

Rutgers University Student Instructional Rating Fall 2009

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 ENROLL= 9 RESP= 6 (66%)

	STRONGLY DISAGREE		NEUTRAL		STRONGLY AGREE		# OF NO RESPONSES	MEAN OF SECTION	MEAN OF COURSE	MEAN OF DEPT	MEAN OF LEVEL
	1	2	3	4	5						
PART A: UNIVERSITY-WIDE QUESTIONS:											
1. The instructor was prepared for class and presented the material in an organized manner	0	0	0	1	5	0	4.83	4.80	4.44	4.39	
2. The instructor responded effectively to student comments and questions	0	0	0	0	6	0	5.00	4.70	4.38	4.41	
3. The instructor generated interest in the course material	0	0	0	0	6	0	5.00	4.90	4.33	4.49	
4. The instructor had a positive attitude toward assisting all students in understanding course material	0	0	0	0	6	0	5.00	4.70	4.43	4.35	
5. The instructor assigned grades fairly	0	0	1	2	3	0	4.33	4.50	4.40	4.50	
6. The instructional methods encouraged student learning	0	0	0	1	5	0	4.83	4.10	4.09	4.10	
7. I learned a great deal in this course	0	0	0	2	4	0	4.67	4.10	4.11	4.06	
8. I had a strong prior interest in the subject matter and wanted to take this course	0	1	1	0	4	0	4.17	4.20	3.79	4.09	
9. I rate the teaching effectiveness of the instructor as	0	0	0	1	5	0	4.83	4.80	4.22	4.24	
10. I rate the overall quality of the course as	0	0	0	1	5	0	4.83	4.20	4.16	4.18	

What do you like best about this course?:

"Prof. Popper is one of the best professors i've had at rutgers. His grading was relatively tough tho, but this is even more of a motivation to work hard and move up your grade. He has a very laid back teaching style too which works well with a small class such as ours."

"Professor Popper offered a new and unique perspective on America's planning tradition. His lectures touched on a wide array of subjects relating to the American landscape and its regions - despite the diversity of information Professor Popper provided his students, he was able to effectively unify his lectures into one common theme."

"the lectures & discussions"

"The material is relevant to many different subjects involving United States history and present day politics. The field trip was fun!"

If you were teaching this course, what would you do differently?:

"I would bring in more teaching methods, such as short videos and a powerpoint, or a guest speaker. This would make it more interactive for students who don't engage in discussions (which was most of the class). But as for me, the discussion he used was great! Also, I think he could have responded to questions a little less sarcastically and more intellectually."

"I think having a more clearly defined rubric for the essay exams, presentations, and final paper would be helpful. While the broadness of the assignments allows for creativity on behalf of students, I think in terms of actually doing the work, a rubric would be helpful."

In what ways, if any, has this course or the instructor encouraged your intellectual growth and progress?:

"Prof. Popper asks questions to really make you think. His topic material is interesting and he shares this, as evidenced by most of the final papers (which are also on planning and public policy)"

"Professor Popper has encouraged me to look at the American planning tradition more critically and to think beyond the region in which I grew up. He also challenged me to improve my writing and create higher standards for myself and my work. "

"Opened my mind and concept of the United States up big time."

"If we had any questions, Prof. Popper answered them to the best of his ability, and if he was unsure of an answer, would come to the next class with an answer."

Other comments or suggestions::

"Great professor. I highly recommend him. One of the best Rutgers' has to offer the students and Honors Program!"

"A wonderful, brilliant professor and an all-around excellent man."
