

SUNY Potsdam
Fall 2020 Course Evaluations

Course: 95089_POLS337.001_popovimj_FALL20: INTERNATIONAL POL ECONOMY - Popovic - Fall 2020
Instructor: Michael Popovic *
Response Rate: 15/19 (78.95%)

1 - Reason for taking the course (complete all that apply):

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses
Major-required	(6)	8	53.33%	
Major-elective	(5)	6	40.00%	
Minor-required	(4)	1	6.67%	
Minor-elective	(3)	1	6.67%	
General Education Requirement	(2)	0	0.00%	
Free Elective	(1)	0	0.00%	
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2 - Class Year:

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Freshman	(6)	0	0.00%			
Sophomore	(5)	1	6.67%			
Junior	(4)	4	26.67%			
Senior	(3)	10	66.67%			
Graduate	(2)	0	0.00%			
Other	(1)	0	0.00%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median
15/19 (78.95%)				3.40	0.63	3.00

3 - Expected grade:

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
4.0	(13)	1	6.67%			
3.7	(12)	4	26.67%			
3.3	(11)	4	26.67%			
3.0	(10)	3	20.00%			
2.7	(9)	1	6.67%			
2.3	(8)	1	6.67%			
2.0	(7)	1	6.67%			
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%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median
15/19 (78.95%)				10.60	1.64	11.00

4 - I attended class:

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Always	(5)	8	53.33%			
Frequently	(4)	6	40.00%			
Moderately	(3)	1	6.67%			
Occasionally	(2)	0	0.00%			
Rarely	(1)	0	0.00%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median
15/19 (78.95%)				4.47	0.64	5.00

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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	6.67%		3.80	Question	
6-8	(4)	10	66.67%				
4-5	(3)	4	26.67%				
2-3	(2)	0	0.00%				
0-1	(1)	0	0.00%				
				0 25 50 100			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median	
15/19 (78.95%)				3.80	0.56	4.00	

6 - Rate the level of your participation in this course.							
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means		
Very active	(5)	1	6.67%		3.47	Question	
Active	(4)	7	46.67%				
Moderate	(3)	5	33.33%				
Minimal	(2)	2	13.33%				
Not active	(1)	0	0.00%				
				0 25 50 100			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median	
15/19 (78.95%)				3.47	0.83	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	13.33%		3.93	Question	
Good	(4)	10	66.67%				
Adequate	(3)	3	20.00%				
Poor	(2)	0	0.00%				
Very Poor	(1)	0	0.00%				
				0 25 50 100			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median	
15/19 (78.95%)				3.93	0.59	4.00	

8 - Michael Popovic demonstrates competence in the subject area. -							
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means		
Strongly Agree	(5)	14	93.33%		4.93	Question	
Agree	(4)	1	6.67%				
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			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median	
15/19 (78.95%)				4.93	0.26	5.00	

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9 - Michael Popovic's teaching is effective. -					
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Strongly Agree	(5)	13	86.67%		4.87
Agree	(4)	2	13.33%		
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
15/19 (78.95%)			4.87	0.35	5.00

10 - Michael Popovic is concerned with students' progress in the course. -					
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Strongly Agree	(5)	13	86.67%		4.87
Agree	(4)	2	13.33%		
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
15/19 (78.95%)			4.87	0.35	5.00

11 - Michael Popovic is available to students outside of class -					
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Strongly Agree	(5)	13	86.67%		4.80
Agree	(4)	1	6.67%		
Neutral	(3)	1	6.67%		
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
15/19 (78.95%)			4.80	0.56	5.00

12 - Examinations relate well to the stated course objectives.					
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Strongly Agree	(5)	10	66.67%		4.83
Agree	(4)	2	13.33%		
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%		
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%		
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		
Does not apply	(0)	3	20.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate			Mean	STD	Median
15/19 (78.95%)			4.83	0.39	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	80.00%		4.80		Question		
Agree	(4)	3	20.00%						
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					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median			
15/19 (78.95%)				4.80	0.41	5.00			

14 - Michael Popovic evaluates student performance fairly. -									
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means				
Strongly Agree	(5)	14	93.33%		4.93		Question		
Agree	(4)	1	6.67%						
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					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median			
15/19 (78.95%)				4.93	0.26	5.00			

15 - I learned a great deal in this course.									
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means				
Strongly Agree	(5)	14	93.33%		4.93		Question		
Agree	(4)	1	6.67%						
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					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median			
15/19 (78.95%)				4.93	0.26	5.00			

16 - Overall rating of Michael Popovic: -									
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means				
Excellent	(5)	14	93.33%		4.93		Question		
Good	(4)	1	6.67%						
Adequate	(3)	0	0.00%						
Poor	(2)	0	0.00%						
Very Poor	(1)	0	0.00%						
				0 25 50 100					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median			
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17 - THE COURSE: Please comment on course content, requirement or any other aspect of the course.

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- The course was amazing! A light spot in a very dark time and semester.
- The course is very interesting and I like the knowledge I've gained from his course.
- this course was so interesting to me. Professor Popovic did a greta job in every aspect of this country. I learned so much and he was always making sure not students will fall behind.
- I really enjoyed that this class had structure that was consistent throughout the 15 weeks. It is extremely hard to manage a group of students during a pandemic and I think that professor Popovic did a really great job doing so. I would have enjoyed a bit less reading, or maybe sectioned differently but overall, professor Popovic did a great job.
- I really liked the structure of the course and the work load wasn't anything too crazy. I liked the consistency and the weekly zoom meeting.
- I think the layout of the course was well organized and although the workload may be heavy at times it was always doable. I think the readings were heavy at times but after you got over that hurdle the exercise and reflection were very much easy to complete. I think also having a news forum helped to keep us up to date with the news of the world as it pulled us away from focusing on coursework 24/7 whether studying from home or on campus. Having a zoom meeting once a week also helped to keep students active and allowed for interaction that some may not have noticed they truly needed. If the course were asynchronous I'm sure I would've fallen behind in readings and other course content.
- This is a fantastic and, arguably, necessary course for all students. I learned so much about the world we live in today. The only recommendation I have is to be wary of the workload as tasks tend to take longer and/or be more strenuous due to the online format.
- The readings were very detailed and had a lot of information which helped me further my understanding of the subject. The lectures also went along with the readings, and with current events which I enjoyed. I wish there could have been more lectures, even a short lecture to go along with the readings.
- I found the course very enjoyable. I am not a fan of the online setting but I feel that this class closely resembled previous courses I have taken with Dr. Popovic. The material presented to us was relevant and our face to face meetings allowed us time to ask questions.
- I very much enjoyed the layout of the course, the constancy of the material and due dates, and the straight-forward layout of what needs to be done. It was very easy to see what needed to be done when and the work needed to be completed was challenging in a good way, the material really made you think. Like the Oatley text and doing the policy exercises, and reading the Frieden text and getting a full encapsulated aspect of international political economy. Because to learn the full spectrum, its economics, politics, and a great deal of history. I would also like to thank Professor Popovic for his dedication and help during this very difficult semester for all of us and understanding how much grief has been going on with the recent political climate and the pandemic. His teaching style was not only helpful and cohesive, but he was very understanding about late work and things coming up and genuinely cared about each and every one of us personally and academically and strived for us to do our best work.
- The course content made me think more about IPE and the videos of Sachs were very interesting to watch.

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

Response Rate	10/19 (52.63%)
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- Professor Popovic excelled in transiting the class online as well as spending time to make sure he was there for his students.
- Thank you for being understanding.
- I would take another class with this professor.
- This is the second class I've taken with him. I really like the way he structures his courses and I feel as though he genuinely cares for the students. I like that he always asks what could be done better and is flexible and understanding.
- I would definitely take another course with Michael. His teaching skills are organized and effective as well as the fact that he easy to reach out to. He may take a day to respond to an email but he's very much quick to help when you ask for it.
- Dr. Popovic is a fantastic professor. He is extremely knowledgeable about his topic(s) of study and is really good at explaining things. Additionally, he has fantastic material for students to study from. Also, he has the most organized and consistent classes out of any professor I've had this year. This level of consistency has been extremely helpful for me this semester. He should be praised for this and other professors should seek to emulate his class-structure during the COVID-times.
- Professor Popovic is always available to his students and takes into consideration their needs. He was very flexible with assignments this semester which was noted and appreciated. I would definitely take another course from this instructor.
- I had the pleasure of taking a course with Dr. Popovic in 2005 when he taught for a semester. I returned to SUNY Potsdam in 2019 and was really amazed at far how he had grown as a professor. I have really enjoyed my courses with him. He and I do not share the same political beliefs but I have always felt that he valued the discourse as much as I have. His classes have a friendly atmosphere and everyone is welcome, regardless of political affiliations. I can't really name any weaknesses. I am sure he has a few but after 3 courses with him I have not noticed them. Not the easiest professor as far as work load but does not ask more than we can handle. I look forward to taking another class with him next semester.
- All strengths are listed above. The only weakness of the course is maybe recording the Friday lecture and posting that and the discussion and look back at that to be able to rewatch and reflect.
- Professor Popovic explained everything perfectly if there was ever a confusion and it helped me understand more of the topics.