# Student Evaluation of Instruction and Course

## University of Missouri-Columbia

**Instructor:** Murdie, Amanda Marie  
**Course Subject:** POL SC  
**Catalog Number:** 4004  
**Description:** TPC: POLITICAL SCIENCE  
**Department or Unit:** POLI SCI  
**Semester:** Spring 2013  
**Section:** 02  
**Course Id:** 011727  
**Class Number:** 17369  
**Number of Respondents:** 38

### Section I Consumer Information

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

Really knows her stuff

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

Require certain classes before hand to take this class → I've only ever taken 1 other poli. sci. class & was completely lost in new 50-15% of the time

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?
   I think she's extremely personable and knowledgeable about the subject. The course load is reasonable and the environment is a light, friendly atmosphere.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?
   More interactive. Powerpoints can be kind of boring.

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Dr. Murdie was an engaging professor who did an amazing job structuring lectures and finding interesting icebreakers. Although I may have been quiet in class, I really enjoyed the opening icebreakers.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

N/A

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Adapted from the University of Washington with permission.
I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

interesting
when given examples, really added to idea

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

some parts were difficult to follow
more examples
proposal = extremely difficult, more instruction/layout please!!

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

Murdie is so enthusiastic, knowledgeable and most importantly objective. She presents us with the facts and opens the discussion up to us. Great professor.

TENURE HER BEFORE SHE LEAVE

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

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The discussions were always really interesting and the students were allowed to share our opinions openly.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

None

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

- Really appreciated her use of PowerPoint lectures because there was a lot of information.
- Video clips/documentaries helpful also.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

- I felt overwhelmed a lot, so maybe simplify a few of the topics.

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?
- gave great examples for concepts
- made everything relevant to our age group and what is going on in the course
- work load wasn't bad at all

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?
- Maybe less reading, I think more kids would actually do it if it was one article a piece.
- Research proposal is a little daunting
- Maybe more instruction on that

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

Dr. Murdie is extremely knowledgeable, she's approachable and "cool." Great class.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

I wish we had had a textbook. All of our reading was taken from published research, which was great, but at times hard to follow. I would have benefited from a small textbook that outlined core concepts.

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The content was interesting overall. Dr. Murale is incredibly knowledgeable, and passionate about the subject, which makes the course great!

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?


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Thank you for your participation!
I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

Concepts were explained clearly & sufficiently.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

- I really liked the access to the powerpoints and the shorter readings.

- Everything was easy to understand especially since I'm not a poli sci major.

- I also liked not having to pay for books!

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

Some of the readings were really long and boring! We also spent too much time on some of the topics (NGOs).

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Thank you for your participation!
I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

The relevancy of the material was good.

I liked that discussion of present day issues were encouraged.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

Large amount of reading where the concepts were needed to be able to be recited on tests citing the readings, instead of just a understanding of the topic.

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Indivdual Student Comment Sheet

Instructor Courtney Burns Course PS4000 Human Rights Date 5/12/13

Optional: Comment sheet #

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

- Very helpful when I had questions
- Days she taught, enjoyed

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

Nothing

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<td>- examples very helpful</td>
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<td>- really enjoyed ice dreamers</td>
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II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

nothing

III. Please use the back of this sheet for any additional comments or special questions.

Thank you for your participation!
I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

I really liked the outline of the notes the teacher provided before each class.

Also liked the study guide for the test.

Overall, very good teacher.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

There was a lot of reading and most of it was pretty boring reading.

Maybe only one article per class?
I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

I adored the fact that she actually posted her slides, makes it very easy to go back and study for the tests. I also really enjoyed covering the topics, they were extremely interesting.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

I can't think of any.
Individual Student Comment Sheet

Instructor: Maudie  Course: 20404  Section:  Date: 

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

Examples of theories were very helpful and preparation for exams cemented the ideas.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

Less emphasis on scientific/political science research & more emphasis on application of theories. Also, the use of current events for icebreakers is tricky; not everyone is comfortable speaking on politicized issues they know little about. Maybe older examples or hypotheticals would be better.

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

- Teacher had an extremely in-depth knowledge of the course material.
- Lots of information.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

- Sometimes difficult to keep pace with the speed of the class when trying to make notes.

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

- Students are really encouraged to express themselves. The environment is less "formal" and makes students more likely to talk.
- Dr. Murdie is very understanding to student needs.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

- The amount of reading was very difficult to keep up with.
- I am in another class and I really like the technique that professor uses.
- We have readings to do for each lecture and there is a question we have to answer in 1 page or less that is due the day of class via blackboard. This means students have to do the reading and there is a lot of discussion in the class. I would have enjoyed...
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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

Murdie is obviously so knowledgeable in everything she teaches. There is a question or comment she can't discuss. She is also kind and invested in her students learning. Loved her! Oh and I loved the videos!

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

There were a few times throughout the class where I would be lost in discussion because I didn't know what a basic word meant... maybe a clay at the beginning explaining overall H.R. words or "lingo" would be useful.

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

Lots of subject matter relevant to the focus of this course. Use of media clips very useful to learning. Professor very knowledgeable in this field, learning from the best.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

Professor moves at lightning speed, but at least the slides were online as well. The expected reading load every day was exceptionally heavy.

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

- Murdić = Awesome
- Courtney = very helpful & knowledgeable
- Content = interesting, relevant

Great class, I enjoyed & looked forward to attending every day.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

I don't know if I feel like it was as necessary/helpful to study the documents (or discuss them) than it would have been to apply them to actual issues/actual results (rather than just the authors' opinion).

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Maybe try not to focus so much on the ice breakers. Other than that everything is good. Have the positive attitude!

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Individual Student Comment Sheet

Instructor  Amanda Murdie  Course  PSCI 4004  Section  Date  5/12

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- I very much enjoyed discussion in class, as well as the frequent examination of real life examples/consequences of policy (obviously necessitated by the course's subject).

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

- I felt that some other students had difficulty with listing specific literature in exams, although this may be speculation since I didn't have this problem. Perhaps brief descriptions or tags could help students to better apply literature in exams.

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?
   - Wide variety of topics covered
   - Relevance of current events

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?
   Cut down the number of required readings for each class. Have 1 required reading and put more emphasis on the recommended readings. Have students take notes about the recommended readings and include them on the exam. That would force students to actually listen to the presenter(s).

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?
- Interesting reading material
- Lectures were informative, the professor was informed & enthusiastic

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?
My only complaint with the course was the format of the test. Remembering the specifics of who said what in which article seemed to be missing the point of grasping the concepts and made attending lectures feel somewhat unnecessary, as we weren't being graded so much on those.

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

Dr. Murdie did a great job of generating interest and enthusiasm for the material.
I thoroughly enjoyed the course.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

Maybe go a little lighter on the readings.

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The professor had clear knowledge in the area of study and I liked the ice breakers to introduce a topic because they made topics relatable.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

I think the expansive reading materials required for the course is somewhat unrealistic and the style of grading for the essays and exams were very rigid and unfair in representing a student's knowledge over the material. It focused too much on trivial guidelines such as citing all of the reading sources on a particular topic.

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

Just about everything. I highly enjoyed the course and material.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

While the student presentations help the presenter, they almost always were not presented in a way that taught the rest of us much. This obviously isn't a criticism of you, but perhaps restructuring to put less daily emphasis on listening to people with no teaching or speaking background, and just have them give us the abstracts.

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

All aspects of this course were conveyed really well.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

None. Honestly a great course!

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

Overall, I think the content covered was in-depth. I strongly believe it really provided us with a good understanding of the course.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

None. Dr. Murdie was a great professor.

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

- She was great at incorporating student comments into her lectures. If we raised our hand to make a comment, she would often come back to it later in the lecture & mention our name, too.
- Good case practice to know students’ names!
- She makes herself very available for her students to ask Qs about the course, careers, research opportunities, and academia in general.
- Very good at connecting with undergrad students.


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n/a

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Your usage of more contemporary examples made the class seem more pressing and engaging, as opposed to a series of boring lectures about things that happened during my grandparents' time.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

Some of the videos were of kind of low quality, you may want to find higher quality video.