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Teaching Evaluation Summary

Human Rights in Theory and Practice, PSCI 4028

Graduate Instructor

Summer 2009

~13 Students Total

Numerical Assessments

- “How much you learned in the course”: average: 5.3/6; median 6/6
- “Intellectual challenge of the course”: average: 5.2/6; median: 5/6
- “Instructor availability for assistance”: average: 5.7/6; median: 6/6
- “Instructor respect and professional treatment”: average: 5.7/6; median: 6/6

Sample of Student Comments

“I loved the format of the class: lectures were informative and encouraged outside exploration and discussions were fun and interesting . . . I wouldn’t change much about the class. Sure, it seemed like a lot of reading but it’s 4000 level and we meet everyday so I think it should be expected. The journals are fun and helped process the material which made the quizzes a lot easier . . . This class changed my life: my outlook on international politics and preventing abuses from happening and protecting people from each other. I feel aware and empowered.”

- anonymous course evaluation comment

“The discussion questions in class helped see things from multiple angles . . . The class was very useful for examining theories of human rights. Much harder than most PSCI classes . . . The journals were useful to process the information from the readings.”

- anonymous course evaluation comment

“Discussion were really helpful to see other points of view . . . Very useful class for the rest of my life . . . I liked lecture and discussion.”

- anonymous course evaluation comment

“I learned A LOT about human rights, which is my passion. So overall I am glad I took the class.”

- anonymous course evaluation comment

“The class discussions were very good . . . Class was very useful for information and theories.”

- anonymous course evaluation comment

“Very useful; it should be mandatory. I feel as though I know how to be a better person . . . Journals forced me to actually analyze and think about the readings.”

- anonymous course evaluation comment

Survey of Western Political Thought, PSCI 2004

Graduate Instructor

Spring 2010

~ 80 Students Total, Divided into Two Sections

Numerical Assessments

- “How much you learned in the course”: average: 4.3 and 4.0/6; median: 4 and 4/6
- “Intellectual challenge of the course”: average: 5.2 and 5.1/6; median: 5 and 5/6
- “Instructor availability for assistance”: average: 4.8 and 4.8/6; median: 5 and 5/6
- “Instructor respect and professional treatment”: average: 5.8 and 5.8/6; median: 6 and 6/6

Sample of Student Comments

“I don't usually do this, but I feel that it is necessary that I let you know that I really enjoyed your class. I don't know if you were aware, but I was actually repeating the course as I had failed it last year . . . So I have to commend you; although the content was virtually identical, you taught it in a way that allowed me to really understand the material. Not only that, but I was sincerely interested in what we learned; I almost enjoyed studying (I know this sounds crazy) for our exams. I loved being able to understand the concepts that are so central to our lives as contemporary citizens. The class was certainly challenging, but I welcomed that challenge with open arms. Even though I produced average grades, I feel as though, personally, this course was a success for me. And again, I attribute that success to my own motivation to do well. But a good amount of that success is a result of your teaching style. I'm not necessarily speaking of the structure of the class, but rather the discussions and critical thinking that you promoted. Every day, without a doubt, you posed questions to the class that really made me think critically. This enabled me to not merely take each theory as truth; I was able to relate to a particular theory, and discover my own position on a given topic. I'm really not trying to "brown nose" you in any sense. I just have to thank you for conducting an excellent class, and for helping me discover a new interest.”

- Andrew Murphy email (Andrew.G.Murphy@Colorado.EDU), Undergraduate

“It was an honor to be a student in your class. Although outside of my normal studies, it was a good opportunity to gain appreciation of a new field. And, it's always nice to have a course that changes your perspective.”

- Dan Cromer email (daniel@danielcromer.com), Undergraduate

“Great course, professor. Challenging. Interesting. Really learned a lot.”

- anonymous course evaluation comment

“Great class! The structure of the lecture was great. I like that we had readings before every class.”

- anonymous course evaluation comment

“Challenging material and class. Very interesting. Too much to cover in a semester. Excellent professor. Good discussion.”

- anonymous course evaluation comment

“Was an intensive course where I learned a lot. Had to participate a lot in lecture which meant actually reading for it.”

- anonymous course evaluation comment

“Although this class is not in my particular area of study, I think it provided a very comprehensive introduction to PSCI and its study. The philosophies of the political thinkers are now familiar to me. The instructor was always well prepared and kept a tight schedule.”

- anonymous course evaluation comment