

**New General Survey
FALL11 2011**

**University of Miami
Arts and Sciences**

Course: POL599 S - SPECIAL TOPICS

Department: POL

**Responsible
Faculty:** Christopher Mann

Resp. Rec'vd / Expected: 5 / 9

Overall Mean: 4.9 5 - Point Likert Scale (UM) (50 responses)

New General - Course Items	Mann, Christopher B										--- Comparisons ---			
	Responses					Individual					POL		All	
	[SA]	[A]	[N]	[D]	[SD]	Med.	Mode	S.D.	N	Mean	Mean	Pct	Mean	Pct
Q1 This course has been a valuable learning experience.	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	5	5	4.4	100	4.3	93
Q2 The stated objectives of the course have been met.	4	1	0	0	0	5	5	.40	5	4.8	4.4	95	4.4	84
Q3 The grading methods are fair and appropriate.	4	1	0	0	0	5	5	.40	5	4.8	4.3	92	4.3	86
Q4 My ability to communicate about this subject has been enhanced.	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	5	5	4.4	99	4.4	93
Q5 I learned to think critically about this subject.	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	5	5	4.4	100	4.3	94

Number of Individuals / Survey Responses used for Comparisons: 59 / 1,037 627 / 10,926

Responses: [SA] Strongly Agree=5 [A] Agree=4 [N] Neutral=3 [D] Disagree=2 [SD] Strongly Disagree=1
Pct = Percentile Rank (Higher is better)

New General - Instructor Items	Mann, Christopher B										--- Comparisons ---			
	Responses					Individual					POL		All	
	[SA]	[A]	[N]	[D]	[SD]	Med.	Mode	S.D.	N	Mean	Mean	Pct	Mean	Pct
Q6 The instructor teaches effectively.	3	2	0	0	0	5	5	.49	5	4.6	4.3	75	4.2	67
Q7 The instructor stimulates interest in the course.	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	5	5	4.2	100	4.2	92
Q8 The instructor is accessible and approachable.	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	5	5	4.4	99	4.4	90
Q9 The instructor treats students with respect.	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	5	5	4.6	97	4.5	89
Q10 My overall evaluation of the instructor is positive.	4	1	0	0	0	5	5	.40	5	4.8	4.5	90	4.4	76

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Q11 - Please provide any additional suggestions and comments.

Faculty: Mann, Christopher B

Response Rate: 80.00% (4 of 5)

- Amazing professor, very available to help whenever necessary. Also very fair with assignments and grades; there were no surprises.

There should be a distinction about whether this class is focused more on the nature, applicability (to political science), interpretation and implications of the experiments or more on the math/statistics portion of the experiments. It feels like too much in too small of a time frame to try to tackle both, especially when it comes to constructing an entire experiment. Also, because the statistical background of each student varies, it might be worthwhile to require some type of statistics course so that the first half of the semester requires the professor to remind students of what they already know, rather than teaching them completely new material. Outside of that, this was an enjoyable learning experience.

Parts of this course were difficult to get through and initially I felt like some of the material was going way over my head. In the end I was grateful that the material was so challenging because I realized I had learned so much and was more than capable to handle the assignments given to us. This course really encouraged my interest in a field I had no experience in and was very unfamiliar with. Dr. Mann was extremely helpful whenever I had any issues and clearly explained the material. This was one of the most stimulating classes I have taken at the University so far and I thoroughly enjoyed the class as it was taught by Dr. Mann, a great professor.

- One of the best (of the very few) professors I have had at the University of Miami!

