

Faculty Course Evaluation View

California State University Los Angeles

For Term: Spring Semester 2017

Class: POLS 3710 01

Instructor: Joey Torres

Course Evaluations

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Good stuff. People may think he's hard or gives too much work but it's worthy of the time dedicated. The books are great. I've recommended them to several colleagues. His excitement about the subject matter makes the 2.5 hours fly by. Classroom policies are relaxed which balances out the level of stress he causes with the workload. Joke.

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Great teacher, would recommend to my fellow peers, especially to those of the major. I had him for 6-8:45pm class, and if I had to have any professor at this time of day it would be him. He was entertaining, enjoyable and knowledgeable. Hope to see him on campus, he's the kind of professor that says "hello" to you when he sees you in the halls.

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He is a very well educated about the subject.
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The midterm was also too much, because we only had 4 days to do it. Next time let your students ahead of time.
But your had work was well respected

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In regards to the course I believe the instructor did an amazing job in teaching the course. Professor Torres was always well prepared and ready to explain the material that we read every class period. One critique I do have is that I believe the short papers are graded too high for being at 15%, if anything they should be valued at around 10% each because it gives the students the opportunity to miss one without greatly affecting the ultimate grade. Once again overall Professor Torres in my opinion did a great job in instructing the course.

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Unorthodox presentation wise but stable and knowledgeable about subject matter. If three hour classes are done again by him, needs to be more structured for efficiency of time considering dense subject matter. Sometimes arbitrary grading. Overall strong presenter, but structured classes can strengthen class. Would take again.

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From the point of international student, professor Joe Torres did a really good job to help not only me, but also all the students who were willing to learn, to understand the material. His office hours were very helpful: he helped to master the essays, by explaining the language of politics; he helped to find and outline the key points for presentations, since some of the article were more than 50 pages long and to create a good presentation that would summarize the entire article in 15 min was very hard. Professor Torres tried to make every lecture as fun and interesting as possible. Most of the times he succeeded.

However it is not only teacher who is generally responsible for the atmosphere in the class, but students themselves play a huge role, professor did his part very well. I love him.

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He is the best professor i have had at CSULA. Prior to this class I did not feel challenged, once I took this course Professor Joey has tested my limits and pushed my skills to another level! I want to be a lawyer in the future and i can honestly say this class has gave me a taste on the expectations i will have while attending law school. I am very happy that I took this class, and I am hoping to take this professor again.

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Professor of American Politics is highly passionate for the course material and portrays the class material in a very timely manner. Professor is fair with everyone and expresses enthusiastic the content and always come to class prepared. Professor is also clear in his methods for completing assignment

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Amazing professor! Always responds to emails and helps students to fully understand the concepts! Would like to take more classes with him on different sub sections of political science. Really enjoyed him as a teacher!

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Professor Torres is a very knowledgeable, caring, passionate, and respectful educator. Professor Torres treated his students with the utmost respect and treated every inquiry with care and understanding. His course load was rigorous but manageable, I found it challenging but pivotal to my understanding of the subject matter. His assigned readings were both fun and knowledge based, I found myself leaning things I had previously learned in other classes from new and more relatable perspectives. Overall Professor Torres is exactly what CSULA needs in Professors, he is unbiased and passionate about the material he presents while also being passionate about his students education. One thing I regret about the class is that most of the students in my class did not bother to do the readings or understand the materiel, most of my peers did not engage in class discussion, did not bother to turn in assignments, often did not attend class or leave class early. I felt that this was a frustrating factor for Professor Torres, because of his passion for both his students and the subject matter, however,despite the lack of enthusiasm from those students Professor Torres did not allow it to affect how he treated the class or presented the material at hand. I would gladly take more political science course with Professor Torres because I know that his class will provide me with the tools necessary to achieve my academic goals.

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Simplified complex terms and made the material easier to understand, assigned the class a variety of readings that covered a wide range of topics pertaining to the class syllabus. Easy to understand and lectures well, hope to sign up for his class in the future.

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This course was without a doubt one of the best Political Science courses I have ever taken. Professor Joey is extremely knowledgeable and passionate about the subject matter and genuinely cares about his students. He certainly goes above and beyond when it comes to helping his students, more so than many other professors I have taken in CSULA. He is clear and responds to emails, in my experience, within hours. Overall, he is one of the best professors I have taken at this campus.

1.The course syllabus clearly stated course objectives, requirements and grading criteria.	5	Strongly Agree
2.The readings and assignments contributed to my understanding of the subject.	5	Strongly Agree
3.Exams, projects, papers, etc were good measures of the course material.	5	Strongly Agree
4.The instructor provided timely feedback about y performance in class.	5	Strongly Agree
5.The instructor clearly presented the subject matter.	5	Strongly Agree
6.The instructor was well prepared.	5	Strongly Agree
7.The instructor demonstrated knowledge of the subject matter.	5	Strongly Agree
8.The instructor was accessible to provide requested help in the subject.	5	Strongly Agree
9.The instructor was respectful and unbiased when interacting with students.	5	Strongly Agree
10.The course contributed to my intellectual growth and/or helped me develop useful skills.	5	Strongly Agree
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Professor Saul is knowledgeable on the topic she teaches. She is able to explain not only how these issues are happening in the United States but throughout the world. She explains how some countries have managed some diseases while others have completely eradicated them. She also explains how our culture must be taken into consideration by the medical professionals. Overall excellent class.

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