

Marymount University
Student Evaluation of Course Effectiveness
Spring 2016

Course and Instructor: Rector, Chad POL-103-A Response Rate: 77% Average Course Grade: 2.74

Student Status

1) What is your classification at Marymount?			
	Counts	Percents	Percents
			0 100
Freshman	13	48.1%	
Sophomore	7	25.9%	
Junior	5	18.5%	
Senior	2	7.4%	
Graduate (Master's)	0	0.0%	
Graduate (Doctoral)	0	0.0%	
Other	0	0.0%	
Totals	27	100.0%	

Overall Quality of the Course

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Totals	Mean	Std Dev	Mean
									1 5
2) How would you rate this course as a learning experience?	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	2.0 7.4%	14.0 51.9%	11.0 40.7%	27.0 100.0%	4.33	0.62	

Student Learning and Workload

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Totals	Mean	Std Dev	Mean
									1 5
3) I was motivated to take responsibility for my own learning.	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	2.0 7.7%	14.0 53.8%	10.0 38.5%	26.0 100.0%	4.31	0.62	
4) I was challenged to think deeply about the subject matter.	1.0 3.7%	0.0 0.0%	4.0 14.8%	11.0 40.7%	11.0 40.7%	27.0 100.0%	4.15	0.95	
5) I was encouraged to ask my own questions and seek answers.	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	1.0 3.7%	15.0 55.6%	11.0 40.7%	27.0 100.0%	4.37	0.56	

Instructor Responsiveness and Method

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Totals	Mean	Std Dev	Mean
									1 5
6) The instructor was responsive when students had questions or needed assistance.	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	13.0 50.0%	13.0 50.0%	26.0 100.0%	4.50	0.51	

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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Totals	Mean	Std Dev	Mean
									1 5
7) The instructor explained course content in a way that I could understand.	0.0 0.0%	1.0 3.8%	0.0 0.0%	13.0 50.0%	12.0 46.2%	26.0 100.0%	4.38	0.70	
8) The instructor used teaching methods that helped me learn.	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	2.0 7.4%	14.0 51.9%	11.0 40.7%	27.0 100.0%	4.33	0.62	

9) During class, how often did you engage in learning activities such as case studies, discussion groups, projects, problem solving, group work, etc.?			
	Counts	Percents	Percents
			0 100
Never	1	3.7%	
Almost Never	1	3.7%	
Sometimes	14	51.9%	
Fairly Often	6	22.2%	
Very Often	5	18.5%	
Totals	27	100.0%	

Grading and Feedback

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Totals	Mean	Std Dev	Mean
									1 5
10) I received useful feedback from the instructor.	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	16.0 59.3%	11.0 40.7%	27.0 100.0%	4.41	0.50	
11) The grading policies in this course were clear.	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	2.0 7.4%	12.0 44.4%	13.0 48.1%	27.0 100.0%	4.41	0.64	
12) The grading policies in this course were consistently followed.	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	1.0 3.7%	12.0 44.4%	14.0 51.9%	27.0 100.0%	4.48	0.58	
13) I received grades and feedback on assignments/tests in a timely manner (as communicated by the instructor).	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	1.0 3.7%	13.0 48.1%	13.0 48.1%	27.0 100.0%	4.44	0.58	

Open-ended Questions

14) What 2-3 things did you like about this course and find most useful or valuable for learning?

- Interesting topics
- I thought Rector made it entertaining to listen to the lectures- even if I have no clue what the lecture was about. Very funny, captured my attention
- I enjoyed the essays I thought they were a quick an easy way to learn more and seek information on my own. I also enjoyed the set up of the tests. Extra credit games helped me a lot to connect the material we were learning to the real world.
- cool guy /
- The visuals
- Dr. Rector has an excellent way of articulating difficult concepts in a palatable way. / Clear, organized, methodical class structure made it easy to keep up with subject matter.

- Fun discussions and he related the topics in a way that was easy to understand.
- the games and the fact that we had to meet with him and a study group for papers and exams. It was really helpful. also I liked how we can do extra credit events it really helps you learn more.
- Exams
- Professor made it fun
- Professor Rector really knows what he's talking about, and is informative and funny.
- Politics made me realize things I didn't know; helped me ask the right questions; and become more aware of political terms.
- Dr.Rector's ability to answer all our questions quickly and in an understandable manner. / / The powerpoint slides helped.
- Professor Rector was able to explain very complex situations and relate them in every day situations. / He was very clear when it came to test reviews and paper assignments, and responded to emails in a timely manner.
- I appreciated how Dr.Rector used powerpoints on the topics that where covered in the book and related it to common knowledge, which made hard topics easy to understand.
- the models he uses to describe certain situations
- I found myself enjoying the class more than I thought I would. / Professor Rector is an engaging teacher. / The material was interesting.

15) What 2-3 suggestions do you have that would make this course a better learning experience?

- More smaller work to do other than just a few papers and tests
- I cant give any advice, I think my issue was that I simply have no past experience with politics and have little interest in it.
- Nothing, I really enjoyed the course!
- i mean everything is great about rector's classes (I've had him before) but maybe if his powerpoints were more towards notes we can type.
- Nothing
- Nothing
- A little more introductory to Politics in general, I feel like I should've known more going into the class.
- Class wide discussions/debates more often.
- nothing
- Professor Rector starts class a few minutes early sometimes. It is my own fault that I am not there early being that my commute is an hour, but it has caused me to miss a quiz that is beneficial to my grade that I am not able to make up.
- If there where more papers and more outside materials the course would improve the overall experience.
- more guests teachers
- Maybe change the lecture format. Besides that it is a great class.