WUSTL Course Evaluations

1/3/2013

Title of Course: Topics in Politics: Political Psychology of Intergroup Conflict

Course: L32 335 **Section:** 01

Semester: Fall 2012

Instructors: Christopher Claassen (Instructor)

Completed Evaluations: 8 of 10 (80%)

Scoring Key

Bold - Score

(S) - System's Average Score For the Template

(D) - Department's Average Score For the Template

(M) - Median Score For the Question

Course Section Requirements:

Number of Quizzes	n/a
Number of Examinations	n/a
Number of short papers (1-5pgs)	n/a
Number of long papers (6 +pgs)	n/a
Number of homework assignments	n/a
Number of individual projects	n/a
Number of group projects	n/a
Number of oral presentations	n/a
Was attendance required?	No
Was class participation required?	No
Were take home exams given?	No

Lecture Class

Overall Evaluation (Christopher Claassen - Instructor)

6.25

(S) 5.51 of 17075

(D) 5.24 of 500

(M) 6.00

Give an overall rating for the course

(blank)	1 - Poor	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Excellent
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	6 (75.00%)	2 (25.00%)

6.50

(S) 5.59 of 17075

(D) 5.29 of 500

(M) 7.00

Give an overall rating of the instructor's teaching

(blank)	1 - Poor	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Excellent
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (12.50%)	2 (25.00%)	5 (62.50%)

6.25

(S) 5.51 of 17075

(D) 5.48 of 500

(M) 6.00

Overall, how much did you learn in this course?

(blank)	1 - Very Little	2	3	4	5	6	7 - A Great Deal
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (12.50%)	4 (50.00%)	3 (37.50%)

6.63

(S) 5.31 of 17075

(D) 4.96 of 500

(M) 7.00

Would you recommend this course to another student?

(blank)	1 - No	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Certainly
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	3 (37.50%)	5 (62.50%)

4.50 — **How would you describe the workload in this course?**

(S) 4.38 of 17075

(D) 4.63 of 500

(M) 4.50

(blank)	1 - Very Light	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Very Heavy
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (12.50%)	3 (37.50%)	3 (37.50%)	1 (12.50%)	0 (0.00%)

4.75 — **How would you describe the content of this course?**

(S) 4.59 of 17075

(D) 4.66 of 500

(M) 5.00

(blank)	1 - Very Easy	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Very Difficult
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (25.00%)	6 (75.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)

Instruction (Christopher Claassen - Instructor)

6.38 — **The instructor made the course interesting**

(S) 5.44 of 17075

(D) 5.16 of 500

(M) 6.00

(blank)	1 - Strongly Disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Strongly Agree
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	5 (62.50%)	3 (37.50%)

6.50 — **Subject matter was explained clearly**

(S) 5.45 of 17075

(D) 5.18 of 500

(M) 6.50

(blank)	1 - Strongly Disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Strongly Agree
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	4 (50.00%)	4 (50.00%)

6.00 — **Material was presented at an appropriate pace**

(S) 5.59 of 17075

(D) 5.59 of 500

(M) 6.50

(blank)	1 - Strongly Disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Strongly Agree
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (12.50%)	2 (25.00%)	1 (12.50%)	4 (50.00%)

6.43 — **The instructor was well prepared for class**

(S) 6.28 of 17075

(D) 6.14 of 500

(M) 7.00

(blank)	1 - Strongly Disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Strongly Agree
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (12.50%)	2 (25.00%)	4 (50.00%)

Organization (Christopher Claassen - Instructor)

6.88   **The course lived up to its description**

(S) 5.91 of 17075

(D) 5.77 of 500

(M) 7.00

(blank)	1 - Strongly Disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Strongly Agree
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (12.50%)	7 (87.50%)

6.63   **Assigned work (readings, etc.) complemented lectures**

(S) 5.85 of 17075

(D) 5.90 of 500

(M) 7.00

(blank)	1 - Strongly Disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Strongly Agree
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	3 (37.50%)	5 (62.50%)

6.38   **Class time was used well**

(S) 5.75 of 17075

(D) 5.62 of 500

(M) 7.00

(blank)	1 - Strongly Disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Strongly Agree
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (12.50%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (25.00%)	5 (62.50%)

6.75   **Topics were well organized**

(S) 5.87 of 17075

(D) 5.84 of 500

(M) 7.00

(blank)	1 - Strongly Disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Strongly Agree
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (25.00%)	6 (75.00%)

Interaction with students (Christopher Claassen - Instructor)

6.25   **Expectations were clearly explained**

(S) 5.84 of 17075

(D) 5.72 of 500

(M) 6.00

(blank)	1 - Strongly Disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Strongly Agree
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (12.50%)	4 (50.00%)	3 (37.50%)

6.38   **Grading procedures were fair**

(S) 5.82 of 17075

(D) 5.94 of 500

(M) 6.00

(blank)	1 - Strongly Disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Strongly Agree
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	5 (62.50%)	3 (37.50%)

6.50   **Instructor was concerned for students**

(S) 5.89 of 17075	(blank)	1 - Strongly Disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Strongly Agree
(D) 5.98 of 500								
(M) 6.50	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	4 (50.00%)	4 (50.00%)

6.75   **Instructor was available for consultation outside of class**

(S) 5.95 of 17075	(blank)	1 - Strongly Disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Strongly Agree
(D) 6.20 of 500								
(M) 7.00	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (25.00%)	6 (75.00%)

6.50   **Instructor maintained positive environment in class**

(S) 6.19 of 17075	(blank)	1 - Strongly Disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Strongly Agree
(D) 6.22 of 500								
(M) 6.50	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	4 (50.00%)	4 (50.00%)

Other Considerations (NOT Instructor Specific)

Early in the semester, did your professor explain the expectations for academic integrity?

(blank)	Yes	No
0 (0.00%)	5 (62.50%)	1 (12.50%)

When was your last exam held?

(blank)	The last week of classes	Reading period	Finals period	A take-home final	No final exam
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	5 (62.50%)

Was the date and/or time of your last exam changed during the semester?

(blank)	Yes	No
0 (0.00%)	2 (25.00%)	1 (12.50%)

Short answers (Christopher Claassen - Instructor)

What did you like most about this course?

00   He has been great! Always willing to discuss thoughts on people's papers and to help if possible. He also is very knowledgable about the information and bears with us when our class is kind of quiet at times--seriously, he's such a good sport about it. Great teacher, interesting class, well chosen topics.

02	The way the course is structured and organized is great.
03	I loved this course! The readings were extremely interesting and the course was well-structured. Also, the lectures really gave a thorough understanding for the readings that I felt like I understood every aspect of a reading if I read the assigned reading for class. Sometimes I don't and if that's the case, after listening to the lecture, the readings were considerably easier to digest! Works either way! Also there is NO homework in the class, aside from doing your readings and well if you have a presentation soon, that's when you prepare a powerpoint, but aside from that, the workload is extremely manageable.
05	The class was a mix of going over the reading and learning about complementary studies.
06	It was very interesting to look at the topic through so many different lenses
07	I thought it represented an interesting alternative look at intergroup conflict.

What did you like the least?

00	So much reading. Actually, though, so much. Especially when it comes to writing the paper because not only am I trying to keep up with the normal class readings but I'm also trying to read for sources for my paper.
05	I don't really like giving presentations and I don't think I got more out doing a presentation for an article than just reading it.
06	There was a ton of reading, which made it a little difficult to keep up.
07	The quizzes were really difficult and tricky compared to the material covered in class.

Is there something important about the course not covered by these questions?

05	Some of the readings were a bit too long. Lmiting reading for each day to 60 pages max, average of 40, would have been good. It would have been helpful, if you could have given us an example paper or at least a structure for the final paper ahead of time.
07	N/A