

Emory University: Emory College of Arts and Sciences

ECAS Course Evaluations (Fa 2024)

Course: POLS-494-4: Rsch Topics Sem Polit Science - Fall 2024
Instructor: Renard Sexton,Bradley Erickson *
Response Rate: 9/10 (90.00 %)

1 - Percentage of classes you did NOT attend (whether on-campus or synchronous/online).

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
0%	(1)	2	22.22%		
1-5%	(2)	6	66.67%		
6-10%	(3)	0	0.00%		
11-15%	(4)	0	0.00%		
16-20%	(5)	0	0.00%		
21-25%	(6)	0	0.00%		
26-30%	(7)	0	0.00%		
31-40%	(8)	0	0.00%		
41-50%	(9)	0	0.00%		
51-60%	(10)	0	0.00%		
61-80%	(11)	0	0.00%		
81-99%	(12)	1	11.11%		
				0 25 50 100	
Response Rate					
9/10 (90.00%)					

2 - You are taking this course (select all that apply):

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
To complete a General Education Requirement	(1)	1	11.11%		
For your major/minor	(2)	9	100.00%		
As a prerequisite for another course	(3)	0	0.00%		
As a pre-professional requirement	(4)	0	0.00%		
Because you are interested in the subject	(5)	3	33.33%		
Response Rate	9/10 (90%)				

3 - Your expected grade:

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
A	(1)	4	44.44%		
A-	(2)	5	55.56%		
B+	(3)	0	0.00%		
B	(4)	0	0.00%		
B-	(5)	0	0.00%		
C+	(6)	0	0.00%		
C	(7)	0	0.00%		
C-	(8)	0	0.00%		
D+	(9)	0	0.00%		
D	(10)	0	0.00%		
S	(11)	0	0.00%		
U	(12)	0	0.00%		
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Response Rate					
9/10 (90.00%)					

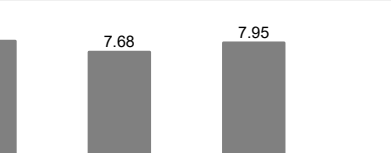
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4 - Please respond to the following questions focused on the instructor, Bradley Erickson. -

How well organized was the class?

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1 (Not at all)		(1)	0	0.00%										
2		(2)	0	0.00%										
3		(3)	0	0.00%										
4		(4)	0	0.00%										
5 (Somewhat)		(5)	1	11.11%										
6		(6)	0	0.00%										
7		(7)	2	22.22%										
8		(8)	1	11.11%										
9 (Very)		(9)	5	55.56%										
N/A		(0)	0	0.00%										
					0	25	50	100	Question	Dept		ECAS		
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	Dept		Mean	STD	Median	ECAS		Mean	STD	Median
9/10 (90.00%)		8.00	1.41	9.00	619		7.68	1.72	8.00	16708		7.95	1.57	9.00

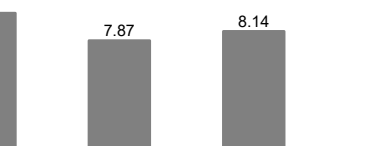
4 - Please respond to the following questions focused on the instructor, Bradley Erickson. -

Was the instructor enthusiastic about the material?

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3		(3)	0	0.00%										
4		(4)	0	0.00%										
5 (Somewhat)		(5)	0	0.00%										
6		(6)	0	0.00%										
7		(7)	1	11.11%										
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N/A		(0)	0	0.00%										
					0	25	50	100	Question	Dept		ECAS		
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	Dept		Mean	STD	Median	ECAS		Mean	STD	Median
9/10 (90.00%)		8.78	0.67	9.00	619		8.24	1.36	9.00	16708		8.39	1.24	9.00

4 - Please respond to the following questions focused on the instructor, Bradley Erickson. -

How concerned was the instructor with what students learned from the course?

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1 (Not at all)				(1)	0	0.00%											
2				(2)	0	0.00%											
3				(3)	0	0.00%											
4				(4)	0	0.00%											
5 (Somewhat)				(5)	0	0.00%											
6				(6)	0	0.00%											
7				(7)	1	11.11%											
8				(8)	1	11.11%											
9 (Very)				(9)	7	77.78%											
N/A				(0)	0	0.00%											
								0	25	50	100	Question	Dept		ECAS		
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	Dept		Mean	STD	Median	ECAS	Mean	STD	Median				
9/10 (90.00%)		8.67	0.71	9.00	619		7.87	1.62	9.00	16708	8.14	1.49	9.00				

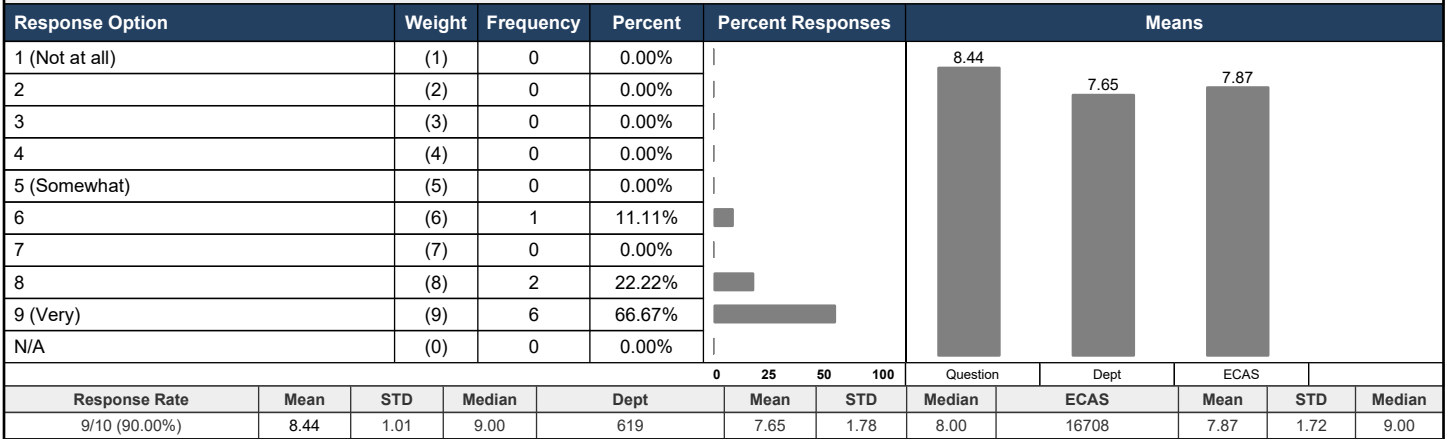
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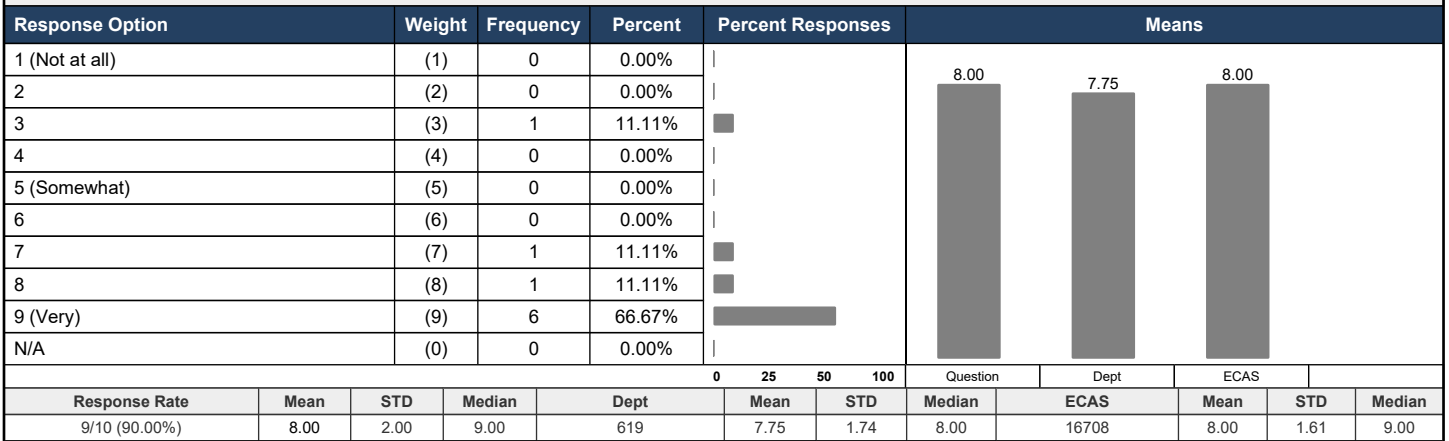
4 - Please respond to the following questions focused on the instructor, Bradley Erickson. -

How clearly did the instructor explain specific concepts relevant to the course?



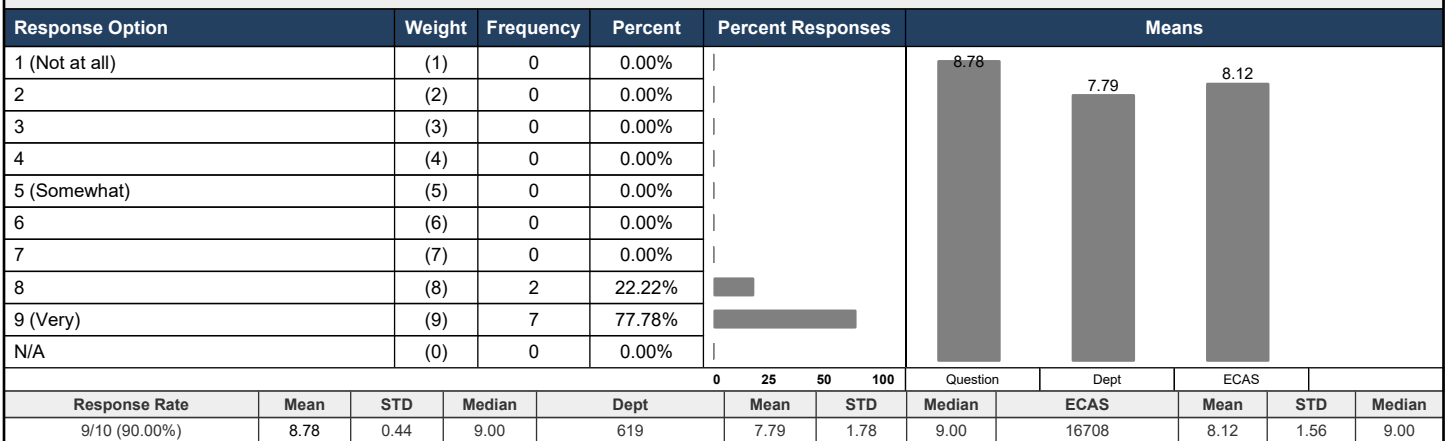
4 - Please respond to the following questions focused on the instructor, Bradley Erickson. -

How clearly did the instructor communicate the objectives and requirements for the course?



4 - Please respond to the following questions focused on the instructor, Bradley Erickson. -

How well did the instructor respond to students' questions?



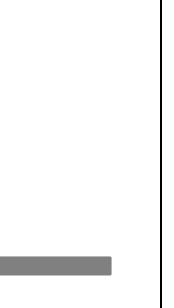
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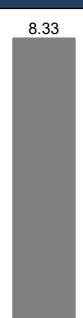
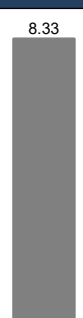
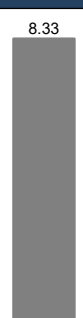
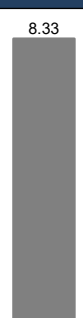
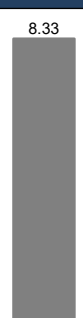
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How accessible was the instructor for individual discussion about the course?

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1 (Not at all)		(1)	0	0.00%											
2		(2)	0	0.00%											
3		(3)	0	0.00%											
4		(4)	0	0.00%											
5 (Somewhat)		(5)	0	0.00%											
6		(6)	1	11.11%											
7		(7)	0	0.00%											
8		(8)	1	11.11%											
9 (Very)		(9)	7	77.78%											
N/A		(0)	0	0.00%											
					0	25	50	100	Question	Dept		ECAS			
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	Dept		Mean	STD	Median	ECAS		Mean	STD	Median	
9/10 (90.00%)		8.56	1.01	9.00	619		7.95	1.64	9.00	16708		8.19	1.47	9.00	

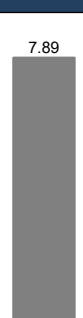
5 - How much did this course promote your progress on the following learning objectives?

Acquiring factual knowledge.

Response Option			Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means									
1. Not at all or very little			(1)	0	0.00%											
2.			(2)	0	0.00%											
3.			(3)	0	0.00%											
4.			(4)	0	0.00%											
5. Somewhat			(5)	0	0.00%											
6.			(6)	0	0.00%											
7.			(7)	2	22.22%											
8.			(8)	2	22.22%											
9. Very much			(9)	5	55.56%											
N/A			(0)	0	0.00%											
							0	25	50	100	Question	Dept		ECAS		
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	Dept		Mean	STD	Median	ECAS	Mean	STD	Median			
9/10 (90.00%)		8.33	0.87	9.00	427		7.84	1.60	8.00	15866	7.93	1.60	9.00			

5 - How much did this course promote your progress on the following learning objectives?

Understanding basic principles and concepts.

Response Option				Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
1. Not at all or very little				(1)	0	0.00%								
2.				(2)	0	0.00%								
3.				(3)	0	0.00%								
4.				(4)	0	0.00%								
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8.				(8)	3	33.33%								
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Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	Dept		Mean	STD	Median	ECAS	Mean	STD	Median	
9/10 (90.00%)		7.89	1.05	8.00	427		7.95	1.50	9.00	15866	8.02	1.53	9.00	

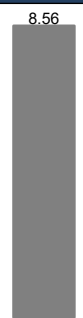
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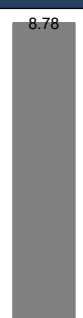
5 - How much did this course promote your progress on the following learning objectives?

Being able to apply facts, concepts and principles to specific questions.

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1. Not at all or very little		(1)	0	0.00%										
2.		(2)	0	0.00%										
3.		(3)	0	0.00%										
4.		(4)	0	0.00%										
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N/A		(0)	0	0.00%										
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Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	Dept		Mean	STD	Median	ECAS		Mean	STD	Median
9/10 (90.00%)		8.56	0.73	9.00	427		7.91	1.59	9.00	15866		7.95	1.59	9.00

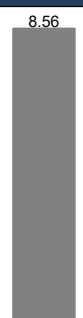
5 - How much did this course promote your progress on the following learning objectives?

Being able to assess or critique ideas and arguments.

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1. Not at all or very little		(1)	0	0.00%										
2.		(2)	0	0.00%										
3.		(3)	0	0.00%										
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9/10 (90.00%)		8.78	0.67	9.00	427		7.89	1.61	9.00	15866		7.80	1.76	9.00

5 - How much did this course promote your progress on the following learning objectives?

Being able to integrate and synthesize information.

Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means								
1. Not at all or very little		(1)	0	0.00%										
2.		(2)	0	0.00%										
3.		(3)	0	0.00%										
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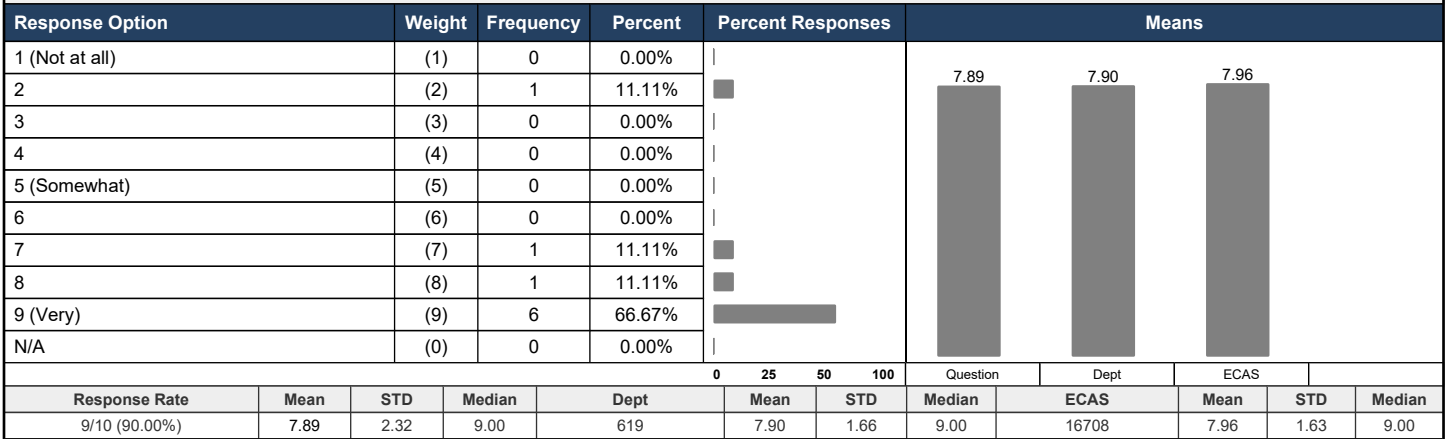
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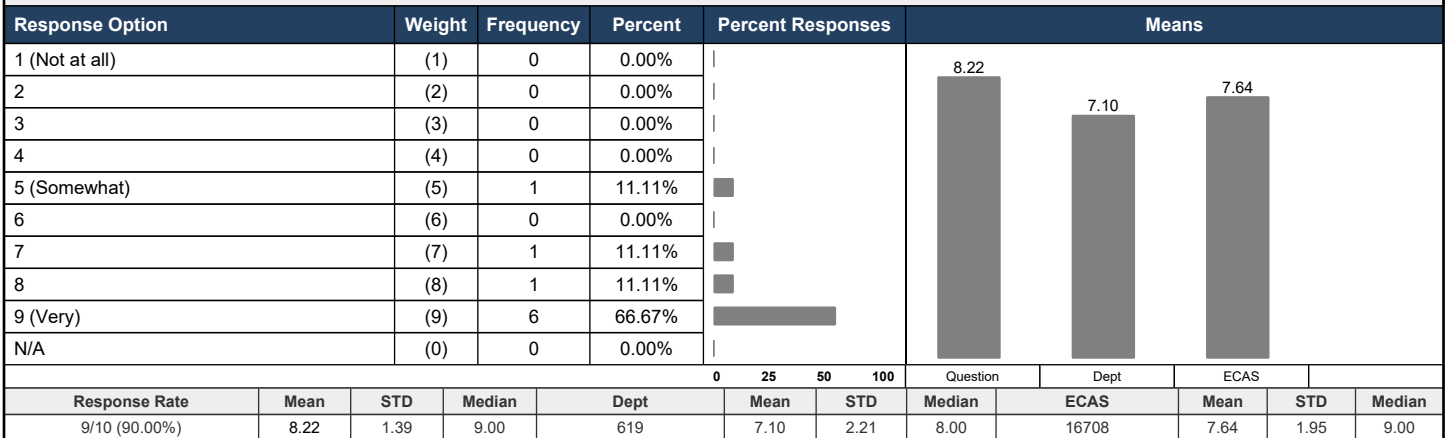
6 - Please answer the following questions, again focusing on the instructor (Bradley Erickson). -

How well did the exams and/or assignments reflect the course material?



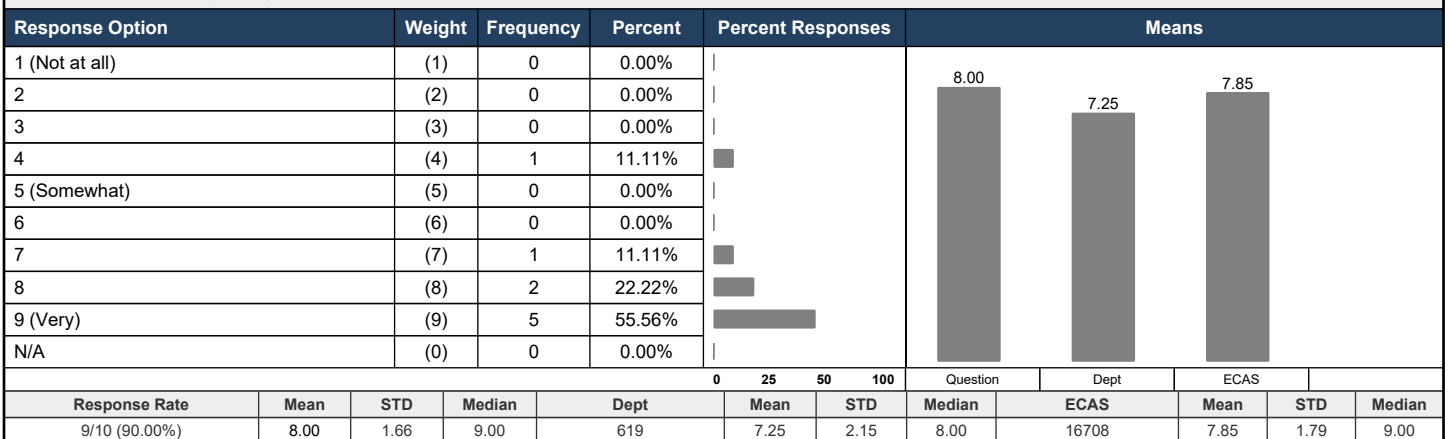
6 - Please answer the following questions, again focusing on the instructor (Bradley Erickson). -

Was the instructor's feedback on exams, papers, performance useful?



6 - Please answer the following questions, again focusing on the instructor (Bradley Erickson). -

Were the instructor's grading criteria for the course clear?



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7 - What is your assessment of the readings used in this course? Are there any which you found particularly useful (or useless)?

Response Rate	7/10 (70%)
• Very interesting readings • the readings were a lot but fair for the class • The readings were soooo interesting, and I like the set up of this class. It made sense and explained political development well. • I enjoyed them a lot. • Most of the readings were well connected to the general themes of the course, and were well tailored to the subject of each week's discussion. Some of them were more technical in scope, but still useful for discussion. • The readings were very applicable to different real-life situations. • They were useful	

8 - What about the class meetings did you find interesting? Was there enough discussion? Were the lectures any good? Was the material handled properly?

Response Rate	6/10 (60%)
• mostly discussions but it gets awkward • The discussions were amazing • I liked our discussions and our activities when we did do them. • Discussion was good, I wish sometimes there was more lecture or explanation of the more complex/detailed themes. • There was plenty of discussion which was very engaging. • They were very interesting for being 3 hours- i was engaged	

9 - In general, what were your expectations about this course before you took it? Were those expectations realized?

Response Rate	5/10 (50%)
• I thought it would be a little more structured, in terms of having the teachers explaining things and all the little things about development, but I'm happy it wasn't like this. Didn't make the class boring • I really liked it- I thought there would be more guidance on reserach methods specifically. • I expected more discussion of what development and "political economy" means, and more of a discussion of the value of this kind of research generally. • I expected the class to be very research-heavy but it was not as research focused as I expected. • I was afraid because Im not so versed in the topic- I have trouble but am more versed now	

10 - What part of the course should have received more attention or been given more time? What parts interested you the most?

Response Rate	3/10 (30%)
• more work with data • More attention to grading expectations • I was interested in many of the weeks' material, and think that each of the subjects were well treated.	

11 - What parts of the course should have received less attention? What parts interested you the least?

Response Rate	1/10 (10%)
• N/A	

12 - In terms of general interest to you, how would you rate this course?

Response Option			Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means										
High			(5)	2	22.22%				3.89		3.99		3.99				
High-Moderate			(4)	5	55.56%												
Moderate			(3)	1	11.11%												
Moderate-Low			(2)	1	11.11%												
Low			(1)	0	0.00%												
						0	25	50	100	Question		Dept		ECAS			
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	Dept		Mean	STD	Median	ECAS		Mean	STD	Median			
9/10 (90.00%)		3.89	0.93	4.00	360		3.99	1.02	4.00	360		3.99	1.02	4.00			

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13 - Why did you rate the course this way?

Response Rate	3/10 (30%)
• Because the subject matter and discussions were engaging and fruitful. • I am interested in politics, but the actual topic of this class was difficult to understand. • I really liked the professors and thought the facilitation of discussion was very engaging- However, I sometimes struggled to understand the theory of the class topic at large	

14 - If you haven't already answered this, how do you think this course might be improved? Any general comments or complaints?

Response Rate	3/10 (30%)
• more specific research paper guidelines • N/A • More activities in class would make the class more engaging.	

Mean of Means Calculations	Mean	Dept	ECAS	
Weighted Mean (Course)	8.42	7.88	7.92	
Weighted Mean (Instructor)	8.33	7.72	8.01	
Weighted Mean (Overall)	8.36	7.77	7.98	