

Course Evaluations for Christopher Faricy

PSC 121: American National Government and Politics, 2013-2015

Evaluation procedure: students are asked to evaluate their instructor by indicating their agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements. The rating scale ranges from 1 to 5: 1) strongly disagree, 2) disagree, 3) neutral, 4) agree, and 5) strongly agree.

	% of students “Agreeing” or “Strongly Agreeing”	My Average Scores	Department Average
Overall, I rate this instructor as an excellent teacher.	84%	4.18	4.00
Overall, this course was worth taking.	75.5%	4.00	3.96
The instructor presented the material at an appropriate pace.	87.8%	4.22	4.07
Completing assignments contributed to my learning in this course.	76%	4.02	3.95
I understood how my grade was determined for this course.	88%	4.04	4.04
Class discussions contributed to my understanding of the subject.	93%	4.44	3.97
The instructor treated students with respect.	97.6%	4.56	4.23
When appropriate, the instructor presented divergent viewpoints.	91.5%	4.42	4.23
The instructor was enthusiastic in presenting course content.	94.9%	4.58	4.22
The objectives of the course were clear.	94.9%	4.47	4.12

N = 368

Sample Student Comments:

“Professor Faricy was one of my favorite teachers so far at Syracuse. He knows so much about the subject. Overall good teacher and person.”

“I think it was a great course that any student could take to learn more about the world and our government. I feel I actually took something away from this class that will be useful in my everyday life.”

“The teacher did an excellent job in explaining both sides of a topic that was controversial.”

“Faricy was a great professor, he was recommended to me and I would recommend him.”

“Prof. Faricy was enthusiastic in lecture, and very capable of delivering the material in a easily digestible fashion.”

“The professor is brilliant! He made me LOVE U.S. Politics, which until now, I hated.”

“Professor Faricy was probably the best part of this class just because he took a topic that can be so general and became really enthusiastic about it. Instead of just droning on about American government he showed us why it matters and how it will continue to affect us. Putting the learning in a bigger picture, along with fun metaphors and videos, made this class really great.”

“This class was my most interesting class and my second most entertaining. The professor did a good job of using real world examples to back up what we discussed in class.”

Overall, I thought this course was great and I thought Dr. Faricy did a phenomenal job in the way he presented the material. He played a major role in me switching to Poli Sci and I hope I can take more classes from him in the future.”

“Professor Faricy’s lectures were extremely helpful in understanding the course material. His lectures leave no stone unturned. Very thorough coverage of the material. Professor Faricy is without a doubt, the best lecture professor I have ever had. He is enthusiastic, engaging, challenging, approachable, and extremely intelligent. He also brings his real world experiences in politics to his lectures. I will miss his class next year.”

“I believe that this course was taught well, with the perfect amount of work and expectations. I would recommend this instructor to other classmates of mine, he was very engaging and enthusiastic about teaching.”

“This class is awesome. He knows everything in this area, and he provided a good foundation for creative and critical political thought.”

“This is one of the best courses I have taken at Syracuse. I came in with zero understanding of poli sci, and am leaving with a wealth of knowledge. The instructor was perfect for this class.”

PSC 300: The Politics of Income Inequality, 2013-2015

Evaluation procedure: students are asked to evaluate their instructor by indicating their agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements. The rating scale ranges from 1 to 5: 1) strongly disagree, 2) disagree, 3) neutral, 4) agree, and 5) strongly agree.

	% of students “Agreeing” or “Strongly Agreeing”	My Average Scores	Department Average
Overall, I rate this instructor as an excellent teacher.	94.5%	4.83	4.37
Overall, this course was worth taking.	94.5%	4.83	4.30
The instructor presented the material at an appropriate pace.	87.8%	4.72	4.32
Completing assignments contributed to my learning in this course.	100%	4.67	4.23
I understood how my grade was determined for this course.	100%	4.67	4.33
Class discussions contributed to my understanding of the subject.	100%	4.94	4.32
The instructor treated students with respect.	100%	5.00	4.59
When appropriate, the instructor presented divergent viewpoints.	100%	4.83	4.42
The instructor was enthusiastic in presenting course content.	100%	5.00	4.55
The objectives of the course were clear.	100%	4.72	4.36

N=63

Sample Student Comments:

“Everything about this course was great, from the readings to the discussions.”

“Doing the readings by the world class authors that were assigned and then coming into a group setting and clearing up any confusions, chapter by chapter, really was the most valuable aspect to the class for me. A lot of good information in the assigned readings that I can take with me to help inform anyone that I come into contact with in the future.”

“Reading full books is something that too few teachers assign. I got a lot out of reading in depth the authors we covered. Each of the selected texts were excellent in contributing to knowledge of the issues at hand and those related to the politics of income inequality.”

“The most valuable aspects of this course, was how knowledgeable the professor was on the topic and how much of the information presented was current and relevant.”

“Professor Faricy has a nearly encyclopedic-like knowledge of all the literature related to income inequality and this, along with his real-life experience in politics, made the course really interesting and allowed us to branch out and cover a broad range of topics. In short, I learned a ton and found the classes very interesting and engaging. Of note: I am a second semester senior who finished my PSC degree last semester. I only took this class because I needed another course so I wouldn't be a part-time student and I don't think I've missed a class, even though it meets on Fridays. That should tell you all you need to know about the value of this course and Professor Faricy's teaching.”

“Being able to analyze counter arguments to the required readings for the semester. This broadens the perspective on some topics and allowed for a more reasoned discussion from different stand points. Please continue with all other courses!”

“This is the best class and professor I have taken at Syracuse.”

“I liked having students help lead discussion felt it got more people talking and engaged in the class and I heard more perspectives.”

“Readings were awesome - definitely things I would've read in my down time and were things that kept everyone engaged. Dr. Faricy was amazing, super knowledgeable and very willing to help and critique. Final paper was structured really nicely and allowed for students to think outside the box and do something they were passionate about - have recommended this course to numerous people.”

“This was easily one of the best courses I have taken via the Political Science department here at SU. The course content was incredibly stimulating, the assignments were challenging but still within my grasp, and Dr. Faricy was the fantastic instructor who tied the whole course together.”