



201701-GVPT282-0101-POL DEVELOPING WORLD - Tiago Ventura - TA Report - Spring 2017

University of Maryland Course Evaluation Spring 2017

Report Comments

This report presents feedback received from students for the course **POL DEVELOPING WORLD** and for the Teaching Assistant **Tiago Ventura** in that course. Course means are provided as well as department, college, and college course-level means (e.g., all 200-level courses in a college). Means are calculated from all responses by all students in the unit (i.e., course section, department, college, course-level in a college) on that item and exclude N/A (not applicable) responses. A grade table is included on the next page.

Indication is provided below for the Report Group if there is one affiliated with this course section, otherwise it is blank. The Report Group will be the lead section of a grouped course (i.e. multi-section lecture) and/or the primary of cross-listed courses.

Semester: Spring 2017

College: College of Behavioral & Social Sciences

Department: BSOS-Government & Politics

Course #: GVPT282

Section #: 0101

Course Title: POL DEVELOPING WORLD

Report Group: 201701-GVPT282-0101

Teaching Assistant: Tiago Ventura

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Grade Distribution

Grade distribution is not available for courses in a report group.

Administrator University-Wide Teaching Assistant Items

Results are for use by teaching assistants, faculty/instructors, and for administrative purposes.
N/A responses have been excluded from the following calculations.

Feedback for TA: **Tiago Ventura**

By Score

Scale is Strongly Disagree (0) to Strongly Agree (4) with a Neutral mid-point

Question	Course	Department (BSOS- Government & Politics)	College (BSOS)	Course Level (BSOS_200)
	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean
The teaching assistant (TA) treated students with respect.	3.80	3.59	3.43	3.43
The teaching assistant (TA) was well-prepared for class.	3.65	3.52	3.33	3.39
Overall, this teaching assistant (TA) was an effective teacher.	3.51	3.34	3.20	3.26

By Frequency

1. The teaching assistant (TA) treated students with respect.

Options	Score	Count	Percentage
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0.0%
Disagree	1	0	0.0%
Neutral	2	0	0.0%
Agree	3	14	20.3%
Strongly Agree	4	55	79.7%

Statistics	Value
Response Count	69
Mean	3.80
Standard Deviation	0.41

2. The teaching assistant (TA) was well-prepared for class.

Options	Score	Count	Percentage
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0.0%
Disagree	1	0	0.0%
Neutral	2	4	5.9%
Agree	3	16	23.5%
Strongly Agree	4	48	70.6%

Statistics	Value
Response Count	68
Mean	3.65
Standard Deviation	0.59

3. Overall, this teaching assistant (TA) was an effective teacher.

Options	Score	Count	Percentage
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0.0%
Disagree	1	3	4.4%
Neutral	2	1	1.5%
Agree	3	22	32.4%
Strongly Agree	4	42	61.8%

Statistics	Value
Response Count	68
Mean	3.51
Standard Deviation	0.74

Additional TA-related comments (e.g. about the discussion/lab/studio section, TA's teaching style, etc.)

Comments
Tiago was great! He always made sure to go over important class concepts, and he went the extra mile to make practice questions and exercises for discussion. He encouraged students to have thoughtful discussion, and never inserted his own opinion too heavily. Overall, he treated us with respect and wanted us to succeed. Thanks Tiago!
Tiago has been a fantastic TA this semester! Discussion sections are always lively and interesting, and he is extremely accessible outside of the classroom as well. He's a wealth of knowledge, and I've learned a tremendous amount from him. He hasn't been shy to share his personal experiences in Brazil's government with us, and that supplemented course material effectively. Thank you Tiago!
Too much emphasis on participation grade and graded too low. If you didn't speak the whole entire class or had an off day would take a few points off. Drops grades too much.
Grading was harsh on exams, participation, and paper assignment. Discussions were interesting and engaging.
Easily the best TA I have had in my college career thus far.
He was always available for students and answered emails promptly
The TA's teaching style was excellent. The exercises he created for us to apply the readings to "real life" were an excellent idea.

Comments

Tiago was incredibly prepared for every discussion and graded assignments in a timely manner. He sent out class updates regularly throughout the week, and was super helpful with the various papers we had to write.

Every discussion was well-focused on the important material and kept the students engaged. Tiago provided some creativity by producing his own activities or questions on occasion. He was very funny as well which made section enjoyable, and he provided intelligent contributions and feedback of his own during discussions.

Tiago really helped us understand the course material and reinforced what we learned in class.

Tiago is a fantastic TA. He is able to get everyone in our discussion involved at some point in a totally natural way. He is clearly well-versed in the topic and his interest definitely gets the rest of the class interested as well.

Tiago was so helpful during our section, as well as extremely responsive to questions, concerns I had outside of class!

Tiago was a pretty nice and honest TA. Took the time to work and get to know his students. Was willing to share his own interests and life experiences in relation to the class. A little bit of a difficult grader in regards to the clarity of what he was looking for in his assessments.

Very good at emphasizing and review comments, made discussion really fun.

Tiago was one the most engaging TA's I've had. His ability to personally connect and share with the class his experiences from Brazil and countries surrounding Brazil truly made me think in new ways and opened my eyes to a lot of different ideas.

Tiago was a great TA and led discussions very well. Personally, I don't think I benefit as much from discussion sections so I usually prefer when the TA uses a powerpoint to go over some topics, but I can see why for this class it maybe wasn't warranted. Overall, he was very helpful coming up with questions that may be on the exam and helping us think about the topics in an effective way.

It was Tiago's first time TAing and I felt as if he was better than some of my former TAs who have been doing it for a while. Overall, discussions were engaging and I thought that he emphasized a lot of the most important points we should know for major assignments. I liked the round table discussions, exam reviews, and different exercises he had.

Tiago was great, I loved the examples he used and how he encouraged everyone to be engaged by asking us a lot of questions.

TA always had interesting questions to bring to the discussion
was kind to all students
very responsive to emails
very helpful
assisted with papers when necessary
answered questions in class
was clearly knowledgeable about the subject
also very passionate about his country and showed knowledge with that too
knew a lot about developing countries
GREAT TA that helped prepare us for the exam with practice questions!! AWESOME!!!!

Tiago consistently made discussion worth the time of the students attending. He was able to effectively and clearly convey all of the course information each Friday. In discussion we had the perfect balance of debate among ourselves, Tiago interjecting to steer the conversation one way or another, and Tiago presenting the information from lecture again. Often times I got more from Tiago than from the lectures, not because the lectures weren't exceptional, but because I prefer to learn through discussion rather than a lecture.

Best TA I've ever had! Very friendly, always kept students engaged. Also very helpful, he would really go out of his way to help students.

Tiago is an incredible instructor, scholar, and person. He went out of his way to make this class a great experience. He will succeed in whatever he chooses to do in life!

Tiago is a very skilled and effective TA

Tiago was always in hand to help. And was always readily prepared with his teachings in discussion sections.

For a first-time TA, he was great! Certainly knowledgeable about the subject in his own right. Did a lot to help the students with the exams and paper.

End of Report