

**Lecture Survey  
SPR09 2009**

**University of Miami  
Testing Center**

**Course:** POL599 KY - SPECIAL TOPICS  
**Instructor:** Casey Klofstad

**Department:** POL  
**# Responses:** 8

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Lecture Classes (Instructor Items)	Responses					Individual				
	[SA]	[A]	[N]	[D]	[SD]	Med.	Mode	S.D.	N	Mean
<b>Q1</b> My overall evaluation of the instructor is positive.	5	2	1	0	0	5	5	.71	8	4.5
<b>Q2</b> I would recommend this instructor to a friend.	4	3	1	0	0	4	5	.70	8	4.4
<b>Q3</b> The instructor presents course material effectively.	6	1	1	0	0	5	5	.70	8	4.6
<b>Q4</b> The instructor stimulates interest in the course.	2	2	3	1	0	3	3	.99	8	3.6
<b>Q5</b> The instructor is available and willing to meet with students.	4	4	0	0	0	4	4,5	.50	8	4.5

**Responses:** [SA] Strongly Agree=5 [A] Agree=4 [N] Neutral=3 [D] Disagree=2 [SD] Strongly Disagree=1

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<b>Q6</b> Exams and assignments reflect the goals and objectives of the course.	6	2	0	0	0	5	5	.43	8	4.8
<b>Q7</b> This course has challenged me to think.	4	2	1	1	0	4	5	1.05	8	4.1
<b>Q8</b> Exams and other graded material accurately assess what I have learned in this course.	3	4	1	0	0	4	4	.66	8	4.3
<b>Q9</b> Grades are assigned fairly and impartially.	5	3	0	0	0	5	5	.48	8	4.6

**Responses:** [SA] Strongly Agree=5 [A] Agree=4 [N] Neutral=3 [D] Disagree=2 [SD] Strongly Disagree=1

**Q10 - Suggestions and comments about the course content:**

**Faculty:** Klofstad, Casey A

**Response Rate:** 37.50% (3 of 8)

This was a very informative course. All the readings were very pertinent to American politics. Nonetheless, I feel that the amount of reading far exceeds what one can absorb in a week. Although very interesting, the readings are a bit abstract a dense so I was not able to finish them at times. I believe that the course relies to heavily on the readings and not enough on the current status of American politics. Many of the works were outdated, and although the theories they presented were time proof, we should have tried to involve more recent ones.

The current status of American politics poses a great opportunity for an exchange of ideas in a course such as this one, something that did not happen.

- Good course, better professor!
- Too much information!!!

**Q11 - Suggestions and comments about the instructor:**

**Faculty:** Klofstad, Casey A

**Response Rate:** 37.50% (3 of 8)

There is no doubt that Professor Klofstad is a very intelligent individual. Despite his age, he is able to convey the material as if he had decades of teaching experience. He also has tremendous ability to present very dense theories and concepts in a very understandable way. I can definitely see him as a very respected and well-known political scientist in the future, so the University of Miami would be well served in keeping him around.

- Very good guy!

- Excellent instructor, but not his course.

**Q12 - Additional comments:**

**Faculty:** Klofstad, Casey A

**Response Rate:** 37.50% (3 of 8)

- Interesting course
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- The extra time the professor gave us to prepare for the midterm and final was very useful
- Great professor, and interesting class. Would definitely recommend to anyone interested in politics.  
The course needs more of a personal touch to it and a lot more discussion. Maybe reduce it to a 400 level course or explicitly place the lack of discussion in the class overview.
- \*\*\*one goes into a 500-level course to discuss, not merely to listen  
Lack of a research paper is awesome though.