

Evaluations for POSC-122-01, Intro to Pol/Developing States

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Summary

Table 1. Summary: 18 responses

	No Answer	1 (Poor)	2	3	4	5 (Excellent)
Prior interest	0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	7 (38.9%)	7 (38.9%)	4 (22.2%)
Interest increased	0	0 (0%)	2 (11.1%)	2 (11.1%)	9 (50%)	5 (27.8%)
Effort	0	0 (0%)	1 (5.6%)	4 (22.2%)	8 (44.4%)	5 (27.8%)
Knowledge increased	0	0 (0%)	1 (5.6%)	2 (11.1%)	6 (33.3%)	9 (50%)
Challenge	0	0 (0%)	1 (5.6%)	5 (27.8%)	4 (22.2%)	8 (44.4%)
Overall rating	1	0 (0%)	1 (5.9%)	0 (0%)	10 (58.8%)	6 (35.3%)
Preparedness	0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (5.6%)	4 (22.2%)	13 (72.2%)
Clarity	0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (22.2%)	6 (33.3%)	8 (44.4%)
Feedback	0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (16.7%)	7 (38.9%)	8 (44.4%)
Effectiveness	0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (11.1%)	7 (38.9%)	9 (50%)

All responses

Table 2. Response 1

Gender	M
Year	2021
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	Data Analytics
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE
Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	3
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	3
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	5
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	5
Clarity	4
Feedback	5

Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 3. Response 2

Gender	F
Year	2021
Major 1	Biology
Major 2	Data Analytics
Minor 1	Computational Biology
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE
Prior interest	3
Prior interest fill-in	I randomly got put in this class but I thought it would be interesting
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	I have learned some good information
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	I didn't know a lot of this information so I have definitely learned a lot about the world around me
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	The structure of the course is very strong. The mini papers really helped me understand those important topics.
Ways to improve course	Clarity of things. Some times topics and information gets a little confusing.
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Knowledge of the subjects is good and if you have questions she does a great job of getting you the answers.
Ways for instructor to improve	More hand outs to just help clear up topics and the connections between things.
Preparedness	4
Clarity	3
Feedback	3
Effectiveness	4
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 4. Response 3

Gender	F
Year	2021
Major 1	History
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	

Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	I enjoy learning history so I was interested to learn about the politics and how the politics of country change how they are seen internationally.
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	I found that politics was not for me.
Effort	5
Effort fill-in	I completed all of the readings and the mini papers for the class.
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	I started with not knowing anything about the topic but now I actually know what it is about and I have a good understanding.
Challenge	5
Challenge fill-in	Some of the information was hard for me to understand.
Course strengths	It was an introduction course so I think that I learned a wide variety of everything that the main course would have to offer.
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	5
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	She really wanted us to learn and she put a lot of effort into helping us.
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	5
Clarity	4
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	4
Effectiveness fill-in	Sometimes I would have a really hard time understanding the information and what she was talking about.
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 5. Response 4

Gender	M
Year	2019
Major 1	Political Science
Major 2	Religion
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	5
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	5
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	5
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	5
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	This class is the most helpful class I have taken in Political class major. This class gives me the tools I need to progress in higher levels class of Political science. The instructor made it easy to understand the materials very because she always check where the class is when the topic is done,

	before she move on to the next unit. The class is a must take for students who intend to be majors. I would take this class again.
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	5
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	The instructor is marvelous, energy is amazing in class. She loves what she teaches and that translate into to the class. She makes students want to learn. She always ask students how they are doing before class begins, she slows down the teaching when the topic is challenging because she can read the vibe of the class very well. I can take this class with her again if able, and I look forward to take another class with her. Professor is very relatable to the class and students. I highly recommend students to take this class and take it with her.
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	5
Clarity	5
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	Mastery and beyond words.
Other comments	It is a pleasure of mine to be in your class and I look forward to future classes.
Identify by name?	Y
Student name and email	

Table 6. Response 5

Gender	F
Year	2021
Major 1	Environmental Studies
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Elective
Prior interest	3
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	2
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	2
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	3
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	It was interesting when we learned about actual developing countries.
Ways to improve course	The readings don't always seem to relate to the topic and they should be discussed more.
Overall rating	2
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	She's very nice, willing to go over information until we understood.
Ways for instructor to improve	Being concise and clear when lecturing. I didn't always understand what she was talking about and then she would move on too quickly.
Preparedness	4
Clarity	3
Feedback	3
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	

Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 7. Response 6

Gender	F
Year	2021
Major 1	Educational Studies
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE
Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	3
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	3
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	5
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	I liked the idea of the mini-papers because they helped challenge my thinking in this course
Ways to improve course	The class should be more interactive and less lecture based.
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Professor Yen is really good explaining certain topics and making them easy to understand.
Ways for instructor to improve	I think she should make the slide shows she has during class more accessible to the students.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	3
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	4
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 8. Response 7

Gender	F
Year	2021
Major 1	Global Commerce
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Elective
Prior interest	3
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	5
Interest increased fill-in	

Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	5
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	The material taught is very interesting and relevant to the world today. I felt as though this course gave me a really strong foundation for my future education, and gave me a stronger understanding of politics today.
Ways to improve course	I felt as though the course could have been slightly more organized, but that's really it.
Overall rating	5
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Professor Yen is very enthusiastic and passionate about the material, which made learning it enjoyable.
Ways for instructor to improve	I thought that some of the mini paper topics were a little difficult which made getting a good grade harder.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	5
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 9. Response 8

Gender	M
Year	2021
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE
Prior interest	3
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	5
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	This course does a great job of relaying the information in a way that is understandable and easy to absorb. It was a nice balance of discussion, lecture, and fun.
Ways to improve course	Make the discussions/participation more strict to get more student inputs and ideas
Overall rating	5
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	The instructor does a great job of clearly explaining the topic and clarifying any questions that a student may have.

Ways for instructor to improve	Perhaps not rely entirely on the power points because technological issues can arise at any given moment.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	4
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	Taking this course encourages me to take courses I may be reluctant to take at first.
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 10. Response 9

Gender	M
Year	2020
Major 1	International Studies
Major 2	
Minor 1	Environmental Studies
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	
Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	3
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	This is a very interesting course that gives a good introduction into the politics of developing states.
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Dr. Yen is an amazing professor. I would love to take her classes again. She is very knowledgeable on the subject and explains the class material in a logical way that makes sense and is easier to understand.
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	5
Clarity	5
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 11. Response 10

Gender	F
Year	2019

Major 1	Philosophy
Major 2	Political Science
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	3
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	3
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	3
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	5
Clarity	5
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 12. Response 11

Gender	M
Year	2021
Major 1	Political Science
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	5
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	5
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	3
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	Lectures
Ways to improve course	None

Overall rating	5
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Very well speaker
Ways for instructor to improve	None
Preparedness	4
Clarity	4
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	4
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	None
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 13. Response 12

Gender	F
Year	2021
Major 1	Biology
Major 2	
Minor 1	Anthropology and Sociology
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE
Prior interest	5
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	5
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	The topics were interesting and kept me engaged. Also the mini-papers were a good way to check and see if we understood the important ideas of the course.
Ways to improve course	More organization in the syllabus about what assignments are due when and what readings should be done when.
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	She is very interested in the subject which helped students stay engaged in the course material.
Ways for instructor to improve	Have a bit more organization.
Preparedness	4
Clarity	4
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	4
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 14. Response 13

Gender	F
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Year	2020
Major 1	Political Science
Major 2	
Minor 1	Studio Art
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	5
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	5
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	5
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	5
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	Good atmosphere, able to ask questions and discuss different subjects.
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Thorough, knowledgeable, aware
Ways for instructor to improve	I think with time the syllabus will evolve more and the course will find its true state.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	5
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 15. Response 14

Gender	M
Year	2021
Major 1	
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE
Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	Interested in political science
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	Increased
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	Put a good amount of effort in
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	significantly increased knew very little before taking course
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	yes
Course strengths	assigned readings

Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	course was well out together
Instructor strengths	strong
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	5
Clarity	4
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	4
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 16. Response 15

Gender	F
Year	2019
Major 1	Psychology
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	
Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	3
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	2
Challenge fill-in	The rigor of this class could be higher--The mini papers could be more in-depth, questions could be more complex, and require more extensive look into the materials provided.
Course strengths	The presence of the mini papers, however, is important and helps to summarize material. The presentation notes (which were started about mid-semester) are extremely helpful.
Ways to improve course	There needs to be more clarification on which materials should be used to write mini papers (not indicated on syllabus). Also, there could be more time in between the presentation and final paper and the final for the course.
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Very thorough in her explanations and is very willing to meet with students outside of class.
Ways for instructor to improve	Engage students more with other ways during lectures --if raising hands doesn't work then possibly more in-class exercises, debates, etc.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	5
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	4
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 17. Response 16

Gender	F
Year	2021
Major 1	Biology
Major 2	
Minor 1	English (Writing)
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE
Prior interest	3
Prior interest fill-in	I was really interested in learning about developmental states and international politics after learning a lot about the United States government.
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	When I found out that this class was focused on Asia I was a little disappointed because I thought it would be about all developing states. However, it ended up being really interesting I learned a lot about Asian countries that I didn't know before.
Effort	3
Effort fill-in	This class did not have a large workload and the content was relatively easy. However, since it is not my major I didn't put as much effort as I should've compared to other classes which I regret.
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	I definitely learned a lot about developing states compared to what I thought before.
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	I think this course did a really good job of teaching us the information and then allowing for an opportunity to apply it. This was especially shown during our project where we researched a developing country and applied the knowledge we learned.
Ways to improve course	I think it can be improved by involving more group work and less lecturing because it often felt like information was just being repeated.
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	I thought this was a good course and I learned a lot about developing states I didn't know before.
Instructor strengths	Dr. Yen did a really good job of explaining the material
Ways for instructor to improve	I think sometimes the answers to questions were confusing
Preparedness	5
Clarity	5
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 18. Response 17

Gender	F
Year	2021
Major 1	Psychology
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE, Major/Minor, Elective
Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	5

Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	5
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	5
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	In addition to being a very fascinating and relevant topic, the course integrates current events and recent history with political theory. I learned a lot and it gave me a much deeper understanding of the topic.
Ways to improve course	The work load was heavy for an introductory course.
Overall rating	5
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	The instructor was very understanding. She was very willing to work with me outside of class and she gave helpful feedback. She also presented information in a variety of ways and related course material to the world beyond the classroom. She really demonstrated what she cares about the experiences and feedback of her students and she adjusted the course based on this feedback. She also provided study guides for midterms and finals. This was very helpful and made studying far less stressful.
Ways for instructor to improve	Nothing.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	5
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 19. Response 18

Gender	F
Year	2021
Major 1	
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE, Major/Minor
Prior interest	3
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	2
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	2
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	3
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	3
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	NA
Overall rating fill-in	

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Instructor strengths	
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	3
Clarity	3
Feedback	3
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	