

POLS 265 (LEC-004): Intro/International Relations

Fall Sem 2016 | AARON GOLD

35 | Students Enrolled
 25 | Students Responded
 71.43% | Response Rate

Quantitative

Rating Scale:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable	N	DNA	SD	M
<p><i>5=Strongly Agree 4=Agree 3=Neutral 2=Disagree 1=Strongly Disagree 0=Not Applicable</i></p> <p><i>Please rate the following questions based on your experiences in this course. The rating categories are 5=Strongly Agree (SA), 4=Agree (A), 3=Neutral (N), 2=Disagree (D), and 1=Strongly Disagree (SD). If the question does not apply to this course then choose 0=Not Applicable (NA).</i></p>										
The instructor contributed to your understanding of course content.	60% (15)	40% (10)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	25	0	0.49	4.6
The instructor created an atmosphere that invited you to seek additional help.	52% (13)	32% (8)	12% (3)	4% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	25	0	0.84	4.32
The instructor responded to your inquiries about the course (e.g., emails, texts, phone calls) within a reasonable time-frame (i.e., 48-72 hours).	68% (17)	28% (7)	4% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	25	0	0.56	4.64
The instructor created a respectful and positive learning environment.	72% (18)	20% (5)	8% (2)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	25	0	0.62	4.64
The instructor provided useful feedback on course assignments.	60% (15)	32% (8)	4% (1)	4% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	25	0	0.75	4.48
The course challenged you to learn something new.	68% (17)	28% (7)	4% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	25	0	0.56	4.64
The class sessions were well organized.	52% (13)	40% (10)	4% (1)	4% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	25	0	0.75	4.4
The course materials (readings, homework, laboratories, etc.) enhanced your learning in this course.	56% (14)	40% (10)	0% (0)	4% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	25	0	0.7	4.48

14-15	16-17	18-19	Under 20-21	2-3 22 or more	4-5	6-7	8-9	10-11	N	12-13 DNA	SD	M
On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course outside of class meetings (e.g., doing readings, completing assignments, studying for exams, and/or any other related course work)?												
			8% (2)	24% (6)	40% (10)	12% (3)	4% (1)	4% (1)		4% (1)		
			0% (0)	4% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)		25	0	-	-

C-	D	F	A Satisfactory/Passing	A- No Credit/Not Passing	B+ Incomplete	B I do not know what my grade will be	B-	C+	N	C DNA	SD	M
The grade I expect in this course is:												
			40% (10)	32% (8)	4% (1)	20% (5)	4% (1)	0% (0)		0% (0)		
			0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)			25	0	1.25	2.16

	My primary major	My secondary major	My minor/cognitive	My graduate certificate (graduate students only)	A general education requirement (undergraduates only)	An Elective	DNA	SD	M N
In regards to your academic program/major, this course is for:									
	64% (16)	16% (4)	8% (2)	0% (0)	4% (1)	8% (2)	0	-	-
									25

	First-Year undergraduate	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Non-matriculating Student	DNA	SD	MN
My class/year in school is:	0% (0)	32% (8)	48% (12)	20% (5)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0	-	-
									25

Qualitative

Is there any additional feedback you would like to provide about the instructor (e.g., teaching style, time management, accessibility)? -

- The way he engages in the class and provides not only a stimulating atmosphere, but an assurance that he is giving his all to teach us the foundation of International Relations. Was really, quite frankly, everything we could ask for. A hell of an instructor.
- knows material very well. no class was wasted. very accessible.
- Love his teaching style. He made the class enjoyable and relayed the material in a way where anyone could understand.
- I think Aaron Gold is one of the best professors at this university. He is direct, and always has more than enough knowledge on the subjects as well as what is going on currently. He explains things to you in a way that makes you want to listen.
- n/a
- He is a good teacher and cares about his material.
- I liked his lecture style. He simply taught what we needed to know without using tedious group projects or other things along those lines.
- I thought you provided a lot of usable knowledge on the subjects.
- Aaron is a great guy and cares about his students and about his performance as a teacher. The University of Tennessee is lucky to have him.
- I absolutely love Aaron's classes! I took him my sophomore year and followed him through my junior year. He is phenomenal...incredibly understanding, and very easy to approach. He presents more than enough opportunities to talk to him about your grade or anything you are struggling with. If you just communicate with him, he is very very willing to work with you! Awesome class and best grad student professor I've ever had at UT.
- Aaron was a great instructor. He was passionate about the material, and he obviously knew what he was talking about. But the lectures did seem a little unorganized at times, and the material was often rushed.
- I appreciate that Aaron knows what he is lecturing on very well and that he uses a powerpoint to guide his lectures as well. He helped me numerous times outside of class and provided guidance on papers we were required to write. I would like to see a little more class discussion but I understand that not everyone likes to speak up. Some of the readings were a little hard to navigate but Aaron did a fine job of explaining them.
- His teaching style is sporadic at times but he is a good teacher. Time management is another thing that could be worked on, because sometimes he moves on too quickly.
- lectures are dry and tangents make it difficult to stay focused.
- n/a
- I would have liked to have gotten the previous critique paper back before we had to turn in our next critique papers in order to not make the same mistakes.
- Dr. Gold is incredibly intelligent and he enjoys teaching. It's very evident in his classes. He's a relatively new teacher, so he seems to be "finding his voice/style" still. With a few more years of experience, I truly think he'll be one of the best that the POLS department at UT has to offer. He cares about his students and truly wants to help them learn. Fantastic teacher

Is there any additional feedback you would like to provide about the course (e.g., workload, content, technology)? -

- Stellar teacher.
- n/a
- workload was reasonable and manageable
- The content within the course was not always clear, but with the large body that had to be covered there wasn't always time to clarify the points.
- I thought the workload was great and I really enjoyed the content as well. There wasn't too many assignments but the ones we had helped me out a lot.
- The content and workload were fair.
- The structure was very nice, and easy to follow along. Very dense course, but if you study out of class and review for a bit a day, it's not bad at all. Also, appreciate the powerpoint being uploaded because it gives me the opportunity to not focus so much on writing down the slides, but I can take notes from what Aaron said and write down the examples used in class for reference.
- Streamlined power points that cover the information rather than just bullet points would be very helpful when studying for exams.
- I thought the coursework and workload were good.
- Workload was reasonable, but the first critique paper was due too early in my opinion. It was due the second week of class and I found it difficult to write it.
- n/a
- I thought that for a 200 level class, this course was conducted very well. Yes we had readings and few assignments due outside of class, but as long as you read, attended lecture, and studied, this class will enhance your knowledge and you will most likely succeed.
- Workload is doable and he lets you take notes however you learn best.
- enjoyed the workload and reading material.
- We took on the initial phases of Canvas. Which I thought was nice and quite ballsy. But he made sure everything worked and went smoothly. He gave us workload and technology that demanded initiation from us. (the students) But if you had that initiation and commitment, he put everything into place where we could learn and be better.