



UC RIVERSIDE - Faculty Instruction Evaluation (iEval)  
Fall 2023

Course: POSC 100 Section: 001 - PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS  
Instructor: David Miller  
Home Dept.: Political Science Dept

Enrollment: 76  
Respondents: 20  
Response Rate: 26%

Questions	Course						Mean	Med	SD
	<u>5</u> High	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Low	<u>N/A</u>			
1 I had a strong desire to take this course	6	10	3	1	-	-	4.05	4.0	0.8
2 I attended class regularly	8	9	1	2	-	-	4.15	4.0	0.9
3 I put considerable effort into this course	10	9	1	-	-	-	4.45	4.5	0.6
4 I gained a good understanding of the course content	9	9	2	-	-	-	4.35	4.0	0.7
5 Instructor was prepared and organized	11	9	-	-	-	-	4.55	5.0	0.5
6 Instructor used class time effectively	11	9	-	-	-	-	4.55	5.0	0.5
7 Instructor was clear and understandable	11	8	1	-	-	-	4.50	5.0	0.6
8 Instructor exhibited enthusiasm for subject and teaching	13	6	1	-	-	-	4.60	5.0	0.6
9 Instructor respected students; sensitive to and concerned with their progress	12	7	-	1	-	-	4.50	5.0	0.8
10 Instructor was available and helpful	11	8	1	-	-	-	4.50	5.0	0.6
11 Instructor was fair in evaluating students	11	8	-	1	-	-	4.45	5.0	0.8
12 Instructor was effective as a teacher overall	11	8	1	-	-	-	4.50	5.0	0.6
13 The syllabus clearly explained the structure of the courses	11	8	1	-	-	-	4.50	5.0	0.6
14 The examinations reflected the materials covered during the course	9	10	1	-	-	-	4.40	4.0	0.6
15 The required readings contributed to my learning	8	12	-	-	-	-	4.40	4.0	0.5
16 The assignments contributed to my learning	9	10	-	-	-	-	4.47	4.0	0.5
17 Supplementary materials were informative (e.g. films, slides, videos, demonstrations, guest lectures, iLearn, web pages, etc)	8	11	1	-	-	-	4.35	4.0	0.6
18 The course overall as a learning experience was excellent	11	8	-	1	-	-	4.45	5.0	0.8

\* The number of N/A is not included in the Mean, Median, and S.D. calculation.



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**Question # 19:** Please comment on how the instructor's teaching helped your learning of the material in this course. Please give serious thought to your comments. Your comments will be studied by the professor after the grade and performance evaluation of your work have been submitted and may be used in changing future offerings of the course. In addition, these comments are placed in the instructor's file and may be used for purposes of evaluating the instructor's teaching. The information collected will remain anonymous.

- Professor Miller was great! The lectures were easy to interpret and he made us feel comfortable and heard. Initially, I was worried the material would be difficult to understand, but that was not the case. I would definitely take another class with him!
- I enjoyed this course and going through research papers. I wish this course would have gone more in-depth to the textbooks that I bought. Since the textbooks were in the syllabus I bought them and thought they would be important. There was nothing from those textbooks that were quizzed in this class. I think having exams (at least two exams) on the textbook would have been nice. It could have been used to further decipher who was trying their best in the class. Also, I enjoyed the task force and all my mates were fine, but I feel like the task force should only have been for the what were you up Mr. President assignment. All other work should be individual. In my opinion, college should be about developing your own personal work and seeing how it is evaluated by professors. But other than that, this class was great overall. I enjoyed attending it!
- N/a
- Despite showing a lack of interest in the subject at the beginning of the quarter, Prof. Miller made me feel more passionate towards presidential politics and helped me understand the fundamentals and principles of the president body. The article outline assignments allowed me to study the research articles in-depth and gain a more comprehensive analysis when breaking down the article into small sections. Outside of class he is very helpful and answers questions of concern or from class material. The "What the Heck are you upto Mr. President" presentations were effective in making me learn what activities are being carried out by the president and helped me stay in touch with the news as I don't watch it that often. Overall, Prof. Miller is very communicative and an effective instructor for POSC100 (Presidential Politics)
- Professor Miller encouraged interaction and discussion among students throughout the class, making it a friendly and learning environment. Students also felt free to have their different opinions. The class was also very concise in terms of getting to the point and us learning the curriculum/contents of the class.
- I was surprised that this was the first class Professor Miller taught here at UCR. I am unsure if he has instructed in the past, but his overall layout for the class and methods for teaching were really fresh and innovative. Often times it can be easy to fall into just giving lectures after lectures, but Professor Miller facilitated a lot of discussion between students and actively got us engaged in the material. I have never been so thoroughly engrossed in what I was learning before and it helped me to retain ideas a lot better than if I had just been talked at. My only hold up is the considerable emphasis on group work. While it helped to inspire discussion, having such a large part of my grade being reliant on a project that I have to rely on group mates for is fairly scary. Especially as, while I was lucky enough to have present group members, there were a great deal of people who just stopped showing up which put the remnants of their groups in an awkward spot without them. That really is not the professor's fault, but it is unfortunately one of those annoying challenges he might have to consider going forward. Ultimately, I enjoyed how personable Professor Miller was! His little insights on his life and especially his love for Taylor Swift made the atmosphere of the classroom that much brighter.
- Professor Miller made the class a safe place to ask questions and expand our knowledge of presidential politics. He provided room for discussion without making us feel intimidated or like we were asking dumb questions which is super important in learning. He also had us participate in a simulation which gave us a more first hand feel of the stuff we were learning in class and allowed us to put it into action. It was a fun way of learning and it took the edge off after having article outlines. Each topic was introduced in an interesting way so it was never boring covering topics and the what the heck presentations allowed us to stay up to date with current politics and to be able to see what we were learning in real time
- This was my first Poli Sci class so I went into it with no expectations. But I thought this course was cool. I met cool classmates and the course was interesting and allowed me to see the world of politics differently. Professor Miller is a great teacher and I would love to take another class with him if given the opportunity.
- Professor Miller was amazing. His lectures were very informative and understanding. He also cared for his students by supporting us throughout the quarter. Overall, he has been a great professor.
- Professor Miller's lectures were a joy to attend after my horrible 8 a.m. Professor, (Dr. Paul Green who is not an option for me to evaluate, who never answered emails and made attending his office hours a difficult process that ends in no meeting after so many cancellations. Anyways...) He is a funny man who shows genuine passion for the subject he teaches. He has fun, creative, and engaging assignments that

help people who don't know much about governmental politics going in (like me) understand it better. I'm going to miss him, but after taking this course he is an instructor I will look out for during future registrations. Rock on Mr. Miller!!! 🙏🙏🙏

- My understanding of presidential politics has greatly benefited from the instructors' knowledge, interesting teaching strategies, and encouraging advice. His influence has not only increased my knowledge but also stoked a greater desire in me to comprehend the complexities of political systems.
- N/a
- This class was great but I would argue that for a 4 unit course the work load was a bit much. In the same quarter I took a 5 unit political science course yet I found myself prioritizing my work for this course because of how rigorous it was. I did feel like I learned a lot, I do think lecture really added value to my learning and the whole simulation and task force aspect of the course was super neat but something like the four article summaries really felt like a lot at times. Perhaps two article summaries not counting the ones needed for the final paper would have been sufficient. The term paper didn't feel as heavy because it's four people but it was definitely a rigorous class.
- I liked the structure of the class. The readings were a bit confusing but showing up to class was very helpful. I usually don't like group work, but with this class being my first political science class, I felt comfortable with the task forces.