

Course Evaluation

Course: States, Institutions and Post-Conflict Societies:
Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS114)
Instructor: Elena B. Stavrevska
Term: Spring 2018

General course information	Avg.																No. of students		
"I have worked to the best of my ability in this class."*	3.9	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	5	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	16
Number of classes missed	1.4	4	2	0	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	16	
Estimation of workload in hours/week spent on reading of assigned texts	5	2	5	6	6	6	4	3	2	8	5	5	3	5	6	4	10	16	
Evaluation of the course*	Avg.																No. of students		
The course was challenging	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	3	5	4	5	4	16	
I have acquired new knowledge and skills (I know more about the subject than I did prior to taking this course)	4.7	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	4	5	5	4	4	4	5	5	5	16	
The course promoted thought and discussion outside the classroom	4.6	5	5	5	3	5	5	5	4	5	5	4	5	5	5	4	4	16	
The course objectives were clear	4.3	5	4	3	4	4	5	5	4	5	4	3	4	5	5	5	4	16	
Grading criteria were clear	4.3	5	5	3	5	4	5	5	4	5	5	4	1	5	5	4	4	16	
The course requirements were clear	4.6	5	5	4	5	4	5	5	4	5	5	4	4	5	5	5	4	16	
Overall rating of course	4.4	5	5	4	5	4	4	5	4	5	5	3	5	4	5	5	3	16	
Evaluation of the instructor*	Avg.																No. of students		
The instructor seemed prepared and ready to teach	4.9	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	16	
The instructor deepened my understanding of the subject	4.8	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	4	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	16	
The instructor was able to communicate ideas, theories, skills and/or concepts effectively	4.8	5	5	4	5	5	4	5	4	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	16	
The instructor's feedback about my work was helpful	4.6	5	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	5	4	5	16	
The instructor facilitated active engagement with the subject	4.7	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	3	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	16	
The instructor was available and approachable about the class and course work	4.5	5	5	4	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	5	4	4	5	16	
Overall rating of instructor	4.6	5	5	4	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	5	5	5	16	

Comments:

- Elena has been one of, if not the, best instructor I've had at BCB. She always pushes the students to give clear answers. Because of this, I felt confident to ask what I considered to be stupid questions and could really benefit from what she taught. Elena has the ability to explain concepts with extreme precision and simplicity. She was approachable and extremely knowledgeable. The course in and of itself was very valuable and I would recommend it to any student of any concentration. I wish our core courses were as concise and well-taught as this course is.
- Comparative Politics is one of the few courses where I was able to engage critically on so many of my personally held views on politics. The structure of the course (building from general knowledge to more applied, deeper topics, gave us the chance to make sure that everyone knew what they're talking about and to use all these appropriate terms to describe bigger concepts. What I enjoyed most about the course at the readings, the selection is very good for the course (maybe a little challenging sometimes but Elena always took more than enough time to really explain every single detail). Also I'm happy about how organized the course was, we never had to rush but at the end of the class I'd always be able to summarize what it is we did and what exactly I gained from it.
- Elena is an amazing teacher.

* Rating: Strongly disagree (1), Disagree (2), Neutral (3), Agree (4), Strongly agree (5)