




Marymount University
Student Evaluation of Course Effectiveness
Spring 2013




Course and Instructor: Rector POL-225-A Response Rate: 80% Average Course Grade: 2.87



	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 47.4%	9.0 47.4%	1.0 5.3%	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	19.0 100.0%	4.42	0.61		
2) What is your rating of this instructor's teaching?	13.0 68.4%	4.0 21.1%	2.0 10.5%	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	19.0 100.0%	4.58	0.69		





	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 20.0%	10.0 50.0%	6.0 30.0%	0.0 0.0%	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%	0.0 0.0%	7.0 35.0%	13.0 65.0%	20.0 100.0%	4.65	0.49		
5) The instructor explained course content in a way that I could understand.	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	1.0 5.0%	9.0 45.0%	10.0 50.0%	20.0 100.0%	4.45	0.60		
6) The instructor was responsive to student questions.	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	1.0 5.0%	8.0 40.0%	11.0 55.0%	20.0 100.0%	4.50	0.61		
7) The instructor used the class time well (employed a balance of teaching methods, handled student	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	1.0 5.0%	9.0 45.0%	10.0 50.0%	20.0 100.0%	4.45	0.60		
8) The instructor encouraged me to take responsibility for my own learning.	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	1.0 5.0%	6.0 30.0%	13.0 65.0%	20.0 100.0%	4.60	0.60		
9) The instructor encouraged students to participate actively in class.	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	5.0 25.0%	5.0 25.0%	10.0 50.0%	20.0 100.0%	4.25	0.85		
10) The feedback I received on my work in this course helped me learn.	0.0 0.0%	1.0 5.3%	3.0 15.8%	3.0 15.8%	12.0 63.2%	19.0 100.0%	4.37	0.96		
11) The standards for evaluating my work were consistently applied.	1.0 5.3%	0.0 0.0%	1.0 5.3%	5.0 26.3%	12.0 63.2%	19.0 100.0%	4.42	1.02		

15) Is this course:			
	Counts	Percents	Percents
			0 100
A required course for your major/program	16	84.2%	
An elective	1	5.3%	
A gen ed core requirement	2	10.5%	
Other	0	0.0%	
Totals	19	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	4	20.0%	
2 to 4	15	75.0%	
5 to 9	1	5.0%	
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	13	65.0%	
3 to 5	7	35.0%	
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	4	20.0%	
A-/B+	11	55.0%	
B	0	0.0%	
B-/C+	2	10.0%	
C/C-	3	15.0%	
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	8	42.1%	
Sophomore	4	21.1%	
Junior	7	36.8%	
Senior	0	0.0%	
Graduate	0	0.0%	
Other	0	0.0%	
Totals	19	100.0%	

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

- He was engaging and very helpful in office hours
- I liked that he had extra credit involving events in the DC area, it made things we learned in class applicable to the real world.
- The class was very enjoyable. Dr. Rector was really good with using relevant examples to illustrate points in class.
- Besides just lecturing maybe something more can be added. I like the games but I do feel things need to be a lit more engaging and interactive.
- I liked how the atmosphere wasn't too heavy, also he made the lectures more interesting and fun
- I enjoyed writing the papers they provided an expansion of the lectures.
- I enjoyed his enthusiasm.
- Professor Rector does a good job of providing additional information during lectures which are not in the textbook. It isn't just a lecture based off the textbook every class period.
- Lots of extra credit games which were fun to play

- Dr. Rector has a great way of explaining the material that is easy to understand. His slide presentation is not too wordy that students would need to spend most of their time vigorously writing while missing the rest of the lecture.
- I learned a lot about the world and various countries politics and government in a nutshell.
- I like how professor rector used humor in teachings of various subjects to make or more understandable and fun to enjoy
- I liked how he used slides to present the material, this made it easier for us students to copy down notes.
- I liked Dr. Rector's enthusiasm for politics and for teaching.
- Dr. Rector seems interested in his subject and explains stuff in a clear way.
- His use of current, real-world examples

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

- Lecturing, and extra credit games
- Lectures, textbook
- Readings were most helpful, then reviewing it in class.
- Lectures and papers
- lecture, group activities, and textbook readings
- Papers
- lectures and technology.
- Detailed lectures. Paper assignments about specific countries.
- PowerPoint and videos
- Lectures and group activities helped contribute to my learning.
- Lectures, Textbook
- Textbooks, lectures/PowerPoint slides
- Professor Rector mainly used lectures, but there were some videos thrown in.
- The lectures, textbook readings and extra credit opportunities contributed most.
- Lectures, readings, textbook, and the games we play in class.
- The textbook readings

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

- More explanation to subjects in class lectures
- I was often afraid to participate because Dr. Rector came off as judgmental and pretentious (it seems unintentional). I also did not agree with his grading methods on papers, his reasoning for giving a bad grade often seemed arbitrary (like if my position was not the same as his). He would grade down for things that I did correctly, which was discouraging.
- I can not- this class was excellent.
- It is just good at it is now
- Remove the group meetings
- none
- N/A
- Keep doing what your doing.
- I would say use a textbook that's more challenging in terms of the subjects it covers, like a more densed text.
- Don't use lectures and slides all the time, make it more interactive and hands on.
- Study guides for the tests.
- More games.
- Maybe try a different format for the exams

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

- This course had so much potential to be a great experience however Professor Rector's arbitrary (unfair) grading and his inability to be approachable made this course a mediocre experience at best. I find myself leaving this course disappointed.
- Professor Rector is one of the most engaging professor I have had yet. He explains everything clearly and answers questions thoroughly. I look forward to going to his lectures because i always learn so much in one day.
- I believe if group work is encouraged then it will be better for students who are interactive and for those aren't to learn from those students.
- I think the idea of teaching some concepts through games is really effective.