

University of Michigan
 Summer 2021 Instructor Report With Comments
 POLSCI 389-202: Topics
 Htet Thiha Zaw

8 out of 24 students responded to this evaluation.

Responses to University-wide questions about the course:

	SA	A	N	D	SD	N/A	Your Median	Univ-wide Median	School/College Median
This course advanced my understanding of the subject matter. (Q1631)	7	1	0	0	0	0	4.9	4.6	4.6
My interest in the subject has increased because of this course. (Q1632)	6	2	0	0	0	0	4.8	4.3	4.4
I knew what was expected of me in this course.(Q1633)	6	2	0	0	0	0	4.8	4.6	4.7
Overall, this was an excellent course.(Q1)	5	3	0	0	0	0	4.7	4.4	4.5
I had a strong desire to take this course.(Q4)	4	3	1	0	0	0	4.5	4.0	4.3
As compared with other courses of equal credit, the workload for this course was (SA=Much Lighter, A=Lighter, N=Typical, D=Heavier, SD=Much Heavier). (Q891)	1	1	2	4	0	0	2.5	2.9	3.0
How did you participate in this course? (SA=Attended most synchronously, A=Attended most asynchronously, N=Attended most in person, D=Attended some in person and some online) (Q1854)	6	2	0	0	0	0	4.8	4.6	4.3

Responses to University-wide questions about the instructor:

	SA	A	N	D	SD	N/A	Your Median	Univ-wide Median	School/College Median
Overall, Htet Thiha Zaw was an excellent teacher.(Q2)	8	0	0	0	0	0	5.0	4.7	4.8
Htet Thiha Zaw seemed well prepared for class meetings.(Q230)	8	0	0	0	0	0	5.0	4.8	4.9
Htet Thiha Zaw explained material clearly.(Q199)	8	0	0	0	0	0	5.0	4.7	4.8
Htet Thiha Zaw treated students with respect.(Q217)	8	0	0	0	0	0	5.0	4.9	4.9

Responses to questions about the course:

	SA	A	N	D	SD	N/A	Your Median	University-Wide Median
I learned to value new viewpoints. (Q165)	7	1	0	0	0	0	4.9	4.7
I increased my awareness of my own interests and talents. (Q173)	6	2	0	0	0	0	4.8	4.4
I learned to apply principles to other problems and issues. (Q394)	7	1	0	0	0	0	4.9	4.9
Students felt comfortable asking questions. (Q892)	7	1	0	0	0	0	4.9	4.7
The grades in this course were fairly determined. (Q894)	8	0	0	0	0	0	5.0	4.6
Students' difficulty with the material was recognized. (Q895)	8	0	0	0	0	0	5.0	4.5
The course requirements were clearly defined. (Q897)	6	2	0	0	0	0	4.8	4.5
My expected grade in this course is (SA=A, A=B, N=C, D=D, SD=E). (Q896)	5	2	0	0	0	1	4.8	4.8

The medians are calculated from Summer 2021 data. University-wide medians are based on all UM classes in which an item was used. The school/college medians in this report are based on classes that are upper division with enrollment of 16 to 74 in Division of Social Sciences in the College of LS&A.

Written Comments

How did the teaching techniques (e.g., certain technologies used, specific approaches to testing and assignments, asynchronous or synchronous teaching methods, instructor flexibility, class interaction, small group work, other teaching methods) of this course serve the aims of this course/ or serve your learning in this course? (Q1872)

Comments
Instructor was super flexible and reasonable. Class vibes were unexpectedly very good, I like my classmates a lot. I appreciated the time taken to give individual feedback on my research proposal draft.
Thiha fomented thoughtful conversation in every class. The assignments contributed to this and I learned so much about political economy.
The use of in-class reading quizzes was extremely useful. I found that these quizzes allowed me to gather my thoughts on the reading and think critically about them.
techniques were great
The perusal readings encouraged active discussion of the topics.
Asynchronous lectures helped a lot

Given your experience in this course, what teaching techniques do you think the instructor should continue to use in the future (e.g., certain technologies used, specific approaches to testing and assignments, other testing methods, asynchronous or synchronous teaching methods, instructor flexibility, class interaction, small group work, other teaching methods)? (Q1873)

Comments
I think perusal is great as long as you stay flexible with the grading, the system does not seem designed for those with learning disabilities and I am grateful that you reconsidered. I think between that and the quizzes we are able to go through the material very thoroughly and it's very helpful. The readings you selected were excellent, I found myself saving a few of them to have after the class. Before this class, I had never considered this field, and now I am excited to dive in more.
Perusal is a bit of a nightmare and I'm personally not a fan. More breakout rooms. Otherwise all good!
I'm sure this will get better with in person learning but I suppose making sure everyone participates in the conversation and asking questions of the class in general would be useful. Continue to challenge people's views/suppositions.
I think that the use of in-class quizzes should be continued. Additionally, I think that the format of class with class discussion questions from the quizzes is very useful because it allows me to hear from my classmates and see readings in a different way.
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Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)

Comments

From day 1 I felt like Professor Zaw was invested in us learning about this field in a unique and holistic way. I wish every professor here approached topics this way! The material was great, but how he paired the readings made them much more approachable. Our class has a massive range of students who clearly have a background in writing similar papers to brand new students and he makes space for all of us. I felt like I could get true feedback and explore new ideas. He also took the time to help us all push farther on our research questions, and because of that, I have had a much richer experience in writing my paper. His grading is very fair and the assignments are well explained. 10/10 a great experience! I am so glad I signed up for this class.

Instruction was good, Thiha is clearly very dedicated to his field. Even when the course material was challenging/esoteric the classes were pleasant and easygoing and we had quite a robust class environment with lots of good questions asked all round. Really liked the instruction, even when the readings were a bit dry.

One of the best courses I've taken at this university so far. Thiha is intelligent and thought provoking and teaches you to understand the long run implications of historical events. I thoroughly enjoyed this class!

Overall, this was one of the best classes that I have taken here at the university. I would absolutely recommend this class to my friends or anyone pursuing a political science major. I learned a ton as a result of having taken this class and I feel as though my perspective on the world has broadened.

quality was great

Good course and great instructor!

Thiha was a great instructor and very accommodating to students' needs. Best instructor I've had so far