



UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Fall 2019

Course: LNST 142S Section: 022 - LATN AMRCA:QUEST FOR DEV&DEM

Instructor: Nicholas Jenkins Cross Course: POSC 162S Section: 022 - LATN AMRCA:QUEST FOR DEV&DEM

Question # 18: YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS ON YOUR GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR'S TEACHING SKILLS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE TEXTBOX BELOW. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 2000 CHARACTERS.

- Really helpfull at going over the class material.
- Nicholas is an alright TA, he was helpful in reviewing topics and information discussed in class. The only issue I had was lots of group discussions and activities that didn't seem to have a real point or clear objective.
- Nick is approachable and available to help out when needed
- Nicholas is a nice TA. Even though sometimes the class gets so quiet he knows how to make the students to engage into conversation.
- Nick has been a great TA this quarter. He's made section a dedicated place for clarification and extra help. He is great at answering questions and will go in depth and the extra mile when we need it. He really is knowledgable about the material and actually cares about our well-being and wants us to succeed in the class. He's amazing!!!
- The TA was helpful in helping us write our essay and was more of a resource rather than being a discussion leader.
- Nicholas Jenkins has been incredibly helpful in this Latin American Politics Class. Politics is not something that I find easily understandable and Nick takes the time in discussion to break down the concepts so that they can be better understood. He also makes himself available and approachable for any and all questions. I have really been struggling in this class and if it weren't for Nick, this class would be even more difficult. If there is one thing I could say that I wish we different, it would be more interactive work. For me, personally, I do well working in small groups or with a partner discussing stuff rather than just having a class room discussion. I think sometimes class room discussions are easy for some people but for those that are shyer, the smaller groups are easier. I think a little bit of a mixture of both would help cover more students needs and comfort zones. But that is just my personal learning style, I understand everyone learns differently. Overall Nick is a phenomenal TA and I appreciate all of his help!