

Western Kentucky University
 Fall 2013 Full Term Course Evaluations

Course: PS330500 : INTRO POLITICAL THEORY

Instructor: Edward Yager *

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<p>- It is a hard class but mainly because theory is my least favorite part of political science and it was the one areas of political science I knew least about before enrolling in this course.</p> <p>- I LOVE THIS CLASS! It's Wednesday and I usually hate these classes but he knows so much about the subject and is really good at making it seem simple. If you take notes in class and read the chapter the tests are really easy. I like that because the tests aren't trying to trick us.</p> <p>He is really encouraging too and I like to participate in class. I wish he was my grandpa.</p> <p>- Dr Yager is wonderful. He has a great deal of knowledge on the topic and is fun to listen to. Best professor in the department..</p> <p>- You clearly know what you are talking about and articulate well, which I appreciate. Maybe incorporating more current events and relating them to the philosophers during your lectures would peak interest and potentially spark more discussions. Other than that, I am definitely learning in your class!</p> <p>- There are no assignments outside of the three exams that contribute to a better understanding of the topics of the course. Subsequently, there are no other grades accompanying that understanding.</p> <p>- Very unorganized, doesn't give much help when you seek it from him, doesn't emphasize important facts- it's hard to tell what is important and what is not. Makes it a stressful class when it shouldn't be.</p> <p>- I loved this class and Dr. Yager was such a joy to have as a professor! So knowledgable and friendly. Tests are very fair, and align strongly with class lectures, discussions, and readings. I love that we learned things in class that weren't always in the text, that made class so much more enjoyable and insightful. I really hope I can take Dr. Yager again.</p> <p>- The instructor is very smart, sometimes I felt that I was not smart enough for the course! The test are very difficult, sometimes it is hard to write multiple paragraphs with limited options. I would prefer more short answer essays as opposed to the one long essay. I did however find the course very interesting, I learned a lot of information. There are way too many books though! They were expensive and it was a lot of reading for the week. Sometimes it was easy to confuse some of the thinkers and their ideas.</p> <p>- I'm going to be completely honest and say that I was not looking forward to this class. When I had signed up for it, I wasn't thrilled that it was a night class that would require me to have a 10 hour day on campus on Wednesdays. Even during the first meeting of class, I was really hesitate that I would just dread school on Wednesdays. However, that has not been the case.</p> <p>This course is 3 hours, which isn't an unreasonable amount of time for a night class, and we stay there just about every night until the class is over. The good news is that I've become so enthralled with this class that I quickly forget how long I've actually been there. It astounds me how much information Dr. Yager knows. Throughout my college experience, I've encountered several professors that just have no clue how to present themselves to a class. The experience in Political Theory has been incredibly different, and VERY pleasing.</p> <p>Dr. Yager presents himself very fluently; it is obvious this man knows his material. Not only is that great because it makes the class experience a lot smoother, he also is historically correct when he talks about the political theorists we're studying, which is incredibly important to me. I've always been bothered when some professors just seem to make something up to fit whatever idea they are trying to present, but this class is very fact based and is incredibly easy to understand.</p> <p>Back to more honesty -- I hate political science. I have never been a huge fan of it, because I have always been exceptionally bored with politics. However -- This class has made me want to learn more about the political system. It has made me interested in things that I wasn't interested in before because Dr. Yager presents the material in such a way that it doesn't seem dull.</p> <p>If I was asked to recommend this professor? Yes. In a heart beat. Recommend this class? Yes, in a heart beat. The only unfortunate thing about this experience is that it is ending and I don't think I'll be able to take him again after this point.</p> <p>Job well done, Professor Yager. You're a very amazing professor -- one that people don't get to experience very often. Keep up the good work!</p> <p>- I would propose that Dr Yager has been my favorite professor in all my time here at WKU. He is beyond passionate about the subject and is a great orator (like Cicero!). Also, Dr Yager is the most brilliant man in the whole Political Science dept. I've enjoyed him so much that I'm taking another class of his next semester and pursuing a study abroad with him and his wife to England. Two words: Passionate and Brilliant.</p> <p>- Dr. Yager is very enthusiastic about his teaching and displays a vast knowledge of politics and it carries over in the classroom.</p> <p>- Loved this course, I really appreciate the parallels drawn between philosophers and American political thinkers.</p>	