

**Marymount University**  
**Student Evaluation of Course Effectiveness**  
**Fall 2012**

**Course and Instructor:** Rector POL-386-A Response Rate: 100% Average Course Grade: 2.54

|   | Excellent    | Good         | Fair        | Poor        | Very Poor   | Totals         | Mean | Std Dev | Mean |   |
|---|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|------|---------|------|---|
|   |              |              |             |             |             |                |      |         | 1    | 5 |
| 1) How would you rate this course as a learning experience? | 8.0<br>57.1% | 5.0<br>35.7% | 0.0<br>0.0% | 1.0<br>7.1% | 0.0<br>0.0% | 14.0<br>100.0% | 4.43 | 0.85    |      |   |
| 2) What is your rating of this instructor's teaching?       | 9.0<br>69.2% | 3.0<br>23.1% | 0.0<br>0.0% | 1.0<br>7.7% | 0.0<br>0.0% | 13.0<br>100.0% | 4.54 | 0.88    |      |   |

|  | Much more than most courses | More than most courses | About the same as other courses | Less than most courses | Much less than most courses | This is my first course at Marymount | Totals         | Mean |   |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|------|---|
|  |                             |                        |                                 |                        |                             |                                      |                | 1    | 5 |
| 3) How much do you feel you have learned in this course compared to other courses you have taken at Marymount? | 4.0<br>28.6%                | 7.0<br>50.0%           | 3.0<br>21.4%                    | 0.0<br>0.0%            | 0.0<br>0.0%                 | 0.0<br>0.0%                          | 14.0<br>100.0% |      |   |

|   | Strongly Disagree | Disagree    | Neither Disagree Nor Agree | Agree        | Strongly Agree | Totals         | Mean | Std Dev | Mean |   |
|---|-------------------|-------------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------|---------|------|---|
|   |                   |             |                            |              |                |                |      |         | 1    | 5 |
| 4) The instructor was well prepared for each class with lectures, exercises, assignments, handouts  | 1.0<br>7.1%       | 0.0<br>0.0% | 1.0<br>7.1%                | 4.0<br>28.6% | 8.0<br>57.1%   | 14.0<br>100.0% | 4.29 | 1.14    |      |   |
| 5) The instructor explained course content in a way that I could understand.                        | 0.0<br>0.0%       | 0.0<br>0.0% | 0.0<br>0.0%                | 4.0<br>28.6% | 10.0<br>71.4%  | 14.0<br>100.0% | 4.71 | 0.47    |      |   |
| 6) The instructor was responsive to student questions.  | 0.0<br>0.0%       | 0.0<br>0.0% | 0.0<br>0.0%                | 5.0<br>35.7% | 9.0<br>64.3%   | 14.0<br>100.0% | 4.64 | 0.50    |      |   |
| 7) The instructor used the class time well (employed a balance of teaching methods, handled student | 1.0<br>7.1%       | 0.0<br>0.0% | 0.0<br>0.0%                | 5.0<br>35.7% | 8.0<br>57.1%   | 14.0<br>100.0% | 4.36 | 1.08    |      |   |
| 8) The instructor encouraged me to take responsibility for my own learning.                         | 0.0<br>0.0%       | 0.0<br>0.0% | 0.0<br>0.0%                | 4.0<br>28.6% | 10.0<br>71.4%  | 14.0<br>100.0% | 4.71 | 0.47    |      |   |
| 9) The instructor encouraged students to participate actively in class.                             | 0.0<br>0.0%       | 1.0<br>7.1% | 1.0<br>7.1%                | 1.0<br>7.1%  | 11.0<br>78.6%  | 14.0<br>100.0% | 4.57 | 0.94    |      |   |
| 10) The feedback I received on my work in this course helped me learn.                              | 1.0<br>7.1%       | 1.0<br>7.1% | 1.0<br>7.1%                | 4.0<br>28.6% | 7.0<br>50.0%   | 14.0<br>100.0% | 4.07 | 1.27    |      |   |
| 11) The standards for evaluating my work were consistently applied.                                 | 2.0<br>14.3%      | 0.0<br>0.0% | 0.0<br>0.0%                | 4.0<br>28.6% | 8.0<br>57.1%   | 14.0<br>100.0% | 4.14 | 1.41    |      |   |

| 15) Is this course:                      |        |          |          |
|--|--------|----------|----------|
|  | Counts | Percents | Percents |
|  |        |          | 0 100    |
| A required course for your major/program | 4      | 28.6%    |          |
| An elective                              | 9      | 64.3%    |          |
| A gen ed core requirement                | 0      | 0.0%     |          |
| Other                                    | 1      | 7.1%     |          |
| Totals                                   | 14     | 100.0%   |          |

| 16) On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course outside of class? |        |          |          |
|---|--------|----------|----------|
|   | Counts | Percents | Percents |
|   |        |          | 0 100    |
| Fewer than 2  | 1      | 7.1%     |          |
| 2 to 4  | 7      | 50.0%    |          |
| 5 to 9  | 6      | 42.9%    |          |
| 10 to 12  | 0      | 0.0%     |          |
| More than 12  | 0      | 0.0%     |          |
| Totals  | 14     | 100.0%   |          |

| 17) How many sessions of this class have you missed this semester? |        |          |          |
|--|--------|----------|----------|
|  | Counts | Percents | Percents |
|  |        |          | 0 100    |
| 0 to 2   | 13     | 92.9%    |          |
| 3 to 5   | 1      | 7.1%     |          |
| 6 or more  | 0      | 0.0%     |          |
| Totals   | 14     | 100.0%   |          |

| 18) What grade do you expect to receive in this class? |        |          |          |
|--|--------|----------|----------|
|  | Counts | Percents | Percents |
|  |        |          | 0 100    |
| A  | 3      | 21.4%    |          |
| A-/B+  | 4      | 28.6%    |          |
| B  | 4      | 28.6%    |          |
| B-/C+  | 2      | 14.3%    |          |
| C/C-   | 1      | 7.1%     |          |
| D or below   | 0      | 0.0%     |          |
| Not Applicable   | 0      | 0.0%     |          |
| Totals   | 14     | 100.0%   |          |

| 19) What is your current class level? |        |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
|                                       | Counts | Percents | Percents |
|                                       |        |          | 0 100    |
| Freshman                              | 0      | 0.0%     |          |
| Sophomore                             | 4      | 28.6%    |          |
| Junior                                | 5      | 35.7%    |          |
| Senior                                | 4      | 28.6%    |          |
| Graduate                              | 1      | 7.1%     |          |
| Other                                 | 0      | 0.0%     |          |
| Totals                                | 14     | 100.0%   |          |

12) What did you like about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it?

- lectures
- I was very interest in this class because I wanted to learn more about China and doing business there, mission accomplished! I have taken several classes with Dr. Rector and I have enjoyed all of them. He gave me the opportunity to make papers up that had received bad grades.
- I like the laid back format of the class
- Dr. Rector does a great job at explaining things
- Everything
- Gangnam Style!
- I think all the readings assigned for this course were really good and useful to the course content.
- Professor Rector is an articulate political theorist. However, the Idealist stance he has on politics leaves no room for the student to establish and express their own political beliefs. The lectures he taught can easily be read in a book or an online magazine. Not in a

three thousand dollar course, in a class of 9 to 11 students. The student is clearly the victim here, the amount of time and effort put in his classes is worthless in face of his idealist political view.No matter what you do or how long you spend in the library, if your logic does not agree with his, your not good enough. The professor needs to accept the indifference of logic between him and others.

- Good explanation of a complex topic
- The group project and independent learning.

13) Which teaching methods or strategies contributed most to your learning (lectures, technology, group activities, projects, textbooks, readings, handouts, etc.)?

- lectures
- I enjoy Dr. Rector's classes because of the class interaction during discussion. I learn not by taking note but discussing the various aspects. Though I asked a lot of questions, he made a point to answer them all.
- lectures
- lectures
- lectures and group work
- Lectures.
- The reading were very interesting and they motivate me to investigate more about a certain topic, and also the group project turn out to be a very interesting research project.
- Lectures Powerpoints
- Lectures and projects.

14) What suggestions can you offer that would make this course a better experience?

- power points
- In the future I would appreciate it if you would cease from expressing your personal political opinions with the class. Do not make fun of either the Democrat or the Republican Parties. People are entitled to their own opinions but the classroom is not the place to share your personal political opinions.
- I wish he wasn't so cold and a bit more understanding to students situations.
- ?
- No group paper.
- Trying to generate more debate in class about what is being discuss, other than just lecturing.
- I have taken many class with professor rector and enjoy his sense of humor.But please be more considerate of the students, we are your responsibility.Professor you have an incentive to wake up every morning and go lecture. We however put time, money and effort without any incentives or material gain.Some if not all of the students work, travel long hours, leave everything behind to attend your class. We spend long nights working on your papers and projects. And all we get is an insult. I was intimidated by how you treated a fellow classmate and I hope this does not happen again.Please try under all circumstances to control your anger, Especially with Students.
- Slightly less reading.

If you have other comments about this course, please share them in the space below.

- Professor Rector is great at teaching this course.
- Fuck.
- Thank You professor and please don't take any of what i say personal.You mentioned the other day in class that this is the only time we get to contradict or criticize you so enjoy yet as much as you can.