



Course and Instructor Evaluation Summary Department of Political Science

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POLI 110F - Critical Reasoning&Consumption (A)
Fall Quarter 2022

Number of Students Enrolled: 47
Number of Evaluations Submitted: 15

PLEASE COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Your class level is

0 (0.0%): Freshman
0 (0.0%): Sophomore
6 (40.0%): Junior
9 (60.0%): Senior
0 (0.0%): Graduate
0 (0.0%): Extension
0 (0.0%): Visitor

2. Your reason for taking this class is

9 (64.3%): Major
2 (14.3%): Minor
0 (0.0%): Gen. Ed.
0 (0.0%): Elective
3 (21.4%): Interest
1: [No Response]

3. What grade do you expect in this class?

9 (64.3%): A
5 (35.7%): B
0 (0.0%): C
0 (0.0%): D
0 (0.0%): F
0 (0.0%): P
0 (0.0%): NP
1: [No Response]

GENERAL QUESTIONS

4. I learned a great deal from this course.

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| 0 (0.0%): | Strongly Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Disagree |
| 1 (7.1%): | Neither Agree nor Disagree |
| 5 (35.7%): | Agree |
| 8 (57.1%): | Strongly Agree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Not Applicable |
| 1: | [No Response] |

5. How many hours a week do you spend studying outside of class on average?

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| 3 (21.4%): | 0-1 |
| 4 (28.6%): | 2-3 |
| 3 (21.4%): | 4-5 |
| 2 (14.3%): | 6-7 |
| 1 (7.1%): | 8-9 |
| 1 (7.1%): | 10-11 |
| 0 (0.0%): | 12-13 |
| 0 (0.0%): | 14-15 |
| 0 (0.0%): | 16-17 |
| 0 (0.0%): | 18-19 |
| 0 (0.0%): | 20 or more |
| 1: | [No Response] |

6. How often do you attend this course?

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| 0 (0.0%): | Very Rarely |
| 3 (21.4%): | Some of the Time |
| 11 (78.6%): | Most of the Time |
| 1: | [No Response] |

COURSE MATERIAL POLI 110F

7. The course material is intellectually stimulating.

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| 0 (0.0%): | Strongly Disagree |
| 1 (7.1%): | Disagree |
| 1 (7.1%): | Neither Agree nor Disagree |
| 5 (35.7%): | Agree |
| 7 (50.0%): | Strongly Agree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Not Applicable |
| 1: | [No Response] |

8. Assignments promote learning.

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| 0 (0.0%): | Strongly Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Neither Agree nor Disagree |
| 5 (35.7%): | Agree |
| 9 (64.3%): | Strongly Agree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Not Applicable |
| 1: | [No Response] |

9. Required reading is useful.

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree nor Disagree
7 (50.0%): Agree
7 (50.0%): Strongly Agree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

10. This course is difficult relative to others.

1 (7.1%): Strongly Disagree
6 (42.9%): Disagree
4 (28.6%): Neither Agree nor Disagree
2 (14.3%): Agree
1 (7.1%): Strongly Agree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

11. Exams are representative of the course material.

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree nor Disagree
5 (35.7%): Agree
5 (35.7%): Strongly Agree
4 (28.6%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

12. Do you recommend this course overall?

13 (92.9%): Yes
1 (7.1%): No
1: [No Response]

13. Course POLI 110F:

- I really enjoyed this class, it was clear that Professor Elgin really cared about the class and course material which made it easier for me to learn. Class discussions were really engaging and there were always opportunities to ask questions or get more clarification when needed. The readings were good for supplementing lecture and I liked that Professor Elgin incorporated some of the material from readings in lecture because it really made everything connect. I would definitely take a class with Professor Elgin again and would definitely recommend him to other students.
- Super informative with a reasonable workload
- Poli 110F is a very informative and engaging course. There are weekly readings all of which Professor Elgin discusses in class. In addition to readings, we also have weekly responses which are reflective of the readings. There are also 3 heavily-weighted essay but these are just an extension of the weekly responses. Overall, the course material is straightforward and the structure of the class (discussion oriented) makes the material incredibly engaging.

- Fascinating topics, very practical. Only hamper was that I felt most of the discussions were actually hangnails ovetop of some much more complex issue, and we rarely got to the issue. Prof was always happy to talk about more complex stuff, though, in OH or outside class.
- This course was interesting and relatively easy.

14. Exams/Quizzes/Papers:

- 3 papers is all. All straightforward.
- Solely graded papers and participation.
- We always had ample time for to prepare for essays. I really liked that the essay topics related directly to reading and lecture materials so I knew exactly what was required.

15. Reading [title(s) and comments]:

- Too varied to recount here. Each discusses information etc. All are both simple and well written.

INSTRUCTOR Samuel Elgin

16. Instructor displays a proficient command of the material.

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| 0 (0.0%): | Strongly Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Neither Agree nor Disagree |
| 3 (21.4%): | Agree |
| 11 (78.6%): | Strongly Agree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Not Applicable |
| 1: | [No Response] |

17. Instructor is well prepared for classes.

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| 0 (0.0%): | Strongly Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Disagree |
| 1 (7.1%): | Neither Agree nor Disagree |
| 3 (21.4%): | Agree |
| 10 (71.4%): | Strongly Agree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Not Applicable |
| 1: | [No Response] |

18. Instructor's speech is clear and audible.

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| 0 (0.0%): | Strongly Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Neither Agree nor Disagree |
| 5 (35.7%): | Agree |
| 9 (64.3%): | Strongly Agree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Not Applicable |
| 1: | [No Response] |

19. Instructor explains the course material well.

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
1 (7.1%): Neither Agree nor Disagree
2 (14.3%): Agree
11 (78.6%): Strongly Agree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

20. Lectures hold your attention.

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
3 (21.4%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree nor Disagree
4 (28.6%): Agree
7 (50.0%): Strongly Agree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

21. Instructor's lecture style facilitates note-taking.

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
2 (14.3%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree nor Disagree
2 (14.3%): Agree
10 (71.4%): Strongly Agree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

22. Instructor shows concern for students' learning.

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree nor Disagree
4 (28.6%): Agree
10 (71.4%): Strongly Agree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

23. Instructor promotes appropriate questions/discussion.

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree nor Disagree
4 (28.6%): Agree
10 (71.4%): Strongly Agree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

24. Instructor is accessible outside of class.

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree nor Disagree
3 (21.4%): Agree
10 (71.4%): Strongly Agree
1 (7.1%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

25. Instructor starts and finishes class on time.

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
1 (7.1%): Neither Agree nor Disagree
2 (14.3%): Agree
11 (78.6%): Strongly Agree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

26. Instructor is effective in promoting academic integrity.

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree nor Disagree
4 (28.6%): Agree
10 (71.4%): Strongly Agree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

27. The instructor practiced effective teaching strategies that acknowledged and valued differences among students, including differences of race and gender identity.

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
1 (7.1%): Neither Agree nor Disagree
3 (21.4%): Agree
10 (71.4%): Strongly Agree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

28. Instructor Samuel Elgin:

- I like the professor's discussion-based lecture style, and I also enjoy when he tells us what he's been doing over the weekend. It makes me happy to hear, even if I or other students don't have anything to share in return.
- Professor Elgin does a great job of explaining the material as well as clarifying any questions that you may have. Professor Elgin structures the weekly responses and essay questions in a manner that is straight forward and reflective of the material that is covered in class. Professor Elgin is also very easy to reach outside of the classroom; he is always available during office hours and is quick to respond to any emails that you send him. If Professor Elgin were to teach more upper-division courses at UCSD, I would most definitely enroll in his classes.

- This is my third time taking a course with Sam. I have nothing but good things to say. He is understanding, compassionate, and holds my attention. I believe he is a professor that can really make a difference. His ability to relate to his students helps make a better learning environment for everyone. Regardless of who you are, Sam wants to get to know you so he can provide a better education for you.
- Prof. was very nice and flexible with paper due dates.
- Great prof. Clearly very interested in the material, and capable of conveying that fact in lecture. Only lecture issue is a general tendency away from using slides for certain things, which means you can't space out. But you probably shouldn't have been doing that anyway. Readings also emphasize same topics as lectures -- if you do the readings, you'll be fine.

29. Do you recommend this professor overall?

14 (100.0%): Yes
 0 (0.0%): No
 1: [No Response]

Custom Question 5

30. Please provide examples of the ways the instructor did or did not create a learning environment that welcomed, challenged, and supported all students.

- He set the goals and expectations of the class early so we knew exactly what to expect. It felt fair to all and he was also accommodating for any circumstances that prevented our learning.
- Sam is always open to discussion and questions. He actually wants feedback and I feel that he values a it and takes it into account when creating his lesson plans. He is a very good lecturer and the class goes by so fast! Before you know it class is over and you leave feeling like you learned something new and cool. Even if the class were 30 minutes longer, I probably wouldn't notice because he makes it interesting.
- Professor Elgin is very kind and understanding which makes it very easy to communicate with him during and outside of class. His lectures are very discussion oriented and he is always welcoming to any ideas, opinions and questions that you want to share. Professor Elgin cares for his students and will go above and beyond to help them succeed.
- Showed a very intentionally unbiased interest in political issues as problems of logic and rhetorical effect. Didn't shy from discussing issues on whichever side of the aisle, but also didn't heavy-handedly "both-sides" issues with partisan slant.

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