

## Rutgers University Student Instructional Rating Survey

## Spring 2013 (Online Survey)

01:790:302:01	47327	Hickel	ENROLL=	85	RESP=	33 (38%)	STRONGLY DISAGREE	1	2	3	4	5	STRONGLY AGREE	# OF NO RESPONSES	MEAN OF SECTION	MEAN OF COURSE	MEAN OF DEPT	MEAN OF LEVEL
<b>PART A: UNIVERSITY-WIDE QUESTIONS:</b>																		
1. The instructor was prepared for class and presented the material in an organized manner	0	0	2	6	25	0	NEUTRAL								4.70	4.70	4.46	4.52
2. The instructor responded effectively to student comments and questions	0	0	1	5	27	0									4.79	4.79	4.46	4.48
3. The instructor generated interest in the course material	0	1	2	7	23	0									4.58	4.58	4.36	4.35
4. The instructor had a positive attitude toward assisting all students in understanding course material	0	0	1	6	26	0									4.76	4.76	4.54	4.55
5. The instructor assigned grades fairly	0	0	1	5	27	0									4.79	4.79	4.39	4.45
6. The instructional methods encouraged student learning	0	1	5	5	22	0									4.45	4.45	4.19	4.19
7. I learned a great deal in this course	0	1	4	8	20	0									4.42	4.42	4.26	4.29
8. I had a strong prior interest in the subject matter and wanted to take this course	0	0	8	10	15	0									4.21	4.21	3.99	4.04
9. I rate the teaching effectiveness of the instructor as	0	0	2	13	18	0	POOR								4.48	4.48	4.24	4.27
10. I rate the overall quality of the course as	0	0	3	11	18	1									4.47	4.47	4.23	4.26
															EXCELLENT			

**What do you like best about this course?:**

"The structure of it."

"Learned a lot"

"The material"

"Professor keeps you engaged even when the material becomes harder to wrap your head around"

"I had a general interest in the topic prior to the class, but Professor Hickel really furthered my interest in American politics. "

"it was overall interesting material"

"Structure of exams"

"I like that it is right to the point. We don't waste time"

"the professor's enthusiasm and how straightforward the exams were"

"I liked how clear and precise this instructor was. He was always very willing to help students."

"The material in the course was very interesting, and Professor Hickel had an interesting outlook on a lot of the issues. Professor Hickel provided lots of detail, he explained the actual history, not the glossed over version, of a lot of issues in American Party politics. Very informative"

"the whole thing"

"The professor"

"Everything. This has been one of my favorite courses at Rutgers so far and I've learned a great deal about party politics in the process."

"great teacher"

"The professor did a really good job engaging everyone and dealing with the questions and comments that students frequently posed."

"The best part of this course was that it made you almost empathize with the minds of politicians."

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**If you were teaching this course, what would you do differently?:**

"Slow down in your lecture, I show up to class all the time, yet you speak so fast I have to spend another "class period" outside class to write notes."

"nothing "

"More Pictures to break up the slides"

"nothing"

"more opportunity for grades or offer extra credit "

"\*More historical context \*More electoral analysis and how it relates to the "

"Maybe give a study guide for exams"

"lessen the reading load because in reality not many people did the readings. also slow down a little to give students time to copy down slides."

"Nothing"

"SLOW DOWN! Professor Hickel had lots of information to give us, and he knew it. He compensated by talking fast. Unfortunately, sometimes he talked so fast people in class didn't have time to think up questions to ask before he was moving on to the next topic. Professor Hickel was always willing to answer all questions asked, so I respect him for that, but I wish he talked just a little bit slower because sometimes it takes some time to process information, and your question never even develops until it's too late, and we are 2 slides past where the question was. "

"be balanced when it comes to liberal versus conservative discussions"

"Nothing"

"Probably nothing. I might go through the slides a little slower because it's tough to grab all the notes unless you're a very quick typist, but everything was laid out and presented excellently."

"Honestly, nothing. I like classes that use, but do not rely exclusively on, powerpoints, and this class was just that."

"If I were to teach this course, I would use more video."

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**In what ways, if any, has this course or the instructor encouraged your intellectual growth and progress?:**

"Overall just a good mix of materials and a great professor."

"nothing"

"greater understanding of the American party system"

"n/a"

"N/A"

"Forced us to look at politics in a new way"

"going through the history in the first part of the course was extremely useful. i wish that part was expanded at the expense of the theory discussions."

"He has made me look at politics and elections very differently, and intelligently."

"This course has exposed me to the nitty gritty of the history of American Politics, and it really helps explain why things are the way they are now. I also very much appreciated how Professor Hickel gave exams, sure they were essay based and very hefty, but they make it so that instead of studying for questions, we can just study the information and write down everything we learned. The format for exams allowed me also to retain the info after the exam, as I actually had to learn the material to study, instead of just memorize for multiple choice questions."

"all around background on party development"

"Made me smarter"

"In a lot of ways. I'd known a good bit about the subject matter prior and enjoy learning about it, but it went into depth a lot more and made me really think about some of my own knowledge about politics in the US."

"made me think differently"

"I am interested in the history and development of political parties - this is something I never really gave any thought."

"This course taught me to analyze why people believe what they believe."

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**Other comments or suggestions::**

"nothing"

"n/a"

"Probably my favorite professor that I've had this semester and even at Rutgers in general. Professor Hickel really made learning the topic materials easy and enjoyable to understand. He is very funny, relatable and intelligent. I would really like to take another course with him. I definitely would recommend him."

"n//a"

"N/A"

"great professor. relaxed and fair."

"Class was fair to students. The information we learned, even the boring stuff, was fascinating, and the exam format encouraged learning. Hickel made lots of jokes, but he was never disrespectful to any students individually; rather he was very respectful of all opinions. My gripe is that he needs to slow down, just a little bit, to allow for students to think up questions and to debate issues. Other than that, a good class"

"cool professor, moves fast but gets all the stuff in perfectly!"

"Ball hard"

"great teacher, willing to help students, and fair in all aspects"

"Thanks for the great semester!"

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