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Department: Department of Geography

Term: Fall 2019

Form: Course Evaluation and Student Learning Outcomes - Geography Department

Instructor: Aslamy,Sohrob Tosh

Class: GEO372 Section M001 (Political Geography)

Responses: 12 Enrollment: 55 Response Rate: 21.8%

	1		2		3		4		5		6	Summary Stats		
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable	N	Mean	StD					
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	N	Mean	StD
1. The lectures were clear and well-organized.	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	12.5%	7	87.5%	3	11	4.88	0.35
2. The instructor introduced me to new ideas and concepts.	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22.2%	7	77.8%	2	11	4.78	0.44
3. The instructor asked questions that stimulated general discussion.	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	44.4%	5	55.6%	2	11	4.56	0.53
4. The instructor gave consideration to the concerns, comments, and questions of students.	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	10%	9	90%	1	11	4.90	0.32
5. The instructor showed enthusiasm for the course material.	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	11.1%	8	88.9%	2	11	4.89	0.33
6. The course challenged me to think seriously about the subject matter.	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	40%	6	60%	1	11	4.60	0.52

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	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	N	Mean	StD
1. I gained an understanding of major concepts in geography.	0	0%	0	0%	1	10%	1	10%	8	80%	1	11	4.70	0.67
2. I became aware of multiple perspectives and debates on issues in geography.	0	0%	0	0%	1	10%	3	30%	6	60%	1	11	4.50	0.71
3. I am able to identify, locate, evaluate, use, and share information as it pertains to geography.	0	0%	0	0%	1	10%	3	30%	6	60%	1	11	4.50	0.71
4. I am able to critically read and understand the scholarly literature in geography.	0	0%	0	0%	1	10%	5	50%	4	40%	1	11	4.30	0.67
5. I developed skills in displaying geographic information in a graphic or visual form.	0	0%	0	0%	1	11.1%	4	44.4%	4	44.4%	2	11	4.33	0.71
6. I have a better understanding of the changing relationship between humans and the environment.	0	0%	0	0%	1	10%	3	30%	6	60%	1	11	4.50	0.71
7. I have a better understanding of the relationship between people and places over time and across space.	0	0%	0	0%	1	10%	3	30%	6	60%	1	11	4.50	0.71
8. I have a better understanding of basic geographic methods of presenting and using spatial information (e.g. map making and reading, spatial analysis and visualization).	0	0%	0	0%	1	11.1%	4	44.4%	4	44.4%	2	11	4.33	0.71
9. I have a better understanding of the value of a geographic perspective on the world around us.	0	0%	0	0%	1	10%	4	40%	5	50%	1	11	4.40	0.70
10. I have a better understanding of the natural environment, including patterns and causal processes, and variations over time and across space.	0	0%	0	0%	2	20%	3	30%	5	50%	1	11	4.30	0.82
11. Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.	0	0%	0	0%	1	10%	4	40%	5	50%	1	11	4.40	0.70

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	1 Poor		2 Below Average		3 Average		4 Above Average		5 Excellent		Summary Stats		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	Mean	StD
1. The instructor of this course was:	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	18.2%	1	9.1%	8	72.7%	11	4.55	0.82
2. This course was:	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	9.1%	5	45.4%	5	45.4%	11	4.36	0.67

1. Which of the following best describes you?	N	%
Geography Major	2	18.2%
Geography Minor	0	0.0%
Environment & Society Minor	0	0.0%
Undeclared undergraduate	0	0.0%
Other major	9	81.8%
Total	11	

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- Economics
- Global security studies minor
- International
- International relations
- International Relations
- IR
- policy major
- Public Health

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2. Class Status	N	%
Freshman	0	0.0%
Sophomore	3	27.3%
Junior	3	27.3%
Senior	4	36.4%
Graduate student	1	9.1%
Non-matriculated student	0	0.0%
Total	11	

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3. Gender	N	%
Male	3	27.3%
Female	8	72.7%
Transgender	0	0.0%
Unsure / other	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%
Total	11	

4. Are you taking this course to fulfill a requirement?	N	%
Yes	9	81.8%
No	2	18.2%
Total	11	

5. I attended the following percentage of class meetings:	N	%
Over 90%	8	72.7%
80-90%	2	18.2%
60-79%	1	9.1%
50-69%	0	0.0%
Less than 50%	0	0.0%
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6. On average, how many hours per week did you spend preparing for this course outside of class time?	N	%
Less than 1 hour	0	0.0%
1-2 hours	4	36.4%
3-4 hours	6	54.6%
More than 4 hours	1	9.1%
Total	11	

7. The work load for this course in relation to other courses of the same level was:	N	%
Much heavier	1	9.1%
Heavier	6	54.6%
About the same	4	36.4%
Lighter	0	0.0%
Much lighter	0	0.0%
Total	11	

8. The grading standards for this course in relation to other courses of the same level were:	N	%
Much harder	0	0.0%
Harder	0	0.0%
About the same	11	100.0%
Easier	0	0.0%
Much easier	0	0.0%
Total	11	

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What aspects of this course were most successful? Why?

- -Fair grader -Hard essays, and I wish we got back our grading details/rubrics from the essays
- I actually enjoyed lecture. I thought the powerpoints were engaging. I usually do not like a no laptop policy, but I did not mind it in this class.
- I found the weekly homeworks to be most helpful.
- Lectures are pretty well formatted
- Lectures because they were interesting
- Sohrob's guidance in terms of writing was excellent and was more than willing to make himself available via email and in person to discuss how to accomplish the difficult papers.
- The feedback on each assignment helped me look for where I needed to improve.

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What aspects of this course were least successful? Why?

- -NA
- Hard to get through readings
- Homework felt like busy work
- None
- The readings that were incredibly long. They were often difficult to read and I only read the parts that helped me answer the homework.
- Weekly homework load is kind of high

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Please comment on any issues that you feel are not addressed by this questionnaire.

- I responded "Not Applicable" to the questions above because we didn't really interact with Sohrob as a "TA". He was more of a grader for the assignments of the class rather than a "TA". I want to clarify that it is not that I think he was bad in his position, but rather that the questions don't apply to the role he had.
- nothing