

Summary of student evaluations, Introduction to European Government, Fall 2018

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Instructor of Record

Selected student comments

This document presents selected numerical reviews and comments from students' anonymous evaluations of the course and of the instructor. The full, unabridged evaluation can be provided on request.

Table 1: Student evaluations

	Mean rating	Median rating
Demonstrates enthusiasm about teaching	4.63	5.00
Communicates clearly and logically.	4.69	5.00
Promotes a climate of mutual respect.	4.88	5.00
Encourages student questions.	4.81	5.00
Emphasizes critical thinking.	4.52	5.00
Uses teaching strategies that promote active involvement.	4.66	5.00
Clearly communicates expectations.	4.50	5.00
Provides timely feedback on student performance.	4.53	5.00
Provides a fair evaluation of student performance.	4.53	5.00
Is available when needed.	4.47	5.00
Is well-prepared for instruction.	4.78	5.00
Overall, I would rate this instructor as "excellent."	4.44	5.00
The instructor was one of the best I have had at Carolina, fully deserving of a teaching award	3.97	4.00

Responses on a scale from 1 (Strongly disagree) to 5 (Strongly agree)

Response rate: 73% (32 out of 44 students)

Strengths of the course

- Cole Harvey is the best part of this course
- The instructor was able to lecture and engage the class practically every class period. The information was conveyed in a way that was easy to understand and other activities in the course, such as the simulation, were very engaging and allowed me to better understand the course objectives (ex. about the EU Council).
- The strengths would be the small group discussions. Professor Harvey does a good job of creating an open atmosphere for discussions.
- The large class discussions were very engaging. Everybody was inputting ideas and the instructor was adding on to what we said and answered any necessary questions.
- This course provided a lot of interesting information and ways to interact with the material.
- Lectures were engaging. I learned a lot by simply attending class.
- I learned a lot about European Politics and it took different perspectives on the subject as well. Also helped me understand why things in Europe are the way they are.
- This course is an excellent introductory course to a very broad topic. A student with no prior exposure to European government will succeed in exiting the course with a strong foundational understanding of the material covered.
- Lectures were engaging and well presented, with opportunities for class participation throughout. All of the assignments felt pertinent and connected to the class material.
- Very well organized and engaging
- The class was well organized and had clear learning goals.
- Well organized, easy to stay on track as the workload is bearable. Harvey's adaptation after a midcourse survey, adjusting reading, was really commendable.
- It was really clear and engaging. What was expected of us was easy to understand. The material built on itself really well. The way the semester was broken up was great.
- What I liked a lot about this course was actually what I thought I would most dislike...Having to be in the role of a Prime minister made me more attentive to how my country and other countries play a role in the EU.
- Each lecture was very informative and was structured well. Information was easy to comprehend and there were never lulls in the classroom during a lecture. The simulation along with classroom discussion was also very strong and informative.

- Each lecture was very well organized, and combined standard, PowerPoint facilitated lecturing by the professor and small and large group discussion with peers. This style of teaching helped immensely to facilitate my learning. Additionally, assignment guidelines were very clear and grading was fair.

Strengths of the instructor

- Cole Harvey is an amazing teacher, best one I had this semester. He understands how students learn and goes at exactly the right pace to keep us involved and learning. He was always willing to go more in depth on a topic we didn't understand or adjust our workload to accommodate events. He is a literal 10/10 teacher
- Harvey is a very good instructor. He makes sure that the students understand the information and if there are questions, he tries to better explain the information and offers other ways to learn it. He is also very nice and promotes an excellent learning environment. I really enjoyed having him as my instructor.
- Cole Harvey does everything correct. He is a fantastic teacher and I loved every second of his class....
- Understood that a hour and fifteen minute class needs breaks and can't just be fully lecture. Was very understanding and helpful throughout the semester.
- Seemed very informed on all of the subject matter, was very thoughtful when answering questions.
- He was knowledgeable, helpful, and respectful. He was always prepared for class and kept the class engaging.
- Cole was very understanding and used student feedback to change the course to match the pace the class wanted.
- I really enjoyed the participatory stuff, such as group discussion and the simulation. Professor Harvey helped me actively use my knowledge and made me think more critically.
- Cole Harvey is an excellent clear, logical communicator. His teaching is easy to follow and engaging, make it easy for students to succeed in grasping the material. The assignments accurately reflect the level of detail covered in class, which is something I appreciate a lot.
- Was very clear in all of his lectures, and was great at answering questions. I never felt confused or lost with the material. Definitely knew what he was talking about.
- Very accessible and willing to help students
- Cole is very easy to reach out to.
- Harvey is a really engaging professor, and his enthusiasm makes the course material more interesting and memorable.

- He is very enthusiastic, flexible, cares about the students, and is well prepared. He made lectures easy to understand and gave us many opportunities to learn in different ways like small groups, large, quizzes, etc.
- Very good instructor and knows how a lot about the topic. The projects such as the simulation was a very good idea.
- Very clear, very good at elaborating when asked questions and rephrasing in ways for the student to understand
- He was wellprepared every day and kept us engaged at all times of the class. He spoke eloquently and I was able to listen along very easily.
- Good variety of teaching styles.
- Clear and focused lecturer made the topics of lectures extremely interesting available to students in and out of class.