

Evaluations Spring 2009

Course #	Course Name	Faculty	Responses	Enrolled	%
POL391 N	INTR TO INTNL REL	Parent, JM	13	17	76%
POL580 KX	ETH, NAT & SECESS	Parent, JM	7	10	70%
POL591 UX	INTL SECURITY	Parent, JM	9	13	69%

Lecture Survey
SPR09 2009

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Course:	POL391 N - INTR TO INTNL REL	Department:	POL
Instructor:	Joseph Parent	# Responses:	13

Lecture Classes (Instructor Items)		Parent, Joseph M									
		Responses					Individual				
		[SA]	[A]	[N]	[D]	[SD]	Med.	Mode	S.D.	N	Mean
Q1	My overall evaluation of the instructor is positive.	11	1	1	0	0	5	5	.58	13	4.8
Q2	I would recommend this instructor to a friend.	10	2	1	0	0	5	5	.61	13	4.7
Q3	The instructor presents course material effectively.	9	4	0	0	0	5	5	.46	13	4.7
Q4	The instructor stimulates interest in the course.	10	2	1	0	0	5	5	.61	13	4.7
Q5	The instructor is available and willing to meet with students.	9	2	2	0	0	5	5	.75	13	4.5

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

Lecture Classes (Course Items)		Parent, Joseph M									
		Responses					Individual				
		[SA]	[A]	[N]	[D]	[SD]	Med.	Mode	S.D.	N	Mean
Q6	Exams and assignments reflect the goals and objectives of the course.	10	1	1	1	0	5	5	.93	13	4.5
O7	This course has challenged me	12	1	0	0	0	5	5	.27	13	4.9

	to think.										
Q8	Exams and other graded material accurately assess what I have learned in this course.	10	0	3	0	0	5	5	.84	13	4.5
Q9	Grades are assigned fairly and impartially.	11	2	0	0	0	5	5	.36	13	4.8
<p>Responses: [SA] Strongly Agree=5 [A] Agree=4 [N] Neutral=3 [D] Disagree=2 [SD] Strongly Disagree=1</p>											

Q10 - Suggestions and comments about the course content:	
Faculty:	Parent, Joseph M
Response Rate:	61.54% (8 of 13)

-	A little less theory and more practical content maybe would have been more interesting but it was an introductory course.
-	Very interesting and challenging.
-	Made the all class to think and to view the world/current events in a different way.
-	Although political theory can be dry at times, it seems that all of the course content was relevant and important to discuss for learning about international relations.
-	Great. Good information that i will retain forever. I fully understand the theories and will hold onto them.
-	The teacher came on a little strong at first, but after a few classes I came to realize that he is incredibly qualified to teach this course and one of the best teachers I have ever had.
-	A few too many readings
-	Cut down the readings to allow the students to actually be able to finish them
-	Challenging and intense.
-	The best pound for pound course at UM.

Q11 - Suggestions and comments about the instructor:	
Faculty:	Parent, Joseph M
Response Rate:	53.85% (7 of 13)

-	Great professor, made you want to go to an 8 am class.
-	Very good professor
-	Professor Parent is a great teacher and he clearly is extremely knowledgeable and intelligent in international relations. He made the content interesting and engaging which is hard to do at 8:00 in the morning.
-	Great presentations and explanations about the content. Very lively and never dull but gets across an abundance of information.

-	maybe talk a little slower
-	Great, fun, exciting, one of my favorites, even made 8am bearable.
	<p>Dr Parent is an exceptional professor. His lectures are always organized, but more importantly their engaging and the most intellectually stimulating course I have taken thus far.</p> <p>He's intelligent (more so then just about any other politics professor at UM). He knows the material inside and out--backwards and forwards. Dr Parent makes complicated subject matter understandable to his students.</p> <p>He also challenges us to think about the big picture in international politics every class prior to his formal lecture. A simple overview of a news article wont do--he wants a cogent analysis and sensible projection. This has been a great help to my critical thinking skills.</p> <p>- He's also very humble and down to earth. I found him to be even self-deprecating at times during office visits--something I thought was non-exisent in academia. Also, I admired his candor when discussing issues and my grades--unlike many of his colleagues, his standards are clearly articulated and he provides a blueprint on how to succeed on the following exam.</p> <p>He grades our essay exams thoroughly, writing on the margins and providing a lengthy assessment at the end. I have always wondered why professors didn't grade this way while i been in college--so I was very grateful to dr parent's input and detailed critique.</p> <p>To put it succinctly, Dr Parent is a true professional. He does his job and does it extremely well.</p>

Q12 - Additional comments:	
Faculty:	Parent, Joseph M
Response Rate:	23.08% (3 of 13)

-	Anyone who can keep me awake at 8am deserves my respect =)
-	Best professor I've had at UM.
-	Too early in the morning, it would have been a great class later on

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Course:	POL580 KX - ETH, NAT & SECESS	Department:	POL
Instructor:	Joseph Parent	# Responses:	7

Lecture Classes (Instructor Items)	Parent, Joseph M
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		Responses					Individual				
		[SA]	[A]	[N]	[D]	[SD]	Med.	Mode	S.D.	N	Mean
Q1	My overall evaluation of the instructor is positive.	3	3	0	0	1	4	4,5	1.31	7	4.0
Q2	I would recommend this instructor to a friend.	3	1	1	1	1	4	5	1.50	7	3.6
Q3	The instructor presents course material effectively.	2	3	0	1	1	4	4	1.40	7	3.6
Q4	The instructor stimulates interest in the course.	3	3	0	0	1	4	4,5	1.31	7	4.0
Q5	The instructor is available and willing to meet with students.	3	3	1	0	0	4	4,5	.70	7	4.3

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

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		Responses					Individual				
		[SA]	[A]	[N]	[D]	[SD]	Med.	Mode	S.D.	N	Mean
Q6	Exams and assignments reflect the goals and objectives of the course.	4	3	0	0	0	5	5	.49	7	4.6
Q7	This course has challenged me to think.	5	1	0	1	0	5	5	1.05	7	4.4
Q8	Exams and other graded material accurately assess what I have learned in this course.	1	4	1	0	1	4	4	1.18	7	3.6
Q9	Grades are assigned fairly and impartially.	2	3	1	0	1	4	4	1.28	7	3.7

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:	Parent, Joseph M
Response Rate:	42.86% (3 of 7)

-	Course material was interesting and allowed better understanding of both political theory and events regarding the study of nationalism.
-	First class that broke down the procedure behind constructing an argumentative term paper with social science fundamentals.

-	Way too much reading... i spent half the week on just this class.
-	Overall an enlightening course. It was appropriately challenging. Expectations were high but attainable. I feel each student got out of it what they put in, which is how every class should be. In addition, every class should also have those chairs.

Q11 - Suggestions and comments about the instructor:

Faculty:	Parent, Joseph M
Response Rate:	42.86% (3 of 7)

-	A genuinely good guy, who was very approachable. Parent is knowledgeable and helped everyone come to their own understanding of how politics operates.
-	He did not adequately prepare us for the final graded paper and should have spent more class time adressing research issues and how to properly write a 20 page paper as it is an assignment of great magnitude which many of us have never done before.
-	To whom it may concern other than Prof. Parent, He is very intelligent, and a very good instructor, probably the clearest and most involved I've had at the university. Our three hour sessions were hardly ever dull, which in itself is a testament to the classes engagement Professor Parent, Not bad. Have a good summer and I look forward to hopefully taking another class with you, although these surveys are anonymous so you'll never know if that was true or not.

Q12 - Additional comments:

Faculty:	Parent, Joseph M
Response Rate:	42.86% (3 of 7)

-	It was enlightening.(Especially the immorality Czar part)
-	I would not take a class from him ever again.
-	I enjoyed the class and feel like I learned a lot at the same time, which to me defines the mark of a good instructor. And Mountain Dew Code Red turned out to be excellent advice. Lead to a good evening. Have a great summer.

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Course:	POL591 UX - INTL SECURITY	Department:	POL
Instructor:	Joseph Parent	# Responses:	9

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		Responses					Individual				
		[SA]	[A]	[N]	[D]	[SD]	Med.	Mode	S.D.	N	Mean
Q1	My overall evaluation of the instructor is positive.	6	0	2	0	1	5	5	1.37	9	4.1
Q2	I would recommend this instructor to a friend.	6	0	2	0	1	5	5	1.37	9	4.1
Q3	The instructor presents course material effectively.	5	2	1	0	1	5	5	1.29	9	4.1
Q4	The instructor stimulates interest in the course.	6	1	1	0	1	5	5	1.31	9	4.2
Q5	The instructor is available and willing to meet with students.	5	3	1	0	0	5	5	.68	9	4.4
Responses: [SA] Strongly Agree=5 [A] Agree=4 [N] Neutral=3 [D] Disagree=2 [SD] Strongly Disagree=1											

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Q6	Exams and assignments reflect the goals and objectives of the course.	6	1	2	0	0	5	5	.83	9	4.4
Q7	This course has challenged me to think.	7	0	1	1	0	5	5	1.07	9	4.4
Q8	Exams and other graded material accurately assess what I have learned in this course.	5	1	2	1	0	5	5	1.10	9	4.1
Q9	Grades are assigned fairly and impartially.	5	2	1	0	1	5	5	1.29	9	4.1
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:	Parent, Joseph M
Response Rate:	77.78% (7 of 9)

- Course content covered each weekly topic in full detail and kept students fully prepared for the class conversation each week.
- and keep reading material divided in half: part for one half of the class, part for the

	other half!
-	This course surveyed a broad range of international political concerns with surprising depth while representing a variety of perspectives. The subtle but effective incorporation of methodological concerns into the analysis of readings really gave me a new perspective and appreciation for international relations theory.
-	This professor is awesome!!
-	Course content is very interesting and Professor Parent makes it a priority to make sure that the students understand the material at hand.
-	My favorite course so far!
-	he seemed unfair and unwilling to fully verbalize instruction on his final paper, for something that is so important it would have been helpful if he were less vague about the format

Q11 - Suggestions and comments about the instructor:

Faculty:	Parent, Joseph M
Response Rate:	55.56% (5 of 9)

-	Intelligent professor; made the class interactive and enjoyable.
-	smile more often in class
-	Parent has an incredible ability to take complex, nuanced academic theory and package it into smart, easily comprehensible metaphors. One of the best professors I've ever had.
-	It's fun having a professor who likes what he does, and unambiguously conveys that to his students
-	rethink teaching style, at times he came off as sarcastic bitter and in deep need to share his opinion

Q12 - Additional comments:

Faculty:	Parent, Joseph M
Response Rate:	22.22% (2 of 9)

-	DEPT HEAD!!!
-	This is not an easy A. However if you want to know about international security, and really want to learn political science I would recommend this course.