

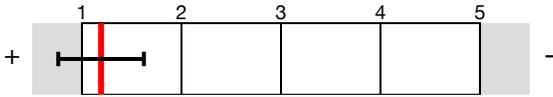
PLSI 0250-02 COMPARATIVE POLITICS FALL 2020 WHITNEY TAYLOR

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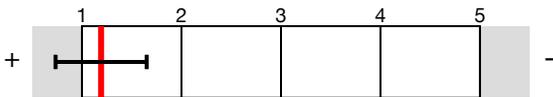
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Overall Score



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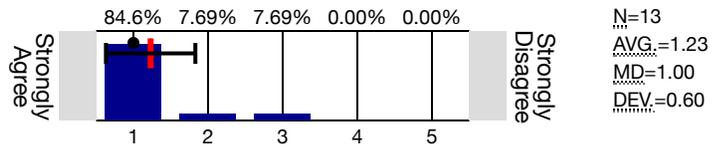


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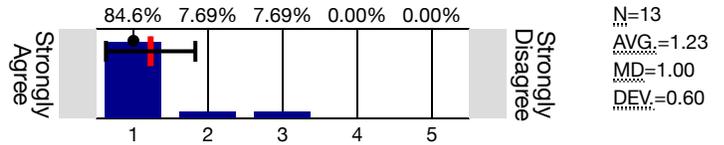
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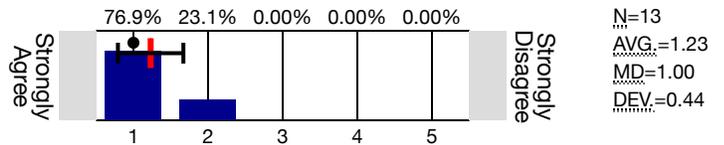
The instructor defined the course objectives, learning activities, requirements and grading policies clearly in the syllabus.



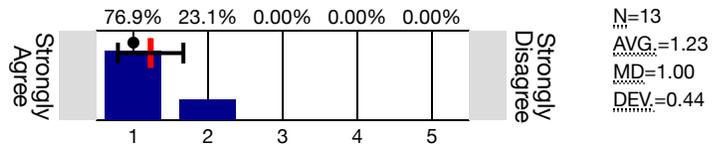
The course was organized in a way that helped my learning.



The instructor created experiences that stimulated my learning.



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



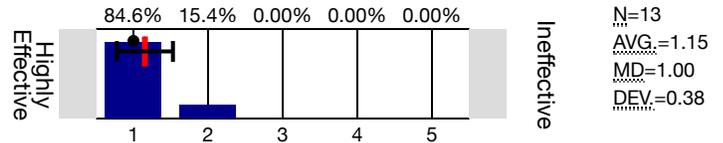
The instructor was open to a variety of points of view.



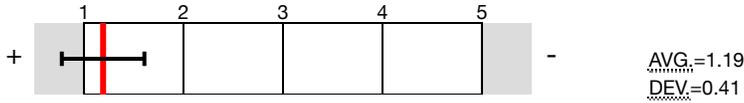
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For item 1.6, please rate the overall effectiveness of your instructor on a scale ranging from the most positive response (highly effective) to the least positive response (ineffective). When I consider the contribution to my learning, this instructor's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



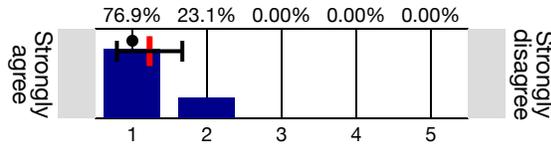
Political Science Questions



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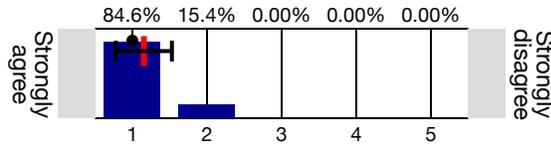
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The instructor effectively used assignments to enhance learning.



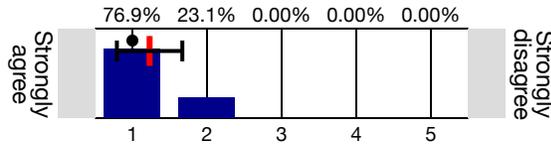
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The instructor has command of the subject.



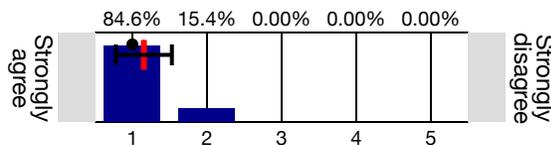
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The instructor showed a strong interest in the subject matter.



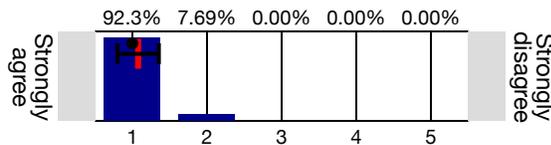
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The instructor is able to express ideas clearly.



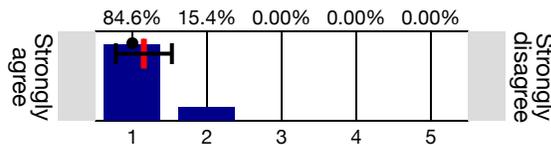
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The instructor welcomed questions.



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AVG.=1.08
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The course encouraged critical thinking about course topics and material

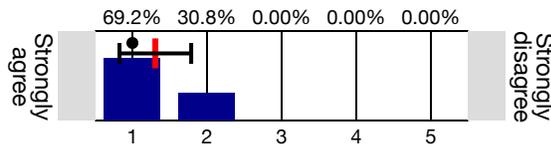


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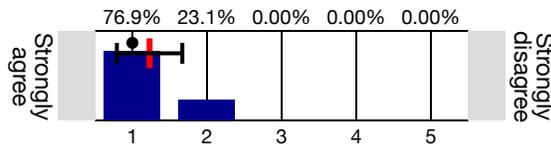
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The instructor motivated me to learn more about the subject.



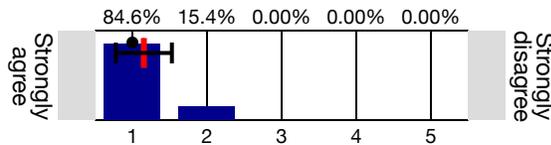
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The course contributed significantly to my knowledge of the subject.



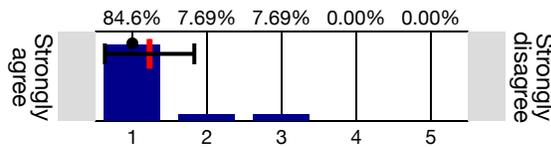
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 MD=1.00
 DEV.=0.44

Overall, the course was taught effectively.



N=13
 AVG.=1.15
 MD=1.00
 DEV.=0.38

Overall, I would recommend this instructor to other students.



N=13
 AVG.=1.23
 MD=1.00
 DEV.=0.60

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

1. Overall I have been very satisfied with this course. Professor Taylor clearly wields a mastery of the subject matter and cares about learning outcomes. The expectations for deadlines and assignments have been clearly outlined.
2. Yes, simple introductory course that has helped me learn a lot of core ideas in comparative politics.
3. Yes, the format of the class and having groups focused on one country the entire semester was very useful. We got to learn about how politics is used differently everywhere.
4. I'm fairly satisfied, I feel that it'll help integrate myself into my political science studies.
5. Yes, it was very informative.
6. The professor's course schedule and activities were very engaging and was straight forward. I really liked the big project that we had to do throughout the entire semester.
7. Yes
8. Taylor was really sweet and she made learning so much easier. She responded quickly to emails and she was really flexible with our real lives. The course was very interesting and it made me look forward coming to class.
9. Yes, I am satisfied with this course. I enjoyed the professor's enthusiasm on the subject of comparative politics during the lectures and how she was open to hearing other student's opinions on certain topics. I also liked how it is easily accessible to contact her if we ever had questions, needed clarification, needed more explanations on a topic, etc., especially during this difficult time like the COVID-19 pandemic.

Question**Responses**

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

1. I think overall I would only change the readings in that I would not require a textbook. I will likely pass this class with an A without ever having opened the textbook. Textbooks are such an outdated requirement in the modern era that cost entirely too much.
 2. No changes.
 3. Maybe change the format to weekly's instead of having two weeks combined. For example everything we reviewed for one week of class have its own column. As well as the quizzes for the week have them due by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. instead of Monday morning, believe me it'll make a difference.
 4. 2. Assignments could allow for more flexibility in studying countries. For example, if we were on a section about types of economies, instead of sticking to just the country selected at the beginning of the course, we could also have the opportunity to work individually and study a country that we find interesting to explore. 3. Lectures could expand on the list thing. For example, "What are the necessary ingredients for a functioning democracy?" Then people could pitch their ideas and debate others
 5. N/A it was fine as it. I think it would have been better in person though. However, it is understandable with the COVID situation
 6. The whole course was straightforward and was structured to be easily understood. The professor was very helpful, engaging, and flexible.
 7. Really good instructor learned a lot gives a good platform for students to share thoughts/ideas
 8. I really enjoyed the format of the class so I would not change anything.
 9. 1. Readings - sometimes the readings were a little difficult to understand (might be due to how sentences were worded by the author), but then thanks to Professor Taylor's in-class lectures, I was able to grasp the ideas & concepts of the readings better. 2. Assignments - I think the assignments were good. It helped me engage with what we were learning in class better. 3. Class format - the format of the class was good. Everything was laid out in an organized matter. 4. Instructor's performance - Professor Taylor's teaching was very well! As I said before, I enjoyed and appreciate how engaging she was in her lectures as well as how thoughtful and open she was to wanting to hear our takes on an idea, or if there was anything (regarding politics of course) we wanted to share with the class.
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Question**Responses**

Any additional comments or recommendations about the instructor or course?

1. Professor Taylor has been an excellent professor and I hope to take classes with her again in the future.
2. Thank you for everything this semester and for understanding. I hope I get the pleasure of joining you for another class. You are my favorite politics professor.
3. N/A
4. Thx for the fun class.
5. N/A
6. Taylor made this course very enjoyable.
7. In terms of the course, sometimes I don't think there was much for me to contribute because everyone had so many ideas, and I think 3-people groups might have been better than 4-people. If groups are cut to 3-people, then a couple more countries can be presented in class! In terms of the professor, I definitely recommend Professor Whitney! She is amazing, and I am so happy I took her class! Very memorable class that helped me gain more interest in international politics as well as comparing the politics of one country with another country. Thank you!!! :)