

SUNY Potsdam

Spring 2021 Course Survey

Course: 85884_EVAL_POLS359.001_popovimj_SPRING21: Course Evaluation - INTERNAT MIGRANTS & REFUGEES - Popovic - Spring 2021

Instructor: Michael Popovic *

Response Rate: 12/20 (60.00%)

1 - Reason for taking the course (complete all that apply):				
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses
Major-required	(6)	2	16.67%	
Major-elective	(5)	7	58.33%	
Minor-required	(4)	2	16.67%	
Minor-elective	(3)	1	8.33%	
General Education Requirement	(2)	0	0.00%	
Free Elective	(1)	2	16.67%	
Response Rate		12/20 (60%)		

2 - Class Year:							
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means		
Freshman	(6)	0	0.00%				
Sophomore	(5)	0	0.00%				
Junior	(4)	5	41.67%				
Senior	(3)	7	58.33%				
Graduate	(2)	0	0.00%				
Other	(1)	0	0.00%				
Response Rate		12/20 (60.00%)			Mean	STD	Median
					3.42	0.51	3.00

3 - Expected grade:							
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means		
4.0	(13)	2	16.67%				
3.7	(12)	3	25.00%				
3.3	(11)	3	25.00%				
3.0	(10)	1	8.33%				
2.7	(9)	1	8.33%				
2.3	(8)	0	0.00%				
2.0	(7)	2	16.67%				
1.7	(6)	0	0.00%				
1.3	(5)	0	0.00%				
1.0	(4)	0	0.00%				
0.0	(3)	0	0.00%				
S	(2)	0	0.00%				
U	(1)	0	0.00%				
Response Rate		12/20 (60.00%)			Mean	STD	Median
					10.67	2.06	11.00

4 - I attended class:							
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means		
Always	(5)	6	50.00%				
Frequently	(4)	6	50.00%				
Moderately	(3)	0	0.00%				
Occasionally	(2)	0	0.00%				
Rarely	(1)	0	0.00%				
Response Rate		12/20 (60.00%)			Mean	STD	Median
					4.50	0.52	4.50

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5 - How many hours outside of class did you devote to this course on average per week?									
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means				
9+	(5)	1	8.33%		3.17				
6-8	(4)	3	25.00%						
4-5	(3)	5	41.67%						
2-3	(2)	3	25.00%						
0-1	(1)	0	0.00%						
				0 25 50 100	Question				
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median			
12/20 (60.00%)				3.17	0.94	3.00			

6 - Rate the level of your participation in this course.									
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means				
Very active	(5)	3	25.00%		3.75				
Active	(4)	5	41.67%						
Moderate	(3)	2	16.67%						
Minimal	(2)	2	16.67%						
Not active	(1)	0	0.00%						
				0 25 50 100	Question				
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median			
12/20 (60.00%)				3.75	1.06	4.00			

7 - What overall rating would you give yourself as a student in this course?									
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means				
Excellent	(5)	2	16.67%		3.75				
Good	(4)	6	50.00%						
Adequate	(3)	3	25.00%						
Poor	(2)	1	8.33%						
Very Poor	(1)	0	0.00%						
				0 25 50 100	Question				
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median			
12/20 (60.00%)				3.75	0.87	4.00			

8 - Michael Popovic demonstrates competence in the subject area. -									
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means				
Strongly Agree	(5)	12	100.00%		5.00				
Agree	(4)	0	0.00%						
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%						
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%						
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%						
Does not apply	(0)	0	0.00%						
				0 25 50 100	Question				
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median			
12/20 (60.00%)				5.00	0.00	5.00			

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9 - Michael Popovic's teaching is effective. -

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Strongly Agree	(5)	11	91.67%		
Agree	(4)	1	8.33%		
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%		
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%		
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		
Does not apply	(0)	0	0.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate			Mean	STD	Median
12/20 (60.00%)			4.92	0.29	5.00

10 - Michael Popovic is concerned with students' progress in the course. -

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Strongly Agree	(5)	12	100.00%		
Agree	(4)	0	0.00%		
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%		
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%		
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		
Does not apply	(0)	0	0.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate			Mean	STD	Median
12/20 (60.00%)			5.00	0.00	5.00

11 - Michael Popovic is available to students outside of class -

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Strongly Agree	(5)	10	83.33%		
Agree	(4)	1	8.33%		
Neutral	(3)	1	8.33%		
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%		
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		
Does not apply	(0)	0	0.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate			Mean	STD	Median
12/20 (60.00%)			4.75	0.62	5.00

12 - Examinations relate well to the stated course objectives.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Strongly Agree	(5)	6	50.00%		
Agree	(4)	1	8.33%		
Neutral	(3)	1	8.33%		
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%		
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		
Does not apply	(0)	4	33.33%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate			Mean	STD	Median
12/20 (60.00%)			4.63	0.74	5.00

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13 - The work required in this course relates well to the stated course objectives.									
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means				
Strongly Agree	(5)	12	100.00%		5.00				
Agree	(4)	0	0.00%						
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%						
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%						
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%						
Does not apply	(0)	0	0.00%						
				0	25	50	100	Question	
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median	
12/20 (60.00%)				5.00		0.00		5.00	

14 - Michael Popovic evaluates student performance fairly. -									
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means				
Strongly Agree	(5)	12	100.00%		5.00				
Agree	(4)	0	0.00%						
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%						
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%						
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%						
Does not apply	(0)	0	0.00%						
				0	25	50	100	Question	
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median	
12/20 (60.00%)				5.00		0.00		5.00	

15 - I learned a great deal in this course.									
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means				
Strongly Agree	(5)	12	100.00%		5.00				
Agree	(4)	0	0.00%						
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%						
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%						
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%						
Does not apply	(0)	0	0.00%						
				0	25	50	100	Question	
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median	
12/20 (60.00%)				5.00		0.00		5.00	

16 - Overall rating of Michael Popovic: -									
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means				
Excellent	(5)	12	100.00%		5.00				
Good	(4)	0	0.00%						
Adequate	(3)	0	0.00%						
Poor	(2)	0	0.00%						
Very Poor	(1)	0	0.00%						
				0	25	50	100	Question	
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median	
12/20 (60.00%)				5.00		0.00		5.00	

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17 - THE COURSE: Please comment on course content, requirement or any other aspect of the course.

Response Rate	8/20 (40%)
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- I really enjoyed this course like all of Professor Popovic courses he helps you learn and do outside research. I was able to broaden my horizon about migration and refugee in a new way.
- There was a lot of content in this course, however it was not overwhelming. But I wish there had been more lectures given by the professor.
- The course was an enjoyable and educational one. Given the political times we are living in, I believe this course was the saving grace on what we need to remember that some of us are fighting. I enjoyed the overall course format. Though I struggle a little with the readings on Persuall, everything else was great content. the discussion boards were a saving grace, so were the various methods of receiving information such as videos and text combo, it allowed me personally to learn at my own pace. I am actually living this class capable of remembering information, which I cannot unfortunately says for many of my classes, it is quite a big deal.
- The course being synchronous and online course created certain challenges, however, the course content was shaped sufficiently to overcome these issues. Using Persuall and Moodle forums we were able to participate with other students on sometimes hard to grasp peer-reviewed papers, all the while doing unique exercises like interviews, which allowed for the implementation of information into real-life skills. This course, although plagued by the drawbacks of virtual learning, the shape and plan of the course was set up thoughtfully and allowed for many students to succeed - sometimes rare in other virtual classrooms.
- The course is definitely something that is out of my element which was originally nerve-wracking but ultimately extremely interesting and applicable to many of the things I had learned as a sociology major. It was nice realizing that I'm not as much of a fish out of water as I had thought. Keeping in mind, this is my final semester at SUNY Potsdam and the third (technically second and a half since it started at the halfway point of spring 2020) semester spent online so I am extremely burnt out. The course material seemed to be extremely heavy, however, fitting of an upper-division course. Students must be willing to make a genuine time commitment to the course in order to be successful but it is so jam-packed with valuable information that you could easily learn massive amount of content without truly applying yourself.
- Greatly enjoyed the documentaries required for this class, as actually seeing the impact and lives affected greatly goes with the course material. Readings from the book with taking notes instead of annotations was an easier and better function for me as a student.
- Great course, online format was put together very well. It was organized and all of the assigned work was useful and relevant to the week's topic
- This course was very clearly structured. The work and readings were definitely at 300 level and I learned a great deal. The readings were challenging, but palatable and there was no "busy work". Every assignment was meaningful and helped me contextualize the information being acquired.

18 - THE INSTRUCTOR: Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of Michael Popovic. Would you take another course from this instructor? -

Response Rate	10/20 (50%)
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- Michael has always been a very supportive and encouraging professor, and during this last year we've needed this more than anything. This school year has been hard personally and academically, and without his support and guidance through these crazy times, I don't know what I would've done. This teaching style is so laid back and his passion for each subject truly shines through and makes me love the topics even more.
- He is a very understanding and helpful Professor. I have taken class with him 3 times since the pandemic and he has always been very helpful to me. He gives me advice and helps me get caught up if I am behind, especially when my mental health is not good. I really appreciate him.
- I believe this instructor's teaching method is very effective as I have learned much from this class and others. Professor Popovic is very knowledgeable about every subject he teaches, which is why I have continued to take classes with him.
- Prof Popovic is undoubtedly one of the best professors I have ever had, a true modern day teacher. Him being flexible, quick and mindful thinker that always puts the progress and learning of students first is quite admirable. I believe it is important for teachers to be able to be flexible and still make the environment bearable for students and professor Popovic did just that. Kudos to him for showing that professors that some professors genuinely care about students and that the latter are not just monetary tokens. I hope professor Popovic will continue to teach because he was born to do so. :)
- I would definitely take another course with Professor Popovic. Not only is he passionate and knowledgeable about the subject matter he teaches, but teaches it in a way that is engaging and enjoyable. After taking Professor Popovic again, his biggest strength is being tough on grading and pushing students to do their best work, at the same time, he is available for every student to work through an issue that is halting their successes in the course.
- I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to take a course with Professor Popovic before graduating SUNY Potsdam. He is wholeheartedly one of the fairest and caring professors SUNY Potsdam has to offer. Not only is he extremely knowledgeable (every week he'd require that a student share a news article pertaining to a random country's current migration situation and without skipping a beat he'd be able to share information he has on whatever country was discussed) and passionate about migration but he also is honest with students and wants to provide everyone with the opportunity to pass. This has been an extremely difficult semester for me personally but I have been putting in the effort to submit enough work to earn a decent grade. He has accepted late work and explained that he is also having a hard semester in terms of staying on top of his grading which helps students relate and understand that he does not expect more of us than he does himself. All in all, 10 out of 10 would recommend.
- A wonderful professor whose passionate about the subjects he teaches which translates to a great learning environment. Would take another class with as I know there wouldn't be any moments I wouldn't find interesting or learn something new each class.
- Very good instructor. Provide a lot of care for the students while teaching.
- Michael Popovic is the best teacher in the politics department hands down. As a matter of fact, he is one of the best of all departments and that is a popular opinion. I have so much respect for him as he has done so much for his students and the school during these challenging times. I would take multiple courses with Popovic if I could. He is very understanding of a students needs and is willing to work with them to make sure they succeed. That's one of the best qualities a teacher can have, unlike a lot of the professors I've had at SUNY Potsdam who seemed to be lacking that ability.
- Prof. Popovic is by far my favorite professor in the Politics Department. This is the first class that I have taken with him, but I have seen that he truly cares about the course and his students. Professor Popovic worked to meet the class where we were. Many of us were concerned about one of the learning methods, Perusal, and Professor Popovic worked with us to make sure we were getting the most out of the readings. He restructured the way we engaged with readings, which tremendously helped myself and many other students. Not many professors are willing to do this. It has been an absolute privilege to work Prof. Popovic; my only regret is that I didn't take a class with him sooner!