

Introduction to International Relations (PLSC 29000)

Spring 2024 · Prof. Paul Poast

TA evaluation (Adam Saxton, one of five TAs)

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Names and comments of other teaching assistants redacted for their privacy.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	1.82%	7.27%	25.45%	65.45%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	3.64%	5.45%	18.18%	72.73%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	3.64%	1.82%	21.82%	70.91%	1.82%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.58	5.00	0.00%	3.64%	3.64%	23.64%	69.09%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.31	5.00	0.00%	3.70%	16.67%	24.07%	55.56%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.44	5.00	0.00%	3.70%	11.11%	22.22%	62.96%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.35	5.00	0.00%	3.70%	9.26%	25.93%	46.30%	14.81%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	1.85%	5.56%	25.93%	66.67%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.70	5.00	1.85%	0.00%	1.85%	18.52%	77.78%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	1.85%	5.56%	25.93%	66.67%	0.00%

Please include the name of the TA/CA/Intern you are evaluating. What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning? What could the TA modify to help you learn more? Please include any additional feedback for the TA/CA/Intern.

Comments
I had Adam Saxton. He is a cool guy, good at running the section and gave helpful feedback. He was also super understanding. Grading was fair, he helped on assignments, our UN simulation was fun.
Adam Saxton. He always tried his best to create an engaging discussion. His instructions on the requirements of the mid term paper were clear. He was also available at all times to provide feedback or clarify any doubts. Thank you so much!!
Adam Saxton
Adam Saxton — Adam was very helpful in writing the midterm papers and the model UN simulation. He held students to a high standard for success but also helped us get there. The format/pace of the course is very quick so it meant only one week in between lengthy major assignments, but that wasn't necessarily Adam's fault. He could have provided more background info on paper/model UN topics for people who weren't familiar with them. Also, for the UN security council simulation, he could have provided us with more clarity on what to expect for those who had never done model UN before.
Adam Saxton. Adam was helpful and available in and outside of discussion, but he was a bit slow to give grades and feedback on assignments.

Adam Saxton

Adam Saxton was an excellent TA. He always came to our discussion section very prepared and enthusiastic. He also made himself very available to help us with our essays and assignments.

Adam Saxton

Adam Saxton– facilitated conversations very well and was really helpful when it came to writing the papers

Adam Saxton – He was great, nothing I would modify. I found him incredibly engaging, he gave great feedback and was very helpful in preparing us for essays, and his enthusiasm for the UN simulation made it a great experience.

Adam Saxton. Adam did a great job talking about what was expected for essays and explaining concepts in general.

Comments
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Adam Saxton – always available for office hours, gave great feedback, overall a kind and helpful TA.
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Adam Saxton is extremely smart and passionate about IR. I really liked how he always came prepared to class with great material.
Adam Saxton. He gives very clear and useful feedback on essays.
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The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.36	5.00	3.57%	3.57%	1.79%	33.93%	55.36%	1.79%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.38	5.00	3.57%	0.00%	5.36%	37.50%	53.57%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.34	5.00	1.79%	7.14%	7.14%	23.21%	60.71%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.39	5.00	1.79%	3.57%	5.36%	32.14%	57.14%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.46	5.00	3.57%	0.00%	3.57%	32.14%	60.71%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.47	5.00	1.79%	1.79%	7.14%	25.00%	62.50%	1.79%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.29	5.00	3.64%	5.45%	5.45%	29.09%	56.36%	0.00%

How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	Mean	Median	No Gain	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain	N/A
Laboratory Experience	4.17	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	6.25%	3.13%	9.38%	81.25%
Field Trips	3.92	4.00	4.88%	14.63%	4.88%	29.27%	41.46%	4.88%
Library Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Review Sessions	2.50	2.50	3.23%	0.00%	0.00%	3.23%	0.00%	93.55%
Writing Seminars	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%