



# UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Spring 2020

Course: POSC 114S Section: 023 - THEORY & METHODOLOGY OF POL SCI  
Instructor: Nicholas Jenkins

*This course was offered during the COVID-19 global pandemic in an emergency remote learning environment.*

**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 does pretty well considering the fact that no one likes to talk during discussion, so there are awkward silences, but he tries his best.
- Nick was a great TA. He always made class engaging and presented the material in a fun way that made it easy to understand.
- Nick is one of the best TAs I've had, he was very helpful and his discussions were very relevant to the homework. I appreciate that he would post the recorded readings on learn so that I could go back to them when I had a question about homework. His enthusiastic attitude made discussions bearable in this odd time. Overall Nick was a great TA and I would love to have him as a TA or professor in the future.
- Nick was by far one of the best TAs I've had at UCR. Despite the last minute and unprepared transition to remote learning, Nick did a great job in teaching the class as if the discussion was in person. Overall, he did a great job.
- Really good TA! One of the best I've had. He really helped us understand the material and made sure we were all on track. This quarter was challenging due to the current events of the world but he was understanding and made sure no one was left behind. He often encouraged us to participate and made us interact during section despite it being online. Overall amazing TA!
- Although we had to have virtual/remote instruction, Nick was understanding and taught effectively. He was very approachable and made it easy to ask questions. The kahoot quizzes and group questions were really helpful and encouraged more interaction.
- Even though zoom discussion were a hurdle, I believe my instructor really used the format well. On subjects in which I was confused, the activities we did in lecture helped me better understand them. The classes were also not boring and actually held my engagement throughout.