

Columbia University: International & Public Affairs

Fall 2023 SIPA Course Evaluation

Course: INAFU8537_001_2023_3-ClimateChangePolicyandDiplomacy: INAFU8537_001_2023_3 - Climate Change Policy and Diplomacy

Instructor: Scott Barrett

TA: Eugene Tan *

Response Rate: 19/25 (76.00 %)

19 - The Teaching Assistants (TAs) contributed significantly to this course

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Uncertain	(3)	0	0.00%					
Agree	(4)	6	35.29%					
Strongly Agree	(5)	11	64.71%					
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%					
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Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
17/25 (68.00%)				4.65	0.49	5.00		

20 - Please provide brief, specific, and constructive comments on the TA's performance (if applicable)

Response Rate	15/25 (60%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eugene sets the bar for the master's course at a doctoral level of understanding, which can feel a bit too demanding. I hope for a more empathetic approach that considers our current academic level. TA is very knowledgeable Extremely intelligent person who was able to fill the gaps left from the professors lectures! Eugene really complements the class very well. The recitation really helped me to understand the material covered in the class. Eugene was a great find. As much as Professor Barrett's knowledge and experience permeated each lecture, Eugene was a critical part of the learning process. His knowledge and own intellectual interest in the subject was evident. He was always enthusiastic and patient in making the science, economics and other issues understandable. For both the midterm and final project, Eugene employed a socratic method allowing for a better understanding of the associated opportunities and challenges. Eugene was a fantastic TA and was very helpful in getting the students to understand the complex components of each week's lecture. He contributed greatly to the class. His explanation in recitation sessions supplemented the concepts in the class with some graphs and they were very helpful. However, his demanding standards are very high, which may be good for PhD students, but I think they are too much for master's students. - Eugene was amazing in helping me understand the theoretical underpinnings of what we were learning in class! Very passionate and prepared! Great discussions and inquisitive mind Eugene, you're doing great! Very serious, funny and determined teacher really appreciated the discussions and his help. n/a He is good. Great TA, very responsive, great discussion sections 	