

# Individual Report for POLS Y311 (LEC) 12884 DEMOCRACY & NATIONAL SECURITY (Wynand Kastart)

# **IUB Online Course Questionnaire Spring 2016**

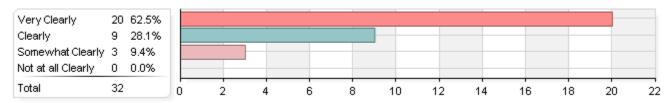
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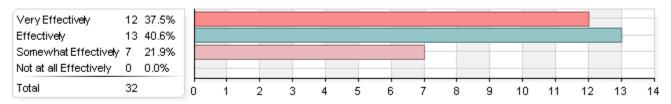
# **University Questions**

## How clearly were course learning goals and objectives communicated to you?



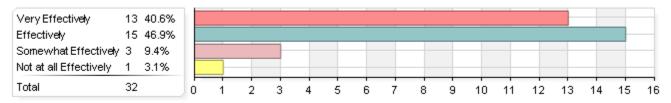
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How clearly were course learning goals and objectives communicated to you?	3.5	32	0.7	3.4	1163	0.8	3.4	83090	0.8	

## How effectively was class time used to help you learn?



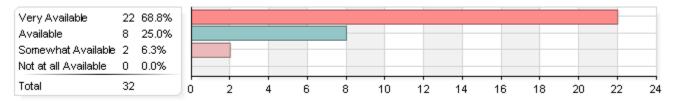
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How effectively was class time used to help you learn?	3.2	32	0.8	3.2	1144	0.9	3.2	82063	0.9

# How effectively did out-of-class work (assignments, readings, practice, etc.) help you learn?



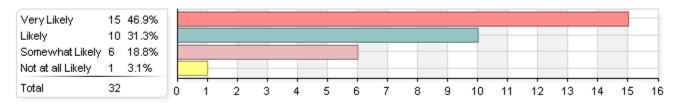
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How effectively did out-of- class work (assignments, readings, practice, etc.) help you learn?	3.3	32	0.8	3.1	1127	0.9	3.1	80795	0.9

# How available was the instructor to provide help when needed (in person, by email, office hours, etc.)?



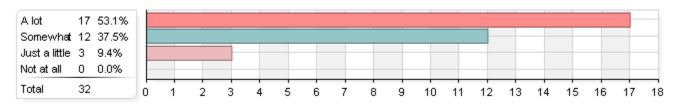
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How available was the instructor to provide help when needed (in person, by email, office hours, etc.)?	3.6	32	0.6	3.4	1160	0.7	3.5	85558	0.7

# How likely would you be to recommend this course with this instructor?



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## How much did the instructor motivate you to do your best work?



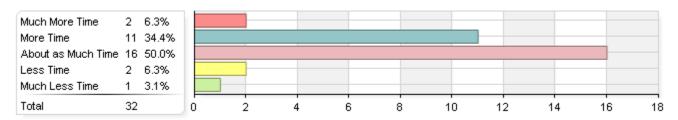
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How much did the instructor motivate you to do your best work?	3.4	32	0.7	3.4	1159	0.8	3.5	85379	0.8

How much did the instructor emphasize student learning and development?



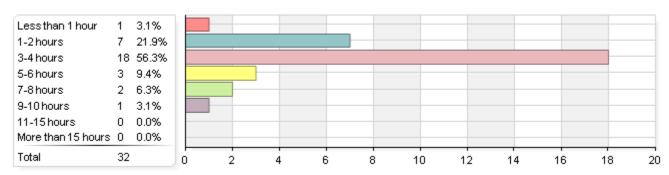
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How much did the instructor emphasize student learning and development?	3.6	32	0.6	3.5	1149	0.8	3.6	84464	0.7

## Compared to other courses you've taken, how much time did this course require?



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Compared to other courses you've taken, how much time did this course require?	3.3	32	0.8	3.3	1155	1.0	3.3	82457	1.0

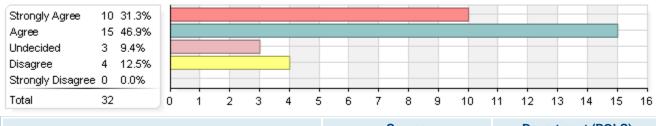
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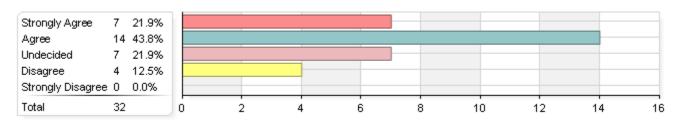
# **Departmental Questions**

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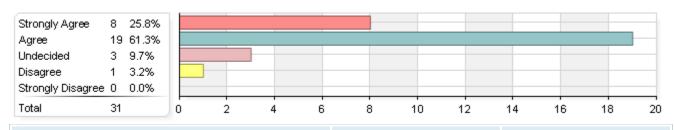
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# Overall, I would rate the textbook/readings as excellent.



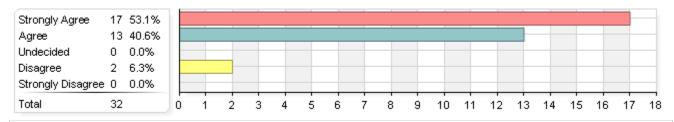
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Overall, I would rate the textbook/readings as excellent.	3.8	32	1.0	3.8	1087	1.1

## The level of difficulty of this course is appropriate for me.



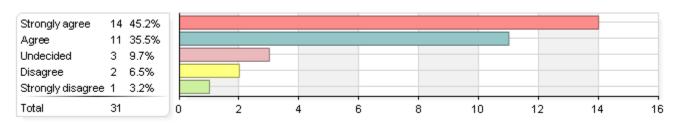
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The grading procedures for the course are fair.



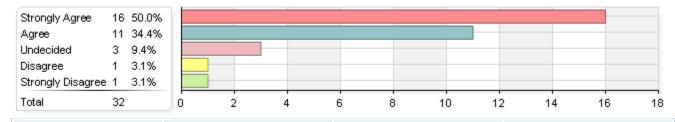
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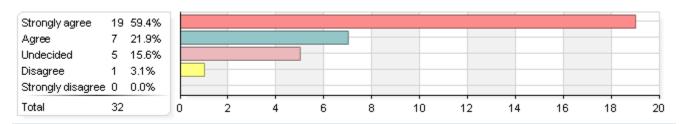
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Overall	4.1	-	1.1	4.2	-	-	

#### Exams in this course are fair.



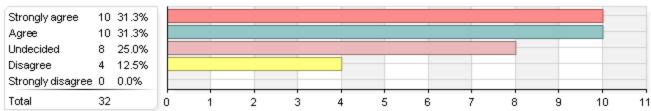
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#### I learned a lot in this course.



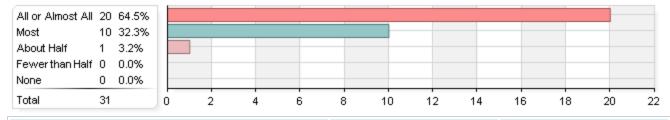
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I learned a lot in this course.	4.4	32	0.9	4.2	1138	1.0	4.2	1060	1.0	

# This class caused me to reconsider some of my former attitudes.



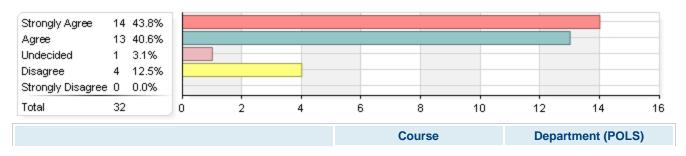
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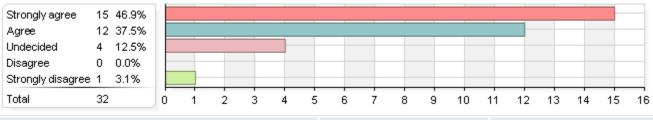
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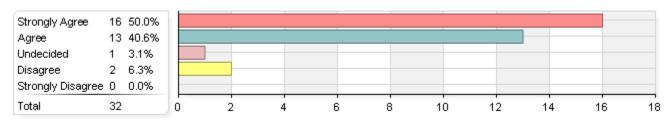
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# My instructor organized this course well.



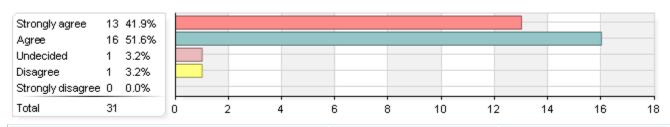
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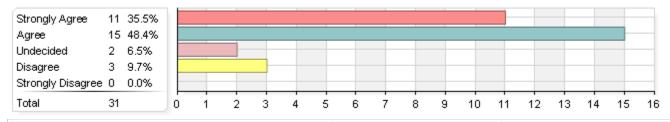
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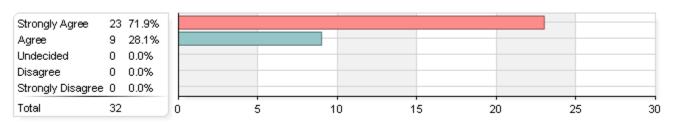
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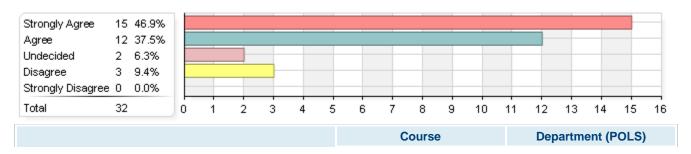
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# My instructor makes the subject interesting.



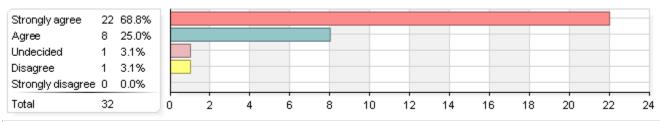
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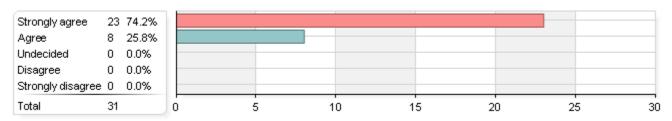
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# My instructor is knowledgeable on course topics.



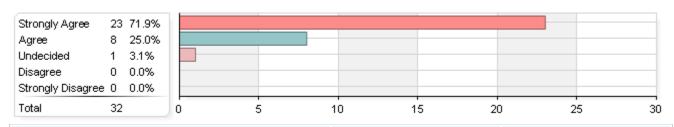
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### My instructor treats students with respect.



	Course Department (POLS)				POLS)	
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My instructor treats students with respect.	4.7	31	0.4	4.6	1061	0.8

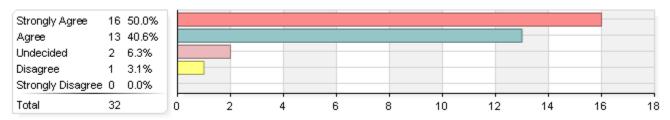
# My instructor is fair and impartial when dealing with students.



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My instructor is fair and impartial when dealing with students.	4.7	32	0.5	4.5	1066	0.7	

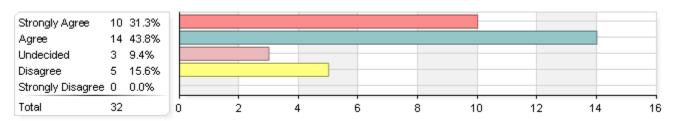
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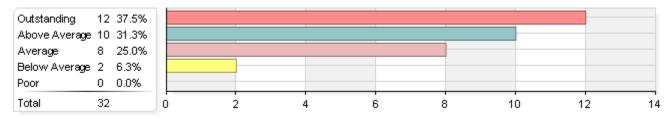
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# My instructor is skillful in developing classroom discussion.



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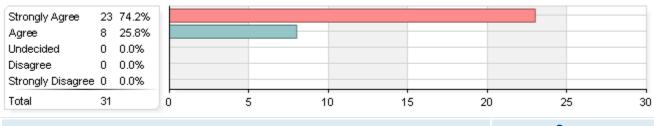
# Compared to all instructors you have had, how would you rate this instructor?



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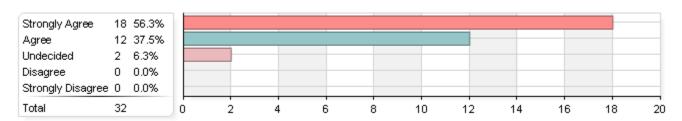
# **Instructor Added Quantitative Questions**

## The instructor is knowledgeable about the material.



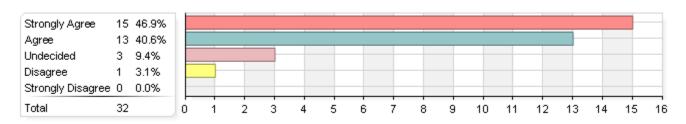
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Question	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation	
The instructor is knowledgeable about the material.	4.7	31	0.4	

### The instructor is able to explain the material during lectures clearly.



		Course	
Question	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation
The instructor is able to explain the material during lectures clearly.	4.5	32	0.6

## The instructor helps me to succeed in class.



		Course			
Question	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation		
The instructor helps me to succeed in class.	4.3	32	0.8		

# **Departmental Open Ended Questions**

### What did you like most about this course and instructor?

#### Comment

The material that we covered that wasn't from the texts.

The course was a very interesting look into the dynamic between the course's two subjects, and I really enjoyed learning about how and (most importantly) why democracies engaged in the kind of national security policies they do.

The instructor was extremely enthusiastic about the material, and obviously very knowledgeable. Made classes interesting.

I liked being able to access powerpoint notes from class. The pop quizzes prepared me for the exams as well as the assignments and study guide.

Instructor was VERY prepared and made all requirements, goals, and plans clear. Interesting topic, and the important parts were focused on.

I liked to apply the theories we learnt to current events

instructors enthusiasm

The content is so interesting. I've never taken a class on this subjectmatter and I feel like I learned so many new things.

I liked the material and the readings we had to do in class.

The most fair professor I have ever had. He distributed a syllabus and actually followed it.

I liked how the course was set up.

Constantly engaged with the class and material, did a good job directing discussion and implementing arguments between readings in presentations to class

I enjoyed Professor Kastart's boundless energy and endless enthusiasm; the attitude alone of Professor Kastart made me feel like giving my best effort from day one.

He was funny.

He knew a lot about the topic, and he was very fair during the semester.

The instructor was very very passionate and willing to help. He truly wants people to learn and like the topic.

His enthusiasm

I really enjoyed the readings. The subjects were very interesting and the level of difficulty was perfect for this class. They were clear and greatly aided me in understanding the subject.

He was very knowledgable about the topic. I also enjoyed the two textbooks chosen for the course.

The subject matter was very interesting more often than not I found the readings useful.

Incredible instructor with great knowledge and passion for topics, the way the class was set up and his style of teaching were great. I loved the setup of reviewing all reading material the next day through PowerPoint slides and applying it to real world examples. It was one of the best structures of any class I've ever taken

The enthusiasm, knowledge, and teaching ability of the instructor.

his attitude

very knowledgable and informed about topic

The rubric of assignments and exams was fair and helped me retain the material efficiently. I liked that my instructor was fair to all students

Very energetic, always ready to explain/correct any misunderstandings

I touched on some interesting topics near the end of the course that I found to be more interesting and worth discussion.

He had a deep background in classic philosophy which helped frame our discussions. He is like a modern Aristotle.

I liked the instructors enthusiasm for the material he was teaching. It made the class engaging and intellectually stimulating, and made me more enthusiastic about the material as well.

### What did you like least about this course and instructor?

#### Comment

How weighted weighted the in class quizzes were.

The reading could be long and dry, but every poly-sci course is like that.

The instructor sometimes got too caught up in his own excitement, which was endearing but sometimes made it hard to understand the material. Not a huge issue though.

I would have rather discussed the required books instead of current events.

To discuss only current events during a couple of classes

#### intense readings

I wish there would have been more discussion. I learn best when I can talk about what we're learning so I wish Kastart would have encouraged discussion and asked more questions.

#### Nothing.

At first, the class didn't utilize many discussions. They were included after the mid-term however.

I did not like how some of the readings were very long.

I did not like the heaviness of the midterm/final exam grades, although the rest of the class was organized in a reasonable manner.

He talked too much. Slides were too text-heavy.

The length of the readings.

A little strict at times with grading. No subjectivity in the grading. Kind of an "all or none approach" at times. Which sometimes made it intimidating to do assignments or exams. Never knew how well I'd done. But was always available to ask questions

#### The disorganization

I did not enjoy the current topics section. I did not know what to take notes on. I do enjoy talking about the current events, but not for whole class periods. Maybe dedication 5-10 each class to current events then the rest to class material.

He could be hard to understand at time in his lecture but the slideshows help me understand the material.

The Sagar book was a chore to read. while the information was interesting the book was dull. Some lectures had the capacity to be dry; one part was the lack of interest among the students, the other the way in which information was presented.

Readings were not always helpful/neccessary/relevant, liked everything about intructor!

dry lectures sometimes

a lot of lecturing and not discussion

I disliked some of the dry reading assignments

The class discussion should be led by the instructor, instead of the other way around. In other words, the instructor must know about the topic of discussion and not relying on the students to know about the topic

Pop quizzes given at the end of class where sometimes only allowed 3 to 5 minutes to complete before the end of class time. Also a lot of discussion about theory, but not so much about current events, which I would have liked to seen more of, especially given the current elections. When current events were discussed in class, they were not tested and detracted from time discussing topics that would be tested. I wish these current event type discussion were built into the class curriculum so as not to detract from the graded curriculum, but to help students relate that curriculum to real world issues.

#### **Nothing**

The last couple of weeks did get a little dull. I liked the first half of the class when the readings were constantly changing, whereas the las half was just the two books.

## What could the instructor do to improve the course or his/her teaching effectiveness?

#### Comment

Continue to do in class lectures that are focused on class interactions.

Definitely slow things down in-class a little more. He worked on it for the second half of the semester, and it was a noticeable improvement.

Give out more pop quizzes during the second half of the course.

What would be great is, instead of discussing only current events or only theory during class, to continue learning the theory but with more examples of current events backing the theory

no pop quizzes

Like above, it would be helpful for me to talk through the material more. I think a lot of students zone out during this class because the material is so heavy, so breaking up class-time with questions and discussion would be helpful. Perhaps pop quizzes with fill-in-the-blank questions, or short answer questions in addition to multiple choice would be useful during each class to help with content retrieval.

He constructed the class in an amazing way, no improvement needed.

Maybe to put some of their own opinion in it besides facts from the reading.

Try to find a bit of a balance between class discussion and lecture if he can. This would make some lecture days that are on dryer material more engaging

Professor Kastart could improve this course by finding a way to lower the weight of the midterm/final exam grades.

Honestly, talk less. Less is more sometimes. Also, the textbooks sucked.

Use more real world examples instead of constant theory.

Allow for easier to earn points. That way it would be easier to focus on learning and developing rather than points for the grade. But it was nice to offer extra assignments

Organize and structure the course in a more logical way.

Over explaining. Kastart is very knowledgable on the subjects he teaches but goes over certain aspects too much. I feel I generally understand the subject about halfway through his explanation.

More organized for class so he can keep things simple and to the point.

Continue with the assignments, having the ability to pick 3 out of 5 made my life much easier to manage. The weakest part of the course was the lectures, they were hard to sit through; very bland information and the presentation was dry.

Occasionally rambles on about same topic and repeats the same things, but not often. Great instructor!

Stick to the power points. Discussion is good, but power points are crucial for success. Maybe integrate discussion and powerpoint lectures into one... If possible.

more class discussion during power point lectures.

try to involve the class more

Have more discussion

Lead the discussion by introducing students to a specific case related to the class material, and then let the students think how the materials learnt are related to the case.

See above.

He was clearly nervous at the beginning of the semester but relaxed nearer the end, perhaps he is just not fully comfortable yet with teaching but he is trying his hardest.

**Nothing** 

# If there was an Associate Instructor for this class, please describe the aspects of his/her work that you like the most/least.

#### Comment

None

N/A

There was not an AI.

n/a

N/A
I never saw the AI or there wasn't one.
There are infinite positive things that one could say about Professor Kastart, but for the sake of time I will limit it to the following list: Professor Kastart is always upbeat and ready to give a powerful lecture, the amount of time Professor Kastart takes outside of our class time to work on this course is apparent and well spent, and Professor Kastart is always fair to each and every student, Professor Kastart exceeds the highest of expectations at doing what a professor is meant to do, which is care about his work, care about his students, and all in all, facilitate a healthy learning environment.
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N/A
Help facilitate discussion
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# **Instructor Added Open Ended Questions**

# Is there anything POSITIVE you would like to say about the instructor and/ or this class that has not been covered in this survey?

#### Comment

He is very enthusiastic and knowledgable about the material we studied.

Overall, I enjoyed his enthusiasm, earnestness, and knowledge. Had him as an AI my freshman year, was very cool to have him as an instructor for my last semester senior year.

No

what was really interesting was linking the concepts and theories of different authors

One of the most knowledgeable instructors I've had in the poli sci department, very thorough.

He is a very honest man and is very fair in grading.

This was an amazing class. Instructions were clear and expectations were realistic.

The instructor is knowledgeable and enthusiastic.

Very friendly teacher who genuinely cares about what his students think and wants them to do well, especially those who are clearly engaged and trying to learn more

I can tell that Professor Kastart cares about his students, and that makes me care about myself more. Thank you to Professor Kastart.

Nice dude. FUCK THOSE BULLIES LOL

As far as passion and commitment to a course, this professor is probably the best of any professor I've had at Indiana University

Very fair in grading and I love the extra credit opportunities and fully understanding what will be on the exams.

No

The class overall was interesting and enjoyable, I am glad that I took this course. will recommend Kastart to others.

He is very accountable to his students, fair, and happy to be in class.

no

Great grading curriculum

Mr. Kastart was very enthusiastic and showed great interest in the course he was teaching.

Very intelligent man.

Cannot emphasize enough the genuine enthusiasm the instructor had for the material he was teaching. Because of this, it was clear he wanted us as students to be equally excited to learn about it. The instructor was incredibly helpful and taught the class in a way that made me want to do my best. Overall, one of the best professors I have ever had.

# Is there anything NEGATIVE you would like to say about the instructor and/ or this class that has not been covered in this survey?

Question entered by Wynand Kastart

#### Comment

Very by the book and not very flexible.

Already covered!

No

Class could be a bit intensive sometimes with long lectures without discussion.

No.

The weight of the tests is too high.

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N/A
Sometimes late and unwilling to negotiate
N/A
No
no
No
I wish discussions were a little more lively/interesting/engaging.
Nothing

## In general, what is your overall impression about the instructor and/ or this class?

Question entered by Wynand Kastart

#### Comment

He is a great guy who loves what he teaches

I had a positive experience with this course. Would recommend for anyone interested in these aspects of political science.

I really enjoyed this class and the instructor.

Great class

Very useful class, learned a lot, Kastart is a good lecturer. Course could be more engaging during class-time.

The instructor is enthusiastic about teaching the class and what we learned in class was very valuable information.

Outstanding.

The course was interesting.

Great teacher with interest in the subject and should be able to succeed in the field of political science

The class is a B, the professor is an A++.

Good topic. I'm sure it will improve over time.

He knows a lot but needs more examples to help students.

Course was not a major requirement for me. So it was harder to do well than other courses. So it was intimidating not knowing if I'd pass right before graduation

It was an okay class for my first political science class.

The topic is one of my favorites to learn about.

The professor was knowledgable, but not a great teacher.

Interesting information and readings, dry lectures.

Great class with an even better instructor

Excellent

Above average

I enjoyed this class because of the opportunities to succeed

Very important for any student concerned with national security issues.