Tulane University Spring 2023 March - May



Course: POLI-4011-01Sp23: 01-Sp23-Special Projects-01-Sp23-Armed Forces & Society

Instructor: Igor Daniel Palhares Acacio *

Response Rate: 10/21 (47.62 %)

Question		5	4	3	2	1	B1	Mean	Std	Median
The class sessions helped me learn the	n	4	5	0	1	0	4.48	4.20	0.92	4.00
course content.	%	40.00%	50.00%	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%				

Scale: 5 = Strongly Agree, 4 = Agree, 3 = Neither Agree nor Disagree, 2 = Disagree, 1 = Strongly Disagree

B1 = School

Question		5	4	3	2	1	0	B1	Mean	Std	Median
The exams, papers, and/or projects	n	6	3	1	0	0	0	4.52	4.50	0.71	5.00
reflected the learning outcomes/objectives listed on the syllabus.	%	60.00%	30.00%	10.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%				

Scale: 5 = Strongly Agree, 4 = Agree, 3 = Neither Agree nor Disagree, 2 = Disagree, 1 = Strongly Disagree, 0 = Not Applicable

B1 = School

Question		5	4	3	2	1	B1	Mean	Std	Median
I received meaningful feedback on my academic performance.	n	6	3	1	0	0	4.27	4.50	0.71	5.00
	%	60.00%	30.00%	10.00%	0.00%	0.00%				
My knowledge of this course's subject has grown as a result of taking this course.	n	5	4	1	0	0	4.52	4.40	0.70	4.50
	%	50.00%	40.00%	10.00%	0.00%	0.00%				
0 11 11 111	n	3	5	1	1	0	4.36	4.00	0.94	4.00
Overall, I would recommend this course.	%	30.00%	50.00%	10.00%	10.00%	0.00%				
Overall, I would recommend this instructor, Professor Igor Daniel Palhares Acacio.	n	6	2	1	1	0	4.49	4.30	1.06	5.00
	%	60.00%	20.00%	10.00%	10.00%	0.00%				

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Please provide additional comments about your experience in this course:

- Loved this class and am very glad I took it. Prof. Acacio is super knowledgeable and I feel that I left this class with a hugely improved understanding of civil-military relations. I took this class on a bit of a whim, and am so grateful that I did.
- Professor is good
- The course was interesting and I definitely learned more about the subject. However, there was too much reading for each class to be realistically doable.
- This course held my interest for the majority of the semester, and professor Acácio is clearly very passionate about his field of study which translates into his teaching.

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The topics in this course were organized in	n	6	4	0	0	0	4.45	4.60	0.52	5.00
a coherent manner.	%	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%				

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Please comment on the strongest aspects of this course.

- The professor is awesome and truly made the class. He was passionate, well-informed, and very flexible. As someone who entered this class with absolutely zero knowledge on civil-military relations, he made it possible to feel welcomed and open to answering questions. I really cannot stress enough that this class would have been so much less without him. I really hope that he didn't feel under-appreciated, because even though I personally found it hard to connect to the course content, there was always room for improvement and support. I hope he knows how much respect I have for him and his knowledge on this incredibly niche and complex topic. I wish him well in the future!
- The professor is great and wants the class to do well. His powerpoints are helpful
- The professor was passionate and knowledgeable and clearly had a niche expertise on CMR. The content was almost always interesting and it was clear the professor put a lot of work into the course. The articles we read were well chosen, and the lectures added an interesting and helpful perspective on the material.
- The strongest aspect of this course were the discussion posts and class discussions. These, along with Professor Acacio, helped me learn the material more and gain more interest in the topic.
- The professors firsthand experience in the field

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Please comment on the aspects of the course in need of improvement.

- the material can be very dry so maybe have class discussions instead of just lectures
- The slides were way too wordy which made it almost impossible to follow allowing with the content on the slides and also listen to what the professor was saying. I think the exams were poorly written and the prompts were trying to get us to answer very specific questions but also a broad argument at the same time that did not always align. The exams should have been more open ended to test our ability to find the relevant information and make an argument of our own, rather than testing our ability to find specific points in the text and summarize them all. The professor also guilt tripped his students passive aggressively instead of outright asking for the change in behavior he clearly desired.
- The Mid-Term and Final Exam, I am not saying that there should not be a midterm and final. Instead I felt as though the formatting was limiting. Instead of asking questions and then making students write an essay, allow the students to write an essay about a part of the course that they are most interested in based on the text. Either that or just ask questions. I felt as though these exams really limited my creativity and interest for the topic.
- · Lots of mentions of documentaries and movies relating to course. Integration of other forms of media would be a good addition to the class.