### Course Section

POLI:1500:0A04 Introduction to International Relations

Instructor: Eric Ngo Fall 2024 End of Session survey

Response rate: 57.9% (11 / 19)

### Question Statistics

Question Statistics								
			Legend	Strongly Agree	Agree Slightly Agree	Slightly Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Instructor	Response Rate	Mean	Median	Respons	e Distribution			
Organization - The instructor used class time well	11 / 19	5.8	6			91%		9%
Clarity - The instructor communicated course material clearly	11 / 19	5.8	6			91%		99
Learning Focused - The instructor's teaching methods helped students learn	11 / 19	5.7	6		8	32%		9% 99
Course	Response Rate	Mean	Median	Respons	e Distribution			
Learning Materials - The assignments, readings, and activities facilitated student learning	11 / 19	5.7	6		{	32%		9% 99
Assessment - Assessments (such as quizzes, papers, and exams) aligned with course objectives	11 / 19	5.5	6		{	32%		9% 9
Support - Help was available for students	11 / 19	5.5	6		73%	6	9%	18%
CLAS Core International and Global Issues	Response Rate	Mean	Median	Respons	e Distribution			
l have gained knowledge of a contemporary global or international issue.	11 / 19	5.6	6		8	32%		18%
I have a deeper understanding of the importance of seeing an issue from multiple perspectives.	11 / 19	5.7	6		{	32%		9% 99
I have learned to apply at least one method of analysis for understanding global issues.	11 / 19	5.6	6		}	32%		18%
CLAS Core Social Sciences	Response Rate	Mean	Median	Respons	e Distribution			
better understand how scientists conduct research, gather data, and derive conclusions.	11 / 19	5.1	6		64%		18%	18%
My ability to evaluate data, conclusions, and hypotheses has improved.	11 / 19	5.3	6		64%		9% 1	8% 9
I am better able to support my ideas and positions using evidence.	11 / 19	5.3	6		64%		9% 1	8% 9
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## What aspects of the course were most useful for your learning?

Eric's humor and relatability made me stay focused in class and it made learning more fun, I wish he was the professor full-time. I can't imagine any TA will ever top him.

The simulations

Having slides from lecture to look back on and study from were very helpful.

strong course content

exercises

The simulations and group work.

Working in groups and everyone talking/discussing there own opions.  $\label{eq:control} % \begin{center} \begi$ 

Eric made sure we were engaged in discussion and completely went through the material that he thought was best fit for us.

The fun games made it more interesting to learn and meet people.

When this class is taught again, what changes can the instructor make that will help improve support for student learning?

none

Maybe some assignments throughout the week would help students gauge how well they are understanding the material.

Maybe have lectures interactive like use topHat share the presentations with class for reference N/A Possibly talk more about the papers that we write and give tips in what they are looking for. Eric did a great job but he could add a little more writing to slides that we could write down because it's hard to write down as much as he teaches to us while he speaks. More games What else would you like the instructor to know about your experience in this course? Eric was the best, I am so glad he was my TA! Eric is a fantastic, makes the discussion fun while also staying on topic and doing a good job of teaching. Easy to talk to and made me look forward to going to class. Overall, a good course. Strong content I had fun thank you for teaching N/A I enjoyed this class. I thought he was an awesome guy and easily my favorite TA from this year. It was fun, hopefully he gives me an  ${\bf A}$  as  ${\bf I}$  am close

### Course Section

POLI:1500:0A07 Introduction to International Relations

Instructor: Eric Ngo Fall 2024

End of Session survey
Response rate: 35.0% (7 / 20)

### Question Statistics

Question Statistics									
			Legend	Strongly Agree	Agree	Slightly Agree	Slightly Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Instructor	Response Rate	Mean	Median	Response	Distribu	ition			
Organization - The instructor used class time well	7 / 20	5.9	6			86	6%		14%
Clarity - The instructor communicated course material clearly	7 / 20	5.9	6			86	5%		14%
Learning Focused - The instructor's teaching methods helped students learn	7 / 20	5.7	6			71%			29%
Course	Response Rate	Mean	Median	Response	Distribu	ition			
Learning Materials - The assignments, readings, and activities facilitated student learning	7 / 20	5.9	6			86	5%		14%
Assessment - Assessments (such as quizzes, papers, and exams) aligned with course objectives	7 / 20	5.9	6			86	5%		14%
Support - Help was available for students	7 / 20	5.9	6			86	%		14%
CLAS Core International and Global Issues	Response Rate	Mean	Median	Response	Distribu	ition			
I have gained knowledge of a contemporary global or international issue.	7 / 20	5.9	6			86	5%		14%
I have a deeper understanding of the importance of seeing an issue from multiple perspectives.	7 / 20	5.7	6			71%			29%
I have learned to apply at least one method of analysis for understanding global issues.	7 / 20	5.7	6			71%			29%
CLAS Core Social Sciences	Response Rate	Mean	Median	Response	Distribu	ition			

I better understand how scientists conduct research, gather data, and derive conclusions.	7 / 20	5.7	6	71%	29%
My ability to evaluate data, conclusions, and hypotheses has improved.	7 / 20	5.6	6	71%	14% 14%
I am better able to support my ideas and positions using evidence.	7 / 20	5.7	6	71%	29%

### What aspects of the course were most useful for your learning?

Engaging and friendly and also was very helpful summarizing the lectures

Exam reviews with the practice test were most beneficial to me, as well as group activities that reenact the course concepts.

The slideshow reviews of the course material were very helpful, further breaking down and explaining concepts. I personally felt that this was a more useful class than the lecture, simply because Eric went beyond just reading slides and truly broke things down. Eric often used funny examples to help students better understand, and created an overall enjoyable classroom environment.

The review before tests.

The simulations were really fun but also helped me grasp class concepts

exam reviews and going over the answers

I appreciate how we used discussion time. It is difficult to really interact with what we learn in lecture until we get to discussion and apply what we know and what weve learned. The activities were engaging.

#### When this class is taught again, what changes can the instructor make that will help improve support for student learning?

Nothing he honestly did a great job and was a fun guy to listen to

I would recommend the group activities have more ruling to them in terms of people doing the activity correctly. That way people may get a better understanding of the concept.

I understand that Eric has many other discussion classes, as well as work toward his PhD, but my only improvement I could suggest is quicker grading time. I understand this may not be completely feasible and also contingent upon other matters, so its not a horribly big deal. It would just be nice to have grades in the week before finals.

More instruction on the essays.

Nothing I thought it was good

make sure everyone understands what is being taught

I like how the course was taught overall, Eric did a good job of explaining the material in depth and preparing us for exam.

## What else would you like the instructor to know about your experience in this course?

class was engaging and very helpful. Mr. Ngo also was a funny and very friendly guy  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ 

I would say I appreciate his good mood that never seems to fade. I appreciated the concern for people understanding concepts and his effort as far as materials presented, actions in the games, and how he carries himself.

I enjoyed this discussion very much, thanks to Erics humor and teaching style. The willingness he possessed to further break down topics was a great asset. Good class overall!

It was one of the best discussion classes Ive ever had

overall it was a good class

I appreciate how Eric did his best to increase engagement in class and interact with us on our level. This kind of teaching allows for more student interaction and better learning I think.

### Course Section

POLI:1500:0A08 Introduction to International Relations

Instructor: Eric Ngo Fall 2024

End of Session survey

Response rate: 71.4% (15 / 21)

### Question Statistics

			Legend	Strongly Agree	Agree	Slightly Agree	Slightly Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
Instructor	Response Rate	Mean	Median	Respons	e Distrib	oution				
Organization - The instructor used class time well	15 / 21	5.5	6			60%		33%	7	7%
Clarity - The instructor communicated course material clearly	15 / 21	5.5	6			67%		279	% 7	7%
Learning Focused - The instructor's teaching methods helped students learn	15 / 21	5.7	6			73%		2	20% 7	7%

Course	Response Rate	Mean	Median	Response Distribution		
Learning Materials - The assignments, readings, and activities facilitated student learning	15 / 21	5.5	6	60%	33%	7%
Assessment - Assessments (such as quizzes, papers, and exams) aligned with course objectives	15 / 21	5.5	6	60%	33%	7%
Support - Help was available for students	15 / 21	5.7	6	73%		27%
CLAS Core International and Global Issues	Response Rate	Mean	Median	Response Distribution		
I have gained knowledge of a contemporary global or international issue.	15 / 21	5.4	6	67%	13%	13% 7%
I have a deeper understanding of the importance of seeing an issue from multiple perspectives.	15 / 21	5.5	6	60%	33%	7%
I have learned to apply at least one method of analysis for understanding global issues.	15 / 21	5.5	6	60%	33%	7%
CLAS Core Social Sciences	Response Rate	Mean	Median	Response Distribution		
I better understand how scientists conduct research, gather data, and derive conclusions.	15 / 21	5.1	5	40%	40%	7% 13%
My ability to evaluate data, conclusions, and hypotheses has improved.	15 / 21	5.2	5	47%	33%	13% 7%
I am better able to support my ideas and positions using evidence.	15 / 21	5.3	5	47%	40%	7% 7%

### What aspects of the course were most useful for your learning?

We had a lot of hands on activities which were so conducive

The group games made it easier to learn what was happening in the class

I think the discussions were the most helpful because they felt more focused than the lectures and for me were presented in an easier-to-understand way.

I really enjoyed that Eric was able to apply big concepts to things in media and culture that students can understand. Him being able to connect with the class in that way made me more likely to pay close attention and learn better. Having a professor/TA like this for such an early morning class was vital to our success and willingness to participate.

The practice tests we took in discussion and the games we used to connect to the material were very helpful!

I think reviews in class and practice exams/quizzes were most helpful.

I found that the simulations and discussion examples to be most useful. I think they helped facilitate learning on a more holistic level and kept me engaged with the course material throughout. I also found the practice exams helpful as they helped me see what exams would be like and feel as if I was in an exam setting.

Being relatable with students and creating a good atmosphere

group activities and discusssion

I really liked when we did simulations or group exercises. I felt like these were very interactive and I gained a better understanding of the material through these activities because I got to demonstrate it first hand.

I thought the review sections of our discussions were the most useful for our learning as well as the activities where we looked at application of the ideas we learned, such as looking at countries suggestions for peace with the UN.

The interactive games in discussion

She made many real-world examples of current news to help deepen my understanding of current issues.

When this class is taught again, what changes can the instructor make that will help improve support for student learning?

na

N/A good class

I think the support was pretty good overall between the in-person office hours and the online office hours, as well as being able to go to the writing lab for the essay.

Nothing, I think Eric did a great job of connecting the material to our lives and made the learning environment amazing!

I think this class overall has very little to improve on.

Going over concepts more in depth would be greatly appreciated. Often times, there were concepts in the course that I didn't understand and having more instruction and clarification on those terms and what those concepts mean would help me prepare better for the exam and also come away from the class with more knowledge. Additionally, I would appreciate more time dedicating to reviewing and going over the practice questions on the practice exams but also the review guide as well. I felt like that missed the marked and wasn't as efficient as it could have been.

N/A

nothing good class

I believe a more timely grading system would improve this class. Sometimes assignments, such as pop quizzes, weren't graded in a timely fashion.

Some of the group activities don't facilitate learning as the groups are very awkward and we are just trying to get enough words on a slide to submit. It's easier if each person has some sort of role or discussion is facilitated by the instructor.

Slow down during lecture

N/A

What else would you like the instructor to know about your experience in this course?

i really enjoyed the discussion section

I really liked this discussion class! Eric made the class so fun and welcoming

Eric was a very good and fun TA

I enjoyed the discussions and think they were a big help to me in getting a good understanding of the topics.

 $\label{eq:lambda} \mbox{Had a great time in our discussion, and so much so that I always woke up and made it here by 8:30.}$ 

It was very good and I appreciate your dedication to us over the last 15 weeks!

I had a really great time!

Thank you for making this class fun and engaging! You always made me laugh and have a really great understanding of the materials and concepts and I really appreciated the time dedicated to facilitating conversation and further discussion of topics even after class had ended!

it was fun just wish it wasn't at 8:30 am

this class helped y understanding of the material overall

Overall, I really enjoyed this class! Eric Ngo was very funny, approachable, and helpful. He made me actually want to come to class, even though it's at 8:30.

Instructor seemed organized and gave good, relatable examples.

It was overall a good experience

It was a great experience with a lot of learning about information that will stick with me.

# Course Section

POLI:1500:0A15 Introduction to International Relations

Instructor: Eric Ngo Fall 2024 End of Session survey

Response rate: 52.2% (12 / 23)

## Question Statistics

Instructor  Response Rate  Mean Median Response Distribution  Organization - The instructor used class time well  11 / 23 5.9 6 91%  Clarity - The instructor communicated course material clearly  11 / 23 5.8 6 82%  Learning Focused - The instructor's teaching methods helped students learn  11 / 23 5.9 6 91%  Course  Response Response Rate  Mean Median Response Distribution	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·									
Organization - The instructor used class time well  11 / 23				Legend					Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Clarity - The instructor communicated course material clearly  11/23  5.8  6  82%  18  Learning Focused - The instructor's teaching methods helped students learn  11/23  5.9  6  91%  Course  Response Rate  Mean Median Response Distribution  Learning Materials - The assignments, readings, and activities facilitated student learning  Assessment - Assessments (such as quizzes, papers, and exams) aligned with course objectives  11/23  5.8  6  82%  18  18  CLAS Core International and Global Issues  Response Rate	Instructor		Mean	Median	Respons	e Distribu	ution			
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CLAS Core International and Global Issues  Response Mean Median Response Distribution Rate		11 / 23	5.7	6			73%			27%
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	I have gained knowledge of a contemporary global or international issue.	11 / 23	5.5	6			64%		27%	6 9%

I have a deeper understanding of the importance of seeing an issue from multiple perspectives.	11 / 23	5.7	6	73%		27%	
I have learned to apply at least one method of analysis for understanding global issues.	11 / 23	5.6	6	64%		36%	
CLAS Core Social Sciences	Response Rate	Mean	Median	Response Distribution			
I better understand how scientists conduct research, gather data, and derive conclusions.	11 / 23	5.2	5	45%	36%	9%	9%
My ability to evaluate data, conclusions, and hypotheses has improved.	11 / 23	5.4	6	55%	36	6%	9%
I am better able to support my ideas and positions using evidence.	11 / 23	5.6	6	64%		36%	

### What aspects of the course were most useful for your learning?

I really enjoyed each lecture, they helped me apply my knowledge to real-world and hypothetical situations.

The group assignments

The overall environment that was created during section was helpful people were active in discussions and activities which like made the learning enjoyable.

Eric was a great teacher.

I found that the unit regarding international economics and its affect on the behavior of nations to be very useful and interesting.

Class activities.

just how easily things were explained and how certain content was seen as confusing he made It easier to understand

the slides, they were much more simplified than lecture and also the activities were really fun!

I didnt really know how tariffs worked Erik explained that pretty well

I think the aspect of the course that was the most useful for my learning was the fact that Eric was really easy to get along with. He made the classroom attitude very positive and light.

### When this class is taught again, what changes can the instructor make that will help improve support for student learning?

None

There's nothing I would change about what the instructor is doing, there was a good mix of assignments in section so it wasn't always the same thing each week.

Eric kept us all engaged and was helpful and responsive. I don't know how he could improve.

n/a

Nothing, I think Eric did a great job this semester!

None, I learned the content well and the way you held yourself felt authentic and was more engaging

Honestly none

I think the instructor should stay the same.

## What else would you like the instructor to know about your experience in this course?

I really enjoyed this course and I also really enjoyed my TA. He made every lecture more enjoyable and explained the material very well.

I liked how we went over the practice exams and you explained how to do each thing.

This was my favorite discussion section by far, it was useful and actually engaging rather than other experiences I have had this semester.

It was truly a pleasure to be in section with Eric. He is funny, entertaining, smart and overall just awesome to have as my TA. He was responsive and understanding when I needed help, he was great in class and brightened my day always. I hope to have TAs like Eric for the rest of my time at lowa.

nothing

I think that the bubbly humor was really nice, not many instructors have this I feel and it created a fun learning enviorment.

YOU WERE SO FUNNY DONT EVER STOP BEING FUNNY

Never change Eric your my guy made that class the only on genuinely fun to come to and I hope you appreciate the Christmas gift

I really enjoyed the discussions with you. You are funny and made things in that class easier to understand than they were.