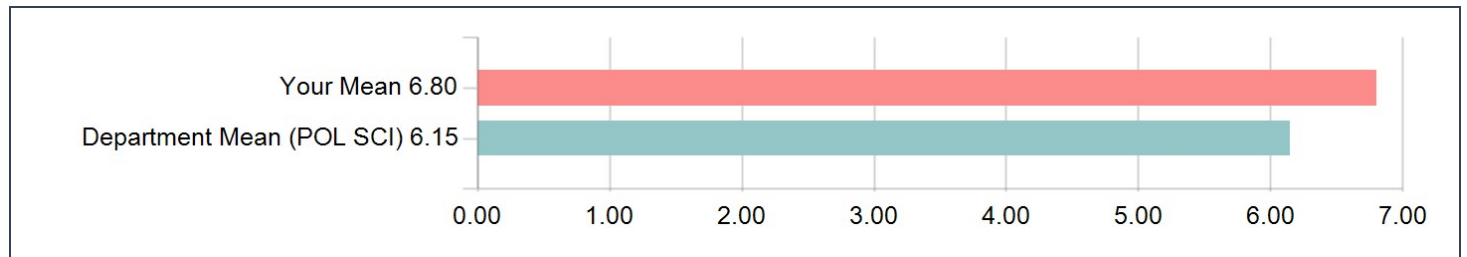
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UNIVERSITY WIDE QUESTIONS (QUANTITATIVE/RATING):

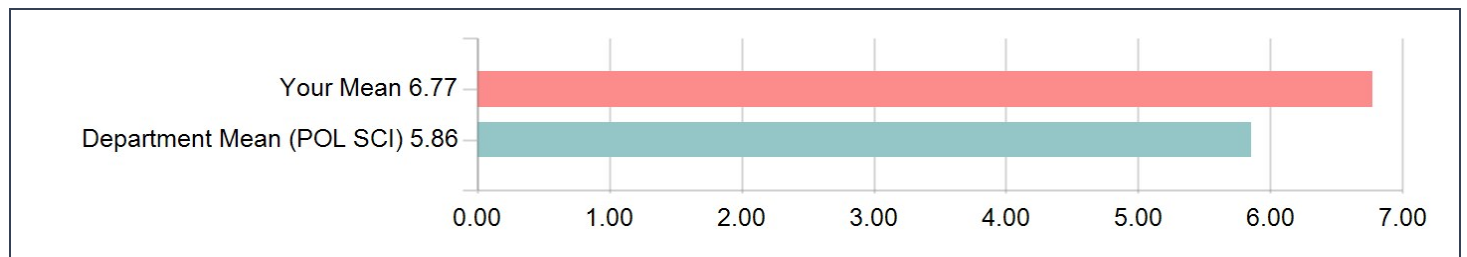
The items in this section are asked across all courses at Berkeley.

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1-Not at all Effective	0	0.00%
2	0	0.00%
3	0	0.00%
4-Moderately Effective	0	0.00%
5	0	0.00%
6	5	20.00%
7-Extremely Effective	20	80.00%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		25
Mean		6.80
Median		7.00
Standard Deviation		0.41

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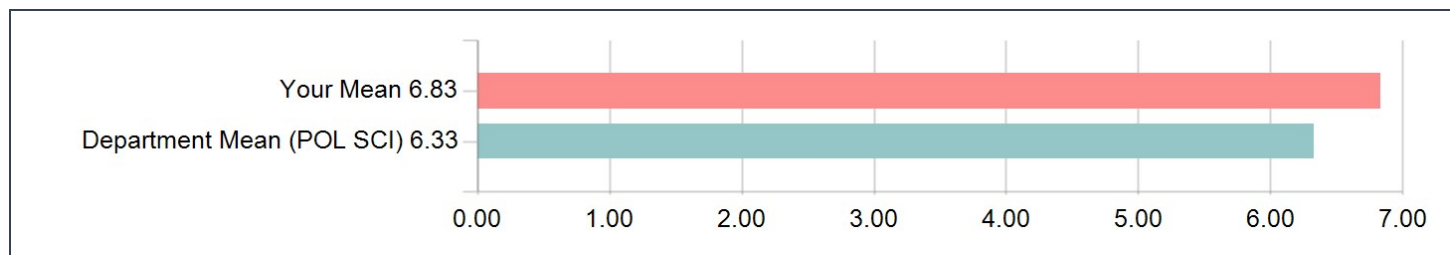
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1-Not at all Effective	0	0.00%
2	0	0.00%
3	0	0.00%
4-Moderately Effective	0	0.00%
5	0	0.00%
6	5	22.73%
7-Extremely Effective	17	77.27%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		22
Mean		6.77
Median		7.00
Standard Deviation		0.43

DEPARTMENT PROVIDED INSTRUCTOR QUESTIONS:

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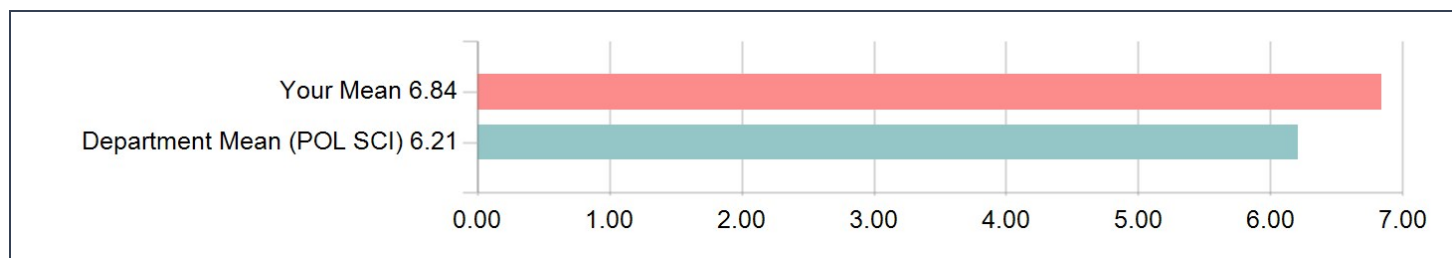
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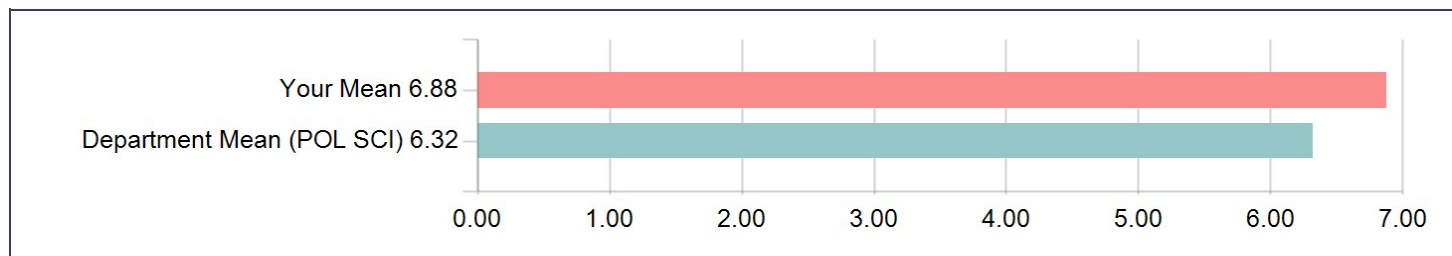
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1-Not at all	0	0.00%
2	0	0.00%
3	0	0.00%
4-Somewhat	0	0.00%
5	0	0.00%
6	4	16.67%
7-Very	20	83.33%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		24
Mean		6.83
Median		7.00
Standard Deviation		0.38

The instructor explained concepts clearly.



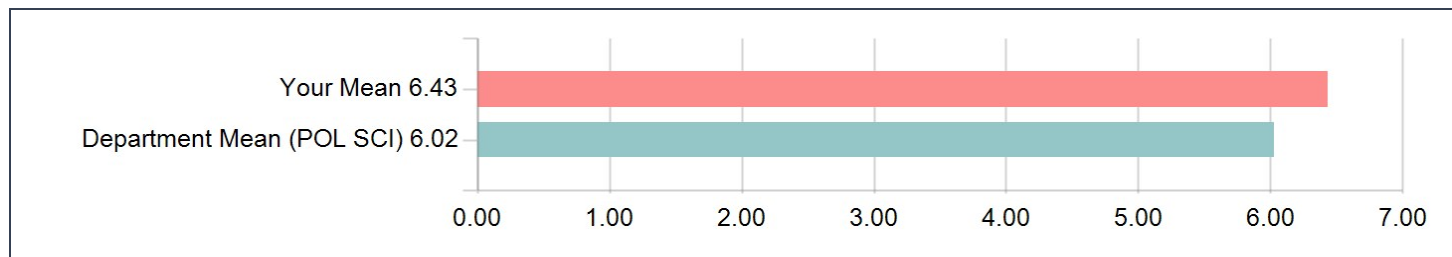
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2	0	0.00%
3	0	0.00%
4-Somewhat	0	0.00%
5	1	4.00%
6	2	8.00%
7-Very	22	88.00%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		25
Mean		6.84
Median		7.00
Standard Deviation		0.47

The instructor was helpful when I had difficulties or questions.



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1-Not at all	0	0.00%
2	0	0.00%
3	0	0.00%
4-Somewhat	0	0.00%
5	1	4.17%
6	1	4.17%
7-Very	22	91.67%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		24
Mean		6.88
Median		7.00
Standard Deviation		0.45

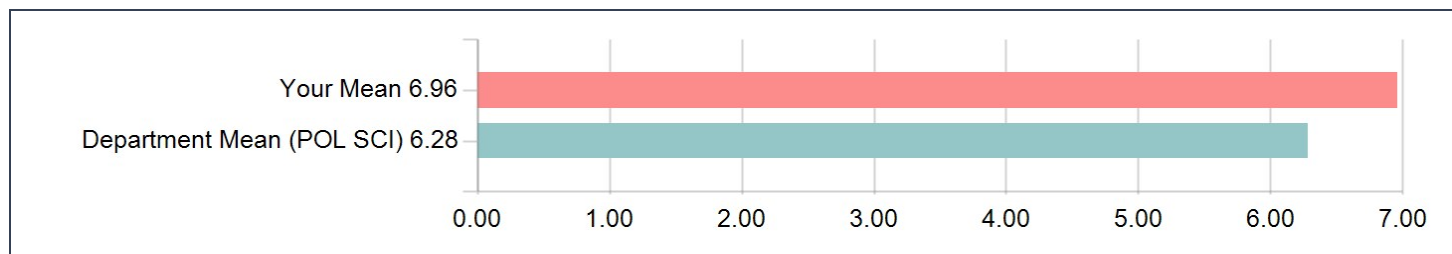
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2	0	0.00%
3	0	0.00%
4-Somewhat	1	4.35%
5	2	8.70%
6	6	26.09%
7-Very	14	60.87%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		23
Mean		6.43
Median		7.00
Standard Deviation		0.84

The instructor encouraged student questions and participation.



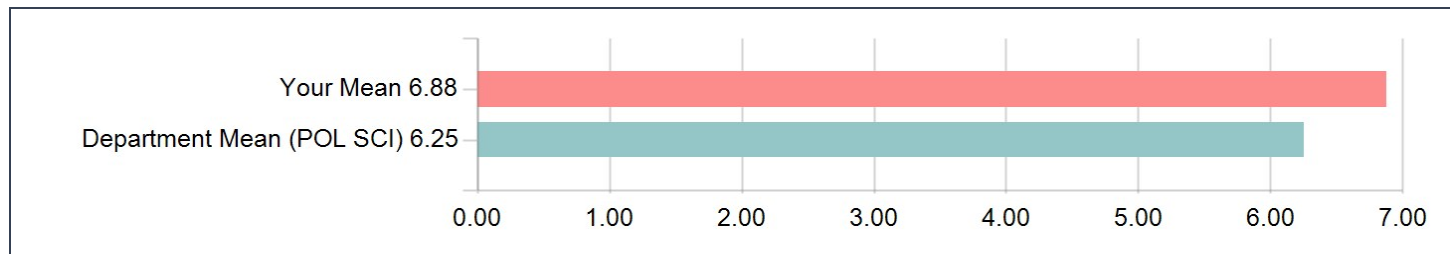
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5	0	0.00%
6	1	4.00%
7-Very	24	96.00%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		25
Mean		6.96
Median		7.00
Standard Deviation		0.20

DEPARTMENT PROVIDED COURSE QUESTIONS:

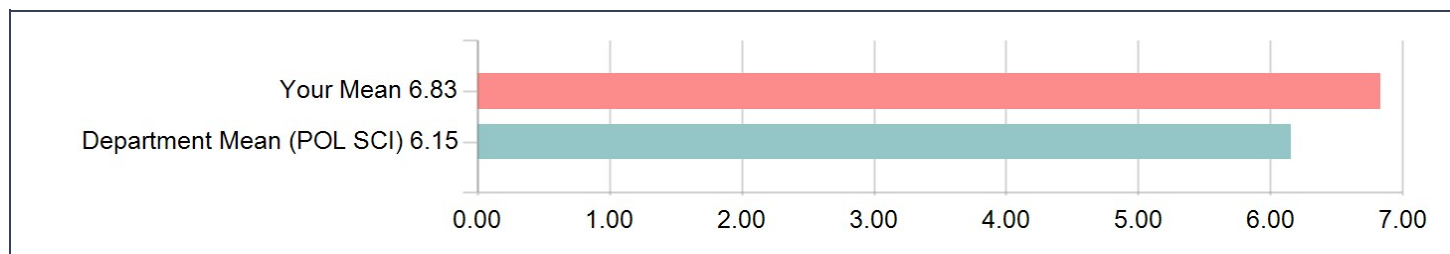
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5	0	0.00%
6	3	12.50%
7-Very	21	87.50%
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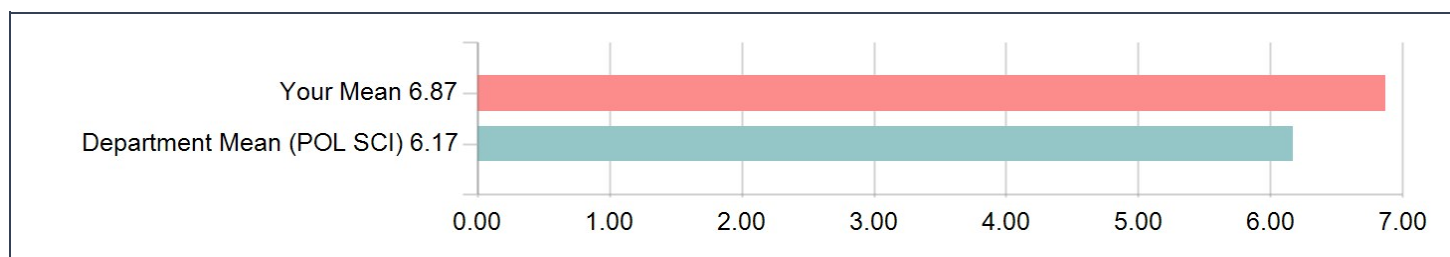
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5	1	4.35%
6	1	4.35%
7-Very	21	91.30%
Statistics	Value	
Response Count	23	
Mean	6.87	
Median	7.00	
Standard Deviation	0.46	

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

Comments
Melanie engages with the class so gracefully while presenting during lecture. She encourages participation and is very passionate about women in politics.
The passion Melanie has for teaching this course and organization. She did keep in mind this was a summer course so everything was broken down pretty good.
Both Melanie and Deirdre are strong instructors within the course. They are ultimately kind, understanding, and empathetic to their students all while providing a world-class education. They are the core of this course. They have complete understanding of the

Comments
course material and are able to explain it well to students of all calibers. Additionally, the course material is extremely well taught. With the chaos of Summer and COVID–19, Melanie and Deirdre have designed this course such that certain barriers are limited. They provide a healthy and happy learning environment for all. I would highly recommend this class to be a permanent course at UC–Berkeley.
I would like to add that in other course, I've always felt like the material was Euro–Centric. This course proved different. As a woman of color, I definitely appreciated conversations from this course that were directed towards the international perspective and cultures from around the world. This course is the epitome of equity and inclusion.
The readings for this course were very relevant and interesting. I can honestly say this is one of the few classes that I actually completed all the assigned readings for. Lectures were organized and easy to follow, and did not simply summarize readings.
Melanie was a strong lecturer and despite the fact that this was a semester long course stuffed into a six week summer class, I felt like I learned a lot and was still able to get all the important takeaways from the course. I enjoyed the personal anecdotes she could bring into the discussion based on her research in Zambia and her experiences with other political scientists, and I appreciated the different arguments and perspectives she included on specific topics.
Melanie was also the first instructor I had that could make Zoom lectures engaging and encourage discussion across the whole class, without even having to utilize the breakout room feature (which in my experience are not actually helpful in encouraging student participation). Discussion made this class what it was and I enjoyed hearing all of the unique perspectives and experiences of my classmates.
Interesting reading assignments, encouraged participation, insightful instructors
This is the best poli sci course I've taken at Cal — in terms of academic and personal growth. Not only did it expand my consideration for how to quantify and recognize how the gender variable is considered in political science research, it also expanded my understanding of gender and how women function in the government, politics, and family life, through a variety of countries and cultures.
Compelling concepts from the readings were highlighted and defined throughout lecture in varied ways – the lecture notes and reading topics worked well together for each day's subject.
Melanie and Deirdre were really efficient providing accurate and well organized information for every class. The concepts were clearly explained and patiently revised if I asked about it. I am thankful for having the opportunity to have this class given by an exceptional and professional instructor and GSI.
ALL, the class was amazing with all its content and readings.
Great lectures, very interesting and engaging
It covered a wide variety of information and was extremely well thought out.
Lectures and readings went together very well and the overall course material was presented in an extremely clear and organized manner.
Both professor and GSI were more than willing to answer any questions you may have had through the entire course, both extremely approachable! Course material was very engaging definitely one of my favorite political science courses at Cal. Everyone should be required to take this, it forces you to think about politics intersectionally which is not something I've ever gotten in any other political science course
Good lecture slides, and ability to break down info in way that students understand.
Melanie does an amazing job presenting the material in a thoughtful and engaging manner. I didn't think I would get a lot out of a Zoom lecture, but I was wrong. This is one of my favorite classes.
Professor explains the content well and goes into a lot of detail, but occasionally some lectures feel more like a survey of the course
Very interesting, well organized.
Very organized lectures and material, extremely interesting subject and insights provided by both the instructor and GSI, great environment for participation and discussion
The strength of this course comes from Melanie's passion and engagement with us as a class. It was a class of at least 60+, but she made it so personable that it made it seem that everyone's voices can be heard. She provided us the readings, lecture slides and expectations way ahead on. She also adapted with the syllabus which was really nice and made the online work and test breathable. For a six week course, her ability to adapt and engaged allowed me to stay on top of the course. Her grading system is also very fair and did not make it harder just because it was all online. She was very straightforward in her test. Thank you for being understanding about attendance and giving us points back since lecture was recorded.
I enjoy the breakout rooms a lot. It helped us share best practices with regards to our country report assignment.
This Class provides very strong context in a short time, which has great feedback.
Shedding light on women's issues!

Please identify area(s) where you think the course could be improved.

Comments
I wish there was more time to talk about specific continental regions more in-depth but I know there isn't a lot of time during the summer.
Maybe going over the readings a little bit more during discussion
I have nothing negative to say about this course.
This is a course I wished I had taken during the semester so that I could further engage with the topic. The summer course was effective in learning the material but I think time for further discussion would have only added to the value of the course. I hope it is continued to be taught during the spring and fall academic semesters.
Providing short explanations about graphs in the powerpoint slides would be very helpful
There is sincerely nothing I could think to improve, besides wanting to do more readings (but that is mostly a limitation of the summer sessions, rather than the class). For example, if there was more time I would love to have done more readings on the intersection of genders beyond the binary and LGBT politicians, beyond the basics covered.
None.
Personally, I do not have a suggestion in this aspect, because the class was completely informative and dynamic.
I understand that summer courses are demanding, but this class was a lot for six weeks. With a 9 page essay due the day before the exam, I was not able to prepare for the exam. It was difficult beginning this essay and when having to prepare for two exams, and then one the following the submission of the paper.
More lectures about other regions.
Talking a little slower through some of the slides — it was sometimes difficult to follow along. But a ton of good information!!
Cant think of anything! All material was presented well, readings were engaging and exams were fair
The course is well designed but it would be nice to incorporate the readings into the section and/or the lecture. It seems that the readings are unnecessary for the course since so much goes into the lectures. In my opinion, the readings add so much to the dialogue and should at least be discussed in section.
Don't get me wrong, I love a good tangent as much as anyone, but tangents are unproductive when they happen every day. I don't know she encourages lot of discussion, since it is a class on women in politics, and class is 90% women, so I don't know how she effectively restricts it? for we get through more content? Not saying people's anecdotal stories aren't important or relevant, but there needs to be a balance.
lots of information everyday, hard to digest.
Perhaps there could've been more review sessions regarding the material
I think Melanie can lessen the readings, since some did not add substance or was a lot for a six-week course. Grading is a bit weird in terms of how much points they take off.
Timing— I wish it is more than 6 six weeks
none! This Professor, is AMAZING!!!!

What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking this course?

Comments
The amount of work is a lot since summer classes move fairly quickly, but as long as they stay on top of the work then students can be fairly successful.
I would say this class is very interesting although does consist of lots of reading and you cant slack off.
Keep up with the readings! It may feel like a lot, but the readings are incredibly helpful in understanding the topics given. They are also super interesting and provide great insight.
Take this course! The subject matter exceeded my expectations. I originally did not plan on taking this course, only because Comparative Politics is not my specialization and I had already completed a course in the area for the major requirement, but I am so glad I did. It was incredibly relevant to my actual specialization, American Politics, and actually filled in a major gap in those courses. Women in politics is an important topic that needs to be taught, and especially through a comparative and intersectional lens. In my time in this department, I have noticed that American Politics and IR tend to be the more popular specializations, but do not let that stop you from taking this course!
Go to office hours and take notes for each reading assignment
Since it's a summer course, I would advise they keep up with the readings and they can do well on the exams.
Take it!!! One of the best lecturers I have had at Cal and also an extremely interesting subject that helped me develop a new passion for comparative politics.
This is a class that every student must take, the knowledge and information provided will enhance your views and perspectives about the importance of WIP.
The more you put into the course, the more you will get out. Do all the readings before hand and participate. The subject is already very interesting so it isn't hard to want to keep up with the course.
Do the readings and don't fall behind!
I would highly recommend this course to other students.
Do all the readings because like 75% of her exams are from the readings.
go to lecture!
Keep on top of the reading, use the study guide, take notes during lecture
Print out the lecture slides or download it to a tablet and follow along as she teaches. Read the readings and try to connect it with the lecture so the exams will be easier to answer. Attend office hours and just talk to them class related and life related in terms of career.
I highly recommend this class. Is super engaging and the sense of humor makes it enjoyable for all.
Just listen take notes and ask questions you will be blown away with the amount of information you did not know!
Take it! For women's sake!

DEPARTMENT PROVIDED STUDENT INFORMATION QUESTIONS

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3 or fewer	0	0.00%
4-6	1	4.17%
7-9	1	4.17%
10-12	4	16.67%
13-15	7	29.17%
16-18	8	33.33%
More than 18	3	12.50%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		24
Mean		1.00
Median		1.00
Standard Deviation		0.00

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

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Options	Count	Percentage
None	0	0.00%
Fewer than half	0	0.00%
About half	0	0.00%
More than half	2	8.33%
All	22	91.67%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		24
Mean		1.00
Median		1.00
Standard Deviation		0.00

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

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2	0	0.00%
3	0	0.00%
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5	2	8.33%
6	7	29.17%
7-Very	15	62.50%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		24
Mean		6.54
Median		7.00
Standard Deviation		0.66

Response Sheet Reports

Individual Student Responses

In addition to the aggregated feedback provided in this report, the response rate report displays de-aggregated feedback from each individual, anonymized student in order.

Courses Name: POL SCI 140M LEC 001 TOPICS IN COMP POL

Instructors Name: Melanie Phillips

The instructor presented content in an organized manner.

- ◊ 6

The instructor explained concepts clearly.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor was helpful when I had difficulties or questions.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor provided clear constructive feedback.

- ◊ N/A

The instructor encouraged student questions and participation.

- ◊ 7-Very

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

The course was effectively organized.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my abilities and skills for the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ Professor explains the content well and goes into a lot of detail, but occasionally some lectures feel more like a survey of

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Please identify area(s) where you think the course could be improved.

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What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking this course?

- ◊ Do all the readings because like 75% of her exams are from the readings.

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- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ More than 18

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 6

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The instructor provided clear constructive feedback.

- ◊ 4-Somewhat

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- ◊ 7-Very

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- ◊ 6

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- ◊ 6

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ Very interesting, well organized.

Please identify area(s) where you think the course could be improved.

- ◊ lots of information everyday, hard to digest.

What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking this course?

- ◊ go to lecture!

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- ◊ 6

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ 13-15

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 6

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Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ Shedding light on women's issues!

What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking this course?

- ◊ Take it! For women's sake!

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- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

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How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ More than half

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- ◊ 7-Very

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The instructor encouraged student questions and participation.

- ◊ 7-Very

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?

- ◊ 6

The course was effectively organized.

- ◊ 6

The course developed my abilities and skills for the subject.

- ◊ 6

The course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ Compelling concepts from the readings were highlighted and defined throughout lecture in varied ways – the lecture notes and reading topics worked well together for each day's subject.

Please identify area(s) where you think the course could be improved.

- ◊ None.

What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking this course?

- ◊ Take it!!! One of the best lecturers I have had at Cal and also an extremely interesting subject that helped me develop a new passion for comparative politics.

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?

- ◊ 6

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ 10-12

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 5

Courses Name: POL SCI 140M LEC 001 TOPICS IN COMP POL

Instructors Name: Melanie Phillips

The instructor presented content in an organized manner.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor explained concepts clearly.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor was helpful when I had difficulties or questions.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor provided clear constructive feedback.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor encouraged student questions and participation.

- ◊ 7-Very

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

The course was effectively organized.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my abilities and skills for the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ Both Melanie and Deirdre are strong instructors within the course. They are ultimately kind, understanding, and empathetic to their students all while providing a world-class education. They are the core of this course. They have complete understanding of the course material and are able to explain it well to students of all calibers. Additionally, the course material is extremely well taught. With the chaos of Summer and COVID-19, Melanie and Deirdre have designed this course such that certain barriers are limited. They provide a healthy and happy learning environment for all. I would highly recommend this class to be a permanent course at UC-Berkeley.

I would like to add that in other course, I've always felt like the material was Euro-Centric. This course proved different. As a woman of color, I definitely appreciated conversations from this course that were directed towards the international perspective and cultures from around the world. This course is the epitome of equity and inclusion.

Please identify area(s) where you think the course could be improved.

- ◊ I have nothing negative to say about this course.

What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking this course?

- ◊ Keep up with the readings! It may feel like a lot, but the readings are incredibly helpful in understanding the topics given. They are also super interesting and provide great insight.

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ 16-18

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 7-Very

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Instructors Name: Melanie Phillips

The instructor presented content in an organized manner.

- ◊ 6

The instructor explained concepts clearly.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor was helpful when I had difficulties or questions.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor provided clear constructive feedback.

- ◊ 5

The instructor encouraged student questions and participation.

- ◊ 7-Very

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

The course was effectively organized.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my abilities and skills for the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ Lectures and readings went together very well and the overall course material was presented in an extremely clear and organized manner.

Please identify area(s) where you think the course could be improved.

- ◊ Talking a little slower through some of the slides — it was sometimes difficult to follow along. But a ton of good information!!

What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking this course?

- ◊ Do the readings and don't fall behind!

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?

- ◊ 6

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ 13-15

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 5

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- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor provided clear constructive feedback.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor encouraged student questions and participation.

- ◊ 7-Very

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

The course was effectively organized.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my abilities and skills for the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ Both professor and GSI were more than willing to answer any questions you may have had through the entire course, both extremely approachable! Course material was very engaging definitely one of my favorite political science courses at Cal.

Everyone should be required to take this, it forces you to think about politics intersectionally which is not something I've ever gotten in any other political science course

Please identify area(s) where you think the course could be improved.

- ◊ Cant think of anything! All material was presented well, readings were engaging and exams were fair

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ 4-6

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 6

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The instructor explained concepts clearly.

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The instructor was helpful when I had difficulties or questions.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor provided clear constructive feedback.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor encouraged student questions and participation.

- ◊ 7-Very

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

The course was effectively organized.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my abilities and skills for the subject.

- ◊ 6

The course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ Good lecture slides, and ability to break down info in way that students understand.

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?

- ◊ 6

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ 7-9

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 7-Very

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- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor was helpful when I had difficulties or questions.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor provided clear constructive feedback.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor encouraged student questions and participation.

- ◊ 7-Very

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

The course was effectively organized.

- ◊ 6

The course developed my abilities and skills for the subject.

- ◊ 6

The course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.

- ◊ 5

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ Melanie does an amazing job presenting the material in a thoughtful and engaging manner. I didn't think I would get a lot out of a Zoom lecture, but I was wrong. This is one of my favorite classes.

Please identify area(s) where you think the course could be improved.

- ◊ The course is well designed but it would be nice to incorporate the readings into the section and/or the lecture. It seems that the readings are unnecessary for the course since so much goes into the lectures. In my opinion, the readings add so much to the dialogue and should at least be discussed in section.

What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking this course?

- ◊ I would highly recommend this course to other students.

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?

- ◊ 6

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ 10-12

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 7-Very

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The instructor encouraged student questions and participation.

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The course was effectively organized.

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The course developed my abilities and skills for the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ 16-18

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 7-Very

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- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor provided clear constructive feedback.

- ◊ 6

The instructor encouraged student questions and participation.

- ◊ 7-Very

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?

- ◊ 6

The course was effectively organized.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my abilities and skills for the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ Very organized lectures and material, extremely interesting subject and insights provided by both the instructor and GSI, great environment for participation and discussion

Please identify area(s) where you think the course could be improved.

- ◊ Perhaps there could've been more review sessions regarding the material

What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking this course?

- ◊ Keep on top of the reading, use the study guide, take notes during lecture

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ 16-18

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 6

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Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

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The course developed my abilities and skills for the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ The strength of this course comes from Melanie's passion and engagement with us as a class. It was a class of at least 60+, but she made it so personable that it made it seem that everyone's voices can be heard. She provided us the readings, lecture slides and expectations way ahead on. She also adapted with the syllabus which was really nice and made the online work and test breathable. For a six week course, her ability to adapt and engaged allowed me to stay on top of the course. Her grading system is also very fair and did not make it harder just because it was all online. She was very straightforward in her test. Thank you for being understanding about attendance and giving us points back since lecture was recorded.

Please identify area(s) where you think the course could be improved.

- ◊ I think Melanie can lessen the readings, since some did not add substance or was a lot for a six-week course. Grading is a bit weird in terms of how much points they take off.

What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking this course?

- ◊ Print out the lecture slides or download it to a tablet and follow along as she teaches. Read the readings and try to connect it with the lecture so the exams will be easier to answer. Attend office hours and just talk to them class related and life related in terms of career.

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ 10-12

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 7-Very

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- ◊ 7-Very

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- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor provided clear constructive feedback.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor encouraged student questions and participation.

- ◊ 7-Very

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

The course was effectively organized.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my abilities and skills for the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ I enjoy the breakout rooms a lot. It helped us share best practices with regards to our country report assignment.

Please identify area(s) where you think the course could be improved.

- ◊ Timing– I wish it is more than 6 six weeks

What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking this course?

- ◊ I highly recommend this class. Is super engaging and the sense of humor makes it enjoyable for all.

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ 16-18

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 7-Very

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- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor was helpful when I had difficulties or questions.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor provided clear constructive feedback.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor encouraged student questions and participation.

- ◊ 7-Very

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

The course was effectively organized.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my abilities and skills for the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ This Class provides very strong context in a short time, which has great feedback.

Please identify area(s) where you think the course could be improved.

- ◊ none! This Professor, is AMAZING!!!!

What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking this course?

- ◊ Just listen take notes and ask questions you will be blown away with the amount of information you did not know!

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ More than 18

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 7-Very

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The instructor explained concepts clearly.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor was helpful when I had difficulties or questions.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor provided clear constructive feedback.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor encouraged student questions and participation.

- ◊ 7-Very

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

The course was effectively organized.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my abilities and skills for the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ Melanie engages with the class so gracefully while presenting during lecture. She encourages participation and is very passionate about women in politics.

Please identify area(s) where you think the course could be improved.

- ◊ I wish there was more time to talk about specific continental regions more in-depth but I know there isn't a lot of time during the summer.

What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking this course?

- ◊ The amount of work is a lot since summer classes move fairly quickly, but as long as they stay on top of the work then students can be fairly successful.

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ 13-15

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ More than half

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 7-Very

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The instructor presented content in an organized manner.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor explained concepts clearly.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor was helpful when I had difficulties or questions.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor provided clear constructive feedback.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor encouraged student questions and participation.

- ◊ 7-Very

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

The course was effectively organized.

- ◊ 6

The course developed my abilities and skills for the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ The passion Melanie has for teaching this course and organization. She did keep in mind this was a summer course so everything was broken down pretty good.

Please identify area(s) where you think the course could be improved.

- ◊ Maybe going over the readings a little bit more during discussion

What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking this course?

- ◊ I would say this class is very interesting although does consist of lots of reading and you cant slack off.

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ More than 18

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 7-Very

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The instructor presented content in an organized manner.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor explained concepts clearly.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor was helpful when I had difficulties or questions.

- ◊ N/A

The instructor provided clear constructive feedback.

- ◊ N/A

The instructor encouraged student questions and participation.

- ◊ 7-Very

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

The course was effectively organized.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my abilities and skills for the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ The readings for this course were very relevant and interesting. I can honestly say this is one of the few classes that I actually completed all the assigned readings for. Lectures were organized and easy to follow, and did not simply summarize readings.

Melanie was a strong lecturer and despite the fact that this was a semester long course stuffed into a six week summer class, I felt like I learned a lot and was still able to get all the important takeaways from the course. I enjoyed the personal anecdotes she could bring into the discussion based on her research in Zambia and her experiences with other political scientists, and I appreciated the different arguments and perspectives she included on specific topics.

Melanie was also the first instructor I had that could make Zoom lectures engaging and encourage discussion across the whole class, without even having to utilize the breakout room feature (which in my experience are not actually helpful in encouraging student participation). Discussion made this class what it was and I enjoyed hearing all of the unique perspectives and experiences of my classmates.

Please identify area(s) where you think the course could be improved.

- ◊ This is a course I wished I had taken during the semester so that I could further engage with the topic. The summer course was effective in learning the material but I think time for further discussion would have only added to the value of the course. I hope it is continued to be taught during the spring and fall academic semesters.

What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking this course?

- ◊ Take this course! The subject matter exceeded my expectations. I originally did not plan on taking this course, only because Comparative Politics is not my specialization and I had already completed a course in the area for the major requirement, but I am so glad I did. It was incredibly relevant to my actual specialization, American Politics, and actually filled in a major gap in those courses. Women in politics is an important topic that needs to be taught, and especially through a comparative and intersectional lens. In my time in this department, I have noticed that American Politics and IR tend to be the more popular specializations, but do not let that stop you from taking this course!

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ 13-15

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 6

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- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor encouraged student questions and participation.

- ◊ 7-Very

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?

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The course was effectively organized.

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The course developed my abilities and skills for the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ 13-15

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 7-Very

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The instructor provided clear constructive feedback.

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The course developed my abilities and skills for the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ ALL, the class was amazing with all its content and readings.

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers, and any other course-related work?

- ◊ 16-18

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 7-Very

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- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor explained concepts clearly.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor was helpful when I had difficulties or questions.

- ◊ 7-Very

The instructor provided clear constructive feedback.

- ◊ 6

The instructor encouraged student questions and participation.

- ◊ 6

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?

- ◊ 6

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ Great lectures, very interesting and engaging

Please identify area(s) where you think the course could be improved.

- ◊ I understand that summer courses are demanding, but this class was a lot for six weeks. With a 9 page essay due the day before the exam, I was not able to prepare for the exam. It was difficult beginning this essay and when having to prepare for two exams, and then one the following the submission of the paper.

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- ◊ 7-Very

The course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.

- ◊ 7-Very

Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section).

- ◊ It covered a wide variety of information and was extremely well thought out.

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- ◊ More lectures about other regions.

What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking this course?

- ◊ The more you put into the course, the more you will get out. Do all the readings before hand and participate. The subject is already very interesting so it isn't hard to want to keep up with the course.

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- ◊ Melanie and Deirdre were really efficient providing accurate and well organized information for every class. The concepts were clearly explained and patiently revised if I asked about it. I am thankful for having the opportunity to have this class given by an exceptional and professional instructor and GSI.

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- ◊ Personally, I do not have a suggestion in this aspect, because the class was completely informative and dynamic.

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- ◊ This is a class that every student must take, the knowledge and information provided will enhance your views and perspectives about the importance of WIP.

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- ◊ 10-12

How many class (or section) sessions did you attend?

- ◊ All

How satisfied were you with your effort in this course (or section)?

- ◊ 6