

Title: **A&S Spring 2017 Standard Evaluation**

Dates: **04/24/2017 - 05/04/2017**

Course: **POLSW4712_001_2017_1 / ANALYSIS OF POLITICAL DATA**

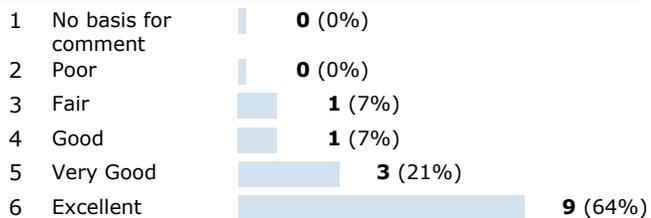
Responses: **20/28 - 71.43%**

Number of Participants: **28**

Enrollment of All Students: **28**

TA Graph Report for: **Hanzhang Liu**

1 What is your overall assessment of the effectiveness of the teaching assistant? N=14



Median **6** Interpolated Median **5.72** Mean **5.43** Std Dev **0.94**

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 TA Comments Report for: **Hanzhang Liu**
Q1 What are the strengths and weaknesses of your teaching assistant (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader, or other assistant) as an instructor, and how might his or her teaching be improved?

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- the improvement I would recommend would be to more clearly go through how to code things
- She was able to explain things very clear. The sections were very helpful
- Super super helpful, could not have asked for a better TA. Cleared up any confusion in section, gave us really useful section notes, and always available to help.
- Strengths: produced very helpful sets of notes for the discussion sections that showed us how to use the methods covered in class. Weaknesses: sometimes had a hard time getting through all the material in the discussion section, especially early on. To be fair, there was really a lot to cover in an hour per week.
- Hanzhang is above all else, is very patient and very kind. I felt very insecure about my understanding of the material at the beginning of the semester and even though she felt I was doing fine, she walked me through all of my questions (either in person or via email). She always found time to meet with me, even if I asked last minute. Whenever something wasn't clear or seemed contradictory in our discussion section, she took a minute to review or clarify. If she had made a mistake in the presentation, she acknowledged and fixed it without a fuss. I think she could be a little (only a little) more confident when presenting in front of the whole class. That would be my own recommendation.
- There was a sharp contrast between the quality of this course and its teaching, and our TA and her discussion sections. Hanzhang got early on that the students were struggling to understand the material and really dedicated herself to making it right. She essentially taught this class in parallel during her discussion sections, presenting concepts and methods in a straightforward way, walking us through each step to make sure that we knew how to perform these analyses on our own and interpret the results substantively. She consistently went above and beyond her duties to help us out, routinely scheduling meetings with students during the week to work through our papers and coding one-on-one. She is a great teacher and understands how to teach the material in a way that actually produces understanding. I think we all would have preferred if Hanzhang was the professor for this class.
- She is very kind and supportive, always there when needed for assistance. She could focus a little more on basics, but obviously this is difficult because her job is to support the professor and get more in depth (which is difficult because Mark Lindeman does not teach). Furthermore, the professor provided NO support and NO guidance to her, which made working with her hard because she didn't know what was expected of us and even such things as when papers are due or how to write the papers. That's not her fault, it's the school's fault for forcing her to work under such a terrible professor.

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TA Comments Report for: **Hanzhang Liu**

- Hanzhang is an amazing TA! She is responsive to emails and willing to meet outside of class to help. The discussion sections were really helpful, particularly later in the semester when the topics get more advanced. Overall - great TA
 - She was the reason I could understand any of the work! She was so kind and approachable and took lots of time to go over concepts that we could not understand in class. She simplified the concepts and created section notes that were invaluable.
 - She is extremely clear, organised and patient, which greatly aided our understanding of the course material.
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Dates: **04/24/2017 - 05/04/2017**

Course: **POLSW4713_003_2017_1 / ANALYSIS OF POLITICL
DATA-DIS**

Responses: **10/18 - 55.56%**

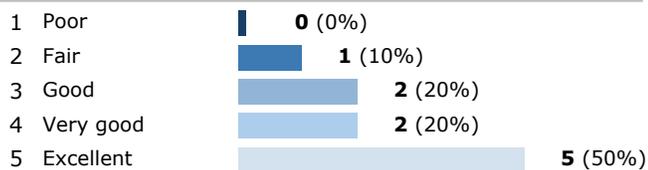
Instructors: **Hanzhang Liu**

Number of Participants: **18**

Enrollment of All Students: **18**

Instructor Graph Report for: **Hanzhang Liu**

1 What is your overall assessment of the effectiveness of the instructor? N=10



Median **4.5** Interpolated Median **4.50** Mean **4.10** Std Dev **1.10**

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Course: **POLSW4713_003_2017_1 / ANALYSIS OF POLITICL DATA-DIS**

Responses: **10/18 - 55.56%**

Instructors: **Hanzhang Liu**

Enrollment of Registered Students:**18**

Enrollment of All Students:**18**

Instructor Comments Report for: **Hanzhang Liu**

Q1 Please evaluate your faculty instructor. What are the instructor's strengths? In what ways might his or her teaching be improved? In answering this question, you might address the clarity of the lectures or presentations and their relationship to the other elements of the course, the ability of the instructor to generate enthusiasm and facilitate discussion, the quality of feedback, availability, the timeliness of the return of assignments, etc.

- She was always available through email and in person. She answered questions in a clear and understandable way. She really helped me understand a lot of the difficult concepts covered in class.
 - Strengths: produced very helpful sets of notes for the discussion sections that showed us how to use the methods covered in class. Weaknesses: sometimes had a hard time getting through all the material in the discussion section, especially early on. To be fair, there was really a lot to cover in an hour per week.
 - Hanzhang is skilled beyond her years in teaching this complicated subject in a clear and straightforward way. She demonstrates genuine concern for her students and goes above and beyond to make sure we understand the material, routinely offering one-on-one sessions throughout the week to work on concepts, papers, and coding. Hanzhang's discussion sections were the silver lining in an otherwise deeply frustrating course. I would have preferred to have taken this class with her. She will make an excellent professor.
 - the improvement I would recommend would be to more clearly go through how to code things
 - The TA, NOT the professor, was great. She really did try her best under the circumstances. Honestly, we can't fault her for the fact that no one in the course knew what was going on. The professor literally refused to provide her--the TA--with a grading rubric or paper prompt. He also skipped ahead in topics so that his classes were literally 4-5 weeks ahead of her sections, so this made everyone even more confused. How is this guy teaching?? It's unfair to the TA to have to work under such a bad person. The course would have been much more effective if she had taught it, not the professor.
 - TA's made really help discussion section notes; made ample time for meeting outside of class; and ultimately helped make this a great course for anyone interested in Political Science
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