

School of the Art Institute of Chicago
2020 Fall

Course: SOCSCI3508: Politics in the U.S.
Instructor: Matthew Nelsen *
Response Rate: 7/22 (31.82 %)

1 - Did you engage in this course primarily in-person or primarily online?						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
In-person	(1)	0	0.00%		2.00 	
Online	(2)	7	100.00%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
Response Rate		Mean		STD		Median
7/22 (31.82%)		2.00		0.00		2.00

2 - If online, was your engagement primarily synchronous or asynchronous?						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Synchronous	(1)	6	100.00%		1.00 	
Asynchronous	(2)	0	0.00%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
Response Rate		Mean		STD		Median
6/22 (27.27%)		1.00		0.00		1.00

3 - I engaged with ideas or perspectives that deepened and/or expanded my thinking. 1 = no, 10 = yes						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
1	(1)	0	0.00%		10.00 	
2	(2)	0	0.00%			
3	(3)	0	0.00%			
4	(4)	0	0.00%			
5	(5)	0	0.00%			
6	(6)	0	0.00%			
7	(7)	0	0.00%			
8	(8)	0	0.00%			
9	(9)	0	0.00%			
10	(10)	7	100.00%			
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
Response Rate		Mean		STD		Median
7/22 (31.82%)		10.00		0.00		10.00

4 - I learned concepts, processes and/or techniques that contributed to the development of my work. 1 = no, 10 = yes						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
1	(1)	0	0.00%		9.43 	
2	(2)	0	0.00%			
3	(3)	0	0.00%			
4	(4)	0	0.00%			
5	(5)	0	0.00%			
6	(6)	0	0.00%			
7	(7)	0	0.00%			
8	(8)	2	28.57%			
9	(9)	0	0.00%			
10	(10)	5	71.43%			
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
Response Rate		Mean		STD		Median
7/22 (31.82%)		9.43		0.98		10.00

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5 - The content, activities, projects, and structure supported the learning outcomes stated in the course syllabus. 1 = no, 10 = yes						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
1	(1)	0	0.00%		9.86	
2	(2)	0	0.00%			
3	(3)	0	0.00%			
4	(4)	0	0.00%			
5	(5)	0	0.00%			
6	(6)	0	0.00%			
7	(7)	0	0.00%			
8	(8)	0	0.00%			
9	(9)	1	14.29%			
10	(10)	6	85.71%			
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median
7/22 (31.82%)				9.86	0.38	10.00

6 - Please provide an example of one or more valuable things you gained while taking this course (such as an idea, way of thinking, creative strategy, technical skill, etc.).	
Response Rate	1/22 (4.55%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I learned just how intricate our government is. How one bill or vote or law can cause a series of effects like dominoes. It makes me realize that I should be paying more attention to the news around me and become more involved with politics, because I've been shown the huge impact it can have on our day to day lives and once that has been revealed, it can't be ignored. 	

7 - Did your ability to communicate ideas verbally (writing/speaking) improve as a result of this course? 1 = no, 10 = yes						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
1	(1)	0	0.00%		9.86	
2	(2)	0	0.00%			
3	(3)	0	0.00%			
4	(4)	0	0.00%			
5	(5)	0	0.00%			
6	(6)	0	0.00%			
7	(7)	0	0.00%			
8	(8)	0	0.00%			
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N/A	(0)	0	0.00%			
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8 - Approximately how much money did you spend on required course-related materials?	
Response Rate	4/22 (18.18%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> none, all of the readings were either PDFs, podcasts, or documentaries 0 0 0 	

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9 - How would you describe this course to a fellow student? What might they gain from taking this course?

Response Rate 4/22 (18.18%)

- As a non-american, the content of this class was very new to me. However, Matt made it very very easy to understand the content.
- You will be taught relevant information about today's U.S politics with the background information to help you understand. It will be easy for you to be ingaed with class conversations and is easy to ask questions if you are confused.
- Really great discussions, I highly recommend this class
- Learning about the real underbelly of how our government works. Not just basic civics, but rather the impact your government has and all the b-side stuff our history books have neglected to tell us. The course will give someone a better understanding of our country and how it will effect them, and most importantly shows why it is important to stay up to date and involved in the politics around you.

10 - Is there anything else you want us to know regarding the course, curriculum, or facilities/resources?

Response Rate 1/22 (4.55%)

- nope

11 - The instructor was on time and prepared.1 = no, 10 = yes

Matthew Nelsen

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4	(4)	0	0.00%			
5	(5)	0	0.00%			
6	(6)	0	0.00%			
7	(7)	0	0.00%			
8	(8)	0	0.00%			
9	(9)	0	0.00%			
10	(10)	7	100.00%			
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%			
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12 - The instructor encouraged the class to engage with a range of perspectives in discussions and/or critiques.1 = no, 10 = yes

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N/A	(0)	0	0.00%			
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- He answered all of our questions, no matter if they were "dumb" or unanswerable. He made politics seem interesting and encouraged us to speak our opinions. He made discussions easy and engaging, and they became something to look forward to every week.

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13 - The instructor fostered a respectful, inclusive and equitable learning environment. 1 = no, 10 = yes									
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6	(6)	0	0.00%						
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9	(9)	0	0.00%						
10	(10)	7	100.00%						
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%						
Response Rate			Mean		STD		Median		
7/22 (31.82%)			10.00		0.00		10.00		

14 - The instructor communicated clearly and responded to requests for information in a reasonable amount of time. 1 = no, 10 = yes									
Matthew Nelsen									
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10	(10)	7	100.00%						
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%						
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7/22 (31.82%)			10.00		0.00		10.00		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Really appreciated the comments he left on each assignment. Made me feel validated, and like he was actually interested in what I had to say. 									

15 - Is there anything else that you believe would be helpful for us to know?	
Response Rate	2/22 (9.09%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This class was wonderful and Matt is a great teacher. He is very attentive, very professional, and responds to questions and queries quickly. I would definitely recommend this class to anyone who wants to expand their understanding of American politics • Yes! Another thing I liked about the instructor is that he seemed proud of us. For our knowledge, insights, answers, he seemed to genuinely enjoy them. The praise and the encouragement we received from him was a huge part, to me, in the interest I held in this class. I feel like, for politics, it's so easy to look down on someone, or write someone off if they aren't as involved in politics. But no matter how much we knew or didn't know, Matthew Nelsen always made sure to highlight a good point we made or discuss our ideas further. I feel like it was a very effective way to teach a politics class. It kept me engaged and definitely helped me want to stay up to date on politics outside of class. 	