

Summary of student evaluations, Introduction to European Government, Spring 2018

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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	4.69	5.00
Communicates clearly and logically.	4.69	5.00
Promotes a climate of mutual respect.	4.72	5.00
Encourages student questions.	4.86	5.00
Emphasizes critical thinking.	4.72	5.00
Uses teaching strategies that promote active involvement.	4.83	5.00
Clearly communicates expectations.	4.59	5.00
Provides timely feedback on student performance.	4.45	5.00
Provides a fair evaluation of student performance.	4.52	5.00
Is available when needed.	4.79	5.00
Is well-prepared for instruction.	4.93	5.00
Overall, I would rate this instructor as "excellent."	4.72	5.00
The instructor was one of the best I have had at Carolina, fully deserving of a teaching award	4.24	4.00

Responses on a scale from 1 (Strongly disagree) to 5 (Strongly agree)
Response rate: 85% (29 out of 34 students)

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

Strengths of the course

- The EU Simulation helped me to have a better understanding of how the EU works in terms of decision making.
- Knowledgeable professor, engagement with current events that students can use to relate to the course content
- The professor really knows what he is teaching, and tries to get student's talking and thinking about the topics being taught.
- The lectures were engaging and we had plenty of opportunities to work together in groups and ask questions.
- Love the format of the class—good combination of discussion and lecture
- This course teaches about the nature of European governance and how it is important to modern, everyday life and so through that I have gained a better understanding of how the world works.
- The simulation was surprisingly fun, which many in the class did not expect when going into the activity
- I think the discussion format really allows for the class to better understand and analyze the course material. Discussions among students brings up new perspectives that other students may not have had, and it also clarifies information we may have misunderstood.
- I feel like I was able to learn a lot of material in a very short amount of time. Having known absolutely nothing about European government, I feel like I can now read news about Europe and have a good understanding of what is going on. Great use of real life examples.
- I learned a lot and as a STEM major found this course interesting.
- I found this course to be very interesting, I had a limited amount of background knowledge heading in, and I definitely feel that I have gained a much better understanding of European governments after taking this course.
- The course does a great job at creating an understanding about the mechanics behind governance and politics in Europe by contrasting it with the US.
- The simulation allowed me to exercise what I have studied and was a fun way to integrate my knowledge into an exercise that promoted active learning.
- This course taught me a lot about how Europe's political institutions function and how they arose after World War II. I knew almost nothing before taking this course and afterwards I feel as though I can talk about the subject comfortably.

Strengths of the instructor

- He is extremely approachable and knowledgeable about the subject. He also is very clear with his requirements for the course.
- He was very student friendly, meaning he was more focus on us understanding the subject.
- Extremely knowledgeable, encourages class discussion, always prepared for class (organized), considerate of students
- He has vast knowledge on the subject.
- Cole Harvey is the bomb, great teaching style and promotes questions. Very clear on what he wants and very approachable.
- Very enthusiastic.
- Facilitates discussion well, promotes inviting environment of conversation
- The professor was very engaging and offered points which encouraged thought and discussion.
- I liked how he was focused on teaching us the material rather than making his own personal views known. In a course like this, it can easy for teachers to give in to prioritizing their own political beliefs, but this was not the case with Cole.
- Extremely knowledgeable about the information and was able to provide relevant and clear examples to help the class understand the material.
- Clearly knows his subject matter, generally nice person and very accommodating to any potential issues there may be
- Cole is an effective communicator. He is highly aware of time and pacing of the class. He is also flexible and understanding.
- Interactive, understanding, supportive, engaged us with the material well and was really organized.
- I think that the college environment can often downplay the importance of a good lecturer, but Cole Harvey presented material in an engaging and interesting way! I learned a lot from his explanations and group discussions. He was very respectful of students, (even when they were blatantly wrong haha)and was able to sift through students answers to further instruct the class. Great job!
- A wonderful professor! This is the second class that I have taken with him and, if I were not graduating, I would gladly take another.
- He is organized, well spoken, and always polite. Seriously deserves an award!
- Cole is very knowledgeable about the course topic and is an excellent public speaker. He communicates clearly and concisely and is always collected in class.

- GREAT PROFESSOR!! Really cared about us and took lots of time to make sure we knew what was going on and answer questions and make class involved.
- Mr. Harvey is always prepared and excited about class, he makes it easy to stay engaged and does an excellent job of explaining the material, as opposed to simply reading off of a powerpoint. He clearly knows the subject matter really well and articulates it in a manner that makes it easy to digest the material.
- Very knowledgeable, kind, answers our questions
- Professor Harvey is very intelligent and speaks clearly. He is easy to understand and breaks things down very well. I love how he engages us in small groups to think more about issues at hand, and would love to see more of it.
- Professor Harvey is very knowledgeable on the subject and is very open with his students: in class discussions, his efforts in facilitating dialogue always helps us to see the bigger picture/point that is trying to be made.
- He is very good at communicating the information and interpreting the information to the students. I never had a problem or really a question with what I was learning because it all seemed very clear and made sense with what we were talking about. I think everything I did in this class made sense and that all goes to the credit of Mr. Harvey as the instructor of this course.