



## UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Summer Session A 2021

Course: LNST 148 Section: A21 - POLITICS OF MEXICO

Cross Course: POSC 158 Section: A21

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.

- Well explained
- He engaged well with his students and helped us further understand the material.
- Igor was a wonderful TA, to put it mildly. He gave me advice for assignments that I would not have even considered prior to submitting them and thoroughly explained to me areas that I could improve in reading comprehension of research papers, a topic I have little to no experience in. On top of that his discussions benefited me greatly, as the concept of allowing us to ask questions encouraged me to continue to be curious, something I believe education to be rooted in. I greatly enjoyed having Igor as my TA, and I truly cannot praise him enough.
- Igor is very understanding with his grading and creates opportunities for students to go the extra mile to make up for when life happens. He is fair, knowledgeable, and an overall effective instructor.
- Igor always made sure that we understood material and encouraged us to ask questions if we needed clarification. He was approachable and was always available for office hours. He encouraged us to participate and was eager to teach and help us.
- Thank you so much for helping your students understand the material better! You were always patient & kind & helpful to go over material with us and always asking more to push us to lead & learn and do the work while supporting/guiding us when necessary.
- Attending the discussion sections was very helpful because I found the explanations to be clear and understanding. The breakdown of the material during the discussion was informative.
- Having Igor as TA helped me delve deeper into the material and the impact of it beyond what we were learning in class. He was always pushing us to ask any questions, and answer our inquiries. Even if the material was a lot he made the effort to explain it to us so that it was understandable and more manageable. Overall, a good TA to have for this class.
- Igor Palhares Acacio's discussion sessions were very informative and inviting. Igor made the discussion sessions a safe place to exchange ideas or concerns about the reading material. He encouraged students to participate in class, and at the same time, be respectful of students varying opinions. He was also virtually accessible and approachable during office hours or by email. Although it was a short class, I still feel that I learned the core basics in the politics of Mexico. Overall, Igor made discussion sessions fun and engaging.