

Online Course Evaluations

2014-Fall

Teaching Fellow
PLSC 118 01
Moral Foundations of Politics

Q:

Was the relationship between the section (if any) and the course effective, and how could it be improved? What are the strengths and weaknesses of your teaching assistant (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader or other assistant) as an instructor, and how might his/her teaching be improved?

Responses:

Instructor: Paul Peter Linden-Retek

Paul made this class come to life for me. He is organized, thoughtful, entertaining, and, most importantly, encouraging. I honestly can't imagine my experience in this course without such a wonderful Teaching Fellow. He made the learning fun while pushing us individually to fully understand various concepts.

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Paul led very helpful discussion sections and gave excellent guidance to students when they were writing their papers.

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Paul was very accessible as a TA, and was always willing to answer questions in class and give supplementary feedback on our essays. My main complaint about section is that it did not give us time to discuss the text with our peers. Sections were simply supplementary lectures. For me, philosophy is something that only really comes alive when you get to talk about it--sections did not unfortunately give us the time to do this.

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Paul is a thoughtful and helpful individual. He provided extensive feedback. He was the ideal

teaching fellow.

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The section was basically always very helpful in understanding the material. I wasn't a huge fan of when Paul showed us an essay draft written by a student in the class as an example (being so blatantly compared to him made me feel very bad about myself), and I felt that there was one section that we discussed Rawls when we should've been discussing Nozick. Overall, though, Paul was the BEST. He was so helpful, kind, and excited to share his knowledge. He made himself very accessible, and he was always a wonderful presence to have there. Section was humorous and invigorating, even though we often ran way over time. Big fan of PLR, though! Thanks, Paul!

Decline to Answer

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