



UC RIVERSIDE - Faculty Instruction Evaluation (iEval)  
Winter 2024

Course: POSC 261 Section: 001 - AMERICAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS  
Instructor: David Miller  
Home Dept.: Political Science Dept

Enrollment: 6  
Respondents: 3  
Response Rate: 50%

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	3	-	-	-	-	-	5.00	5.0	0.0
2 I attended class regularly	3	-	-	-	-	-	5.00	5.0	0.0
3 I put considerable effort into this course	2	1	-	-	-	-	4.67	5.0	0.6
4 I gained a good understanding of the course content	2	1	-	-	-	-	4.67	5.0	0.6
5 Instructor was prepared and organized	2	1	-	-	-	-	4.67	5.0	0.6
6 Instructor used class time effectively	2	-	-	1	-	-	4.00	5.0	1.7
7 Instructor was clear and understandable	2	1	-	-	-	-	4.67	5.0	0.6
8 Instructor exhibited enthusiasm for subject and teaching	3	-	-	-	-	-	5.00	5.0	0.0
9 Instructor respected students; sensitive to and concerned with their progress	2	1	-	-	-	-	4.67	5.0	0.6
10 Instructor was available and helpful	2	1	-	-	-	-	4.67	5.0	0.6
11 Instructor was fair in evaluating students	2	1	-	-	-	-	4.67	5.0	0.6
12 Instructor was effective as a teacher overall	2	1	-	-	-	-	4.67	5.0	0.6
13 The syllabus clearly explained the structure of the courses	3	-	-	-	-	-	5.00	5.0	0.0
14 The examinations reflected the materials covered during the course	3	-	-	-	-	-	5.00	5.0	0.0
15 The required readings contributed to my learning	3	-	-	-	-	-	5.00	5.0	0.0
16 The assignments contributed to my learning	2	1	-	-	-	-	4.67	5.0	0.6
17 Supplementary materials were informative (e.g. films, slides, videos, demonstrations, guest lectures, iLearn, web pages, etc)	2	-	1	-	-	-	4.33	5.0	1.2
18 The course overall as a learning experience was excellent	3	-	-	-	-	-	5.00	5.0	0.0

\* 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.

- Dr. Miller is a great instructor and is an engaging presence in class. The readings were organized effectively and were grouped in a way that provided cohesive "units". Each class was a great mix of us discussing our interpretations and reactions to the readings, with his expertise inputted when the discussion required it. The assignments were also effective, allowing students ample time to develop "mini" research designs that we could go on to use at later points. I also found that Dr. Miller paid great attention to those taking comps in American Politics, ensuring that each unit provided a list of "canonical cites". Overall the environment was productive and engaging.
- Prof. Miller, through the quarter showed a great respect towards students in the class. He gave helpful feedback in the class and in the office hours. He made available time also beyond office hours to discuss with me questions I needed clarification for the assignment. He helped us through discussion in the class to develop the critical thinking by reviewing the methods that authors of the readings were using. I am glad that I chose to take this class, even though my major field is not American politics.
- As I know, this course is Miller's first graduate seminar at UCR. Despite this, his seminar has helped me understand American political institutions. Also, the invitation of guests to the class is really interesting because I can deeply understand one of the papers from the authors. One thing I would like to comment on is the research design assignments. I could not meet his expectations because we had only two weeks to complete this design. Also, I presented my research design in class, but I think I could not get the professor's in-depth feedback because of time limits. So, if there is more time for research design, it should be better. Thank you.