



# UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Winter 2020

Course: POSC 017 Section: 026 - POL OF THE UNDERDEVELOPED WRLD  
Instructor: Igor Palhares Acacio

**Question # 18:** YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS ON YOUR GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR'S TEACHING SKILLS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE TEXTBOX BELOW. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 2000 CHARACTERS.

- Very helpful and never made me feel 'stupid' when I asked questions, even though this class had a lot of subject matter that I hadn't been familiar with before. Incredibly well-versed with the content taught in lecture.
- Igor was very helpful, especially when trying to understand different concepts (Mill's Methods) and getting better grades for midterms. He spent a lot of his time in class trying to help us understand the material as well as held extra office hours to help us.
- Activities that we did in class and in office hours greatly improved my performance in this course. Igor was very kind and easily approachable about things that I had questions on.
- Igor was a great Teaching Assistant who had an expert grasp at the material and really helped students understand the concepts from class. He is a very caring and enthusiastic teacher who I can tell is very passionate about his job. He made class interesting and motivated us to do our best in the class. Participation was easy and encouraged and the overall effectiveness of the section really complimented the lectures given by the professor. Very approachable TA who made me feel welcome and really cared about his students and the class. Very fair grader who tries to look for the best interests of his students. Also made me feel very at home and it was good seeing someone from the same country as me being represented in our staff. Would strongly recommend him as a TA again.
- He seems to try to teach us new concepts and ideas rather than going over and explaining lecture material. In class activities seem unhelpful.
- Great TA, always made himself accessible and knew the material. I always learned something I did not catch in class.
- Has a great way of bringing class content to life in applicable anecdotes and insight. Constantly reminded, under his instruction, that topics and phenomena studied in class actually occur beyond the textbook, a notion most crucial to the study of world politics.
- Igor's passion for the content that is covered in this course is phenomenal. I was never bored in his discussion sections and I sincerely missed discussions when we didn't have them that week. During office hours he is extremely approachable and so knowledgeable. It's very obvious that he cares for his students and wants to help them out as much as he can with the course material. This course in its entirety, made me wonder if I should continue on my current STEM degree path. Igor's passion is infectious. If students don't like him it's because they they don't show up to listen to him and interact. I didn't see anything that would need improving. Well I guess his hand writing could be a little better but, to be frank, it makes his lectures more entertaining.



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Enrollment: 23  
Respondents: 11  
Response Rate: 48%

Enrollment: 2164  
Respondents: 654  
Response Rate: 30%

Enrollment: 49831  
Respondents: 17883  
Response Rate: 36%

Questions	Course								Department			Campus				
	<u>7</u> High	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Low	<u>N/A</u>	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD
1 Provides goals and objectives in presentations.	7	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.60	0.7	67.11	6.50	1.0	80.35	6.25	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.90	0.3	96.34	6.52	1.0	95.98	6.28	1.2
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	9	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.80	0.6	75.00	6.65	0.9	88.77	6.42	1.1
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	8	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.55	0.8	57.35	6.54	1.0	77.39	6.27	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	8	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	6.36	1.3	50.00	6.52	1.1	67.82	6.23	1.3
6 Encourages me to participate and/or ask questions.	7	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	6.27	1.3	32.89	6.54	1.1	60.20	6.25	1.3
7 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	9	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	6.55	1.2	43.94	6.65	0.9	72.39	6.43	1.1
8 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	6	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	6.20	1.3	39.29	6.42	1.2	61.52	6.18	1.4
9 Effectively manages the classroom environment	7	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.45	0.8	51.39	6.53	1.1	72.05	6.26	1.3
10 Motivates me to do my best.	7	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.45	0.8	56.58	6.42	1.1	74.91	6.13	1.4
11 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.82	0.4	81.43	6.60	0.9	91.52	6.37	1.2
12 Is approachable - has a demeanor that encourages interaction.	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.91	0.3	96.51	6.49	1.1	96.40	6.31	1.3
13 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.91	0.3	95.59	6.65	0.9	95.66	6.45	1.1
14 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.90	0.3	95.31	6.64	0.9	94.55	6.42	1.1
15 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.91	0.3	95.31	6.62	0.9	95.45	6.43	1.1
16 Command of English language does not impede my learning the material. (This question is not applicable in foreign language sections.)	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7.00	0.0	97.92	6.69	0.8	99.78	6.48	1.1
17 Overall, is an effective teacher.	9	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.73	0.6	72.37	6.56	1.0	86.55	6.28	1.2

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- He was a very helpful TA. He often helped us understand more complex topics and described them in a way in which anyone could understand. Overall respectful guy who is clearly passionate about the topic.
- Discussion felt like a whole different course. Rather than discussing the lectures or questions, things discussed were confusing. Though he tried to make information understandable, there was no clear break down of material that would have supported lecture the way other discussion classes do.
- This section was very helpful. I wish there was more interactive learning, though.
- Igor is this best T.A. I have had at UCR. He really cares about his students and makes it his top priority for his students to understand the material by constantly making himself available whether that be through his multiple office hour sections a week or his fast responses through email. Igor is an educator who never fails to make his students feel comfortable with the material, always ready to help in any way possible, he even goes as far as to schedule times outside of his office hours with students if they are unable to make it to the set times. Every time I go in for help, I am always greeted with a welcoming demeanor, and he has a lot of patience for everyone. Even if the material is hard he never just gives the answer out of frustration, he continues to walk us through it till we come to a conclusion. Igor really made my experience in Poli Sci 017 enjoyable and I hope to get him as a T.A. again. UCR is lucky to have someone who cares so much about his students and their education.
- I literally learned nothing during lecture because the professor just blows through her PowerPoints and makes us do rushed group activities, thus making the course uninteresting. But Igor did a wonderful job at clarifying everything the professor was unable to teach efficiently, which by the way was almost everything. I honestly learned more through going to the fifty minute discussion once a week than I did going to the eighty minute lecture twice a week. He was always ready to provide alternative explanations for those who were unable to understand the first time around. His slides and group activities provided a lot of useful information and allowed me to somewhat enjoy this course. He honestly taught more proficiently and efficiently than the actual professor for this course.
- He did a very good job on keeping the class on task and letting us know which points were essential with more than clear emphasis. The passion he has for some material made me appreciate the course more. I really do think he is doing profoundly well in the categorizing, teaching, and recommendation of studying. He is a great TA.
- Amazing TA, always encouraging, a highly intelligent teacher, and super accessible to students.



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Enrollment: 25  
Respondents: 8  
Response Rate: 32%

Enrollment: 2164  
Respondents: 654  
Response Rate: 30%

Enrollment: 49831  
Respondents: 17883  
Response Rate: 36%

Questions	Course								Department			Campus				
	<u>7</u> High	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Low	<u>N/A</u>	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD
1 Provides goals and objectives in presentations.	5	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	6.13	1.7	19.74	6.50	1.0	55.45	6.25	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	5	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	6.25	1.4	32.93	6.52	1.0	56.90	6.28	1.2
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.88	0.4	88.33	6.65	0.9	94.05	6.42	1.1
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	4	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	6.00	1.7	19.12	6.54	1.0	49.82	6.27	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	5	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	6.25	1.4	39.74	6.52	1.1	61.64	6.23	1.3
6 Encourages me to participate and/or ask questions.	5	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	6.13	1.5	19.74	6.54	1.1	52.75	6.25	1.3
7 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.75	0.5	71.21	6.65	0.9	85.43	6.43	1.1
8 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	4	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	5.50	2.1	10.71	6.42	1.2	34.76	6.18	1.4
9 Effectively manages the classroom environment	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.71	0.5	76.39	6.53	1.1	87.26	6.26	1.3
10 Motivates me to do my best.	5	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	6.25	1.4	40.79	6.42	1.1	63.88	6.13	1.4
11 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.86	0.4	87.14	6.60	0.9	93.70	6.37	1.2
12 Is approachable - has a demeanor that encourages interaction.	5	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	6.13	1.4	26.74	6.49	1.1	51.33	6.31	1.3
13 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.86	0.4	83.82	6.65	0.9	92.47	6.45	1.1
14 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.71	0.5	70.31	6.64	0.9	84.12	6.42	1.1
15 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	6	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	6.38	1.4	29.69	6.62	0.9	59.96	6.43	1.1
16 Command of English language does not impede my learning the material. (This question is not applicable in foreign language sections.)	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.88	0.4	93.75	6.69	0.8	91.99	6.48	1.1
17 Overall, is an effective teacher.	6	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	6.38	1.4	40.79	6.56	1.0	66.86	6.28	1.2

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- Igor was a great TA. His enthusiasm for material was encouraging.
- Igor is a great guy. He loves what he does and he loves helping his students. Igor greatly helped me throughout this whole quarter especially during midterm season.
- I remember Igor telling us that on every IEval he had, people would always say his english wasn't proficient, so I want to make clear that his english is just as good as any other person, perhaps better than some people where english is their first language. :) Overall, the discussion was really helpful and I wish him the best in his future.
- Igor is a great TA he is very knowledgeable on his subject. He is a very nice TA and helps you out and answers all of your questions. Enjoyed his class very much. Highly recommended.
- Igor is very passionate when talking about the material and his presentations as good in the aspect that their are clear definitions. I enjoyed coming to discussions after lecture, It helped me for the exam.



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Enrollment: 21  
Respondents: 6  
Response Rate: 29%

Enrollment: 2164  
Respondents: 654  
Response Rate: 30%

Enrollment: 49831  
Respondents: 17883  
Response Rate: 36%

Questions	Course								Department			Campus				
	<u>7</u> High	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Low	<u>N/A</u>	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD
1 Provides goals and objectives in presentations.	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.50	1.2	56.58	6.50	1.0	75.68	6.25	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.00	0.0	98.78	6.52	1.0	99.81	6.28	1.2
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.00	0.0	98.33	6.65	0.9	99.78	6.42	1.1
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.83	0.4	86.76	6.54	1.0	93.20	6.27	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.00	0.0	98.72	6.52	1.1	99.82	6.23	1.3
6 Encourages me to participate and/or ask questions.	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.00	0.0	98.68	6.54	1.1	99.80	6.25	1.3
7 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.83	0.4	80.30	6.65	0.9	91.09	6.43	1.1
8 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.00	1.3	27.38	6.42	1.2	52.60	6.18	1.4
9 Effectively manages the classroom environment	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7.00	0.0	98.61	6.53	1.1	99.81	6.26	1.3
10 Motivates me to do my best.	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.50	0.8	59.21	6.42	1.1	77.40	6.13	1.4
11 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.50	1.2	44.29	6.60	0.9	68.91	6.37	1.2
12 Is approachable - has a demeanor that encourages interaction.	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.67	0.8	68.60	6.49	1.1	82.01	6.31	1.3
13 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.00	0.0	98.53	6.65	0.9	99.77	6.45	1.1
14 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7.00	0.0	98.44	6.64	0.9	99.76	6.42	1.1
15 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.00	0.0	98.44	6.62	0.9	99.78	6.43	1.1
16 Command of English language does not impede my learning the material. (This question is not applicable in foreign language sections.)	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.00	0.0	97.92	6.69	0.8	99.78	6.48	1.1
17 Overall, is an effective teacher.	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.83	0.4	82.89	6.56	1.0	92.23	6.28	1.2

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- I enjoyed how discussions were run as I found it very convenient because it added to my understanding of the material. I greatly appreciate how available he was for students, always willing to give feedback which was super helpful for my success in the course. Teaching, in general, was incredibly organized and time was always effectively used. As a whole, he was always ready to help, super friendly, and very dedicated to the subject. His dedication allowed me to expand my understanding of how this material would pertain to the world around us.
- He did a really good explaining the material!
- The TA for this course was okay. The slides were an additional help but the communication was lacking. The slides were organized but repetitive but it helped some ways.



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Enrollment: 24  
Respondents: 10  
Response Rate: 42%

Enrollment: 2375  
Respondents: 623  
Response Rate: 26%

Enrollment: 48863  
Respondents: 15511  
Response Rate: 32%

Questions	Course								Department			Campus				
	7 High	6	5	4	3	2	1 Low	N/A	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD
1 Provides goals and objectives in presentations.	6	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	6.44	1.0	62.50	6.33	1.3	72.67	6.27	1.2
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	6	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	6.22	1.4	46.25	6.37	1.2	59.39	6.29	1.2
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	7	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	6.56	1.0	53.03	6.52	1.1	71.93	6.42	1.1
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	5	3	-	-	1	-	-	1	6.22	1.3	39.06	6.37	1.2	59.13	6.28	1.2
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	4	3	1	-	1	-	-	1	6.00	1.3	42.19	6.32	1.3	49.55	6.26	1.3
6 Encourages me to participate and/or ask questions.	3	1	3	1	1	-	-	1	5.44	1.4	20.27	6.36	1.2	29.48	6.27	1.3
7 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	5	3	-	-	1	-	-	1	6.22	1.3	41.89	6.53	1.0	52.08	6.42	1.1
8 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	6	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	6.22	1.4	51.19	6.22	1.4	65.24	6.17	1.4
9 Effectively manages the classroom environment	6	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	6.33	1.3	50.00	6.35	1.2	62.84	6.29	1.3
10 Motivates me to do my best.	5	1	-	2	1	-	-	1	5.78	1.6	38.37	6.19	1.4	45.85	6.15	1.4
11 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	7	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	6.33	1.4	51.56	6.43	1.2	59.58	6.37	1.2
12 Is approachable - has a demeanor that encourages interaction.	5	2	-	1	1	-	-	1	6.00	1.5	34.52	6.32	1.3	48.54	6.31	1.3
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14 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	5	1	-	1	1	-	-	2	6.00	1.6	32.76	6.49	1.1	42.12	6.43	1.1
15 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	6	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	6.33	1.3	50.00	6.47	1.1	55.30	6.43	1.1
16 Command of English language does not impede my learning the material. (This question is not applicable in foreign language sections.)	6	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	6.33	1.3	46.77	6.62	0.9	60.44	6.48	1.1
17 Overall, is an effective teacher.	4	4	-	-	1	-	-	1	6.11	1.3	40.24	6.32	1.3	52.24	6.29	1.2

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- Igor made the week's lecture material digestible in a 50-minute discussion section. His slides are detailed and he goes over the most important parts and highlights key relationships between topics. This is what helped me the most. He always pauses to answer students' questions. I liked showing up to his discussion section, despite being on Zoom, because the class was engaging and overall really helpful to my understanding of the material. He's a good TA and I would definitely consider taking another course with him. He has a really good attitude and it made the online part of the course that much better considering the circumstances.
- You are a fantastic TA. I loved how you enjoyed engaging in conversations with us rather than just pouring material onto us. I think that made the class very enjoyable and I genuinely liked attending discussion. Your slides and comments were very useful, I liked how you really cared about our essays and always made sure you were there to help if we needed it. You were very accessible which I think is essential at this time. I also loved how you shared about your current life with us as well. You felt like a friend as well as a TA, which makes reaching out to you easy and talking in class less stressful as well. Please keep it up, I'd love to take another one of your discussions!
- I would like to preface my feedback by saying that I would hope that the administration does not use iEvals for this quarter to judge Graduate students too harshly. Igor is an effective TA and did well throughout the quarter given the circumstances. The one thing that I would say is that I feel that Igor may have graded a little harshly throughout the quarter. As well, I would have appreciated direct feedback on my papers via the iLearn comments section on assignments, as I could not attend office hours. However, I did appreciate how knowledgeable and clear Igor was during section meetings.



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2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.86	0.4	83.75	6.37	1.2	94.08	6.29	1.2
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.71	0.5	71.21	6.52	1.1	81.84	6.42	1.1
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.86	0.4	89.06	6.37	1.2	94.29	6.28	1.2
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.86	0.4	89.06	6.32	1.3	93.50	6.26	1.3
6 Encourages me to participate and/or ask questions.	5	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	6.14	1.5	47.30	6.36	1.2	57.86	6.27	1.3
7 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.86	0.4	82.43	6.53	1.0	92.36	6.42	1.1
8 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	4	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	5.86	1.7	36.90	6.22	1.4	48.98	6.17	1.4
9 Effectively manages the classroom environment	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.43	0.8	54.88	6.35	1.2	69.14	6.29	1.3
10 Motivates me to do my best.	2	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	5.71	1.3	36.05	6.19	1.4	42.95	6.15	1.4
11 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.43	0.8	57.81	6.43	1.2	65.65	6.37	1.2
12 Is approachable - has a demeanor that encourages interaction.	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.57	0.8	67.86	6.32	1.3	76.04	6.31	1.3
13 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.43	0.8	48.53	6.48	1.1	62.37	6.44	1.1
14 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	4	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.29	1.0	43.10	6.49	1.1	56.90	6.43	1.1
15 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.57	0.8	62.12	6.47	1.1	71.97	6.43	1.1
16 Command of English language does not impede my learning the material. (This question is not applicable in foreign language sections.)	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.86	0.4	85.48	6.62	0.9	92.48	6.48	1.1
17 Overall, is an effective teacher.	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.86	0.4	84.15	6.32	1.3	94.51	6.29	1.2

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# UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Spring 2020

Course: POSC 020 Section: 021 - WORLD POLITICS  
Instructor: Igor Palhares Acacio

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**Question # 18:** YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS ON YOUR GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR'S TEACHING SKILLS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE TEXTBOX BELOW. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 2000 CHARACTERS.

- Great TA as he reiterates and explains even further of the professor has told us to do but in simpler words helping me understand the information much more better than before. Sometimes wish he slowed down a little bit but I can't blame him, he gets through two classes in one 50 minute session and explains everything very well.
- Everything was fine - had a nice learning experience with Igor. My only peeve is the required discussion questions (dated) for attendance. During the COVID crisis, as well as being in a different time zone, it was hard for me to coordinate class sometimes, and I ended up missing points due to missed discussion questions and attendance in the lectures. Apart from that, Igor was a great professor and this was a positive learning experience.



# UC RIVERSIDE - Student Evaluation of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Spring 2020

Course: POSC 020 Section: 021 - WORLD POLITICS  
Instructor: Igor Palhares Acacio

Enrollment: 23  
Respondents: 5  
Response Rate: 22%

Enrollment: 2375  
Respondents: 623  
Response Rate: 26%

Enrollment: 48863  
Respondents: 15511  
Response Rate: 32%

Questions	Course								Department			Campus				
	<u>7</u> High	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Low	<u>N/A</u>	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD
1 Provides goals and objectives in presentations.	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.60	0.9	71.59	6.33	1.3	81.57	6.27	1.2
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.60	0.9	68.75	6.37	1.2	80.61	6.29	1.2
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.60	0.9	59.09	6.52	1.1	74.29	6.42	1.1
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.60	0.9	64.06	6.37	1.2	79.68	6.28	1.2
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.60	0.9	60.94	6.32	1.3	80.94	6.26	1.3
6 Encourages me to participate and/or ask questions.	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.60	0.9	68.92	6.36	1.2	81.88	6.27	1.3
7 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.60	0.9	60.81	6.53	1.0	75.23	6.42	1.1
8 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.60	0.9	70.24	6.22	1.4	84.35	6.17	1.4
9 Effectively manages the classroom environment	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.60	0.9	67.07	6.35	1.2	77.70	6.29	1.3
10 Motivates me to do my best.	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.60	0.9	68.60	6.19	1.4	82.78	6.15	1.4
11 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.60	0.9	70.31	6.43	1.2	77.34	6.37	1.2
12 Is approachable - has a demeanor that encourages interaction.	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.60	0.9	70.24	6.32	1.3	78.13	6.31	1.3
13 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.60	0.9	63.24	6.48	1.1	76.52	6.44	1.1
14 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.60	0.9	56.90	6.49	1.1	75.62	6.43	1.1
15 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.60	0.9	65.15	6.47	1.1	73.99	6.43	1.1
16 Command of English language does not impede my learning the material. (This question is not applicable in foreign language sections.)	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7.00	0.0	98.39	6.62	0.9	99.76	6.48	1.1
17 Overall, is an effective teacher.	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.60	0.9	69.51	6.32	1.3	80.28	6.29	1.2

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# UC RIVERSIDE - Faculty Instruction Evaluation (iEval)

## Summer Session A 2020

Course: LNST 148 Section: A01 - POLITICS OF MEXICO

Instructor: Igor Palhares Acacio Cross Course: POSC 158 Section: A01 - POLITICS OF MEXICO

**Question # 20:** Please comment on how the instructor's teaching helped your learning of the material in this course. Please give serious thought to your comments. Your comments will be studied by the professor after the grade and performance evaluation of your work have been submitted and may be used in changing future offerings of the course. In addition, these comments are placed in the instructor's file and may be used for purposes of evaluating the instructor's teaching. The information collected will remain anonymous.

- I really enjoyed that lectures felt like regular lectures even in an online format. I had fun in every meeting talking about Mexico's politics but also culture, history, and society. You and Andrew Ivey make a great team! Thank you so much for one of the best summer class experiences ever!
- Although limited to online lectures, professor Igor was able to provide engaging content, handpicked material, and guest lectures who were able to provide and explain their work. He also included a hybrid approach in pre- recorded lectures and in class meetings.
- Igor was a really helpful instructor overall! He would always make sure we understood the material, he welcomed all questions, and explained in a way that wouldn't be difficult to understand. I liked how he would constantly compare Mexico with other countries, and would use examples to compare and better understand the political situations in Mexico. His lectures were also informational and the readings and assignments we had to do for class were also helpful. I learned a lot despite having classes be switched to a remote setting.
- I had waited 11 quarters to officially enroll in the course. When I found out Igor was teaching it I was ecstatic! I had only heard good things about him and how his office hours were super informative and worth making some time for. After having taken a class with Igor, I can agree with my colleagues that he is fantastic. His knowledge on the subject material was very helpful when answering my questions and I did not feel as though I was being lectured at like in other courses. I actually wanted to learn, and I thank Igor for his excitement toward the subject that actually motivated me to do research outside of the required readings.
- Professor Igor's class was great! The material taught was interesting and the guest speakers also contributed to the topics discussed. Professor Igor made the class more interesting with his enthusiasm. He made me want to learn more and was really helpful and understanding. The readings were interesting and went into more depth. His class was really organized and I really enjoyed the way it was taught under the circumstances. I would recommend Professor Igor's class to other students interested in the history and politics of Mexico. Overall 10/10!
- Excellent selection of textbook and readings. Instructor is extremely informative and knowledgeable in the subject. Instructor also does an excellent job engaging the class.
- Igor has done a fantastic job teaching and providing information about the Politics of Mexico. This is my second course with Igor and have nothing but fantastic things to say about him. He is very clear, coherent, understanding, and patient with each and every student. Additionally, he has challenged each of us by providing brief Research Assignments. Thank you for all your hard work as well as Andrew Ivey's! I look forward to taking another class with Igor.
- Igor was a very knowledgeable instructor in this course. He was always open to our thoughts and was more than happy to clarify any questions we had, whether they be about course logistics or course content. Although it was an online learning environment, Igor managed to keep students connected to the course content by implementing recitation sections where we discuss any questions regarding the course. The assignments I feel were very appropriate and I was able to learn a lot about social science writing because of them. All in all, Igor was a great instructor that I hope to have again in the future.
- Igor was an excellent instructor for this course and brought in a lot of extra supplemental material to help us solidify what we were learning. He cares a lot about this subject and teaching it.



# UC RIVERSIDE - Faculty Instruction Evaluation (iEval)

## Summer Session A 2020

Course: LNST 148 Section: A01 - POLITICS OF MEXICO  
 Cross Course: POSC 158 Section: A01 - POLITICS OF MEXICO  
 Instructor: Igor Palhares Acacio  
 Home Dept.: Political Science

Enrollment: 27  
 Respondents: 11  
 Response Rate: 41%

Enrollment: 292  
 Respondents: 82  
 Response Rate: 28%

Enrollment: 10014  
 Respondents: 3005  
 Response Rate: 30%

Questions	Course						Department				Campus						
	5 High	4	3	2	1 Low	N/A	Mean	Med	SD	% tile	Mean	Med	SD	% tile	Mean	Med	SD
1 I had a strong desire to take this course	7	3	1	-	-	-	4.55	5.0	0.7	94.44	4.02	4.0	0.9	80.29	4.10	4.0	1.0
2 I attended class regularly	9	2	-	-	-	-	4.82	5.0	0.4	58.33	4.59	5.0	0.6	78.66	4.65	5.0	0.7
3 I put considerable effort into this course	7	4	-	-	-	-	4.64	5.0	0.5	61.11	4.43	5.0	0.7	71.84	4.54	5.0	0.7
4 I gained a good understanding of the course content	9	2	-	-	-	-	4.82	5.0	0.4	92.86	4.44	5.0	0.6	86.41	4.38	5.0	0.8
5 I normally spent at least two hours preparing for each hour of class	7	3	-	1	-	-	4.45	5.0	0.9	75.00	4.13	4.0	1.0	78.42	4.14	4.0	1.0
6 Instructor was prepared and organized	10	1	-	-	-	-	4.91	5.0	0.3	95.00	4.54	5.0	0.8	92.53	4.52	5.0	0.8
7 Instructor used class time effectively	10	1	-	-	-	-	4.91	5.0	0.3	83.33	4.52	5.0	0.8	94.21	4.49	5.0	0.8
8 Instructor was clear and understandable	10	1	-	-	-	-	4.91	5.0	0.3	83.33	4.59	5.0	0.8	94.27	4.44	5.0	0.9
9 Instructor exhibited enthusiasm for subject and teaching	10	1	-	-	-	-	4.91	5.0	0.3	83.33	4.59	5.0	0.8	91.48	4.57	5.0	0.8
10 Instructor respected students; sensitive to and concerned with their progress	9	2	-	-	-	-	4.82	5.0	0.4	85.00	4.49	5.0	0.8	83.52	4.54	5.0	0.8
11 Instructor was available and helpful	9	2	-	-	-	-	4.82	5.0	0.4	83.33	4.52	5.0	0.8	84.48	4.56	5.0	0.8
12 Instructor was fair in evaluating students	9	2	-	-	-	-	4.82	5.0	0.4	83.33	4.52	5.0	0.8	89.18	4.49	5.0	0.8
13 Instructor was effective as a teacher overall	10	1	-	-	-	-	4.91	5.0	0.3	83.33	4.55	5.0	0.8	95.16	4.48	5.0	0.9
14 The syllabus clearly explained the structure of the courses	8	3	-	-	-	-	4.73	5.0	0.5	81.25	4.51	5.0	0.8	76.37	4.55	5.0	0.7
15 The examinations reflected the materials covered during the course	10	1	-	-	-	-	4.91	5.0	0.3	95.00	4.44	5.0	0.8	95.45	4.46	5.0	0.8
16 The required readings contributed to my learning	10	1	-	-	-	-	4.91	5.0	0.3	95.00	4.49	5.0	0.8	95.21	4.34	5.0	0.9
17 The assignments contributed to my learning	10	1	-	-	-	-	4.91	5.0	0.3	95.00	4.46	5.0	0.9	94.02	4.51	5.0	0.8
18 Supplementary materials were informative (e.g. films, slides, videos, demonstrations, guest lectures, iLearn, web pages, etc)	8	2	1	-	-	-	4.64	5.0	0.7	75.00	4.49	5.0	0.8	72.87	4.46	5.0	0.8
19 The course overall as a learning experience was excellent	10	1	-	-	-	-	4.91	5.0	0.3	95.00	4.51	5.0	0.7	94.09	4.41	5.0	0.9

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