



UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Winter 2019

Course: POSC 010 Section: 026 - AMERICAN POLITICS
Instructor: Nicholas Jenkins

Question # 18: YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS ON YOUR GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR'S TEACHING SKILLS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE TEXTBOX BELOW. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 2000 CHARACTERS.

- Nick Jenkins is a very forward teaching method. It is hard to compare him to other TA's so I won't. His method of teaching is through the interactions of other students. Some may hate it, I love it. Though at first glance it seems as if Nick is apathetic towards the material but he does act as a great facilitator of discussions. Moreover, he is an effective Teacher Assistant and I would love to see him rise towards whatever his career may be. P.S he also grades really quickly and effectively.
- Nick was a great TA, he was very flexible and willing to meet at other times for office hours other than those that he currently already had. During office hours he provided constructive feedback and answered any questions we had. During discussion section, he allowed us to work in groups instead of him lecturing us this was especially useful for when we were preparing for our midterm. I felt that this approach was good for my learning as I was able to learn from my peers as well.
- I think having people split into groups is a better idea since it provides more conversation. Also, maybe try to have them talk about those subjects, that way if people have questions, they are more likely to ask them
- Nick was a great TA! I felt that he truly wanted to help us. My discussion section was a bit quiet, so sometimes the environment in the classroom was a bit awkward because of that, but overall Nick was a great TA. He is approachable and is willing to help us with the material.
- Nick was an efficient TA where he gave everyone there space to respond to a question. He always respected everyones space and was great at giving feedback and helping us understand all topics. In my opinion, I enjoyed going to section and believe Nick led the class effectively.
- Very helpful. Always happy to help. Knew his material very well. Slides helped understand the class more. Provided good feedback.