Government 97
Tutorial-Sophomore Year

Comments

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL FUTURE STUDENTS ABOUT THIS CLASS?

Course

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Be prepared to do a lot of reading, but it is very skimmable. Just get the main argument of each of the authors and you'll be prepared to participate in section and even structure your papers. I've heard most of the section leaders are really great, and there wasn't a time I didn't want to go to section, even at 9:00am on Tuesdays.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

It is difficult, be prepared.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

learn to skim the readings and get the gist of its saying, start essays early

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

do the readings

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Join a reading group. You should try to do the readings yourself anyway, but it is helpful to have a collection of notes for all the readings when you are writing your papers. It's hard to find time to take all of those notes yourself, and it is helpful to have at least those outlines if there is a week where you are particularly swamped with work and don't have time to do all of the reading yourself.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Be sure to prepare for section and do the readings, so that you can effectively participate.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

DO THE READINGS. it makes your life way easier when you have to write essays and pull from all the articles. plus the readings are really interesting and fun to talk about in section.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

I mean, you have to take it anyway if you're a concentrator. It's not a tough course, and the material can be engaging if you take in all the arguments and think about your point of view.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Overall, I felt like this course gave us a very intriguing and well thought out introduction to democracy. I feel like I learned a great deal both in section and in lecture. The readings were helpful and though providing, though I feel that sometimes, there was too much information and the main point the professors were trying to get across got lost or was hard to easily pick up in the readings.

PLEASE COMMENT ON YOUR SECTION LEADER'S TEACHING.

Williamson, Vanessa S

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**
Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Vanessa is one of the most brilliant people I've ever had the pleasure of meeting. She knows exactly how to facilitate a focused discussion, allowing us to question our own thoughts and comment on others opinions, while still covering the readings and teaching us how to successfully argue our points. I have learned so much from her and my personal interactions with her in office hours has been so helpful to my growth as a writer. I always looked forward to section and Vanessa was the biggest reason for that.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**
Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

I have truly been impressed with Vanessa's teaching. I have yet to encounter another section leader with such genuine enthusiasm for government, and more importantly, for teaching. She came to every section prepared and more than ready to generate discussion with her thought-provoking questions. She truly challenged me to think critically about concepts regarding America as a democratic form of government that I had never considered before. Her section was the most enjoyable part of my week, and I owe most, if not all, of that to her role as our section leader. She is also a very kind person who cares a lot about others, and this shows through her interactions with students -- she always makes sure that everyone in the section gets all of the help that they need and that she has answered every question as best she can.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**
Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **3 (good)**

difficult. hard grading.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**
Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

she was excellent. by far one the best TFs i had here.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**
Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

shes very smart and motivated, did a good job keeping the sections interesintg

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Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**
Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **4 (very good)**

Section was by far the best part of this course. Vanessa was great at encouraging discussions and coming up with fun ways for us to engage with the readings.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**
Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Vanessa is one of the best section leaders that I've ever had, she was great at breaking the readings down and having us mostly lead the section by discussing each topic. Don't change, just keep rocking your section!

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Vanessa is great. I really appreciated the time she took outside of class to discuss our papers with us. She really made this course surprisingly enjoyable for me.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Vanessa's teaching and handling of our section directly contributed to my success in the class and I can honestly say with confidence that she is the best TF I've had and probably will ever have at Harvard. She does a great job facilitating discussion in section and making sure we come away knowing the point that we were supposed to take away. Moreover, she is always available to meet to go over the readings with me and that was the most helpful aspect of our relationship. She was truly an awesome TF and more TF's need to take lessons from her

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Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Vanessa was fantastic. I honestly could write a few paragraphs on all of her strengths as a section leader, but, in a nutshell, she is extremely effective at generating an engaging discussion that delves into important questions--not only providing important insight into the assigned readings, but forcing us to go beyond the readings and apply the lessons to our lives, recent events, etc and question whether or not we actually accept the arguments being made. I can honestly say that Vanessa is the reason I got so much out of this course. Without meeting with her for two hours every week, this course would not have been the same. She put a lot of effort into thinking about how to facilitate section, and it definitely showed