



Student Perceptions of Teaching

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Intro American Government

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Enrollment

Hybrid(Face to Face & Async)
Course modality

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COURSE-LEVEL								DEPT-LEVEL				COLLEGE-LEVEL							
Q1_1-Class time was used efficiently.																			
Strongly Disagree	3	0	4	0	21	95	Strongly Agree	123	6	5.61	0.96	1,527	6	5.50	1.04	19,385	6	5.51	1.02
	Count							Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD
Q1_2-Concepts were presented in a manner that helped me learn.																			
Strongly Disagree	3	0	2	11	12	94	Strongly Agree	122	6	5.55	1.01	1,622	6	5.45	1.04	20,228	6	5.41	1.09
	Count							Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD
Q1_3-Assignments contributed to my learning.																			
Strongly Disagree	3	0	0	5	24	91	Strongly Agree	123	6	5.60	0.90	1,586	6	5.51	0.97	20,078	6	5.45	1.04
	Count							Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD
Q1_4-The instructor responded respectfully to student questions and viewpoints.																			
Strongly Disagree	3	0	0	1	8	111	Strongly Agree	123	6	5.80	0.82	1,592	6	5.71	0.84	19,892	6	5.67	0.89
	Count							Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD
Q1_5-The instructor was effective at teaching the subject matter in this course.																			
Strongly Disagree	3	0	0	2	17	101	Strongly Agree	123	6	5.71	0.85	1,615	6	5.58	0.94	20,136	6	5.52	1.03
	Count							Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD
Q1_6-This instructor communicates well.																			
Strongly Disagree	3	0	0	1	13	106	Strongly Agree	123	6	5.76	0.83	1,621	6	5.55	1.04	20,148	6	5.51	1.06
	Count							Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD
Q1_7-Graded assignments were returned promptly.																			
Strongly Disagree	2	1	0	2	24	94	Strongly Agree	123	6	5.66	0.82	1,621	6	5.42	1.07	20,121	6	5.35	1.18
	Count							Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD
Q1_8-The grading criteria for this course were clearly defined.																			
Strongly Disagree	3	0	1	0	18	101	Strongly Agree	123	6	5.71	0.86	1,627	6	5.56	1.00	20,235	6	5.53	1.04
	Count							Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD
Q1_9-The instructor was available during office hours.																			
Strongly Disagree	1	0	0	2	11	86	Strongly Agree	100	6	5.80	0.63	1,283	6	5.77	0.70	16,536	6	5.75	0.75
	Count							Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD	Count	Median	Mean	SD

Student Comments

What contributed most to your learning in this course?

- professor was very engaging and made the lectures fun
- Lectures
- professor Dr. Lesenyie!!
- what helped the most was the almost weekly assignments on the readings with questions to understand the course lectures and serves as a little refresh

- Even though you learn a good chunk of the material from the lecture, your most likely going to learn from reading the assigned chapters and completing the homework.
- Very approachable and affable if I needed help or when asking questions. Also all the assignments had detailed explanations and videos which helped a lot.

- Professor Lesenyie's positive energy and jokes.
- I liked the examples the instructor would give a free assignments were very applicable to today's world
- The quizzes and writing assignments.
- Knowing exactly how the class setting ran helped. Having every resource and material laid out organized extremely helped.
- structure
- the slideshows
- Tho professor is very clear and well spoken lectures are very interesting.
- I was say the readers contributed most to my learning in this course because they provided a deeper insight on the subjects we covered for the week.

- How inverted he is in the topics he is very passionate for political science that it makes it honestly really interesting and easy to learn about it
- Live lectures
- The slides and the way he teaches
- The lectures contributed mostly to my learning this course
- The lecture slides
- Lectures
- The available resources on canvas if I ever forgot or didn't understand something from class.
- The lecture slides.
- The reminder emails the professor would send out before an assignment was due greatly helped me and allowed me to learn more than I would've without them.
- What contributed most to my learning was keeping up with the assignments as well as all of the provided readings that were given in order to help complete the assignments, but as well as synthesize all of the information given. These helped a lot with the quizzes and papers that were due during the course.
- The quizzes and discussion contributed the most to learning in this course.
- Student Examples
- online lectures
- Posting the lecture videos on canvas was very helpful. For the days I did not attend class, I was still able to learn and complete the assignments due to the lectures being posted on canvas.
- The lectures being posted online helped me the most with my learning in this course because I was able to go back to them if there was any confusion

- I learned the most with class discussion and asking students for examples or answers and felt more engaged with the course this way. I also learned fairly well with discussion posts.
- Doing the papers forced me to lock in.
- What contributed most to my learning in this course was going in person and finding the time to sit down and understand the reading.
- He would post video that would assist in the lesson as well as discussing matters of the topic discussed if occurred recently.
- The fact that it can be online or in person.
- The slides and videos and also in person lectures that the professor provided. He gave great details on each concept of the course and I've learned so much. Even though this was a GE class I would defiantly take it again because the professor gave his lectures in a very efficient and even funny way that made all students interested in the course.
- The way he made lectures interesting
- The lecture slides and chapter readings were really helpful.
- The Professors energy and humor
- His positive attitude and his communication about assignments, papers, and deadlines.
- I would say the Weekly Quiz, it helps recall what we've learned in class with the class notes on the modules.
- I learn a lot about how the government works. The professor really explain the lesson deeply which made me understand it better.
- The in person lectures and quizzes
- Dr. Lesenyie is so knowledgeable and happy to be teaching, and his energy is infectious. Even when what we are learning has the potential to be really depressing, he breaks things down into manageable chunks and makes things feel approachable. I also appreciate the way in which his course is set up, where missing a class is ok because everything is online.
- What contributed most to my learning was Dr. Lesenyie's ability to break down political concepts in a clear and engaging way. His lectures were well-organized and helped me understand how government systems, institutions, and policies actually work. I also appreciated his use of real-world examples and current events, because they made the material feel more relevant and easier to connect to. The assignments and discussions further reinforced the content and helped me think critically about American government.
- course's materials were clear.
- I believe the way the professor communicates is what contributed most to my learning in this course. The professor is able to relate his material to current events as more news comes out daily about the shutdown or Donald and bubba as well as other major political events.
- when he provided real world examples to the material we were learning to help put concepts and learning points into perspective
- His charisma while teaching. He honestly kept my attention for the most part, even if I do find the class subject not that interesting.
- Writing about current real world events and connecting to the texts we have read for the class.
- The lecture videos were really helpful since he covered all the slides and talked about them thoroughly
- The discussion questions helped me the most, as I was able to get a better understanding of the readings for the course.
- The discussion post assignments
- Having the whole week to take the quizzes.
- I really enjoyed how Prof Lesenyie used current events in politics to explain his example of political science concepts. This made all the information very easy to understand, and it helped me realize the importance of the subject.
- The readings we had been assigned. The papers we had were useful because i got to show what i know based off the readings
- I think the short essays contributed most to my learning because I was able to apply the concepts learned in class to things I care about in the world.

- Matt helped me better understand our government today in by breaking down complicatied goverment policies and theories that I now have a better understanding of.
- The clear and concise communication from the professor allowed me to plan ahead and stay on track within the course

- The quizzes we take
- Professor Lesenyie is extremely knowledgeable and very understanding! This class was very interesting and all assignments correlated well with what we were learning. His great attitude made this class even more enjoyable.
- What contributed the most to my learning was the way he communicated to us. His modern words/phrases and the examples he used were really useful.

- The papers we had to write helped me connect what we learn in class to real world issues.
- Explains concepts in detail by taking his time.
- I think what contributed most to my learning was all the examples of past student work he's had. With reading these different examples I was able to know to the fullest what to present in assignments.
- Professor enjoyed his content which always helps.
- bringing able to review the lec after class with the videos provided.
- The readings throughout the semester and discussions. The paper assignments also helped with connecting and applying the readings to current society

- The lectures helped breakdown concepts.
- The professor's lectures were also available on canvas, which was very convenient and helpful when I needed to go over previous concepts for quizzes and tests!
- Going to lecture
- quizzes and readings
- essay
- Power points
- I thought the paper assignments were effective for learning political theories and their application and analysis to real world events help make them more memorable
- The textbook along with the reader definitely helped tie the information from the lecture together.
- Assignments
- the readings and lectures online.
- Slides, lectures
- The class assignments being online
- flexible ways to learn, you did not have to beat class every week.
- I think what contributed most to my learning in this course was how entertaining the professor was and how engaging he made the class. He gave us reading material and further explained it in class which helped a lot. His instructions were also very clear within each assignment.
- The lectures and videos
- The lectures as well as how the professor taught the class helped me learn the material.
- It was a great experience for my pre requisite
- The collective conversations that he had with students regarding political issues.
- The assignments and quizzes.
- The assigned readings, and lecture.
- The course readings and the lectures.
- The classroom discussion posts
- He used real life examples to fully express the topic teaching
- Writing papers that applied political concepts learned in class.
- The lectures and readings increased my learning to the course. Very well said and discussed

- Going to class and the videos the professor had online to help us out with assignments
- The clear communication from the professor was extremely helpful, simple update emails, or updates when changing assignment dates were effective and clear.
- The way professor applied humor and the current aspect of how he conducted class. It wasn't always super serious but every correlation made was circled back to the content.
- The ability to express our view points in assignments.
- The professor having the material summarized and highlight key terms.
- The assignments contributed the most to my learning.
- The professor provided a lot of assignment resources, which was helpful in being able to review and understand something you missed in lecture.

- I loved that the professor made the lectures interesting and funny, it made me want to engage more and helped me understand the material.

- The professor communication levels were always clear and concise, it also make class enjoyable because he is funny and relatable.
- The professor cared and always answered questions and made sure we understood.
- the class was slides heavy but the way he teaches made it interesting and interactive
- Having the slides available during and after lectures.
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- I just like how it wasn't super serious all the time and we can use our personal personalities in learning what the professor taught us And our assignments

- The readings that connected to the lectures really helped me gain more insight about the subjects
- I really enjoyed the video lectures and the ability to re watch wherever i needed
- The freedom of expression through essays
- The real life examples he gave on current events
- I do appreciate how organized the class is and how you can always tell what you need to work on in this class.
- the fun intros to the videos posted

Did anything interfere with your learning in this course? If so, explain.

- No
- Nope
- N/A
- There has been something going on in my life but that's separate from the course.
- No, there were no interferences and if anything the opposite because I was able to work the class around my schedule very well.
- No.
- N/a
- No
- Nothing really interfered
- no
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- Nope
- No.
- No, nothing.
- N/A
- N/A
- No
- n/a
- Only the time of the class, but thats on me for choosing it. Since the class was way later in the day, I honestly skipped a lot of times. This is not the professor's fault though.
- No, nothing interfered
- Not really
- No
- What infered my learning with this course was the time I needed to delegate to my Chem 111b and Bio 211 courses and just my sheer lazyness.

- No, nothing interfered with me learning in this course.
- No, I loved everything about this class and the way it was set up to be.
- N/A
- No
- The chapter readings were lengthy. I have to commute on public transportation for about 2 hours to and from campus so that made it difficult for me to focus on the readings.
- No
- No.
- The Assignment essay, I was hoping that it was presented or explained well, I definitely missed out a huge point on the First essay.
- N/A
- No, just the different due dates at times confused
- The first days everyone would talk over him :/ but he made the course one that people didn't really have to show up for, and so that let all the people who don't care leave. This ended up being perfect.
- Nothing within the course structure interfered with my learning. The only challenge was keeping up with readings while balancing coursework from other classes, but the clear expectations and consistent reminders from Dr. Lesenyie made it manageable. He was accessible and responsive whenever clarification was needed, which helped prevent confusion.
- nothing
- One thing that interfered with my learning was People's loud typing but the professor can't do anything about that. His class was great nonetheless.

- no
- no
- No
- nothing interfered with my learning in this course

- N/A
- No
- N/A
- No nothing did. Very manageable
- I had a bit of trouble grasping concepts in class and ended up opting for virtual learning through Canvas because although Professor L is extremely knowledgeable and funny, it felt a bit like he could ramble a bit during in-person lectures.
- Not at all.
- No
- Nope
- N/A
- No
- Nothing
- Nothing I guess just that this was mainly for a GE requirement and other classes were more focused on.
- No.
- the time that it's at compared to another one. i had lab right after and would often be distracted with that class.
- No
- The hefty readings seemed somewhat unnecessary and could have been covered a bit more during lectures.
- Nothing really interfered.
- Na
- No
- no
- Everything went well
- NA
- Nothing interfered with my learning.
- Nope
- n/a
- No
- The lack of easy explanation for political concepts or ideas. I was completely new to the idea of political science, I come from a household that doesn't or can't vote so I wasn't taught any real political "common sense".
I just wish there was an easier way to tune into the concept of political science in class, not just the readings. I felt like you went over it pretty quickly since the first day we're not trying to have an actual lecture and then went to the actual content the next week which was about history.
To be completely honest, I did not want your class at all, it made my schedule have a huge gap and I wanted it only in person, not "hybrid". After I got to be in your class and hear your lectures, I was glad that you weren't boring or that you didn't just rely on the internet/online resources. I kept on going to your class even when you said "you don't have to physically be here after this class if you would like" after the first day of class. It was entertaining but sometimes would drag. I would appreciate more interactive in-class assignments or things, especially since during the last weeks of school have less students, the last lectures could have an in-class activity where we could be paired or put in group of 3. You did ask questions to us about the lecture or readings, but thats so embarrassing, putting us on the spot, I mean, not all of us fully read or understand your lectures so asking the whole class was fine until you started to ask specific sections of the lecture hall, since that put more pressure on us sitting there.

■ N/A

- n/a
- Nothing seemed to interfere with how I was learning in this course.
- None
- None.
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- no
- Apart from family issues I would say the amount of seats in the class towards the back it gets a little difficult to hear the professor.
- No, the course was extremely flexible thanks to it being hybrid
- Nothing did, everything being posted to canvas was a big help.
- Nothing interfered with the learning. Being hybrid for this class while dealing with other heavy work loads made being successful in this class attainable.

- N/A
- The two essay assignments needed more clarification
- Sometimes, he went off topic. I also wish there was more activities/engagement, rather than just simple lecture.
- no
- No
- No
- Within the professor and class, no. In my personal life yes.
- N/A
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- No nothing interfered with my learning in this course, the professor is very understanding and helpful!
- no i feel this class was amazing and well balanced
- N/a
- At times I felt like the grading on written work could be harsh
- no

What suggestions or recommendations do you think would help your instructor prepare to teach this course again?

- Nothing
- mandatory class meetings so everyone has to go and learn from dr lesenyie!
- I don't really have much maybe like in class little talk around questions to have everyone talk a little speak the mind to related concepts in the lesson

- I'm not sure what to write but I will say though I found it rather hard to take the quizzes as I found i hard to translate the reading into quality studying notes.
- The class overall is very attainable to get an A but maybe if there were one or two more extra credit opportunities just in case you ended the semester on the edge of an A.
- Keep doing you thing!
- I think they did great

- No suggestions.
- It was an interesting course to take.
- it was great!
- more interactive assignments
- Honestly this professor is great
- None. Honestly, professor Lesenyie is awesome!
- I think the canvas page could be a little more organized it was hard to find the things covered that day
- It's great!
- I have no recommendations, I loved the course I just wish I put more effort into attending the in person lectures
- N/A
- N/A
- Alert students about discussion post assignments earlier to let students have more time to manage work load for the week.
- N/A
- Keep doing the same thing.
- N/A
 - Everything was great!
- N/A
- n/a
- Possibly providing more student examples for assignment #2. The first assignment had a lot of student examples that were very helpful to look at when completing the essay.
- No suggestions, such a good professor.
- The slides could maybe use more wording to fully explain each concept because some slides lacked material or definitions/explanations that I had to sometimes google what things meant.
- Nothing
- Professor Lesenyie is overall an ideal professor with ideal instruction unlike other professors who make going to class feel pointless even though going to class isn't necessary, I still go to Poli. Class if I'm not being dragged by the chains of biology and chemistry cause overall Professor Lesenyie make the class livable.
- He is absolutely amazing, I don't think I have any suggestions at all, he does great.
- Everything was amazing nothing need to change.
- I don't have any recommendations, this course was really eye-opening especially on topics I've never considered. Really great course, amazing professor!
- N/A
- I hope in the future he could highlight what the theories are at least for the first couple of chapters so then the students know what to look for in the following chapters.
- None
- I recommend he keeps doing the same thing and continue to encourage his students not to stress too much about grades but just have fun doing so.
- Explain the homework in details with set of examples. But overall, he is a good teacher.
- To continue to make class engaging.
- I think the course structure and outline is good as is! simple and easy to follow
- I just wish some slides were more updated to not be about stuff that happened when I was literally like 9 lol.

- The course was taught very well. One suggestion would be to include a few more visual aids such as charts, diagrams, or process maps, when explaining complex government functions or election systems. These could help students better visualize how different parts of government interact. Otherwise, Dr. Lesenyie communicated clearly, kept the class engaging, and provided strong support throughout the semester.
- nothing
- One suggestion / recommendation I think would help the instructor prepare for next semesters course would be to continue giving suggestions about what possible topics could be written on for assignments 1 & 2 that was very helpful and allowed me to check out multiple recommendations till I found the best one for me.
- keep doing what hes doing. hes a great professor and keeps things straight up.
- I think he is a great teacher, he was able to give some advice outside of the class subject as well, which I appreciate.
- providing student samples for the Assignments 1 and 2 were very helpful and it would benefit future students when doing those assignments
- I think the lecture slides could be updated a bit, more engaging and/or updated.
- I recommend doing graded attendance so more people show up and also so it is easier to have the motivation to show up as a student. One effective way one of my other professors takes attendance is having a canvas quiz for each class time where you need an access code to complete the quiz and he writes the access code on the whiteboard in class.
- None
- I have no recommendations, I enjoyed the class how it is!
- Maybe have the two papers assignments as different topics
- I think it would be really helpful if the quizzes were based on in-class concepts because I felt as though they were heavily based on the readings.
- He did a very good job on teaching this course, I am glad I picked this proffesor to teach this course. Thank you.
- None
- N/a
- Use the microphone in class it was hard to hear sometimes.
- I would suggest utilizing class time for learning although I like hearing your thoughts and what goes on into your life but I feel you go on too many tangents. You are a funny professor though :)
- Nothing
- The canvas is very clear; I guess just try to always update it as a lot of students don't go to the actual in person class.
- Nothing. Great guy, enjoyed being around him.
- n/a
- I think the professor taught the course effectively and efficiently.
- Include materials and breakdown the readings more in lectures
- Maybe switching up the lectures here and there to avoid redundancy of just reading off a slide. Nothing's wrong with that, but sometimes it gets boring and easy to drain out.
- Na
- None, great course
- study guides for quiz
- He is doing great really nice personality
- I think if you had more required class participation it would make students participate more in lectures. There was no problem with the material and I always found the lectures interesting.

- No suggestions.
 - Make course syllabus more clear
 - nothing had a great time in class
 - Nothing, great class
 - Your slides should definitely get updated but not just in content but in visuals, I know you made them look sleek and minimal but some times I just didn't want to look at them. I suggest changing the font to a sans serif thats geometric and having the background have a simple lined border, it will make it look better, and if not your style, that's okay, it was just a suggestion! Overall, I enjoyed you as an instructor and sort of feel bad I won't see you ever again since this was just for my GE. Have a great spring semester!
 - you're doing amazing!
 - I don't have any suggestions because I felt pretty good taking this course.
 - Everything worked fine for me, so I don't really have any recommendations.
 - I have no suggestions.
 - I don't think Assignments #1 & #2 are clear enough for me. Maybe I'm too stupid to understand your wanted goal.
 - None.
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- I dont have any recommendations
 - Let assignments be turned in late
 - Great professor, my only suggestion would be to make the readings just a little easier to find
 - Keep the funny emails.
 - Nothing, he is very good at giving examples and working with each student
 - n/a
 - I have no complains very well taught. Not my favorite subject at all but Lesenyie made it interactive and focused!
 - N/A, I thought this was a good class.
 - I have none
 - Honestly for a 100 level course, this is a very well structured class. Not much else other than maybe a homework assignment sprinkled in there to help reinforce the concepts before we write about them.
 - He is a great instructor.
 - None
 - Although this class was listed as a hybrid class, the professor was in person everyday, not sure why class wasn't just listed as in-person or asynch, since he did upload content beforehand. However, he is a funny guy!
 - I think overall this professor was really good at teaching and getting his points across. He also offered office hours and resources when needed which was super helpful.
 - No recommendations or suggestions I genuinely enjoyed this class and wouldn't change much.
 - Nothing
 - NA
 - N/A
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 - Nothing I liked everything about the class
 - I have no suggestions or recommendations the instructor is really great!
 - i really liked the material how it was presented the video lectures and the work load was great i learn in a practical way and without an emphasis on basics that were already covered so learning the new theory straight away helped not getting bored

- n/a
- everything was good