



Marymount University
 Student Evaluation of Course Effectiveness
 Spring 2012




Course and Instructor: Rector POL-225-A Response Rate: 74% Average Course Grade: 2.55



	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Totals	Mean	Std Dev	Mean	
									1	5
1) How would you rate this course as a learning experience?	9.0 45.0%	8.0 40.0%	3.0 15.0%	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	20.0 100.0%	4.30	0.73		
2) What is your rating of this instructor's teaching?	10.0 52.6%	5.0 26.3%	4.0 21.1%	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	19.0 100.0%	4.32	0.82		






	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?	1.0 5.0%	13.0 65.0%	5.0 25.0%	1.0 5.0%	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	20.0 100.0%		





	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	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	2.0 10.0%	4.0 20.0%	14.0 70.0%	20.0 100.0%	4.60	0.68		
5) The instructor explained course content in a way that I could understand.	0.0 0.0%	1.0 5.0%	3.0 15.0%	6.0 30.0%	10.0 50.0%	20.0 100.0%	4.25	0.91		
6) The instructor was responsive to student questions.	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	1.0 5.3%	8.0 42.1%	10.0 52.6%	19.0 100.0%	4.47	0.61		
7) The instructor used the class time well (employed a balance of teaching methods, handled student	0.0 0.0%	1.0 5.0%	1.0 5.0%	9.0 45.0%	9.0 45.0%	20.0 100.0%	4.30	0.80		
8) The instructor encouraged me to take responsibility for my own learning.	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	3.0 15.0%	4.0 20.0%	13.0 65.0%	20.0 100.0%	4.50	0.76		
9) The instructor encouraged students to participate actively in class.	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	2.0 10.0%	8.0 40.0%	10.0 50.0%	20.0 100.0%	4.40	0.68		
10) The feedback I received on my work in this course helped me learn.	0.0 0.0%	2.0 10.0%	2.0 10.0%	6.0 30.0%	10.0 50.0%	20.0 100.0%	4.20	1.01		
11) The standards for evaluating my work were consistently applied.	0.0 0.0%	1.0 5.0%	2.0 10.0%	8.0 40.0%	9.0 45.0%	20.0 100.0%	4.25	0.85		

15) Is this course:			
	Counts	Percents	Percents
			0 100
A required course for your major/program	18	90.0%	
An elective	2	10.0%	
A gen ed core requirement	0	0.0%	
Other	0	0.0%	
Totals	20	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	3	15.0%	
2 to 4	13	65.0%	
5 to 9	4	20.0%	
10 to 12	0	0.0%	
More than 12	0	0.0%	
Totals	20	100.0%	

17) How many sessions of this class have you missed this semester?			
	Counts	Percents	Percents
			0 100
0 to 2	15	75.0%	
3 to 5	5	25.0%	
6 or more	0	0.0%	
Totals	20	100.0%	

18) What grade do you expect to receive in this class?			
	Counts	Percents	Percents
			0 100
A	9	45.0%	
A-/B+	5	25.0%	
B	1	5.0%	
B-/C+	3	15.0%	
C/C-	2	10.0%	
D or below	0	0.0%	
Not Applicable	0	0.0%	
Totals	20	100.0%	

19) What is your current class level?			
	Counts	Percents	Percents
			0 100
Freshman	7	35.0%	
Sophomore	6	30.0%	
Junior	4	20.0%	
Senior	3	15.0%	
Graduate	0	0.0%	
Other	0	0.0%	
Totals	20	100.0%	

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

- Dr. Rector was very knowledgeable about the Material and I learned a lot. I liked that the material presented from class was not only what I read in the book. I liked that we learned about an overarching principle and then applied to a country (like political violence in Mexico).
- use of media and power points
- Readings
- Professor Rector made the material very interesting and understandable
- I have learned so much from Dr. Rector. He prepares his lectures in a manner that is easy to understand but also makes you think analytically about political concepts in general even if they are being applied to a particular country. He encourages people to come up with answers and tries to make the class fun with videos, current event references and funny anecdotes.
- I enjoyed the energy that professor rector brought to the class room
- I liked how we learned about different countries, and it opened up my mind to other countries and their governments.

- I liked the approach of illustrating different types of government with historical and current examples; this made the lessons memorable and easily understandable. I felt like what I learned about other governments has given me a broader view of world politics and why particular regions of the world are the way they are politically, economically, ethnicity wise and so on.
- The lecturing and that the notes were on blackboard.
- Being able to participate; the connections to real life situations
- The course POL-225-A was a highly interesting course that focused on international governments. What I particularly liked about Professor Rector's teaching style is that he always made the class highly interesting and gave relevant examples. His lectures were always clear and organized. All of our class assignments-mainly papers-provided a real challenge.
- HE IS VERY ACTIVE, A GREAT PROFESSOR. IT WAS LIKE HAVING A GOOD TIME CONVERSATION BUT WITH ACTUAL LEARNING. GREAT CLASS INTERACTION.
- Powerpoints were available on his website which helped with reviewing course material.
- I liked how he presented the powerpoints.
- Lectures were informative and the extra credit games were helpful in understanding concepts
- teachers enthusiasm about each topic

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

- I think I learned most in the lectures.
- power points
- Readings
- Lectures
- The papers are always challenging but helped me learn. He wants us to read articles and answer specific questions. Finding articles in the media to answer political questions is not easy. I found that the papers made me apply the concepts I learned in class while doing more research and learning more. Lectures were useful as well.
- The feed back on the papers helped me learn and write a better one next time.
- The lectures were good, and the activities we did clearly illustrated a particular point, theory, etc. that we were either studying or having introduced to us.
- Lecturing
- Open discussions.
- lectures!
- Undoubtedly, the primary method that enabled me to learn the most was Professor Rector's lectures. In addition to the lectures, the readings assigned provided supplementary information and enforced the main concepts covered in class.
- LECTURES & CURRENT EVENTS
- Mostly lectures
- lectures, papers, readings
- Lectures and readings
- n/a

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

- Sometimes Dr. Rector would get a little off topic about things and we'd have to rush through information at the end.
- i wish power points had more information, such as more definitions or characteristics
- Professor needs to grade assignments in a timely fashion
- N/A
- I don't know what can make this class better. I like it the way it is!
- More interactive activities with the class. Make reading mandatory.
- I really didn't like how the class was taught. It was a lot of confusing information and it was hard to process. More detailed power points would be better, and more group work.
- Not much. One of the few classes I actually enjoyed sitting through this semester.
- Applying more to what is in the book for easier understanding.
- I think this course was well planned out. Although the class was based primarily on lectures, there were also discussions held in class.
- BETTER POWER POINT SLIDES AND ORGANIZATION
- Get graded assignments back faster
- I think you should add more group activities.
- Some more definitive guidelines on what the paper requires
- n/a

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

- Overall Dr. Rector is a great professor and I learned a lot in his class. The out of class opportunities, like the optional trip to the state department was a really great part of the class! I think it's awesome that he plans things like that for the students.
- N/A

- Thank you Dr. Rector for encouraging us to learn and apply this new concepts to the real world.
- Good course, just not for me.
- Hu is the Paramount Leader of China.
- VERY NICE CLASS
- you should try to end class on time, and give feedback on papers before the next one is due.
- n/a