

Student Evaluations

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The following is a complete collection of preceptor comments received through student course evaluations.

POL 575 Formal Political Analysis I (Grad, Spring 2022)

- Joe was a great preceptor. He was always totally prepared for precepts and knows the material very well so was able to answer any questions or explain things in alternative ways. Joe was responsive to email, provided useful feedback on problem sets, and offered extra time to meet to review material or discuss the class overall.
- Joe did a great job as our AI.
- Joe was extremely knowledgeable about the subject matter and went to lengths to provide useful feedback to students on where we needed improvement based on tests and problem sets.
- Joe was very thoughtful and engaging. His comments on our problem sets were super helpful. Although it is not his own fault, two precept session got canceled.
- Joe was fantastic. A+ preceptor. Super knowledgeable about the subject matter, explains things really well, provided great written feedback on problem sets and the midterm, and always responsive over email to questions. Great job keep it up!
- Joe was generally a great preceptor, and did a lot of work for the class despite his busy schedule. In precept I would have preferred going over example problems prior to doing the problem set, rather than going over the problem set answers after we already spent a long time figuring them out on our own. Also, since grades don't matter, it would have been more helpful if Joe gave meaningful hints on how to do the problem set problems, rather than trying really hard not to "give the answer away."

- Joe was very helpful!
- I thought they were really well done to clarify concepts and ask questions.

POL 576 Formal Political Analysis II (Grad, Fall 2021)

- Best I've seen so far. Very good at combining technical details with intuition, and very good at helping students think critically.
- I think Joe generally did a fantastic job as a preceptor, and his precepts were very helpful and informative. He went over several useful models and extensions to what we did in class in a way which was very useful. However, I would say that it might be helpful to have had more precepts which were dedicated to the course content itself (i.e. providing a review session or two prior to the final exam, providing a summary or overview of some of the challenging course material, going over things that students frequently got wrong on the problem sets, etc.). Perhaps having precepts with somewhat more frequency and alternating between presentations on new models/material and reviews of course material could be a useful set-up for future iterations of the course.
- Amazing job from Joe, very available and responsive to our expectations.
- The precepts were great. I liked that the precept covered interesting papers in the class.
- Going through different papers in precept was fun, and Joe did a great job presenting and facilitating. More chances to work on problems of varying difficulty together (especially early on) would be helpful. For the problem sets, I would have appreciated more pointed feedback on my mistakes and areas of misunderstanding.

POL 349 Political Economy (Undergrad, Fall 2020)

- Precept has been mostly useful, although sometimes it has been a bit hard to focus given its virtual nature. Very easy to zone out
- Enjoyed but often repetitive. Material not great, preceptor a very cool dude.
- Very nice, Joe is one of the most available preceptors I had.
- Joe did a great job in supplementing lecture material and answering remaining questions that we had.