

Summer Session 2 2016 Course Evaluations - Arts and Sciences and Engineering

Su16-PS-0061-B-Intro International Rel, Su16-PS-0165-B-Us Foreign
Policy

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Results of survey

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Reply rate: 61% (11 / 18)

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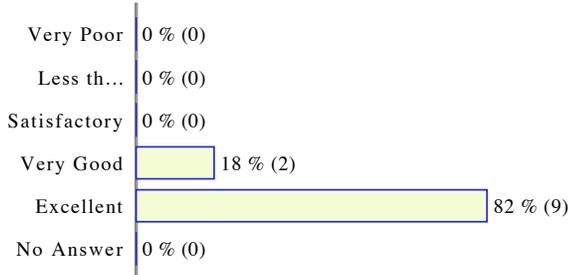
Course Items:

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Course Questions

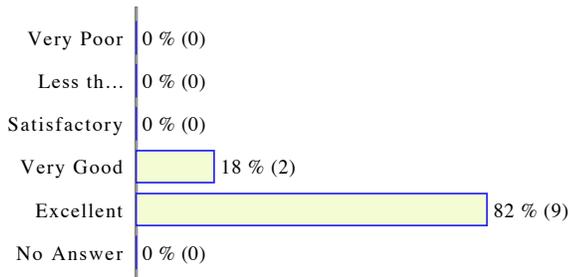
1. How would you rate the success of the course in accomplishing its objectives as stated on the course syllabus?

11 answers, mean = 4.82, std dev = 0.40



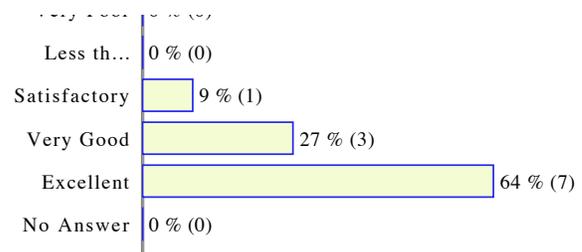
2. How would you rate the use of class time (lectures, discussions, demonstrations, labs, etc.) to promote your learning?

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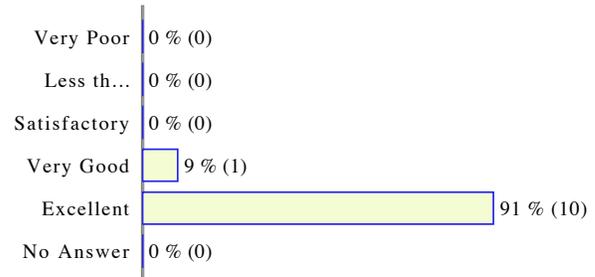
3. How would you rate the use of out-of-class activities (reading assignments, homework, papers, projects, etc.) to promote your learning?

11 answers, mean = 4.55, std dev = 0.69



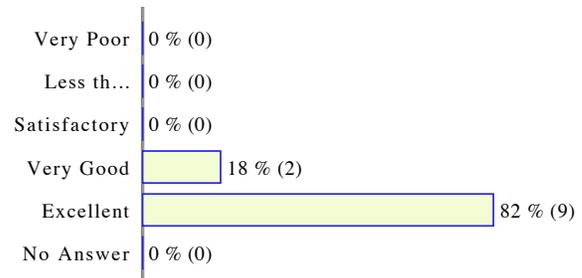
4. How would you rate the way the course engaged your interest?

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5. Based on your answers above, and any other factors you consider important, please provide an overall evaluation of the course.

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6. In what ways has this course made you think differently or more deeply? Please provide examples.

- discussions and debate
- It gave access to a lot of needed information for beginners in IR and the discussion and debates are useful in engaging more with the material.
- Helped me clearly reflect on my own perspectives of US foreign policy.
- Thinking about the state of the world, global politics and interdependence. Getting to know different aspects of international policies and theories/approaches of thinking about IR.
- This is my first course in this subject.
- All the incredibly engaging discussions and very interesting readings.
- I had to think about a lot of the more nuanced facets of US Foreign policy, and I learned how to think critically about really complex issues.

readings that informed us for the eventual debates. Also, by debating random sides on the spot, it's helped me see the merit of both sides of some issues.

- By actively participating in discussion and debate each class, I was able to fully process a lot of the material in ways that reading can't do.
- All discussion
- think in different position the same question if you are chinese and american the answer might be different

7. What aspects of this course worked best to facilitate your learning?

- discussions
- I would say the debates were really interesting and I can feel my own improvements.
- The editing portion of the class was helpful in analyzing my writing style
- The discussions and debates held with Prof Beckley. The knowledge and helpfulness of Prof Beckley. The suggestion to read "On writing well" by W Zissner - overall style of written and spoken expression.
- Readings and discussions. Prepared me for debates and essays.
- The discussion based format.
- I loved the debates, and the peer review sessions on our papers were extremely flexible.
- I think the discussions worked best for me because I was able to see how others interpreted the readings and gain a better understanding of them.
- In class discussion
- Debate
- get A and transfer back to NEU

8. What suggestions do you have for improving this course?

- I hope that there can be more lectures
- Maybe Professor Beckley can state his attitude more on what the students said in discussions and debates. Although we know there is no right or wrong answer in this case, I still feel that we could be able to be aware of more aspects if the professor would have concluded more.
- Incorporate a little more applied history of US foreign policy
- None at the moment. Of course there is always something you could improve - in anything, but I guess the overall

Thank you for a course which helped me understand the world and the state it is in now more deeply and better, in a way that I can now take part in discussions more efficiently and contribute to a better understanding of international politics/relations among my friends and within my family as well as at university.

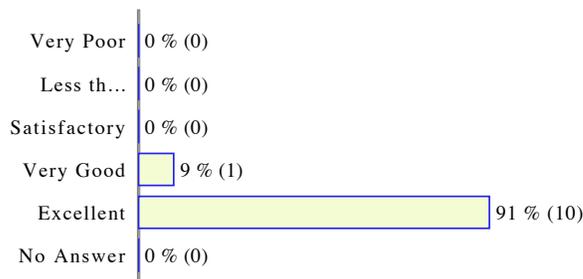
- Turn in papers at midterm and the rest at final so we can have another assessment of our grade in the course sooner.
- None
- During the semester this class is taught as a lecture, and I think it should be taught as a seminar, it worked really well as a seminar.
- N/A
- More focus on Latin America. It felt like we ignored this part of US Foreign Policy, though it might just be less relevant today than in the past.
- Teach more about history
- not really

Instructor/Evaluatee: Michael Beckley

Instructor Questions

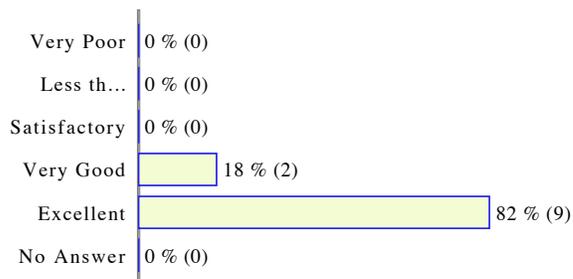
9. How would you rate the instructor's organization of each class?

11 answers, mean = 4.91, std dev = 0.30



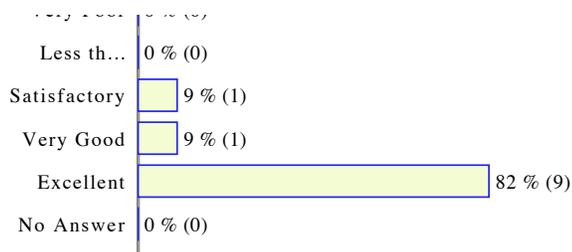
10. How would you rate the instructor's success in explaining concepts and ideas?

11 answers, mean = 4.82, std dev = 0.40



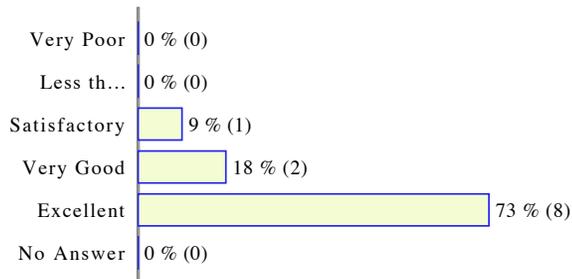
11. How would you rate the timeliness of the instructor's feedback on assignments, exams, and other work?

11 answers, mean = 4.73, std dev = 0.65



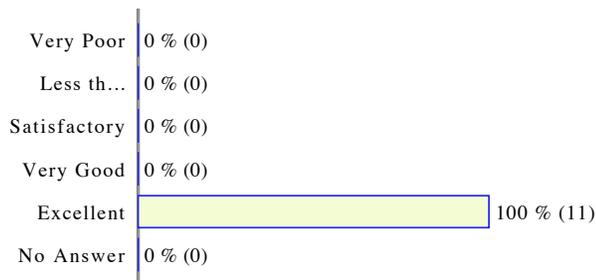
12. How would you rate the usefulness of the instructor's feedback on assignments, exams, and other work?

11 answers, mean = 4.64, std dev = 0.67



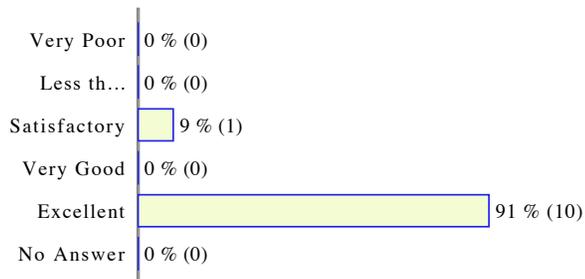
13. How would you rate the instructor's success in creating and maintaining an inclusive class, respectful of all students?

11 answers, mean = 5.00, std dev = 0.00



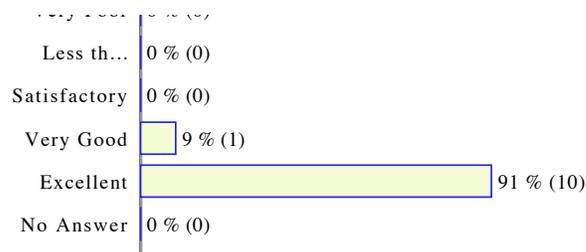
14. How would you rate the instructor's communication with you outside of class?

11 answers, mean = 4.82, std dev = 0.60



15. Based on your answers above, and any other factors you consider important, please provide an overall evaluation of the instructor.

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16. Please provide any additional comments regarding the instructor.

- Excellent instructor!
- I really liked the class and as I said before I feel like personally I wanted more feedbacks from the professor.
- Prof. Beckley does an excellent job of playing devil's advocate and made it difficult to understand his own perspectives at times
- Certainly one of the best professors I have ever had, competent, kind, helpful and understanding. Very efficient methods of learning and working on topics.
- Class was very enjoyable, which is impressive for such a long class.
- Great professor. Engaging and also great at posing questions that cause the class to re-evaluate earlier positions or elaborate on the positions they support.
- Prof. Beckley is amazing! The excellent in-class discussions were a product of his provocative discussion questions and facilitation.
- He's great