## Student Evaluation of Instruction and Course

### University of Missouri-Columbia

**Instructor:** Murdie, Amanda Marie

**Course Subject:** POL SC

**Catalog Number:** 4411

**Description:** GENOCIDE, TERRORISM & CIVIL WAR

**Department or Unit:** POLI SCI

**Semester:** Fall 2013

**Section:** 01

**Course Id:** 018309

**Class Number:** 17137

**Number of Respondents:** 34

### Section I  Consumer Information

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<th>Percent Responding</th>
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<td>1. Course content and expectations were presented clearly</td>
<td>65.6</td>
<td>31.2</td>
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<td>3.1</td>
<td>32</td>
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<td>2. The instructor was interested in student learning</td>
<td>78.1</td>
<td>18.8</td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>3.1</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>3.7</td>
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<td>3. All things considered, the instructor taught effectively</td>
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<td>2. Instructor's voice</td>
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<td>43.8</td>
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### Section V  General Information About Your Students (percent of respondents)

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Individual Student Comment Sheet

Instructor Amanda Murdie Course PS 4411 Section Date 12/3/13

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

- Documentaries watched in class
- Case-based projects
- Very knowledgeable lecturers, may be overqualified for Mizzou

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?

[Handwritten response: Interest, fair grading]

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

[Handwritten response: More guidance on papers]

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?
   - You could tell Dr. Murdie really cares about her students, she was engaging and willing to explain concepts multiple times until the class understood.
   - I loved the use of videos to illustrate concepts. There were several topics I wasn't knowledgeable about, but the videos helped catch me up in speed.
   - Really, really excellent class.

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?
   - Putting less weight on the exams.
   - 30% is a lot.
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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

Prof's knowledge of material

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

Less of an impact of readings, maybe a few less exams?

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

Murdie was extremely relateable and kept the class engaged. She was a little intimidating, but she knows her stuff and Missouri is lucky to have her.

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

More time between study guide and test if we are expected to sit.

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

Very good at making sure class had a full understanding of subjects & different concepts.

Best political science teacher I have had at Mizzou so far, as a Junior.

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The way the course was organized of the literature

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?

Dr. Murdie is one of the most knowledgeable professors I have ever had. She makes class interesting and should be commended for her concern to students.

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

Maybe, a little less assigned reading. But only maybe.

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

All items. Top 2 professors I've had no question at Missouri

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

Nothing!

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?
   - Homework was reasonable
   - Material was interesting
   - Material was presented in a clear and understandable way

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

   No

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

   everything was clear Murdie wanted us to learn, and help was always provided.

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

   Less/shorter readings

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

Dr. Murdie was very enthusiastic and you can tell she has extensive knowledge on the subject. Made this a class I wanted to attend every lecture.

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!
Individual Student Comment Sheet

Instructor Mavelie  Course PS 44111  Section 1  Date 12-2-17

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

The whole thing was fantastic. I liked the videos + photos. I liked class discussions.

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

I did not like how grading depended on who graded the paper. Due to that I felt my grade unfairly dropped.

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

I love the class vibe we have where there is open class comments and discussion.
I love when you show videos.
They are actually really helpful.

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

SO. MUCH. READING.
2 articles per class is kind of crazy.
Just saying 😅

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

- Prof. Murdie knows the material very well and easily explains the concepts.
- Makes us feel well prepared and informed.
- Fair grading.

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?

Slides on blackboard before class
were helpful.

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

Making us source our essays or short answers in the text makes studying more about the author than learning the material.

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

- The professor
- This is the best professor I've had and best class I've taken at Mizzou
- She cared about her students, was funny, made the content interesting, and knew sooooo much about the course content

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

Nothing

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

 Very knowledgeable about the topic.

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

 First test was graded very harsh. I also had to write more in this class than the W1 classes offered at Mizzou.

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Instructor  Murdie  Course  Pol Sci 4411  Section  Date  DEC 3, 2013

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

I thought the professor seemed extremely knowledgeable about political violence. I really liked how we read research instead of a textbook. I feel like this provides us with more accurate information and allowed better discussion of the authors' hypotheses and research models. I liked how current events were included and the use of videos was extremely beneficial. I really enjoyed watching the documentaries. Overall this was a really great class. It's nice to have a published professor who is extremely knowledgeable of the course material. This was definitely my favorite class this semester, and I learned a lot.

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

Nothing

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| I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good? |
| Dr. Murdie is very interested in student learning and very enjoyable in class. Also, supplied readings are excellent. |

| 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?

Excellent professor. She expected us to read research projects instead of a polisci book → thank god! You actually learn this way. No complaints. Has exceptional knowledge on subject. She's also understanding and "cool." One of the best profs at Mizzou (and I'm a senior.) Case Based Projects really really helped me learn.

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?
   - documentaries
   - in-class videos pertaining to subject matter
   - instructors knowledge

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?
   - less reading
   - fewer words/less information per slide

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

Organization, exceptional familiarity with current publications

I also thought it was very good that all the materials for this class were free.

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?

Professor is clearly knowledgeable in subject allows for some class discussion. I enjoyed the video clips from discussions of current events. It really made the class seem even more relevant to our everyday lives.

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

I would suggest breaking the content into 3 tests instead of just two. There is an overload of information that is difficult to accurately retain for only two tests.

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

   Everything about the course was excellent. One of the best courses I've ever taken

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

   No changes needed

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

use of presentations

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

Shorter articles

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

Murdie is probably my favorite professor at Mizzou. Very nice and knows what she’s talking about.

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

The amount of reading assigned was, in my opinion, unreasonable. I was forced to take shortcuts which I did not like having to do but I have other classes to worry about.

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Individual Student Comment Sheet

Instructor Amanda Murdie Course polisci 4411 Section 1 Date 12/3/13

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I. What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?
• Instructor is very knowledgeable
• Interesting, relevant content that used strong examples from existing literature
• Teacher was engaging

II. What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?
• Less reading—maybe one per day instead of two?
  No one actually did the reading, so that made class a little awkward sometimes
  Other than that, she was great!

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

- **Very knowledgeable and informative.**
- Enthusiastic during lectures.
- PowerPoint & videos are helpful.
- Clearly lays out what you need to know and do to get a good grade.

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

- Just the sheer amount of information presented in one lecture can be overwhelming at times.

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

I think Professor Murdie does an excellent job of keeping lectures relevant and entertaining and her knowledge of the material is clearly extensive.

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?

Dr. Nadia’s knowledge, professionalism, and relatability are exceptional. She facilitates good class discussion but always stays in control of the class. She really knows her stuff and she is not "out of touch" like a lot of academics. I would enroll in her classes again.

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

Now there was a lot of reading. Perhaps we could post charts/graphs and key points from articles instead of giving excessive academic articles for reading. She is really rough with grading exams. I wish the research papers had been worth more points.

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

Content was frequently applied to current issues. Teaching was generally enthusiastic and entertaining.

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

We moved very quickly through topics, and it was difficult to keep up at times.

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