

Narrative
Evaluation
Lesenyie
Fall 2017 POLI 166
California Politics

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What about the instructor and his/her teaching was most helpful to your learning?

The most helpful aspects: kind, knowledgeable, attentive, & energetic.

What about the instructor and his/her teaching was least helpful to your learning?

None, great job!

What changes would you recommend to make this course a better learning experience? You might consider: the pacing of the course, the topics covered, the balance between lecture and discussion, the usefulness of assignments/readings.

I've found the balance ~~to~~ beneficial to helping challenge & change perspectives of the students. Maybe a student presentation that can help students rhetoric & skills ~~as~~ that Congress & lobbyists do, more insight.

Were the course exams useful in helping you understand and think more deeply about the subject matter? Do you have any suggestions for improving them?

The course exams were challenging yet necessary to broaden & help understand the subjects.

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What about the instructor and his/her teaching was most helpful to your learning?

He was down to earth and made the whole class feel comfortable. Almost felt like we were having a conversation instead of a lecture.

What about the instructor and his/her teaching was least helpful to your learning?

I didn't feel like there was anything bad about the course/professor. (which is rare.)

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NONE The assignments. Also the 3 papers were extremely helpful & built off each other.

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~~The~~ Yeah! The last question on the midterm was too broad & covered too many things for a short answer.

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What about the instructor and his/her teaching was most helpful to your learning?

Lecture

What about the instructor and his/her teaching was least helpful to your learning?

DISCUSSIONS - did not advance class

Exams - did not help me remember anything!

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more lecture, less discussion

~~lectures~~ connect reading lectures more
incorporate more real-life, relevant topics

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Exams were not at all helpful, but
the papers definitely were!

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He used a lot of current and relevant examples.
I also really liked that he had a guest speaker
who could talk about concepts in her everyday
job that solidify what we have been
learning.

What about the instructor and his/her teaching was least helpful to your learning?

Zoom for growth or organization.

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↳ overall thought it was great maybe
more variety

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Yes.

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I think Professor Lesenyie's advice and examples on how to do the legislative papers were very helpful; he even made a Youtube video on how to research one of the assignments.

What about the instructor and his/her teaching was least helpful to your learning?

Sometimes Professor Lesenyie will stay on a slide too long and babble about the subject, and sometimes he will go over a slide too quickly.

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I recommend more reading questions so that we know what to look for in the readings.

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The course exams have been fine so far; it is a very basic format with short and long-answer questions. Almost every political science professor does this, so no change is needed.

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The research papers were very unique because I have never done anything like it. The way we engaged real political websites was awesome.

What about the instructor and his/her teaching was least helpful to your learning?

All benefitted in one way or another.

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more prepare readings & do a group discussion - makes it a little bit more engaging.

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Yes. I like the essay format.

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His lectures were 7/10! They were kept interesting even though the stuff is boring. Also, his writing assignments are very helpful, very relevant.

What about the instructor and his/her teaching was least helpful to your learning?

Sometimes he gets kinda off topic. Also he teaches way away from the test.

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I would like to learn less history of CA and more modern politics and how our politics play into national politics. More discussion would be dope.

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Yes! Maybe have 3 instead of 2, or maybe make it shorter answers/shorter questions.

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The unique papers were an outstanding part of the class.

What about the instructor and his/her teaching was least helpful to your learning?

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A clear outline of what we are going over and course lessons.

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Papers were, exams not.

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lectures were very engaging. Gave a lot of feedback and was always trying to help.

What about the instructor and his/her teaching was least helpful to your learning?

Some lectures were a little dry... but most were not. If anything more a good supply of visuals on powerpoints.

What changes would you recommend to make this course a better learning experience? You might consider: the pacing of the course, the topics covered, the balance between lecture and discussion, the usefulness of assignments/readings.

I liked everything. I wouldn't change.

Were the course exams useful in helping you understand and think more deeply about the subject matter? Do you have any suggestions for improving them?

The course exams were useful because he told us the important things to know so we became experts on those topics. Essays were very engaging, learned a lot.