PLSI 0422-01 LAW AND COURTS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE FALL 2023 WHITNEY TAYLOR

Completed evaluations: 15

Print Report

Overall Score



SF State University Questions



<u>AVG.</u>=1.24 DEV.=0.48

Question

The instructor defined the course objectives, learning activities, requirements and grading policies clearly in the syllabus.

The course was organized in a way that helped my learning.

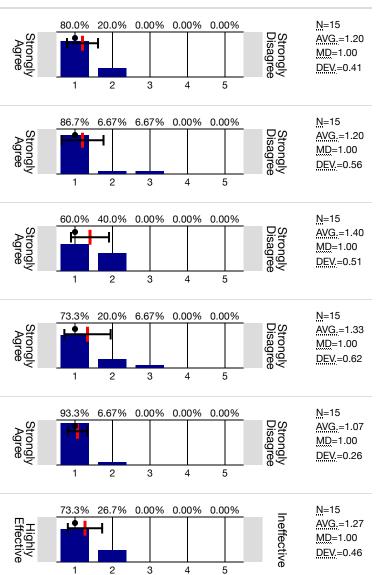
The instructor created experiences that stimulated my learning.

The instructor provided helpful and timely feedback on my performance and progress throughout the semester.

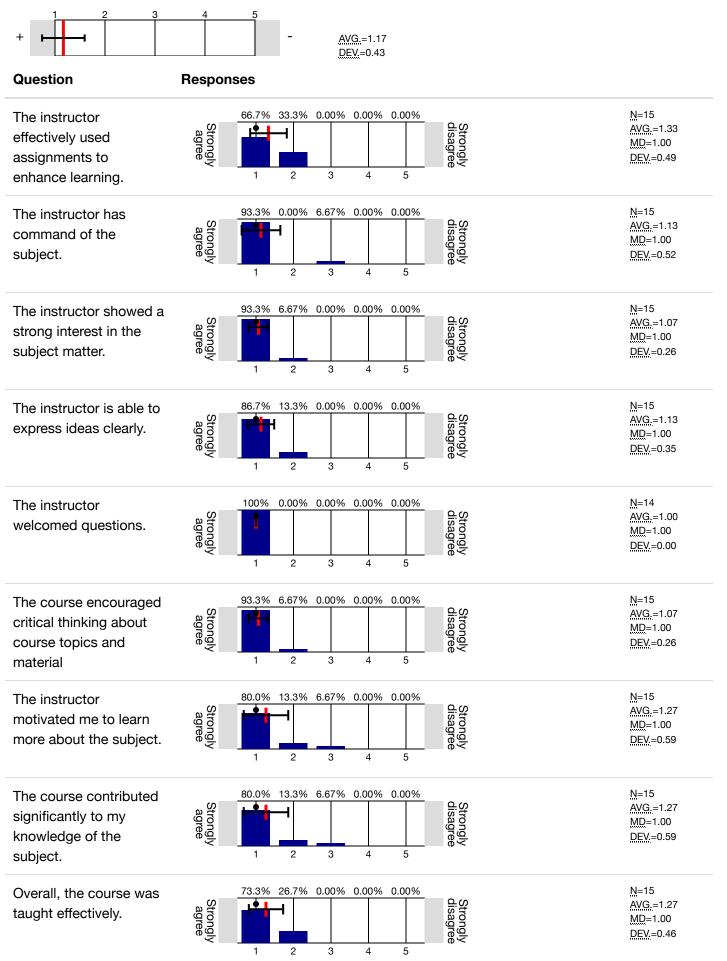
The instructor was open to a variety of points of view.

For item 1.6, please rate the overall effectiveness of your instructor on a scale ranging from the most positive response (highly effective) to the least positive response (ineffective). When I consider the contribution to my learning, this instructor's teaching was:



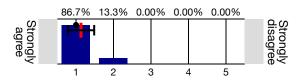


Political Science Questions



Overall, I would recommend this instructor to other students.

Overall, have you been satisfied with this course? Why or why not?



<u>N</u>=15 <u>AVG.</u>=1.13 <u>MD</u>=1.00 <u>DEV.</u>=0.35

- 1. Yes, the course it was really interesting and the professor was really knowledgeable about the course.
- 2. Yes, Professor Taylor was very kind and passionate within this course. The class was enjoyable and it taught me a lot of material
- 3. I have been satisfied with her lecture style and explanations. She expresses clear ideas throughout the lecture and is open to questions without being condescending.
- 4. Yes, I have been satisfied with this course. The format of the class with the international element (readings and case studies from other countries) made the class a very interesting one.
- 5. Overall, I'm very satisfied with this course and the material discussed here. It was a way to learn different aspects of the law in different place of the world, other than the United States. I also liked how organized this course was, it helped me with my learning of the subject.
- 6. I am very satisfied with the course. The professor has a command of the subject and facilities class discussion well. Everyone is participating.
- 7. I thought it was a great class, comparative politics is a subfield which really interests me, but one which is always hard for me to wrap my head around. Professor Taylor consistently does a great job presenting material and cultivating discussion in a manner which makes it very easy for me to learn. Professor Taylor is one of my favorite professors at SF State and I'll surely take one of her classes again.
- 8. Yes, the professor offered a range of assignments and plenty of extra credit. The class was accessible for non-law students but also engaging and challenging overall.
- 9. Yes. It was insightful and taught exactly what I expected, plus other interesting subject and objectives.
- I have been. I think this course has been pretty good when talking about compariative laws and courts, and I really enjoyed the part with AI and the legal system
- 11. Overall, Professor Whitney is an understanding and kind person which means a lot because she gives everyone the benefit of the doubt. Also, she encourages questions and new ideals which is very important for me because I see and learn new ways of thinking.
- 12. I am very satisfied of this course and I would recommend to anyone to take it.
- 13. I have! Professor Taylor is incredibly knowledgable and is always available to answer questions, including highly theoretical ones. She is always able to bring the classes back to the subject at hand, and she ensures to tie things together.
- 14. Yes. I feel like this has broadened my understanding of the legal systems in places around the world.

Overall, what changes would you recommend regarding each of the following: 1. Readings 2. Assignments 3. Class format 4. Instructor's performance.

- 1. I do not have any changes.
- 2. I wouldn't really change anything. Class participation points are the only thing I didn't really like since it had a high impact on our grade and I don't love speaking in class. Other than that, assignments and workload were good, the readings were not too bad, and Professor Taylor was a great professor overall.
- 3. 1. the readings were interesting, but a little overwhelming at times 2. I found the number of assignments we had helpful as they didn't make me feel like I was buried under work but they still took time and effort to do, so not many changes for that one 3. listening to people read their critical reading responses in class was a little difficult because we would read off of long paragraphs with nothing to follow along with, so it was hard to take in what we were reading to each other 4. Overall instructor's performance was good and they were knowledgeable about the topics they taught
- 4. I think the format of the class is well-structured. I would suggest more activities like debates to promote student engagement and dialogue concerning x subject.
- 5. I wouldn't change anything, the class was engaging and helpful.
- 6. n/a
- 7. N/A
- 8. 1. I liked all the readings personally. 2. I'm usually not a big fan of interview assignments, but I liked that there was the option to interview anyone, that helped so as long as that remains it's a good project. 3. Sometimes the lectures went a bit too quick to keep up, but I liked the class discussions a lot. 4. I wouldn't change anything
- 9. We had a lot of discussion, but I wish there was a way for everyone to say their opinions without being afraid of being judged.
- 10. I would like more class discussions, and maybe go in depth with a couple more subjects. Regarding readings, I think they're fine. For Assignments, I think it's a pretty good workload. Class format is pretty good, and I enjoy the class assignemnts. I also think the professor's preformance was good.
- 11. There should be more group assignments and more examples given to students regarding assignments. Also, she could slow down when she is lecturing.
- 12. I would suggest the professor give us, for each reading after having done their presentation in class, a clear and precise sum up of each reading : easier to learn and sometimes difficult to understand what we have to keep in mind or not has we mainly talk about what the students are thinking about the text.
- 13. Overall, I am really satisfied with this course. Every aspect of the course is intentionally formatted the readings are weekly, so we have time to read and digest the information before returning to class to discuss. The assignments so far have been manageable. And the instructor is always prepared to answer our questions, and presents information in a simplified way. I can tell every aspect of this course is intentional and I appreciate the structure.

Question

Any additional
comments or
recommendations
about the instructor or
course?

1. No. 2. n/a

- None. The class format and the variety of topics (related to law) made the course engaging and compelling. I say this as a student who arrived at the course with a narrow knowledge concerning laws and courts. Now, I feel more acquainted with the subject.
- 4. Great instructor!!
- 5. n/a
- 6. N/A
- 7. I really enjoyed this class!
- 8. No.
- 9. No
- 10. No
- 11. A comment I would like to make is that Professor Taylor always asks folks to discuss their thought process. If you make a blanket statement or give a simple answer, Prof. Taylor will always ask you "why," or "it may seem obvious, but tell us more." I think this practice really encourages students to delve deeper and think critically -- additionally, professor Taylor won't be rude or dismissive if you say "I don't know, it just feels right" if the topic isn't super complex. I have started formatting my arguments with Prof. Taylor's "why?" in mind, which has been beneficial in my other classes as well.