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Course Evaluations as Instructor of Record

	State Politics	Legislative Process	U.S. Presidency	Electoral Behavior	American Gov.	American Gov.
	Spring 2017	Fall 2016	Fall 2016	Spring 2015	Spring 2015	Fall 2014
Overall	4.76	4.82	4.84	4.70	4.51	4.56
Preparation	4.88	4.74	4.84	4.40	4.43	4.68
Instruction	4.41	4.55	4.70	4.10	4.20	4.21
Stimulation of Interest	4.29	4.61	4.70	4.50	4.11	4.26
Breadth	4.68	4.76	4.84	4.50	4.51	4.32
Concern for Students	4.82	4.82	4.92	4.90	4.51	4.71
Number of Students	34	38	38	10	35	34

Note: Scores range from 1 to 5 with higher values representing more positive evaluations.

Sample Student Comments

POLS 4650: State Politics (Spring 2017)

- Very fun learning environment. Encouraged questions and discussion. Lectures were well structured and interesting. Always came to class prepared.
- The instructor was approachable and engaging despite the relatively dry nature of the subject.
- Professor Williamson is very knowledgeable and cares about his students.
- I think this was an excellent course, and the instructor provided excellent instruction.
- He explains things clearly and is helpful.
- I enjoyed the course and the instructor. The subject matter was interesting and presented well.
- Lectures are great and always relate to real world examples. Interesting topics and discussions give exposure to different viewpoints.
- Well organized, professional instructor.

POLS 4600: Legislative Process (Fall 2016)

- Because of Mr. Williamson and how well he taught legislative process, I now feel very comfortable and secure with my choice of major. This class has helped me recognize my passion for political science.
- This was one of the best classes I've ever taken at UGA. The instructor is great at what he does and is fair. I am so grateful I got a chance to take it.
- He taught in a way that made me look forward to coming to class every day. He always made sure that everyone understood a concept before moving on. Also, he always had relevant stories that made the class more interesting.
- Great instructor. Very organized, clear, and easy to follow.
- Mr. Williamson is a very intelligent, engaging, and humorous teacher.
- He is professional, intelligent, and treats his peers as intelligent people.
- He has been a great professor. He explains things very clearly and I have learned a lot in this course.
- The teacher is engaging and knows what he is talking about. He is always available for questions and makes the class very comfortable.
- He makes the material enjoyable while engaging the class effectively.
- Cares for students to learn and succeed. He is also very knowledgeable about the subject and got us engaged in it too.
- He is honestly one of the best teachers I have had in three years. He is energetic, funny, and is able to keep the classroom in a light atmosphere while keeping people fairly engaged.

POLS 4610: U.S. Presidency (Fall 2016)

- He conveys the material in a creative and understandable way. He was also understanding and very responsive to all questions I asked.
- He is the best professor I have had at UGA. He made this the most interesting course possible, and I felt inspired to learn.
- He has got to be one of the professors I've had at UGA. Very clear, relatable, and fair.
- He is an amazing teacher who really cares about his students.
- This course was great. It was laid back, but I feel like I learned so much. We had a good time discussing the interesting readings. He did a great job addressing any questions and would always be open to discussion and opinion.
- He is an awesome teacher who really knows how to engage his students. Would take him again. One of the best professors I've ever had.
- He is one of the best professors I have had at UGA. He is very knowledgeable and his effective teaching style is unparalleled.
- The class was well organized, and I learned more than I expected to on this subject.
- This course was very interesting and informative, and I would recommend the class and the professor to other students as an excellent use of time.

POLS 4520: Electoral Behavior (Spring 2015)

- Mr. Williamson was a very good teacher and was very knowledgeable about what he was teaching us.
- When I am unclear about the readings I always leave class with a much better grasp on the material.
- I honestly took it for fun and I've learned a lot about the electoral process. Mr. Williamson is passionate about the subject, which makes coming to class interesting and engaging. I think he's done an excellent job and would take future classes with him.
- This course was a fantastic experience. Mr. Williamson is one of the most engaging and entertaining professors I've had so far at UGA.

POLS 1101: Introduction to American Government (Spring 2015)

- Best professor I've ever had. Hated this topic and he sparked my interest in it and I actually learned something.
- He does a good job in relating topics and subjects with real world application.
- The teacher's interest in the course and attitude in class made class fun.
- Excellent instructor. Vast knowledge of political aspects. Well suited for this course. Organized, friendly, professional. Overall great teacher. Instructor was well versed in the subject matter and was very professional at all times.
- I am a liberal arts major in major specific classes. In general, I hate politics and discussing government. Because of this teacher, POLS 1101 is my favorite class this semester.

POLS 1101: Introduction to American Government (Fall 2014)

- Knowledgeable about his subject matter, organized, prepared for class and accessible.
- Makes a dry subject matter in political science easier to relate to and learn about.
- Was very organized and the professor was very effective in helping me understand the material.
- Very knowledgeable about this subject matter and was very easy to talk to outside of class.
- He makes the content understandable and cares about my personal success.
- He offers great explanations to questions the class asks.