

Summary of student evaluations, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2017

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Instructor of Record

Selected student comments

This document presents selected numerical reviews and comments from students' anonymous evaluations of the course and of the instructor. The full, unabridged evaluation can be provided on request.

Table 1: Student evaluations

	Mean rating	Median rating
Demonstrates enthusiasm about teaching	4.58	5.00
Communicates clearly and logically.	4.81	5.00
Promotes a climate of mutual respect.	4.87	5.00
Encourages student questions.	4.71	5.00
Emphasizes critical thinking.	4.61	5.00
Uses teaching strategies that promote active involvement.	4.57	5.00
Clearly communicates expectations.	4.39	4.00
Provides timely feedback on student performance.	4.23	4.00
Provides a fair evaluation of student performance.	4.37	4.00
Is available when needed.	4.42	4.00
Is well-prepared for instruction.	4.70	5.00
Overall, I would rate this instructor as "excellent."	4.70	5.00
The instructor was one of the best I have had at Carolina, fully deserving of a teaching award	3.84	4.00

Responses on a scale from 1 (Strongly disagree) to 5 (Strongly agree)
Response rate: 69% (31 out of 45 students)

Note: Department averages not available after 2016 due to change in university reporting.

Strengths of the course

- Wide variety of topics covered.
- Clear slides, straight forward exams, interesting topic for paper
- Enlightening, challenging
- Lots of information relevant to the course and the world in general
- Active involvement through group discussions
- Very well structured, easy to see how topics connect over the length of the course.
- Cole did a really good job with the activities and discussion questions, they were always fun and informative.
- Cole was always prepared for class with extensive, engaging lectures. Lectures almost always provided a comprehensive overview of the subject of the day.
- Good in class discussions, forum for interesting view points.
- Great material. Assignments are laid out in the syllabus and are easy to understand. Really enjoyed comparative politics.
- Good teacher, enthusiastic & knowledgeable, wants us to learn
- He did a really good job engaging with the class and connecting with the students.
- The course was very well organized and information and expectations were communicated clearly
- I think the set up of the course is structured really well. I think the essays and the exams are a fair way to evaluate students and I found the topics to be very interesting.

Strengths of the instructor

- Excellent communicator
- Clear lectures and engages the class in discussion
- Obvious interest in material, helpful during inclass group setting, came prepared every week
- Efficient and well organized
- Very knowledgeable about the topics, very prepared, seems to care about the material
- Able to handle questions well and feel out what students were confused about.

- Cole does a fantastic job at explaining topics in general, but especially in breaking down more complex topics or explaining them in different ways if there's confusion. Adding in the activities was also good at helping comprehension, but also made the class more enjoyable.
- He was so helpful and willing to answer any questions or further explain things, and did a great job explaining concepts in lecture.
- Very prepared.
- Clear, intelligent speaker.
- Very understanding and communicates his expectations clearly.
- Very clear communicator, and is obviously passionate about the material.
- Provides opportunities for interactive components, passionate, clear and concise, receptive
- Great instructor. Makes the material easy to comprehend. Fair grader. One of the best professors I've had at UNC!!
- Enjoys class and promotes an active learning environment
- Very accessible and easy to understand.
- Cole was very knowledgeable about the subject matter and passionate about teaching the subject. He was dedicated to expressing the information in a way that everyone could understand and engage with
- He's a really great instructor. He explains things very well and seems to care a lot about the success of his students.
- Professor Harvey was well informed on the material and gave students time to discuss and ask questions about lecture material during every class
- I think that he really cares about students and this shows. He is always available to meet and will even make time aside from his normal office hours to meet with students. Going to office hours is also a beneficial and engaging experience and he makes sure students are getting their questions answered.