

Western Kentucky University
Fall 2014 Full Term Course Evaluations

Course: PS330500 : INTRO POLITICAL THEORY

Instructor: Edward Yager *

21 - I would enjoy taking another course from this instructor.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means			
Strongly Agree	(5)	11	52.38%						4.29	4.23	4.23	
Agree	(4)	7	33.33%									
Neutral	(3)	1	4.76%									
Disagree	(2)	2	9.52%									
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0%									
				0	25	50	75	100	Question	College Summary	Department Summary	
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College Summary			Mean	STD	Median	Department Summary		
21/32 (65.62%)	4.29	0.96	5.00	585			4.23	1.08	5.00	585		
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										4.23	1.08	5.00

22 - Please provide additional feedback:

Return Rate 9/32 (28.12%)

- Best professor I have ever had. I have never been so interested in a course. I have read the textbook front to back and I will more than likely read it again for my own personal benefit. Amazing professor.
- Dr. Yager displays a deep knowledge of course material and presents it in an interesting and challenging way. While some students may find his exams difficult, they are a fair test of student knowledge and allow flexibility for students to display what they know in essay format. The course material was thought-provoking, relevant, and essential for any who wishes to work in political science.
- Dr. Yager is an excellent professor. He is clearly very comfortable discussing the various political theorists who have influenced the world as we now know it. Furthermore, he does not allow any political bias to influence his teaching. This is a great trait for an educator and one that I greatly respect. The class is well structured and straightforward. My only complaint is that the class is during the evenings. I would likely be much more interested and engaged if I could be taking this class on a Tuesday/Thursday morning, rather than Wednesday nights.
- Dr. Yager is an excellent teacher and this class has really fostered my interest in political theory.
- Dr. Yager is clearly interested in the lecture topics, and you can tell from the beginning of class that he genuinely loves teaching. I've never had any previous interest in theory, but without question, I leave this class with an appreciation for theory and an interest to further study the theorists we covered in class. I look forward to class every Wednesday night, and I left class with a different take on the readings than the one I had before we began discussion. My only critique is that I think the course would have been more effective had there been a paper. Overall, I had a great experience; this was \$1,000 well-spent.
- I was surprised there was no paper for this class. Not that I'm complaining, but a short paper might give students more practice with comparing the ideas of the covered thinkers. Plus it would give bad test takers a chance to do well. As for textbooks, I felt only the Nelson book was truly needed.
- This course has possibly been my favorite course this semester. Looking into the progression of Western Political Thought has been an intriguing topic and the many different political philosophers we have examined have been awesome. The readings for class are great, I am renting my books, but one of them is so good I might buy it for further reference if I ever need it. I love the lectures, Dr. Yager is all class and has great ability as an orator. He is supremely knowledgeable of the topics discussed in class and always surprises me with random connecting facts that he knows. The exams are awesome, we never have worthless busy work. My only regret from this class is that I will not be able to take his American Political Thought class in the spring semester.
- This was a great class and I learned a lot from Dr. Yager. He comes to class each day with a lot of energy, provides a clear outline for the day's topic, and clearly knows a great deal about his subject area. Lectures were focused and informative, and Dr. Yager was great at hearing differing opinions and viewpoints of students. The tests were difficult but fair. Questions were such that students had to have done the assigned readings to make a good grade, and the answers were impossible to "bullshit" if you hadn't studied. This was a challenging course, but making an A in it (potentially!) is something I can be proud of. I would definitely take another course with this instructor. kc
- While I feel free to share my beliefs in class, I also feel like the instructor has some preconceived ideas that he clings to strongly. While this, in and of itself, is not bad, this can seem to discourage any dissent from some of his favored theories, like those of Locke.