

About the Instructor's Report

This report is for the instructor of the course only. It uniquely displays results from the [university question set](#) for remote learning as well as the questions that you selected or created for your course.

For the Fall 2020 term, your Department Chair or Program Director will **not** receive a report from SETC program. This decision was made to support instructors amid the remote teaching and learning challenges they may currently be facing. You are welcome to share your report as you see fit.

The intention of this report is to provide an overall summary of student's experiences of teaching, learning, and course delivery to inform understanding and reflection on teaching practice. It is not a direct measure of teaching effectiveness for promotion or tenure. This report cannot be used to reasonably rank or highlight differences between individual instructors as it lacks contextual information (e.g. class size, student demographics, etc.).

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Notes:

Statistics: This report only shows descriptive statistics (mean, standard deviation, frequency of scale options, and response count for each question) aggregated at a course level to protect student confidentiality.

Scales: The following scale is used for all questions in this report unless otherwise indicated:

1=Strongly Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neutral, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly Agree

NRP: A value of "NRP" indicates that there was no response provided for a question.

Low Response: if less than 5 students responded to the *overall* course evaluation, your report will show limited information. This is to protect student confidentiality. On a question-by-question basis, you can still see full information even when less than 5 student responded to a particular question.

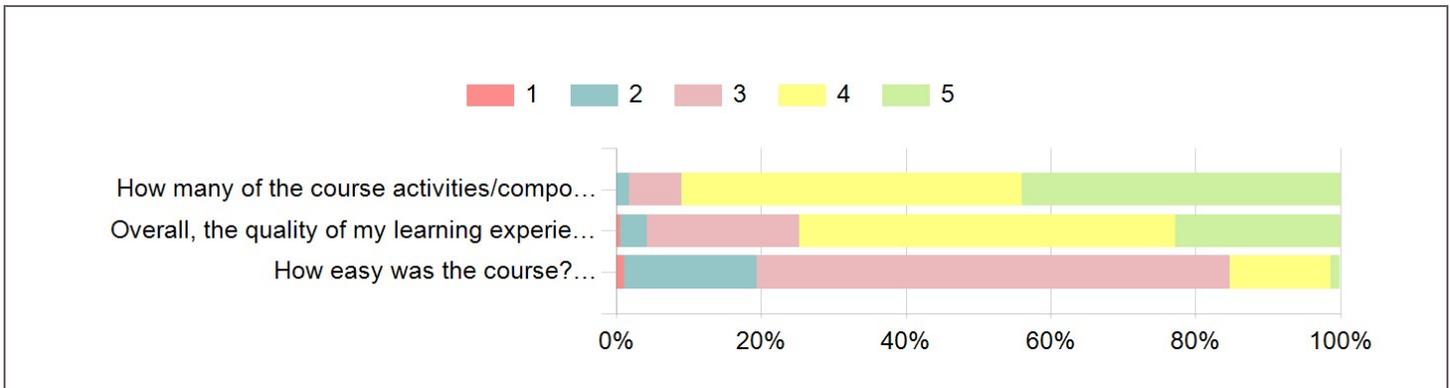
Section 1 – Who Responded?

This section gives some information about respondents. It is intended to help you understand the limits and generalizability of the statistics presented. Click [here](#) for more information about how response rate, perceived course difficulty, course engagement, and students' overall experience impact evaluation responses.

Raters	Students
Responded	164
Invited	205
Response Ratio	80%

Question	Response Count	Mean	Standard Deviation
How many of the course activities/components (i.e. watched lectures, contributed to discussions, assignments) did you complete? Scale used: 1=None, 2=Not very many of them, 3=About half of them, 4=Most of them, 5=All of them	164	4.33	0.69
Overall, the quality of my learning experience in this course was.... Scale used: 1=Very Poor, 2=Poor, 3=Fair, 4=Good, 5=Very Good	162	3.93	0.80
How easy was the course? Scale used: 1=Very Hard, 2=Hard, 3=Medium, 4=Easy, 5=Very Easy	164	2.96	0.65

Response Distribution



Section 2 – Teaching Narrative and Questions

This section displays your teaching narrative and the responses to the questions you selected/created. If you did not submit a narrative or questions, this section will be blank.

Did you design the course?

No response.

Teaching Narrative

No response.

Instructor Questions

This section will be blank if you did not submit any questions or you only submitted comment questions. You can find the responses to your comment questions in Section 4.

Section 3 – University Questions for Remote Learning

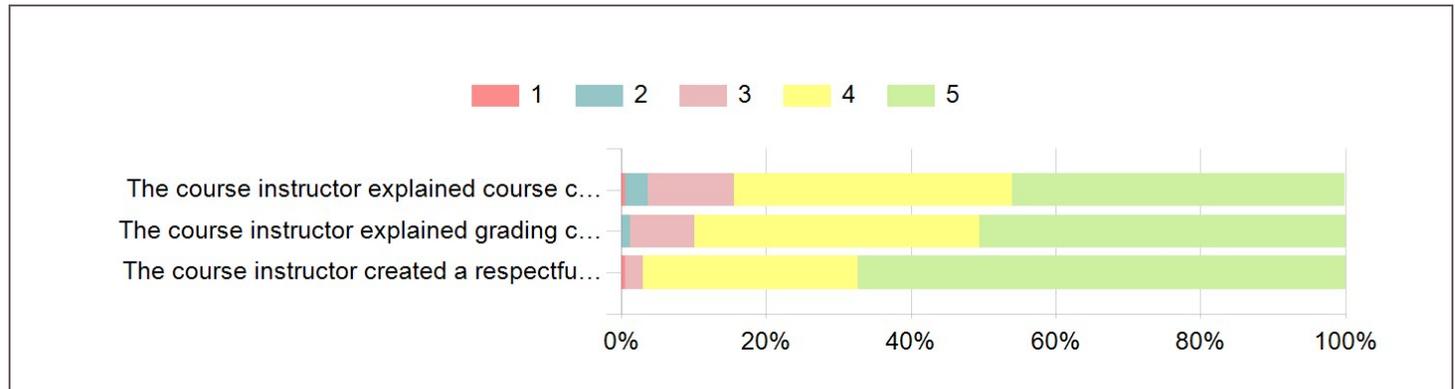
These questions appear on every SETC form and have been updated to refer to [remote instruction and learning](#). Responses to the university comment question can be found in Section 4.

Part 1 – Students’ Experience with the Course Instructor

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about your experience with this course instructor:

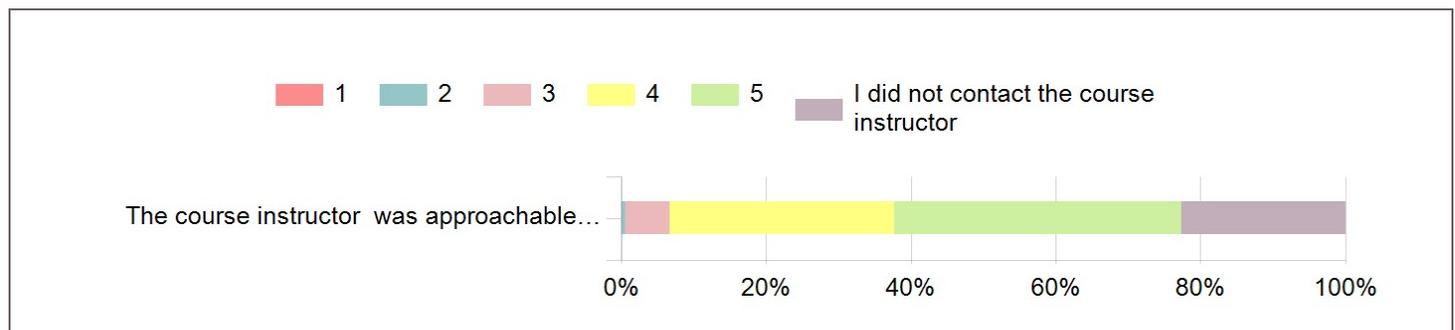
Question	Response Count	Mean	Standard Deviation
The course instructor explained course concepts clearly.	159	4.26	0.84
The course instructor explained grading criteria clearly.	160	4.39	0.70
The course instructor created a respectful learning environment.	159	4.63	0.60

Response Distribution



Question	Response Count	Mean	Standard Deviation
The course instructor was approachable when I needed help. Scale: 1=Strongly Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neutral, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly Agree; I did not contact the course instructor	127	4.42	0.67

Response Distribution

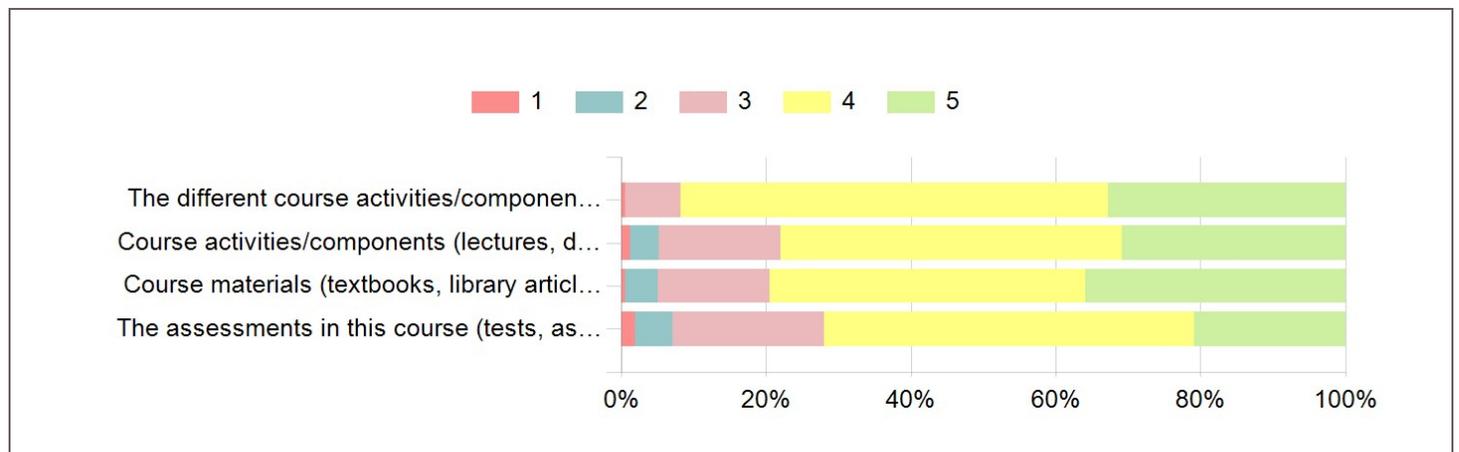


Part 2 – Students’ Experience with the Course

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about your experience in this course:

Question	Response Count	Mean	Standard Deviation
The different course activities/components (lectures, discussions, assignments, etc.) were connected.	156	4.23	0.64
Course activities/components (lectures, discussions, assignments, etc.) helped me learn.	155	4.03	0.87
Course materials (textbooks, library articles, and website links) improved my understanding of the course content.	156	4.10	0.86
The assessments in this course (tests, assignments, essays, etc.) allowed me to demonstrate my understanding of the course content.	153	3.84	0.88

Response Distribution



Section 4 – Comments

This section displays responses to all comment questions.

Instructor Selected Comment Questions

None selected.

Do you have any further comments?

Comments
Sanjay gave many resources to allow students to learn and was passionate in his lectures to ensure students understood.
I feel like lectures can be shorter than what they are right now if Sanjay only focuses on the content. No harm in knowing more, I mean it is good to know more but, online learning makes it difficult to focus on the lecture for 2 hours.
none
You are a great instructor. The knowledge just pours out of you and it's apparent you love the subject matter. Also, thank you for being available.
To Sanjay, try not to ramble on in lectures, other than that, you're one of the best profs I've had so far!
I had an amazing time taking this course and learning about Political science as I am very interested in this field. Dr. Sanjay was very informative and make his lectures, notes, and assignments very straightforward which helped a lot because I am a first year. One recommendation I have is that the time limit for the midterm was not enough with the length of the short answer questions required as well as the difficulty level of the multiple-choice.
No further comments, thank you.
Can you please record with a camera during your lectures? Because I really didn't feel any connection compared to other professors
No, keep up the good work professor.
A well done course for a difficult time. I found that a lot of my other courses lacked this semester and I was disappointed with the quality of the learning experience. This was one course where I actually did not feel that way. Lectures were very informative. Textbook quality was fantastic. Tutorials were helpful to my learning as well. Overall very well done given the circumstances of the pandemic and transition to online learning.
I felt like I could access resources and contact Sanjay and my TA whenever I needed help!
One thing that I do regret is not completing my writing on revel. I believe I started the first couple and realized that I was doing the intext questions instead of the question you asked so I just stopped doing it.
You did a really good job with the online format. I really appreciated the opportunities for me to help my grade with quizzes and textbook readings. The way you chose to grade us for them really encitivised me into doing them. This was my only class with a live tutorial and while the discussion was fun and the TA was great I didn't always feel the readings were related to our discussion. Finally, I thought that your lectures were a little bit hard to follow online. You stayed on each point/slide for a long time and I didn't always know what was noteworthy and what was contextual information.
Dr. Jeram is very knowledgable and a very good professor overall. I recommend him 10/10.
I felt as though the lectures weren't necessary because they lined up with the textbook so closely. So I only focused on one or the other
Would really have benefitted from some small modifications for online learning, the lectures were very heavy to listen to at once, and the concepts were sometimes not connected with the rest of the lecture. I would have also benefitted a lot from synchronous lectures, as it is very hard to force oneself to listen to the lecture recordings afterwards.
Dr. Jeram it has been an honour to be able to be in a course with you. You have given me so much support that meant a lot to me. I will be forever thankful for your care and understanding. Thanks for making my dark days a little brighter!
The course was interesting and allowed me to understand politics and how it all works. Thank you, Sanjay! However, the D108 TA was unenthusiastic and did nothing to stimulate tutorial discussion.
I would prefer doing multiple choice final rather than all written. Written having no idea of the questions that might be on it is very stressful as I have no way of preparing
Pretty straight forward for a first-year class.
Thank you for the semester! you are a good professor:)

Comments
<p>For a Introduction to Politics course, your explanations and examples in the lecture were a little difficult to understand. It may be helpful for students (especially for those with little to no background knowledge of politics) if you could focus on covering the main points and keeping your examples short.</p> <p>As an auditory learner, I found it difficult to keep up with your lectures, so even though I learn best through verbal lecture, I had to spend more time on reading the textbooks (in order to understand the concepts).</p>
<p>Thank you for teaching this semester. Out of 4 courses this semester, I would say you are the best instructor. You always upload course contents on time, always reply to my emails quickly, and lectures/PPT slides are very informative. Keep it up prof! 10/10 would recommend your course.</p>
<p>Thank You for teaching this course I enjoyed it!</p>
<p>I think he is a great professor and I really enjoyed taking this course with him this semester. My only comment would be to maybe explain concepts during lecture a bit slower since I got a little bit lost sometimes taking into consideration is not a live lecture and we cannot ask questions</p>
<p>Dr. Jeram was a very good professor and made the course subjects very interesting to learn.</p>
<p>Being a first year student, this class helped introduce me to how the syllabus and examination works at this university, and I found most of the topics enjoyable. I think the recorded lectures in particular were always informative and done well, and was always a helpful resource.</p>
<p>n/a</p>
<p>Nice prof. Showed that he genuinely enjoyed teaching the course and was engaged with the content. Also showed that he cared for students through his lectures and through the structure of the course. Lectures were interesting to watch. Would like it if he could go over the extra readings outside of the textbook as well and explain the overall concepts and important points, but overall, enjoyed the content and lectures.</p>
<p>Due to the online method and time change I had gotten mixed up early and missed some of the discussion posts (which is my fault) but having that clarified even further from the beginning may help future students.</p>
<p>Although I am a first-year student, I would like professors to do synchronous classes as I have had a better experience with those classes. But this class was good to be a part of and hope you the best!!</p>
<p>Sanjay was a great professor who helped me a lot. He replies to emails really fast and is very reliable.</p>
<p>I liked how the lectures went into detail about all the concepts and I feel that you did a very well job of providing examples and explaining the course material.</p>
<p>Using a different system for class participation (revel) than other classes made keeping track of progress more difficult.</p>
<p>:)</p>
<p>Dr Sanjay Jeram was very accomadating and extremely helpful. His understanding and kind words were motivating and positive. I have been recovering from multiple injuries including a concussion / traumatic brain injury. If he was not the instructor I do not believe I would have been able to complete the course let alone participate. The Centre for Accessible Learning is complete joke and not readily accessible in times of need creating more stress in a students life. I am sorry to be blunt but when it comes to help it is with the course instructors with good hearts that are the heads of the University. 'CAL' is only to help submit accommodations with which they themselves lack total understanding. Thank you Sanjay for giving me resolve and to keep up the fight, giving me back a purpose in life!</p> <p>M</p>
<p>There was some inconsistency from the ta's in one what said about some parts of the class. There was times where we would ask the ta about a quiz, and he would tell us he wasn't authorized to speak about it, and that did not help us, only frustrated everyone.</p>
<p>Overall a great course</p>
<p>Halim demir was an extremely helpful and knowledgeable TA!!! The lectures did seem a bit stretched out. I liked the weekly prompts for the textbook, because it helped me understand others opinions and relate it to mine. Nevertheless, I learned a lot!!!</p>
<p>I would just like to comment on the lecture videos, tutorial readings, tutorials and the midterm. I personally think Professor Sanjay Jeram is absolutely knowledgeable and knows how to explain concepts well, but the lecture videos were so not engaging and not fun to keep up with. Maybe its the fact that I was watching a blank screen, but I am not too sure. all the same, it was not interesting to follow and that made my understanding of the material difficult.</p> <p>I would like to make a suggestion for the way tutorials are run. I really did not feel like any of the readings helped with my understanding of the material as well because I had to do the readings in the textbook, do the shared writing whenever it was assigned, and to top if off with tutorial readings was not really a good way to learn in my opinion because it might have been helpful for other students as well.</p> <p>I wish you encouraged students to turn on their cameras like my other classes did because at the end of the day, doing so ensures that the majority of students in a tutorial section turn on their camera even if about 3–4 students don't. tutorials for my other classes were very engaging because I could see other students and speak with them even in break out rooms and I think that felt good. Whereas for this class, I felt like the just signing in and going to bed because only a few students contributed while the rest were</p>

Comments
<p>just mute.</p> <p>I didn't really like the midterm exam format for the short answer section because you couldn't see all the questions at once and I prefer answering the hardest or the one I am most comfortable with first. So not knowing which question was coming next made me anxious coupled with the fact that I have bad time management, is I was glad when you released the final exam questions offline.</p> <p>This evaluation isn't to be rude to anyone but my opinion that I feel might help other students who take this class online in the future. Thank you.</p>
<p>I enjoyed the lectures a lot. They provided an extra layer of examples and teaching that helped me understand concepts with not simply an ideological perspective but also what they would look like in practice.</p>
<p>Thank you!</p>
<p>I really enjoyed what we learned in class!</p>
<p>In my opinion, the lectures were quite long and not easy to sit through. Although it would have been a different story had the class been in person.</p>
<p>n/a</p>
<p>thank you for a wonderful course. absolutely love the way you have structured it and just the way you explain and teach. i know this was a difficult time but i wholeheartedly believe that you made the best of it. i was already so interested in this field– i think you and this class just amplified that. i appreciate you and your time and your work. thank you.</p>
<p>–parneet :)</p>
<p>The organization and slides for the course were very good. Most explanations were fairly good. I know it must be very challenging teaching online, but the course did lack a certain sense of humanity to me, apart from Sanjay's appreciation of how busy we are at certain times. I would've liked a little bit of chatter throughout lectures directed at the audience, especially during the provincial and US elections. It felt like a lost opportunity to me; I felt we could have spent a whole lecture talking about current events and learning about history in progress. It was a good course, just felt it was missing a little pizzazz.</p>
<p>I appreciated how organized the course was.</p>
<p>None</p>
<p>I appreciate how much effort Dr, Jeram put into explaining concepts and course materials in lecture. However, occasionally, because of the long length of the lecture with so much information, it's was hard to focus.</p>
<p>No further comments.</p>
<p>I came into it very excited to learn about politics because I don't know much about it. I felt like the course was not a first year level course. The lectures were very hard to understand because of the advanced terminology used, and to thoroughly understand what was going on students had to have some sort of prior knowledge of politics. The lectures also seemed a bit unnecessarily long with lots of extra points that had little to do with content so it was difficult to know which point on the slides the professor was explaining. The readings helped with understanding, and tutorials were great too. My suggestion for the future would be to shorten lectures, and make them more clear by explaining concepts/terminology before giving examples.</p>
<p>The Professor is very good at what he does, and all the material was very clear.</p> <p>Enjoyed this class a lot!</p>
<p>This was a very fun course to be in. I really liked the interactive textbook and the opportunity to do the journal entires, they helped further my understanding on the topics at hand. The lecture were clear and tutorials provided a great opportunity to talk about what we had learned and further understand the course material.</p>
<p>Sanjay may be the best professor in the world or the worst. I do not know because to this day, in the last week of class, I still haven't met him... Seems like most of the class that I spoke to are annoyed and confused. First year Political science class and we have no idea what the criteria is, how the prof marks and really just what is going on. Full price tuition, half assed attempt at teaching. Thank you COVID, very cool... My other online courses were no where near as bad as this one so I know its not online school to blame here... RIP GPA</p>
<p>The course was great and I loved how Professor Jeram went in–depth during lectures to help me fully understand these topics. It really felt like I was in a lecture hall watching POL 100 Lectures.</p>
<p>Great class; easy to understand</p>
<p>NO</p>
<p>The course was an amazing introduction for me into political science and university learning. Thank you!</p>
<p>I enjoyed the course material as a whole and Professor Jeram made less exciting topics more interesting – would have preferred that lecture slides had more detailed notes, as sometimes it made it difficult to know what was most important during the explanation of points Overall good course and teaching, thank you for the semester</p>
<p>Give this man a raise; great prof; would take again :)</p>

Comments
The content in this course was very interesting and I enjoyed the process. The only thing I found difficult was the immense amount of information required to fully understand and do well in the course.
Sanjay made this course very easy to navigate and was exceptional in regards to the learning material. Sanjay was very clear and concise when describing concepts and gave plenty of opportunities for students to ask questions in office hours and within discussions in Tutorials with the TA. This course provided lots of useful skills and taught me a variety of new concepts that I had not been aware of before hand. If I had the chance to re-take this course, I would!
Thank you for making this course interesting.
I believe that Sanjay did a tremendous job in instructing POL 100. It was one of the courses that I personally learned the most from, due to how coherent and connected course content was. In addition, I enjoyed how much of the course content can be connected to present events occurring now, which Sanjay also commentated on during his lectures.
Thank you for the course.
no
I do not have any further comments.
Sanjay is a very nice instructor. He explains everything very clearly to help us understand. But I personally found this course a little hard as a non-political science major student. The questions in the mid terms and tutorial discussion topics generally are difficult to me.
Professor Jeram did a great job of explaining course material and giving us opportunities to learn and present our knowledge.
Dr. Jeram was a very good prof, would definitely take a course with him again.
This class enhanced my knowledge on the world of politics. This class is also by far my most informative class as well. Your lectures were also very good and I enjoyed the textbook that we use as the writing was not too academic. Thank you for creating an enjoyable first semester.
Good introductory course. Thank you
no.
i hope Sanjay can release more practices before the midterm, thx
Lovely prof!