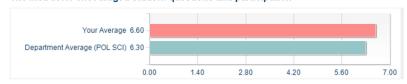
Student Evaluations – Introduction to Comparative Politics (Poli Sci 2)





The instructor encouraged student questions and participation



The instructor presented content in an organized manner



Anonymous Comments

Melanie clearly cares about her students. She makes sure that we understand the discussion by saying "Does everyone understand? If not, ask me." or similar things. She makes sure to be prepared for discussion, and she explains everything very clearly. Not once did I feel like I was lost, or that she failed to explain anything. Melanie also gives great tips on being successful in the class and in all academic life. Melanie has been a very effective GSI and I would highly recommend her.

Melanie brings an unmatched enthusiasm to teaching that makes learning in her class fun and engaging. She continuously pushes me, as a student, to be my best, and is always willing to provide guidance not just in matters related to the course, but in all aspects of life. She sets very clear expectations of what she wants of her students, and is fair and honest in her assessment and critique of my papers. I'm only a freshman, but so far in my first year, she is the best GSI I have had. Thanks Melanie.

Melanie is the best GSI I have had at Berkeley. Never have I had a GSI who cared so much about their student's success and that they pushed themselves then Melanie. Her approach is definitely not sink or swim; she really makes sure we have the tools to succeed in this class, asks very thought provoking questions, and generally makes the class very interesting to take. Melanie is also not afraid to make her students work for their grade either and expects that we actually think about what we do. This is something that is very hard to find in a GSI and truly makes Melanie one of a kind. I am so glad I was able to take PS 2 with her, because I feel I became a better Political Scientist because of it. Thank you

Melanie is the best GSI I have ever had the pleasure to work with. She is always very organized and comes prepared with in depth presentations and discussions. She is also very knowledgeable about Africa which provides a lot of real world experiences that relate directly to the course. She is a hard grader, but if you put in the work you will be rewarded. Overall I looked forward to her sections each week and legitimately enjoyed her discussions.