

### IUB Fall 2016 Online Course Questionnaire FRIT - VSCI Individual Report for POLS Y 325 (LEC) 11995 AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICS ( Wynand Kastart)

IUB Fall 2016 Main Project

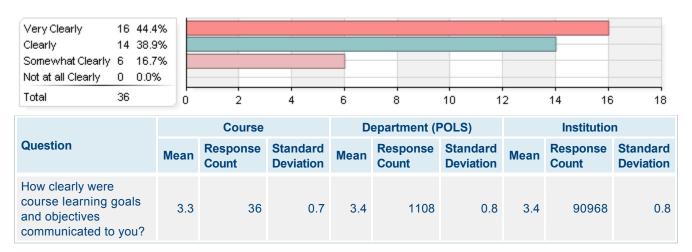
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## **University Questions**

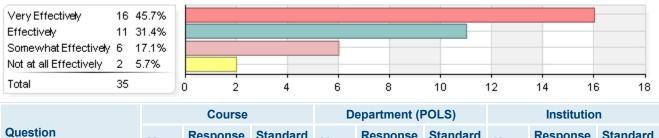
### How clearly were course learning goals and objectives communicated to you?



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

Very Effectively	14	38.9%								
Effectively	12	33.3%								
Somewhat Effectively	9	25.0%								
Not at all Effectively	1	2.8%								
Total	36		0	2 4		6 8	10	1	2 14	16
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Question	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation
How effectively did out- of-class work (assignments, readings, practice, etc.) help you learn?	3.2	35	0.9	3.0	1076	0.9	3.1	88767	0.9

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

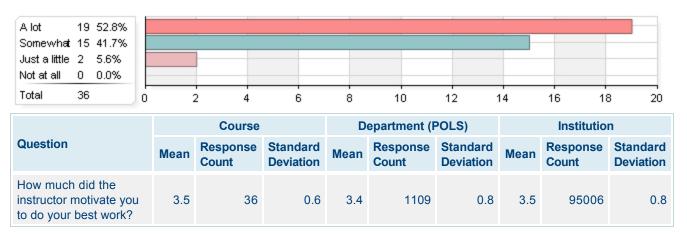
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### How likely would you be to recommend this course with this instructor?



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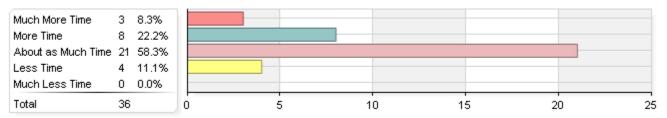
### How much did the instructor motivate you to do your best work?



### How much did the instructor emphasize student learning and development?

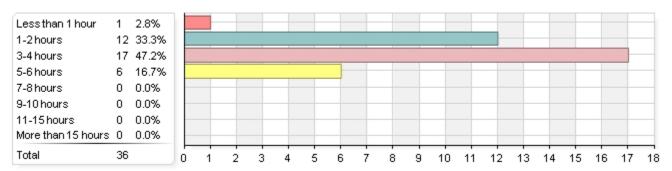
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### Compared to other courses you've taken, how much time did this course require?



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Compared to other courses you've taken, how much time did this course require?	3.3	36	0.8	3.2	1108	1.0	3.3	90428	1.0

# In a typical week, about how much time did you devote to this course? (Do not count scheduled class time, labs, etc.)



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### **POLS Departmental Questions**

### Strongly Agree 15 42.9% Agree 11 31.4% Undecided 7 20.0% Disagree 2 5.7% Strongly Disagree 0 0.0% Total 35 0 2 3 5 8 9 10 11 12 13 1 4 6 7 14 15 16



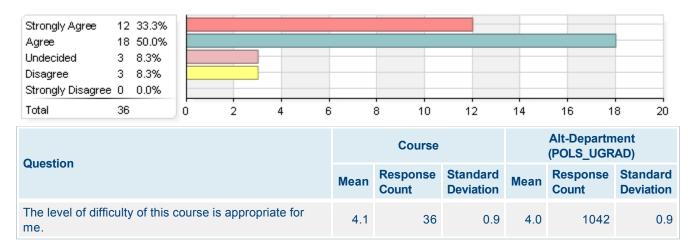
Question		Course			Alt-Departm (POLS_UGR	
Question	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation
Overall, I would rate the quality of this course as outstanding.	4.1	35	0.9	3.9	1048	1.1

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

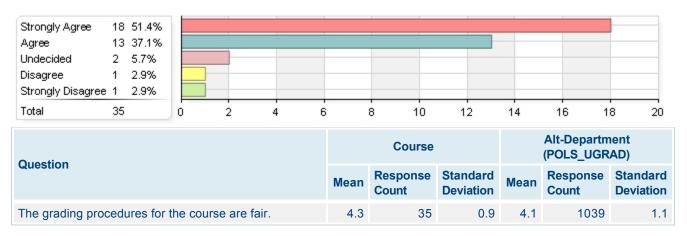
Strongly Agree	15	41.7%																	
Agree	14	38.9%																	_
Undecided	5	13.9%							_								-		_
Disagree		2.8%							-				-		-		-		_
Strongly Disagree	1	2.8%							-			-							
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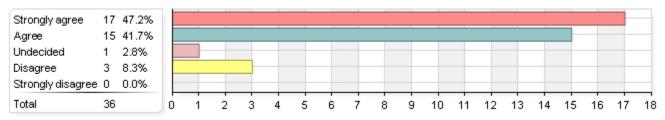
### The level of difficulty of this course is appropriate for me.



### The grading procedures for the course are fair.



The exams cover the most important aspects of the course.



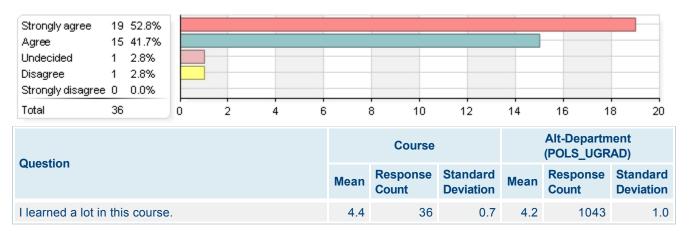
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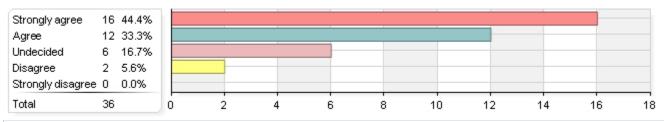
Strongly Agree	16	44.4%										
Agree	16	44.4%										
Undecided	2	5.6%			}				-			
Disagree	2	5.6%										
Strongly Disagree	0	0.0%										
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Question	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation	
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### I learned a lot in this course.



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



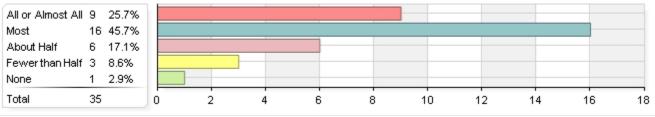
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### About how many of the required class sessions of this course have you attended?

All or Almost All	26	72.2%																
Most	8	22.2%			1													_
About Half	2	5.6%			]			-		-						-		
Fewer than Half	0	0.0%						-								-		
None	0	0.0%						-								-		_
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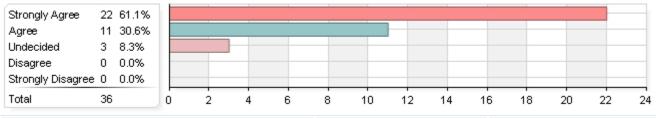
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About how many of the required class sessions of this course have you attended?	4.7	36	0.6	4.6	1042	0.7	

About how much of the assigned readings have you done?



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About how much of the assigned readings have you done?	3.8	35	1.0	3.6	1041	1.2

### Overall, I would rate this instructor as outstanding.



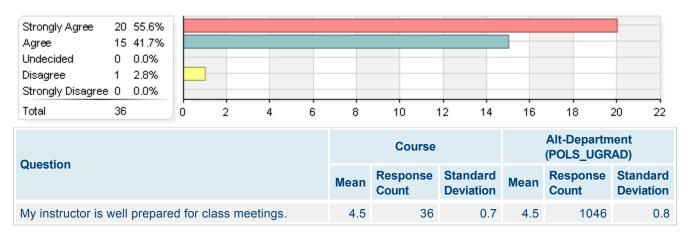
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### My instructor organized this course well.

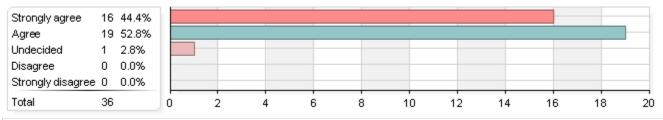
Strongly agree	19	54.3%											
Agree	12	34.3%									-	_	
Undecided	2	5.7%					-					_	-
Disagree	2	5.7%										_	-
Strongly disagree	0	0.0%							-				
Total	35		Ó	2	2	4	6	8	, 10	12 '	14	16	18

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Question	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation	
My instructor organized this course well.	4.4	35	0.8	4.3	1043	1.0	

### My instructor is well prepared for class meetings.



### My instructor explains the material clearly.



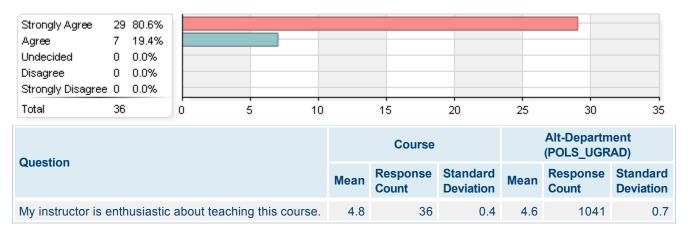
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### My instructor uses teaching methods well suited to the course.

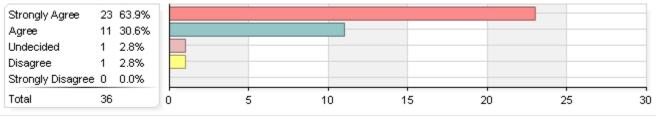
Strongly Agree	18	50.0%											
Agree	14	38.9%											
Undecided	2	5.6%		]									
Disagree	2	5.6%		]									
Strongly Disagree	0	0.0%											
Total	36		o	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	

Question		Course			Alt-Departm (POLS_UGR	
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My instructor uses teaching methods well suited to the course.	4.3	36	0.8	4.2	1043	1.0

My instructor is enthusiastic about teaching this course.



My instructor makes the subject interesting.



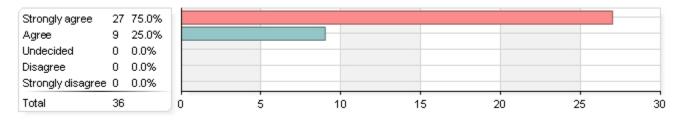
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My instructor makes the subject interesting.	4.6	36	0.7	4.2	1048	1.1	

### My instructor stimulates my thinking.

Strongly Agree	22	61.1%													
Agree	12	33.3%									-				
Undecided	2	5.6%		]							-		-		
Disagree	0	0.0%			_		-		-				-		
Strongly Disagree	0	0.0%		-					-						
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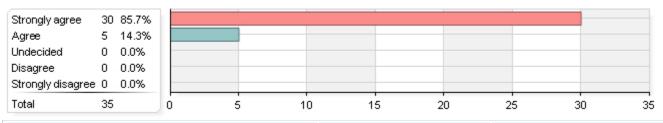
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### My instructor is knowledgeable on course topics.



Question		Course			Alt-Departm (POLS_UGR	
Question	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation
My instructor is knowledgeable on course topics.	4.8	36	0.4	4.7	1040	0.6

## My instructor treats students with respect.



Question		Course			Alt-Departm (POLS_UGR	
Question	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation
My instructor treats students with respect.	4.9	35	0.4	4.5	1043	0.8

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

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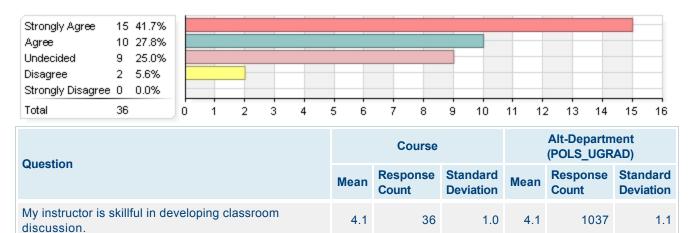
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Question	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation
My instructor is fair and impartial when dealing with students.	4.8	36	0.6	4.5	1042	0.8

### My instructor makes me feel free to ask questions in class.

Strongly Agree	28	77.8%									
Agree	7	19.4%									
Undecided	1	2.8%									
Disagree	0	0.0%									
Strongly Disagree	0	0.0%					-				
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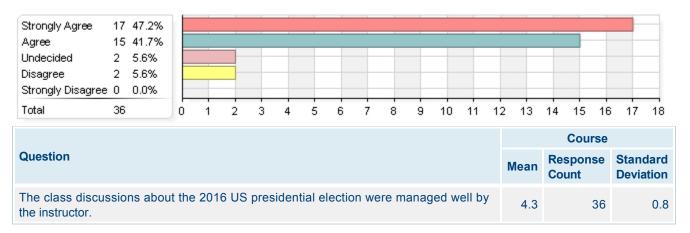
### Compared to all instructors you have had, how would you rate this instructor?

Average Below Average Deer	0							_
Poor	0	0.0%						

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### **Instructor Added Quantitative Questions**

# The class discussions about the 2016 US presidential election were managed well by the instructor.



# During class discussions about the 2016 US presidential election, the instructor treated everyone with respect.

Strongly Agree	29	80.6%								
Agree	5	13.9%								
Undecided	2	5.6%								
Disagree	0	0.0%								
Strongly Disagree	0	0.0%								
Total	36		ō	5	1	0 1	5 2	.0 2	25	30

		Course	
Question	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation
During class discussions about the 2016 US presidential election, the instructor treated everyone with respect.	4.8	36	0.6

### This class was inspiring and enriched my understanding of US politics.

Strongly Agræ Agræ Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree	12 1 0	63.9% 33.3% 2.8% 0.0% 0.0%								
Total	36		ó	5	10	15	2	)	25	30
									Course	
Question								Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation
This class was inspiring and enriched my understanding of US politics.						4.6	36	0.		

### POLS Open Ended Questions

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

### Comment

The enthusiasm that the instructor brought to class everyday. He kept me very engaged

The subject material was very interesting and thought provoking. It gave me a better understanding of several facets of US politics

He was very accomidating

how knowledgable he was

He is a very enthusiastic and friendly guy.

His enthusiasm for the material and his care for the students

He was very flexible and easy to communicate with.

The course offered a different perspective on issues in US politics and the instructor was very enthusiastic

Very very organized and considerate! Great job overall

Professor Kastart was enthusasitc about the courses. Readings were typically interesting.

I liked how the Professor organized the assignments and let us pick which ones we wanted to do.

The assignments and lecture slides helped prepare me for the exams and understand the main ideas from the books.

Professor Kastart stimulates my thinking more than any professor that I have ever had. Coming into this class after having such an incredible summer internship in politics, this class really allowed my to think about how black correlates with some of the work that I did over the summer.

THe fact that most of the information in this class is new to me, and allows me to view American politics in a different light.

I liked that I got to learn more about how politics treats underrepresented groups of people.

I love the instructors enthusiasm

The enthusiasm

I really enjoyed the enthusiasm Professor Wynand Kastart showed while teaching. You could tell he was very passionate about his work.

I liked how well the course was structured, learning goals and objective were clear and also how the professor was neither African American nor American so i think we had a very objective view of aspects of African American politics. he was very unbiased and respects all students

I liked the material for the second half and how it was relevant to today's political environment

The course was different from most. The instructor is very knowledgeable and sets up the course well.

His passion, enthusiasm and fairness. His knowledge of the subject matter was strong and his openness and willingness to discuss issues, particularly as they related to our current political situation really helped the class.

This course led by the instructor showed me aspects of American politics I would have never even considered were actually occurring. I liked the different theories covered when it came to African Americans involved in American politics which I believe is not widely understood among many Americans.

The subject material

I thought he did a very good job of presenting the information of the course in a thought and discussion provoking way.

I really felt like you evolved the course as the semester went and I really respect that

This introduced me to the Political Left's most dominating internal logic and especially the logic of African American Politics.

I liked how prevalent the material was to things that were going on outside of the classroom.

I enjoyed the class discussion that were led by our instructor.

Prof. Kastart was extremely knowledgeable about the topics but he explained things clearly and made students understand hard concepts with ease. He treated everyone with respect, especially when discussing some touchy Copyright Indiana University Bloomington 1

# Comment subjects like Black Lives Matter, race relations and the presidential election. His attitude. So joyful and fun, I want to take him out to coffee His enthusiasm I liked his enthusiasm and respect for everyone in the room. He was very knowledgeable about the topic, and despite his complete socially awareness (which is expected from a political scientist) he managed to make us laugh (possibly at him) and with him because of his relatability. new info What did you like least about this course and instructor?

### Comment

Probably the readings

The main thing I didn't like was the large class size. When it comes to issues of race within politics I would have preferred a smaller class size to allow for deeper class discussions.

The level of difficulty on the test

how he graded my assignments, pretty unfair

It was clearly skewed politically towards the left.

His uncertainty about assignment deadlines and slowness to upload assignment files

Pop quizzes and moving around the classroom to take them.

Like I said above the course offered a different perspective however sometimes it seemed like it was a little biased in favor of one side

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I don't like the essay question part of the exams.

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I didn't like how the homework was set up.

It was a little hard to follow the course guidelines sometimes

The class got boring towards the end

the lecture notes should be posted online more regularly

My least favorite part of the course was the theoretical portion on African-American political theory

What I liked least was the length of readings.

We struggled having meaningful discussions in class. I attribute this mostly to the class itself, as I believe Professor Kastart tried very hard and tried multiple ways to encourage discussion.

This course opened my mind in ways I never thought would happen. One aspect that this course could have covered was maybe some solutions through policy that would be actually feasible through American democracy.

Lots of reading

Nothing I didn't like about this course.

The one thing I disliked was specifically the discussion after Donald Trump was elected president. I voted for Hilary and did not support Donald Trump but I still feel like the discussion in class got far too liberal. When an academic discussion is that biased it is hard to gain anything from it. It was a minor detail but I do think it is important to keep political bias out of class.

This course, albeit inherent in it's theme, is overwhelmingly leftist, and the furthest thing from being unbiased as possible.

I felt like a lot of the readings were a bit complex and maybe not as well explained.

A lot of reading.

The readings were very dense

lack of discussion sometimes makes this class broing

Sometimes the assignments, quizzes and exams seemed a little thrown together. I could poke holes left and right in the syllabus if I wanted to, which is not something I should be able to do with a set of rules.

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

Comment
I think more pop quizzes on the readings so students are forced to keep up with them
I think that formatting the class to be centered around discussion would be helpful. While the lectures did contain lots of pertinent information, it would have been nice to discuss the issues with classmates to more fully explore how the subject material affects the lives of US citizens.
Make the tests easier
offer other ways to boost your grade besides a few extra credit.
By incorporating opposing views to the concepts covered.
More rigid assignment expectations. For example: "You will have x days to complete Assignment xuploaded on this day, due this day."
More concise lecture slides.
More discussion on the Black Lives Matter Movement.
Continue using the slides, not just writing on the board.
I preferred the lecture with presentation slides rather than on the chalkboard.
Maybe have more discussions about current events.
Every once in a while, Mr. Kastart had trouble articulating the most difficult concepts in the class. Of course, after a while he explained these concepts fully, but at first I was confused once or twice.
I think the instructor did well.
Have the slides go more in depth about the subject at hand
try and engage the students more
The effectiveness of his teaching is evident.
i think he needs an Al
More organized notes if you do them on the board, or a PowerPoint presentation with main ideas
The readings could be more engaging.
There is not much the professor could do to improve his teaching effectiveness but the class could have examined some possible solutions when it comes to actually policy implementation towards African Americans.
Use more powerpoints
I don't have any suggestions. I thought the course was very well put together.
Great work, especially if you continue to take students feedback into account.
Instructor Kastart was excellent at instructing this course's intense and difficult topic.
Focus more on explaining or going over the readings.
Make PowerPoints for every discussion
More engaging discussion from everyone
Make it more interactive
I'm not sure if the instructor is a generally anxious person, but as someone who is dealing with anxiety and depression myself seeing the instructor semi flip out (by this I mean nervously pace etc) I start to get worried that something is wrong. If nerves are an issue, maybe try some ways to combat them, even a little, then the entire class can calm down.
more collaborative work

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

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Comment
No associate was present during class sessions so I have nothing to say.
I would enjoy engaging with the students in a discussion about the course topics.
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Ν'
X
I think they should be in charge of grading assignments in order to get them back more promptly.
There was no Associate instructor.
There was was no associate instructor.
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Making it more interactice
NA
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### **Instructor Added Open Ended Questions**

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

Comment
i think towards the end of the term the instructor lost the attention of the class a bit
Nope.
No
No
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N'
Not really.
X
no
No
Sometimes the class seems a little disorganized or not as engaging as it could be.
There is nothing.
He can get very off topic from the course material
No
This class feels overwhelmingly leftist and akin to essentially brainwashing in some manners. At many times I wanted to argue strongly against the course's material, but didn't because I didn't want to derail the class. This course NEEDS for the sake of PROPER Political Science to become UNBIASED.
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N'
No
There's a little bit of an issue with the instructor being able to explain himself on paper. Often times the instructions for assignments need to be verbally explained and the requirements are also muddy.
need class to get more involved

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

### Comment I really enjoyed the instructor, I thought he always did a great job I had a great time, the class was very helpful in expanding my political science knowledge as well as my understanding of gender studies. The class information is important on so many levels, I hope more students will take the course in years to come. He was very good The instructor was very good but the class could use improvement. The instructor is a very kind, well-intentioned person who is passionate about what he teaches. A little scatter-brained, but hey. Great class. Very kind and flexible professor. Great teacher Awesome overall I really enjoyed this class. The instructor was effective at teaching the course, and I enjoyed the material that was covered. It is a very relevant class to be in right now considering the intersectionality of race and politics. Especially in 2016. Great class. I liked the instructor, he seemed very enthusiastic, and I also really liked Uneasy Alliances. Enjoyable class and fun instructor The professor was very knowledgable but was not very good at engaging the class and keeping us interested. Great, I would recommend very good! I liked the class materials, I just think there could be improvements on how they are discussed in class The class was very interesting. Professor Kastart is clearly extremely knowledgeable and passionate about political science. I appreciated his perspective and humor. I enjoyed this class. When it comes to African American politics and African Americans in America I am know able to understand the effects of American democracy on all groups of people. Even in a perfect world their is a sense of uneasiness when it comes to treating all people equal. I think this is a major issue in our world and this class showed me different ways to treat such topics. Great Very knowledgeable I would suggest it to my friends and think it provides a very interesting viewpoint on America Instructor was great and tried his best, despite the course's forced designs, to present this as neutrally and educationally as possible. That being said, if we were just a few decades earlier, I would sued the Department for outright anti-Americanism in this course. This course outright -breeds- dissent amongst our students and youth. I really liked this class. It required a bit more thinking and work than any of my other classes, but overall I thoroughly enjoyed it. A+ The instructor knows a lot about the topic and the class shapes my thought on US politics I loved it, however the reading sometimes felt irrelevant to the lecture slides making me almost not want to read, because it wasn't being applied elsewhere. good