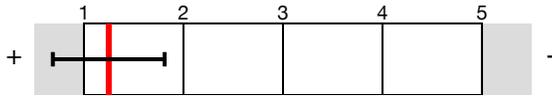


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## PLSI 0250-02 COMPARATIVE POLITICS SPRING 2020 WHITNEY TAYLOR

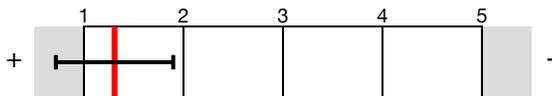
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### SF State University Questions

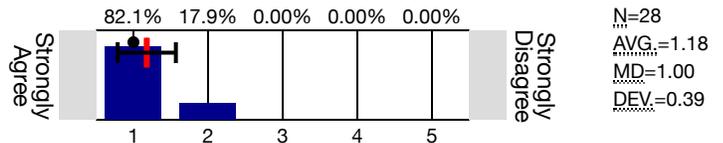


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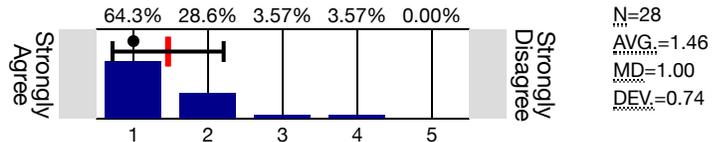
#### Question

#### Responses

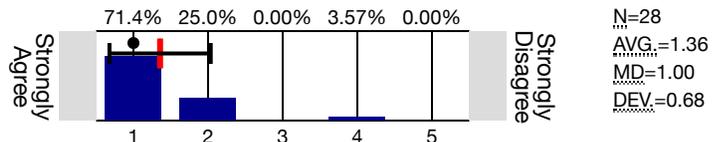
The instructor defined the course objectives, learning activities, requirements and grading policies clearly in the syllabus.



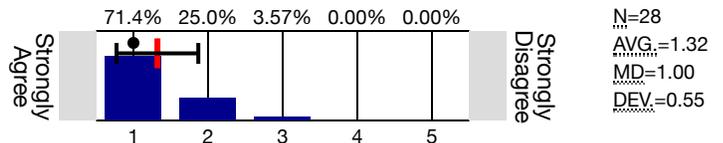
The course was organized in a way that helped my learning.



The instructor created experiences that stimulated my learning.



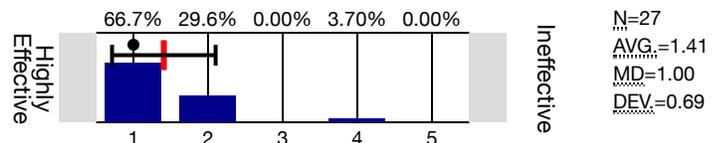
The instructor provided helpful and timely feedback on my performance and progress throughout the semester.



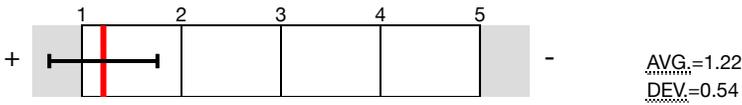
The instructor was open to a variety of points of view.



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:



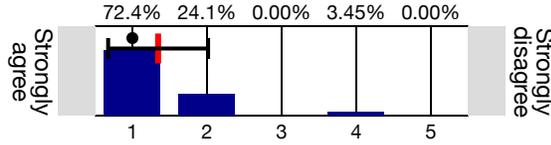
# Political Science Questions



## Question

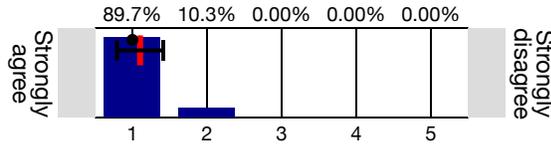
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The instructor effectively used assignments to enhance learning.



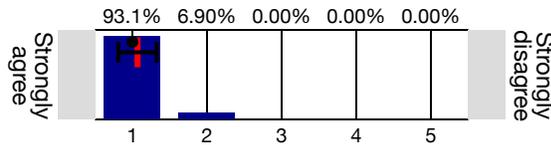
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The instructor has command of the subject.



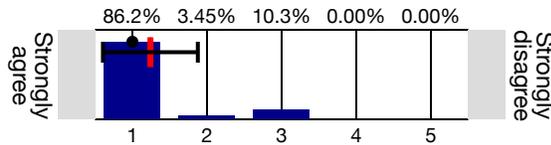
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The instructor showed a strong interest in the subject matter.



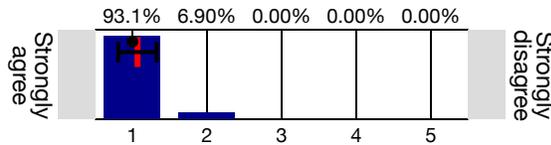
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The instructor is able to express ideas clearly.



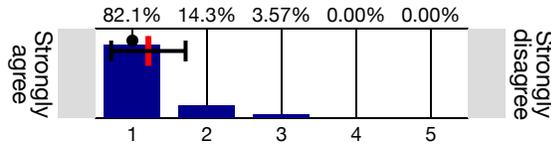
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The instructor welcomed questions.



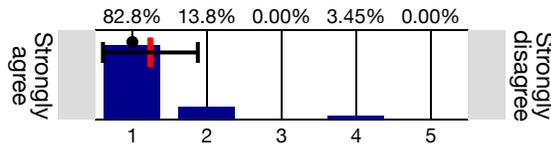
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The course encouraged critical thinking about course topics and material



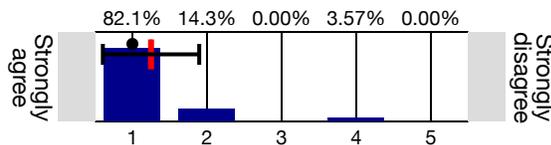
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 MD=1.00  
 DEV.=0.50

The instructor motivated me to learn more about the subject.



N=29  
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 DEV.=0.64

The course contributed significantly to my knowledge of the subject.

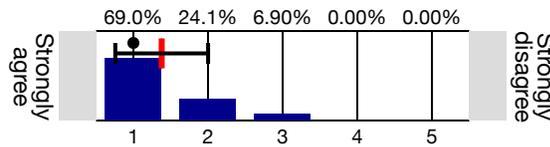


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**Question**

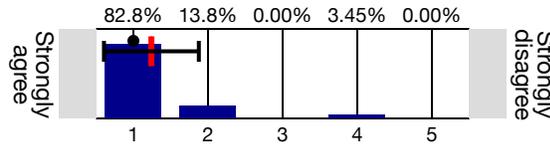
**Responses**

Overall, the course was taught effectively.



N=29  
 AVG.=1.38  
 MD=1.00  
 DEV=0.62

Overall, I would recommend this instructor to other students.



N=29  
 AVG.=1.24  
 MD=1.00  
 DEV=0.64

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

1. not too satisfied but thats to blame the virus because with this i need hands-on learning since it was one of my most difficult classes
2. Maybe covid has something to do with it but not fully satisfied as I feel like sometimes class would go off topic
3. I am satisfied with the amount of material given that contributed significantly to my knowledge about the world not only the subject itself.
4. Yes I think Professor Taylor did a good job in teaching the material and handling the transition to online classes. She was supportive and helpful throughout the whole semester!
5. Yes the coursework has expanded my knowledge of world politics. Each class session is very interactive enhancing the learning experience.
6. Yes it taught me what I needed to know.
7. Yes I have been satisfied with this course especially with the COVID-19 pandemic she made the lesson plans clear and concise which helped me learn much better than I thought i could online.
8. I have been very satisfied with this course. Whitney is a great professor and she truly wants students to succeed.
9. Yes I really liked professor Taylor's manner and I felt motivated while I was in the class. She's super passionate about what she does and that made the students more encouraged.
10. Yes I've learned a lot.
11. Yes she is an amazing and fun teacher and she really tries to help the students learn.
12. Yes I just should've reached out for help when I needed it.
13. I've been satisfied! its been very fun and I love how clear and upfront you are with assignments especially after COVID-19
14. I have been satisfied with this class overallshe was an excellent professor who made her lesson plan very clear and informative.
15. Yes considering the circumstance cause by COVID19 I am speaking largely about the time before distance learning and Prof. Taylor was very informative and helpful. I was always encouraged to ask questions and generally felt comfortable asking for clarification which is not something I feel comfortable doing with every teacher. She was very engaged in what she was teaching which made it easier and more enjoyable in class because it felt like she actually wanted to teach us.
16. Before the switch to online i was pretty satisfied with this course but i think the switch was a bit too confusing and made the class pretty hard. I kind wish the instructor conducted zoom classes or even just uploaded some pre recorded lecture because it was hard to do the assignments just through reading slides.

**Question****Responses**

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17. Yes without a doubt I enjoyed taking this course I had to retake this course this semester and I am so glad I was able to take it with Professor Whitney. This course was more interesting and fun to take compared to the last professor I took it with where it was more of an unpleasant time being in that other course. I enjoyed seeing how passionate professor Whitney was during the duration of the course I loved all the open discussions regarding the lecture notes or current events within the world.
  18. The course was organized and and classes were structured to encourage us to participate this made the overall experience of the class extremely enjoyable. Whitney's method of teaching is something many professors at SF state can learn from; it is modern intentional and engaging.
  19. Yes because the instructor encouraged class discussions which made the class very interesting.
  20. Yes the professor was very knowledgable and helpful with any questions.
  21. I really enjoyed at the beginning of the year going over what countries/places we wanted to talk about throughout the year. Just having some kind of current events around the world not only kept me engaged but made me curious to do my own research as well.
  22. For the fact that I'm not very interested in comparative politics per-se and saw this as a step to other major classes I wasn't quite satisfied with everything. There are some concepts that I'm grateful to have grasped and will take to upper-level classes. I'm also moreso satisfied with the ability to network with peers and grasp the content alongside some amazing people.
  23. I liked the way she taught her class. I think the covid really affected the class once it was online because she was great.
  24. Yes - Taylor was very responsive to student needs when the semester went remote and very effectively used an excellent and affordable textbook to teach.

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

1. 1. readings couldve been uploaded online as well 2. assignments could've been talked over more 3. class format maybe create a more open environment 4. i would say just slow down my brain doesn't process that quickly
2. I would change the class quizzes into online quizzes considering some students have responsibilities outside the school.
3. I think the class could have been a little more interesting if we didn't focus so much on definitions and hypothetical situations more real-life examples would have been helpful. Professor Taylor did have activities in place that showed us real-life examples but with the transition to online classes these activities weren't as prevalent.
4. No changes.
5. When we were doing face to face instruction I personally hate doing group work I also felt like no one really knew how to do the group work.
6. The only change I would make would be the reduction of assignments. There are assignments plus additional assignments. I think getting rid of the deduction would be better and maybe should just be extra credit.
7. 1. Shorter readings 2. Assignments are good 3. Class format was great 4. Instructor was great
8. I actually really liked the format of the class it was super straightforward and easy to navigate.

**Question****Responses**

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9. N/A
  10. I think the quizzes were difficult and we should've gone over them more everything else was good.
  11. None to be honest; again enjoyed every moment!
  12. I wouldn't recommend any changes in the following areas.
  13. 1. nothing 2. nothing 3. I preferred the online quizzes when that switch was made 4. slow down when doing explaining examples not everyone comes with a strong background of global politics as this was an intro polisci class and I sometimes felt lost when I lacked the necessary background knowledge
  14. I wouldn't recommend anything!
  15. Some changes that I would recommend is to perhaps have a bigger classroom the next time around the department assigned a crappy small classroom in the humanities building on the second floor in a corner room where it had a terrible circulation of airflow. With such a small cramped classroom it made it difficult to join up in groups because the desks were so close together. I feel that the reading was sufficient not too much where you are exhausted a very enjoyable book and interesting. In terms of assignments I feel that the reading quizzes were doable and it had a perfect amount of time to complete the quiz. Instructors' performance was phenomenal I definitely feel that the political science department should give her more class sections to teach this course and any other courses she may feel comfortable with because she is very knowledgeable and can carry on a great lecture where no one can fall asleep because you are so engaged. Also she needs a raise if possible
  16. I wouldn't make any changes.
  17. no recommendations
  18. 1.) none 2.) I would keep quizzes online vs in person it forces you to find the main points versus just knowing right off the bat within three minutes these random questions 3.) library time was much better than in-class computer time there should be more space for classes to have library access as needed 4.) nothing
  19. 1. Readings were often lengthy and hard to understand. I think that comes with the general scope of political science but debriefing the material directly would have been a great help instead of going right into slides. 2. Assignments were completely fair. I have no complaints. 3. The format of the class was actually quite engaging. There was lots of room for students to get involved and I greatly appreciated the opportunity to speak in a safe space especially on political issues. 4. Whitney is awesome... see evaluation question 2.13.
  20. The Factbook assignments were confusing and I think she goes too fast sometimes
  21. N/A
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**Question****Responses**

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Any additional comments or recommendations about the instructor or course?

1. I encourage the continued participation of students in the class.
2. Professor Taylor is amazing! She is very respected and appreciated among SFSU.
3. I cannot say this for many other instructors but Whitney went out of her way to accommodate to our needs during this stressful time. I have been struggling badly with my mental health and Whitney understands that your basic needs and health come before assignments. Right away she made adjustments to the course that helped us succeed more and I could not be more grateful. She is a great professor I can tell she is passionate about her teaching and making sure that we learn and that makes a big difference in your learning experience. I am very pleased with how she handled the transition to online and more instructors should follow her example.
4. great class
5. Would definitely recommend to other students.
6. no thank you for being so understanding this semester!
7. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR A GREAT CLASS!!!
8. None that I can think of.
9. I just want to say how much I appreciate Prof. Taylor's understanding and flexibility during distance learning. Not every teacher was flexible and the ones who understood that not every student was able to devote the same amount of time to class in the same way as before are amazing and were a bright spot in this semester. I personally am an essential worker and have been working increased hours and have been struggling mentally so I cannot stress how much I appreciate teachers like Prof. Taylor who did as much as possible to work with her students through this already difficult time.
10. Instructors' performance was phenomenal I definitely feel that the political science department should give her more class sections to teach this course and any other courses she may feel comfortable with because she is very knowledgeable and can carry on a great lecture where no one can fall asleep because you are so engaged. Also she needs a raise if possible and should perhaps carry on a conference within the department to share more about the research she has done within her career.
11. No
12. Overall I enjoyed the class and found it engaging even though it was always my first class of the day.
13. Whitney is the most reasonable professor I have ever come across. She's flexible understanding and is willing to carve out time to actually talk with her students and even build relationships. Moreover she was flexible in that if something needed to be changed directly on the content of an assignment she would ensure we had a voice in that. Whitney was also prompt and responsive.
14. n/a
15. Would highly recommend to another student!