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Teaching Evaluation Summary 2010 - 2014
All Responses on a 0 - 5 Scale; 5 = Strongly agree
N = 506 (of 683 taught; 74% response rate)

All UM Faculty Mean (Spring 2014)
Davidson-Schmich Mean 2010 - 2014

- The instructor teaches effectively: 4.2
- The instructor stimulates interest in the course: 4.2
- The instructor is accessible and approachable: 4.4
- The instructor treats students with respect: 4.7
- My overall evaluation of the instructor is positive: 4.5
Representative Student Comments

POL202: Introduction to Comparative Politics

- This class for a 200 level is way to (sic) complex. I've taken 500 level POL classes that aren't this hard.
- She's great! Is really clear in her expectations and explains everything really well. I would definitely take her again!
- Professor Davidson-Schmich is one of my favorite professors. I took her course on Comparative Politics this past semester and I found the course very rewarding. Professor Davidson-Schmich was very approachable and even tried to learn all of our names. Even in my small classes professors didn't make that kind of effort. Overall, I really enjoyed taking this course and the professor was very helpful and passionate about this subject and it made the course all the more interesting.
- Prof. Davidson-Schmich is soo knowledgeable and always comes prepared to class. She is engaging and knows what she is talking about. The tests are straightforward although she is a tough grader but I overall very much enjoyed this class and learned alot.
- Dr. Davidson-Schmich is one of the sweetest professors that I've ever had. She's basically a walking encyclopedia of political knowledge, but she's so humble about it. She breaks complex ideas down into simpler terms and is extremely approachable. The tests were hard and class attendance was pretty much mandatory (she said it wasn't, but you're pretty much doomed to fail if you don't show up...), but it's a valuable learning experience. I loved this course, and her!
- I really enjoyed this class. Professor Davidson-Schmich is very knowledgeable and covers interesting material in her class. She is a somewhat tough grader but if you study and actually go to class then you should do well in her class.
- She is a tough grader on essays and papers.
- She is very enthusiastic about the course material, which makes you pay attention and want to learn. I like how her power points only have a few bullet points. She is a good speaker that does not stare at the power points because she really knows what she is talking about. Overall, she was very funny and I enjoyed attending her class.
- Dr. D-S really made the class very interesting. The study guides were really helpful in preparing for the tests.
- I learned a lot of information about the world from this class and am better able to communicate about past and present global issues.
POL344: Gender and Politics

- I was excited to take this class because I wanted to learn more about how governments address women's issues and how they either reinforce or lesson sex/gender discrimination. I was able to use what I learned in this class in a research project I am doing for another class. This is the second class I have taken with Professor Davidson-Schmich, and I have enjoyed both of them immensely (as well as learning a lot!)
- Dr. Davidson-Schmich is an incredible professor. She is very organized and stimulates the entire class to be involved. Even though attendance was not mandatory and the class was at 9 am, almost everyone showed up every day. I loved this class and will definitely look for more classes to take with this professor.
- The entire course was very well planned out. The professor definitely understood all of the material and taught the class from start to finish like she rehearsed it before. There was continuity and relevance of the lectures to real life, and the professor definitely stimulates interest and gets the class to actively participate.
- Very clear about what she wants in her assignments and how she wants, which I liked a lot.
- The best course I took this semester. Amazing professor and great course. Knew a lot about the topic before, but I know so much more now!

POL381: Western European Politics

- This has been a wonderful class, I wouldn't change a single thing.
- Very much enjoyed the course and I look forward to having her again in another course.
- Great professor, very good at giving feedback and provide a plethora of resources.
- Extremely difficult to get ... an A in the class.
- It is nice to have a professor that is so approachable and willing to help you at all times.
- THE BEST PROFESSOR IN UM!!! She cares about her students; she is knowledgeable in her subject area; and is always helpful. It has been a pleasure to have her as my professor!!!
- Great teacher. She really teaches you and her lectures are very interesting. I love that I can speak so well about the politics of W. Europe.
POL581: Comparative Political Economy

- I wish I could take every class with Professor Davidson-Schmich. She has a knack for explaining complicated topics in simple ways that anyone can understand. The class has the perfect amount of reading; you definitely have to put in effort but the workload is manageable. She is approachable and really wants to help everyone understand. Wish I could take more classes with her!
- Hardest class I've ever taken at Umiami. On the same note probably most valuable, while economics thoroughly confuses me, the class has been a very valuable learning experience. I have never been so proud of a B+, as the content is hard to grasp. Professor Davidson-Schmich does a great job at translating what feels like another language to something understandable.
- One of the most knowledgeable professors I have had at the University of Miami. I find the teaching method extremely effective, which is hard to do in just lectures without a power point.
- I have specifically endorsed this course to any of my peers actively looking for classes next semester. Selling points 1 and 2 are as follows:
  - The curriculum for this class is second to none. One of the most interactive ways any teacher influences the structure and content of their class is the selection of literature. The selection for this class is coherent, challenging, and compelling. As the course unfolded, and authors began to reference readings gone by, I just felt academic. The same names and dates seem to pop up everywhere conferring a confidence in the reader.
  - The manner in which the course is taught and graded is fair and straightforward. The incentives are clear and the classes are well structured; there are really no surprises. All in all a pretty incredible course. I read a lot, learned a lot, and wrote a lot.