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Teaching Evaluations

POLS 1105H – Introduction to American Government (Honors)

**Fall 2017, POLS 1105H - Introduction to American Government
(Honors)**

| Reactions to the Professor | Mean |
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| Preparation | 5.0 |
| Instruction | 4.92 |
| Stimulation of Interest | 5.0 |
| Breadth | 4.92 |
| Concern for Students | 4.69 |
| Overall Rating | 4.84 |
| Course Outcome | |
| Challenged me to Think and Learn | 4.0 |
| Assignments and Activities were Useful for Helping Me Learn | 4.31 |

NOTE: Responses range from one to five, where one is worst and five is best

**Student Comments from POLS 1105H – Introduction to American
Government (Honors)**

“I really liked Professor Norris' teaching style. He was very interactive, and he presented the material in engaging ways.”

“Professor Norris is perfect for teaching Honors American Government. He relates class topics to the real world and welcomes discussion among students. Overall the instructor did an excellent job with the course.”

“The lectures are very enlightening, although the workload is too much. The class would be great if the amount of work was lessened some.”

“Very clear and deliberate effort to teach the class in an unbiased way and actually showed a genuine interest in students understanding the material.”

“What made class so interesting was all of the stories Mr. Norris told that pertained to political science but weren't part of the course material.”

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“Although classes were lecture-based, it was conversational and engaging. I didn't feel as though I was just taking notes and being lectured every time I came to class.”

“I learned so much in this class that I can apply and use every day. It is not related to my major in any way, but I still enjoyed it a lot. The class was also hard but fair.”

“I think Professor Norris did a great job in teaching us. He is an outstanding teacher that really connects well with students. He doesn't give us any busy work, and all the work that he does give to us has a reason behind it. He is a fair and understanding teacher that is willing to work with his students. I wish he could be my professor again.”

“I think Prof Norris was very fair in his expectations and his grading accurately represented how much effort you put in.”

“Professor Norris did a fantastic job of breaking down the political climate and explaining it to us piece by piece. The political world seemed very large and somewhat overwhelming to me, but I feel much more comfortable analyzing it now. I completely owe that to Professor Norris.”

“Professor Norris related the material we were learning to current events which helped me understand and become more interested in the material. In previous government and history

classes, I have not been able to see the relevancy of the material. This class completely changed my perspective. The lectures were interesting and engaging and I really enjoyed the class.”

“The lectures were incredible and really made me interested in a class that I would not have taken otherwise.”

“Very effective at relating course materials to present day events and showing why this stuff is important in everyone's lives.”

“Very well set up. Everything went smoothly, and it was a fair class. It was a challenge to manage the big project instead of a final but a good way to learn quickly how to split up big projects.”

POLS 4515 – Campaign Politics: Spring 2015

Spring 2015, POLS 4515 - Campaign Politics

| Reactions to the Professor | Mean |
|---|-------------|
| Preparation | 4.89 |
| Instruction | 4.26 |
| Stimulation of Interest | 4.70 |
| Breadth | 4.74 |
| Concern for Students | 4.44 |
| Overall Rating | 4.48 |
| Course Outcome | |
| Instructor Explains Clearly | 4.59 |
| I learned a Great Deal | 4.81 |
| Course was Demanding | 4.22 |
| Instructor Facilitates Questions & Discussion | 4.59 |
| Challenged me to Think and Learn | 4.37 |
| Course was Well Organized | 4.48 |
| Assignments and Activities Were Useful for Helping Me Learn | 4.37 |

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Student Comments from POLS 4515 – Campaign Politics:

“Great professor. Very passionate about the subject matter and concerned with how the class was doing.”

“Mr. Norris, I enjoyed learning about campaign politics through your numerous and interesting examples as well as advising on where to start if I'd like to get involved with campaigns (meetings, strategies, etc.)”

“LOVED hearing about the absurdities of real political campaigns. It made the material relevant and interesting.”

“This course has truly been one of the most interesting I have taken at UGA.”

“I thought that discussions about recent campaign news helped me to understand how the concepts in class related to actual events. Great class.”

“I truly enjoyed this class. It really shows when you have a professor both knowledgeable and caring. The structure, assignments and feedback were very helpful. Classes like this make me excited to be at UGA.”

“Great instructor who truly knows the information in a real way. I think he is a huge asset to this department as someone who has experience in the field. Well-designed course that I very much enjoyed.”

POLS 4530 – American Political Parties: Spring 2015

Spring 2015, POLS 4530 - American Political Parties

| Reactions to the Professor | Mean |
|---|-------------|
| Preparation | 4.82 |
| Instruction | 4.41 |
| Stimulation of Interest | 4.59 |
| Breadth | 4.82 |
| Concern for Students | 4.59 |
| Overall Rating | 4.50 |
| Course Outcome | |
| Instructor Explains Clearly | 4.73 |
| I learned a Great Deal | 4.68 |
| Course was Demanding | 4.14 |
| Instructor Facilitates Questions & Discussion | 4.73 |
| Challenged me to Think and Learn | 4.50 |
| Course was Well Organized | 4.68 |
| Assignments and Activities Were Useful for Helping Me Learn | 3.96 |

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Student Comments from POLS 4530 – American Political Parties:

“This class was interesting and well organized. I was pleased with the knowledge I gained. Professor Norris is GREAT!”

“I loved the course and the open discussions we had at the beginning of class. It keeps students engaged and intrigued in subject matters.’

“This was my favorite class. The discussions, particularly at the beginning of each class on recent party news, were engaging and illuminating.”

“Brought practical, real-world political knowledge into class which enhanced the learning of the material greatly.”

“I liked Norris. He was a good professor with a good sense of humor.”

“I think this was a great course. Assignments can be a little difficult. Nevertheless, I have really enjoyed this class and learned a lot. Professor Norris is very knowledgeable and approachable.”

“The professor explains everything very clearly. I also really like that we discuss current events at the beginning of every class. He was also extremely willing to help anytime someone had a question.”

POLS 1101 – Intro to American Government: Fall 2014

Fall 2014, POLS 1101 - Intro to American Government

| Reactions to the Professor | Mean |
|---|-------------|
| Preparation | 4.81 |
| Instruction | 4.41 |
| Stimulation of Interest | 4.44 |
| Breadth | 4.59 |
| Concern for Students | 4.52 |
| Overall Rating | 4.56 |
| Course Outcome | |
| Instructor Explains Clearly | 4.72 |
| I learned a Great Deal | 4.44 |
| Course was Demanding | 3.47 |
| Instructor Facilitates Questions & Discussion | 4.22 |
| Challenged me to Think and Learn | 4.13 |
| Course was Well Organized | 4.50 |
| Assignments and Activities Were Useful for Helping Me Learn | 3.94 |

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Student Comments from POLS 1101 – Intro to American Government:

“Norris is a really interesting professor. His real world experience is really apparent in the course and makes class interesting.”

“The instructor did a great job of presenting the information. I believe his extensive background in politics enhanced his teaching.”

“I thought Justin Norris did an exceptional job teaching this class. He knows a lot about politics and is able to explain the ideas and topics of politics well.”

“He was able to make what is typically a boring lecture class interesting.”

“Professor was very professional and organized. This has been one of the most well put together classes I have been a part of at UGA.”

“Always very organized and thorough. I appreciated the fairness of his class and his preparation.”

“Political science was difficult for me but the teacher made it understandable and was always willing to go over topics I didn't grasp.”

“He did a great job at giving real life examples and further explaining complex ideas.”

“Professor Norris is incredibly knowledgeable in his field and his encouragement to question everything challenges his students to think for themselves.”

“He is great and has a sense of humor. His lecture is super helpful.”

POLS 4520 – Electoral Behavior: Fall 2013

Fall 2013, POLS 4520 - Electoral Behavior

| Reactions to the Professor | Mean |
|---|-------------|
| Preparation | 4.33 |
| Instruction | 4.00 |
| Stimulation of Interest | 4.00 |
| Breadth | 4.33 |
| Concern for Students | 4.33 |
| Overall Rating | 4.33 |
| Course Outcome | |
| Instructor Explains Clearly | 4.33 |
| I learned a Great Deal | 4.17 |
| Course was Demanding | 3.33 |
| Instructor Facilitates Questions & Discussion | 4.17 |
| Challenged me to Think and Learn | 4.00 |
| Course was Well Organized | 4.33 |
| Assignments and Activities Were Useful for Helping Me Learn | 4.17 |

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Student Comments from POLS 4520 – Electoral Behavior:

“I enjoy Mr. Norris’s personality and teaching style. His tests are also very challenging, but help me learn at the same time. He is very organized and a great speaker/lecturer.

“He did a good job of relating to his students. Most teachers forget we’re still college kids and make mistakes. He did a good job making sure we felt like we could use his help as a resource, whenever.”

“Thanks for taking the time to make such detailed notes, it really helps when studying.”

“The instructor was very engaging and not just reciting the textbook for lecturing purposes, which is a nice change. I enjoyed the class very much, definitely more than I expected.”

“I am glad I took this class. It was interesting to learn about electoral behavior. I would recommend other students who are interested in elections to take it. Professor Norris was well spoken and explained things clearly.”

POLS 1101 – Intro to American Government: Summer 2016 (Online Class)

Summer 2016, POLS 1101 - Intro to American Government (Online Class)

| Reactions to the Professor & Course Outcome | Mean |
|---|-------------|
| Assignments and activities were useful for helping me learn | 4.2 |
| The course challenged me to think and learn | 4.2 |
| Course goals, learning objectives, and outcomes were made clear to me | 4.9 |
| The course was well structured and easy to navigate | 4.9 |
| Sufficient instructions were given for me to complete all the assignments | 4.9 |
| Standards for evaluation of assignments were made clear | 4.6 |
| The instructor responded to my inquiries in a timely manner | 4.9 |
| The instructor was actively engaged in the online course | 4.7 |
| The course provided adequate opportunity for interaction with other students and the instructor | 4.8 |
| Adequate technical support was available when I encountered difficulties | 5 |
| I would recommend this course to others | 4.4 |

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Student Comments from POLS 1101 (Online Class):

“I really liked this online course because of its flexibility and accessibility. I was able to work on my own time which is very important during a really busy Summer. Also, the teacher was incredibly understanding, involved, and helpful. He did a wonderful job with the online powerpoint videos, adding other links for extra clarification, and making the course possible for me. I truly enjoyed this class.”

“I loved how this course was structured. Being able to go at my own pace helped me hold myself accountable and learn easier.”

“I think this class is extremely doable, even if you have to crunch it all into a short amount of time.”

“I actually learned quite a bit in the course, and I still feel like I am leaving it knowing more than I began with.”