Lesley University

Fall 2019, CPOLS 3131 Perspectives on Intl Relations Section 1

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There were: 19 possible respondents.



Question Text	N	Avg	Median	SD	Instructor Avg			Str Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Str Disagree
1 Enriched understanding of subject	16	4.7	5	0.5	4.8	4.6	4.5	69%	25%	6%	0%	0%
2 Understand what was supposed to learn	16	4.6	5	0.5	4.6	4.5	4.5	56%	31%	13%	0%	0%
3 Assignments contributed to learning	16	4.7	5	0.5	4.7	4.5	4.5	56%	25%	19%	0%	0%
4 Understand how work was graded	16	4.8	5	0.4	4.6	4.5	4.4	69%	19%	13%	0%	0%
5 Assignments and due dates were clearly communicated	16	5	5	0	4.8	4.5	4.5	94%	0%	6%	0%	0%
6 Was available for consultation when needed	16	4.8	5	0.4	4.8	4.6	4.6	75%	19%	6%	0%	0%
7 Provided feedback that helped improve	16	4.8	5	0.4	4.6	4.5	4.5	69%	13%	19%	0%	0%
8 Facilitated a respectful and inclusive environment	16	4.8	5	0.4	4.7	4.6	4.7	75%	19%	6%	0%	0%
9 Integrated materials that deepened understanding	16	4.8	5	0.4	4.8	4.6	4.6	69%	19%	13%	0%	0%

Text Responses

Activities/materials found most valuable

I found the analysis of recent humanitarian crisis such those in kosovo and somalia to be very informative in terms of displaying how international law is applied and often ignored.

Reviewing current news articles and relating them to the topic

The discussions

I would say the course lectures. Professor Romano seemed extremely knowledgable and communicated all aspects of international relations very well

liked the UN book and "world cafe"s

I found that working in table groups and watching videos on different topics really help me deepen my understanding in different topics.

There were several course activities that were valuable to my learning. I think the mini-assignments were most helpful because they were very structured and allowed me a space to think out my confusion, enrich and give background on the topic, and gave me time to research or think about topics that would be then discussed in class which is sometimes hard for me without structure or time to process.

i found the current events papers as most valuable as they helped to take what we learn in class and apply them to things happening in the world right now - - putting the theories into practice

I liked the rubrics that were provided to see exactly how I was being graded. In class debates were also engaging and helped me understand different perspectives better.

I enjoyed Walling's book and thought it gave me a much better understanding of what has happened within the UN. I also loved all the activities we have done and videos we have watched and thought they were always relevant and helpful to my learning.

Highly organized and transparent.

I found the reading to be enjoyable and discussions.

The current events analysis really allowed me to dig deep into one paticular topic which helped me gain a better understanding of international relations in general. The textbook was an excellent source (essentials of intl relations).

group work, allowed me to discuss it with people on equal footing as my own

Suggestions to instructor to help learning

Nothing

N/a

Maybe have less lengthy readings and more assignments based off of short readings. A lot of the time with a busy schedule I was unable to complete readings. Shorter readings and more mini assignments would be better because it'd hold student accountable for material.

I felt like you asked a lot of open-ended questions when you wanted specific answers. In discussions, the debate, and sometimes in lectures, it felt you were asking us our opinions when you were searching for the answers that you wanted. When asking the class things, you should either think about whether a closed-ended question would be better and save time or just give us space. You cut off a lot of good conversations, just trust your next classes a little more

I think maybe tips on reading the text book I found it really hard at times to understand the content in the text book. Also when it came to writing papers maybe more help on how to setup analysis

i think the class was taught well, maybe having more class discussions/small group discussion to get a varied perspective

I would suggest the professor spend more time on the different lenses of analysis throughout the course rather than just a couple of days. Maybe integrate it more throughout coursework.

The only issue I had was with some articles on the New York Times website that I couldn't read due to not having a paid subscription. Other than that everything was great and helpful.

Romano is an exceptional teacher

Maybe something to help us get our brain started in mornings before we begin lecture, maybe a quick activity or sharing something interesting we learned from the reading would help get us going.

none throughly enjoyed

Efforts to learn

I put in a good effort, only missed one class.

I gave 100% participated and completed assignments on time with lots of effort

This is not really a topic I Know a lot about so I really tried to understand the different topics and vocabulary at my best

i made sure to read all the assigned readings and complete assignments on time

I learned a lot of this material in other classes I have taken in high school and at Lesley so I do not feel like I had to overwork myself to understand or learn about the material. That said there was some new material introduced but the professor made it very understandable.

I have a tough time wrapping my head around politics in general but thought that the way this class was taught made them easy enough to comprehend for me.

I did each assignment in a timely manner and to my best ability although, sometimes it was difficult to pay attention and participate in class because its a lot of heavy information so early in the morning.

moderate

Additional Comments

Loved this class and if I weren't graduating would definitely look into more classes taught by Professor Romano!

I really enjoyed Professor Romano. She was knowledgable, approachable, and very kind. The school is lucky to have her!

having 50% of your grade in essays due within the last two weeks of class has not been fun

i really enjoyed the class thank you!!

Overall, I improved so much in my udnerstanding of international relations. I practically knew nothing and now i have a solid understanding and feel like i can now critically analyze new articles. I also feel like confident in my ability to debate this topic with my dad, which is my true test of how much i learned in a course(: