

Political Science Course Evaluation – Open Ended Evaluations

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Course number: PSC 367

Instructor's name: Sean Miskell

Semester: Spring 2011

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What did you like best about this class?

The Lecture topics were fascinating and the class was well organized

What did you like least about this class?

I would have preferred personal research papers to large group projects and presentations because it was hard to coordinate with group members

Which readings did you like least and which most?

The prize and Solomon's Water

What suggestions would you make to improve the course?

Any additional comments?

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What did you like best about this class?

material oil; water issues

What did you like least about this class?

how much reading material is unreasonable the constraints

Which readings did you like least and which most?

water reading - Gleik I liked the most
oil reading - Yergin I liked the least

What suggestions would you make to improve the course?

more discussion relating to material understanding
? feedback

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What did you like best about this class?

The subject and how the prof taught the material

What did you like least about this class?

nothing

Which readings did you like least and which most?

I like all the readings

What suggestions would you make to improve the course?

That the groups would get together after class to work on the papers.

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I learned alot about the issue of water, and oil

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What did you like best about this class?

subject & discussion parts

What did you like least about this class?

some of the readings -

Which readings did you like least and which most?

various articles

What suggestions would you make to improve the course?

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What did you like best about this class?

Great context in terms of incorporating theories, past and present discussion making 1 current events

What did you like least about this class?

The group projects were rough for me. I work well with others and I'm an organized group member but the format was frustrating.

Which readings did you like least and which most?

I enjoyed the articles on blackboard.
The earlier articles on oil were a little lengthy though.

What suggestions would you make to improve the course?

Fast pace through water. maybe make H₂O longer than oil?

Any additional comments?

Thanks for a great semester. Really got a lot out of this course.

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What did you like best about this class?

Seans awesome and a great professor

What did you like least about this class?

we spent zero time on water. That's why I enrolled
In this course

Which readings did you like least and which most?

Water

What suggestions would you make to improve the course?

more water. more reasonable readings

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Videos / varied lecture topics / current events

What did you like least about this class?

Group presentations on ~~one~~ one day was too much...
Have relevant presentations to accent lectures.

Which readings did you like least and which most?

... not sure.

What suggestions would you make to improve the course?

less + essential reading selections

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I liked learning about how oil and water influence so many things in the world. Also the movies were well selected.
 because I was unaware.

What did you like least about this class?

The readings seemed disjointed from the rest of the class. Would've liked to discuss them or be lectured shortly on them each time.

Which readings did you like least and which most?

I thought the huge book on oil was really informative.

What suggestions would you make to improve the course?

Maybe having a little less reading but then discussing it in class to help learn it.

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I liked learning from professor Miskell, I thought he was great. Thanks!

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What did you like best about this class?

interaction of policy memos and films

What did you like least about this class?

8-hour length

Which readings did you like least and which most?

What suggestions would you make to improve the course?

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What did you like best about this class?

The readings and documentaries

What did you like least about this class?

The presentations

Which readings did you like least and which most?

I liked the BB news articles – I didn't like the Global Politics of energy

What suggestions would you make to improve the course?

Cut people off on their presentations even if they aren't done!

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What did you like best about this class?

I like that it was more of a discussion class, with lots of opinions from different classmates.

What did you like least about this class?

that its 3 hours long.

Which readings did you like least and which most?

I liked the one on water most 'cause it was the most shocking one. I didn't really think of water scarcity as such a problem.

What suggestions would you make to improve the course?

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Any additional comments?

— I like the course.

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What did you like best about this class?

The documentaries

What did you like least about this class?

too much material for such a small amount of time

Which readings did you like least and which most?

I liked the Solomon book the most & the Yergin book the least

What suggestions would you make to improve the course?

less reading

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What did you like best about this class?

Once a week.

What you put in is what you get out.

What did you like least about this class?

I expected more discussion, or a more balanced discussion/lecture ratio.

Which readings did you like least and which most?

I liked the articles the best, I did not like "The Prize", however the Global Politics Book was good. The readings were interesting once past the boring parts.

What suggestions would you make to improve the course?

That you don't have to be an international relations major to understand the subject material in the course

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What did you like best about this class?

*Class discussion
Ways of lecturing
Films that contextualize content richly.*

What did you like least about this class?

Which readings did you like least and which most?

All Blackboard aside.

What suggestions would you make to improve the course?

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What did you like least about this class?

The group assignments. I would much rather work alone for both projects.

Which readings did you like least and which most?

What suggestions would you make to improve the course?

Make one of the assignments a group project and then the other one an individual project.

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no

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I like most of the readings and loved the films we watched b/c they reinforced material we learn & go over in class.

What did you like least about this class?

Presentations only b/c I don't like them but they help me become more confident in public speaking so they're good. Maybe focus more on a region.

Which readings did you like least and which most?

I liked the Water readings by Solomon & The Prize was good. I liked the articles the best (newspaper, magazines) b/c they are shorter & more to the point.

What suggestions would you make to improve the course?

Less readings ~~that~~ so can focus more on the readings that we do... too much, in my opinion, leads me to not reading them carefully.

Any additional comments?

Movies & films a good tool for learning