

PO 102 (A1): How to Change the World

Spring18 | Jeremy Menchik

14 | Students Enrolled
14 | Students Responded
100% | Response Rate

Quantitative

<i>Please rate the following aspects of the course using the scale provided:</i>	1 - Poor	2	3 - Average	4	5 - Excellent	N	DNA	SD	M
Relevance of assigned readings	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	28.57% (4)	71.43% (10)	14	0	0.45	4.71
Difficulty of course	0% (0)	7.14% (1)	64.29% (9)	28.57% (4)	0% (0)	14	0	0.56	3.21
Workload in course	0% (0)	0% (0)	64.29% (9)	35.71% (5)	0% (0)	14	0	0.48	3.36
Usefulness of assignments and papers	0% (0)	0% (0)	7.14% (1)	64.29% (9)	28.57% (4)	14	0	0.56	4.21
Overall course rating	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	28.57% (4)	71.43% (10)	14	0	0.45	4.71

<i>Please rate the following using the scale provided:</i>	1 - Poor	2	3 - Average	4	5 - Excellent	N	DNA	SD	M
Effectiveness in explaining concepts	0% (0)	0% (0)	7.14% (1)	7.14% (1)	85.71% (12)	14	0	0.56	4.79
Ability to stimulate interest in subject	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	7.14% (1)	92.86% (13)	14	0	0.26	4.93
Encouragement of class participation	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	14.29% (2)	85.71% (12)	14	0	0.35	4.86
Fairness in grading	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (14)	14	0	0	5
Promptness in returning assignments	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	21.43% (3)	78.57% (11)	14	0	0.41	4.79
Quality of feedback to students	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	14.29% (2)	85.71% (12)	14	0	0.35	4.86
Availability outside of class	0% (0)	0% (0)	14.29% (2)	14.29% (2)	71.43% (10)	14	0	0.73	4.57
Overall rating of instructor	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	14.29% (2)	85.71% (12)	14	0	0.35	4.86

Qualitative

Please comment on the strengths of the instructor: -

- Very encouraging and direct Assigns useful readings
- Professor Menchik did a good job explaining concepts at the level of an introductory course. He ensured that people got the chance to participate in class discussions and was good at calling on people that hadn't had a chance so that no one person dominated the conversation. He also found ways to inject humor into his teaching, which was great.
- Absolutely amazing at holding good discussions, very light-hearted funny guy
- Enthusiastic and knowledgeable
- Engaging, passionate about subject, made abstract concepts more tangible
- He knows how to engage and level with students simultaneously. A fantastic instructor, would love to take his courses again.
- Professor Menchik does very well engaging with the class in a format that allows for participation among the class without having gaps in conversation, or multiple people talking at once
- Incredibly passionate and enthusiastic about material Perceptive and understanding of others' thoughts
- He is passionate about the subject matter and passes that on to the class. He is extremely knowledgeable.
- Excellent at engaging interest, explaining difficult concepts, and open to feedback from students. Very knowledgeable in the course material. Loved the existential qualms spiel at the start of class and TWICP.
- Professor Menchik did a phenomal job of effectively explaining concepts or points of discussion that the class missed in our discussion, and he did it with fantastic brevity and clarity.
- Very engaging, knowledgeable and passionate about subject matter. Valued students' thoughts and opinions, and encouraged class debate, participation and discussion. Overall approachable and helpful. Will definitely recommend this class/professor in the future.
- Really enthusiastic about the topic and explains things really well. Cool dude

Please comment on the weaknesses of the instructor: -

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- Assigns a lot of reading, some of which is redundant, but most of which is good. Not a lot to complain about.
- N/A
- Would have appreciated more lecturing, less discussion and more concrete definitions of terms/jargon. Have part of the class dedicated to explaining what these terms mean and how they apply instead oh having the class explain for themselves
- More quality feedback on assignments.
- Nothing he's\ awesome

Please comment on the strengths of the course: -

- Great\ structure
- It did a really good job of providing an overview of social movements in different contexts. The books were some of the best readings assigned in the course.
- Comprehensive for an introductory class.
- Interesting, relevant, - I enjoyed this class a lot
- The subject matter is very interesting and relevant.
- Relation of historical to current events useful in understanding topics
- Comprehensive and understandable esp. for students not versed in political science.
- Very interesting material and subject matter, definitely unlike other courses taken previously. The seminar style was very engaging, and topics lent themselves well to discussions.
- The course offered a fantastic introduction to the world of social movements and the theory surrounding them.
- A lot of good and interesting theory was taught

Please comment on the weaknesses of the course: -

- Some of the material was dry but that may be just the nature of the foundational works
- At times, examples were drawn upon that not every student would have had the requisite background information on in order to effectively contribute opinions to discussion.
- A lot of presentations.
- Some readings were redundant and material had already been discussed at length in class
- Lots of reading in short time frame. A bit of redundancy.
- More concrete lecturing
- Readings were sometimes not discussed in class.
- It was lecture heavy. It would have been nice to have more free-for-all discussions (that had less professor mediation). When we were assigned books to read, we usually had to read an entire book for a single week of class, which was a lot of time.
- Nothing

Please feel free to leave any additional general comments in this section: -

- He's\ amazing! I would like \to\ have a \better\ rubric \for\ the\ two\ presentations though
- It would have been nice to see a big-picture lecture near the end, where all the different social movement strategies we learned were analyzed for how they enhanced, limited, and combined with each other.
- Good amount of workload, sometimes readings were a bit dry but overall I feel that I gained a lot from this course. I liked having the opportunity to present research.
- Loved this course and would absolutely recommend it to someone else.
- Gonna miss this class. It was fun