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COURSE - Fall 2019 Course Evaluations

PL 215-1 Italian Politics and Society

EVALUATION FOR

Gabriele Simoncini

EVALUATION RESULTS 4.48

| | Grouped votes | Tot.Resp. | Q.Average |
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| ▼ | Evaluation: Overall, I would rate this course (1= Poor, 5= Excellent) | | |
| | 1 0 2 0 3 2 4 6 5 6 | 14 | 4.29 |
| ▼ | Evaluation: The course objectives were clearly defined (1= Strongly disagree, 5= Strongly agree) | | |
| | 1 0 2 1 3 3 4 2 5 8 | 14 | 4.21 |
| ▼ | Evaluation: The grading policy was clearly explained (1= Strongly disagree, 5= Strongly agree) | | |
| | 1 0 2 1 3 0 4 4 5 9 | 14 | 4.5 |
| ▼ | Evaluation: The professor actively furthers student learning and understanding (1= Strongly disagree, 5= Strongly agree) | | |
| | 1 0 2 0 3 1 4 5 5 8 | 14 | 4.5 |
| ▼ | Evaluation: The professor communicated the subject matter effectively (1= Strongly disagree, 5= Strongly agree) | | |
| | 1 0 2 0 3 1 4 5 5 8 | 14 | 4.5 |
| ▼ | Evaluation: The professor was well prepared for class (1= Strongly disagree, 5= Strongly agree) | | |
| | 1 0 2 0 3 0 4 1 5 13 | 14 | 4.93 |
| ▼ | Evaluation: The teaching materials helped achieve course objectives (1= Strongly disagree, 5= Strongly agree) | | |
| | 1 0 2 0 3 3 4 2 5 9 | 14 | 4.43 |

What are the strengths and weaknesses of the course?

- Very informative
- strengths: very interesting topics weaknesses: not much structure to the class
- Interesting content, rough beginning but got more & more interesting
- - lecture style is well delivered but could be enhanced using some sort of visual or other material to hold focus
- -more structure in the lectures would have been nice rather than just speaking/lecturing
- interesting material, lecture style
- This course did a good job of informing me about historical and modern day Italian Politics and Society, and provided a good overview of Italy's transformation from Empire to Nation.
- Large amount of material to cover, gave a good overview of Italy's political and societal history
- The course touched the most important points of past and current Italian politics and society, because it was structured in a clear and comprehensive way. However, I would have enjoyed to do more field-trips on important spots of what we were studying
- The course is extremely interesting!
- The course allowed me to become knowledgeable about the politics surrounding me in a country I knew nothing about when I first came here. The only weakness of the course is that Italian politics is very complicated and difficult to explain so it can be overwhelming
- The course does a great of outlining the history of the Italian state and how its has changed Italian culture and society.
- This class covers a wide variety of content. Italian Politics and society as a subject is interesting but this course, especially for the beginning, focused mostly on Italian history as a whole. I understand the necessity to contextualize current phenomenon, but i think this took away from more content originally on the syllabus that I was looking forward to discussing
- Anyone studying politics should take Italian politics if they're within Italy. This class really explains why things are the way they are here (in terms of politics).

What are the strengths and weaknesses of the professor?

- Very knowledgeable and engaging
- - funny and well-liked by students - very well versed in his topics
- -really nice professor -humor was helpful and friendly
- Smart guy, sometimes he is too fast with information
- Professor Simoncini is extremely knowledgeable about this topic and did a good job of keeping us interested. However, I wish he wouldn't rely on lecturing so much and implement more media materials to help us understand the content matter more/keep us more engaged.
- Clearly very knowledgeable but utilizing powerpoint presentations would help drastically with note taking in class
- The Italian professor is the most adequate to teach such a course on Italian politics and society, but sometimes it seemed as he was exaggerating on some matters.
- The course is strong because of the professor's clear knowledge! He is willing to help students and makes the course engaging.
- Professor Simoncini is very knowledgeable in the subject and can effectively explain differing perspectives in politics. However I would appreciate a more black and white presentation of the material. Maybe a definition list or something along the lines.
- The professor is very knowledgeable on the topic and makes class interesting.
- Professor simoncini is a wonderful instructor who is obviously very knowledgeable about what he is teaching. He is always on time and prepared and brings an interesting perspective to course content. My one critique would be that grading scales and expectations for the midterm specifically were different than advertised. I feel like a more formal presented grading structure would benefit the students more. Regardless, I enjoyed having Professor Simoncini and would definitely recommend his course.
- strengths: very intelligent and funny professor weaknesses: sometimes not much direction with his lectures
- This is my third class with Simoncini, and as always it's been a delight. His teaching style, and dry wit will inevitably bring me back a fourth time, if not a fifth.
- Very clear while explaining The exams are easy but long to an extent that its nearly impossible to finish it on time The required length of the final paper is not proportionate to 200 level course Professor not very helpful when asked questions, he doesn't elaborate enough and is unclear sometimes on what he requires for assignment.

Any other comments?

- Pay Simoncini more
- what a pleasant man. always greets us with " good afternoon class"
- Always wishes the a class a good afternoon