

2018-19 Semester 2 - Introduction to Political Theory

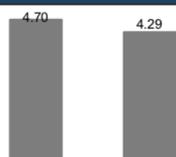
4 - Prof/Dr. Joseph Roberts's teaching was excellent. -								
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Agree	(5)	18	81.82%		4.77			
Mostly Agree	(4)	3	13.64%			4.21		
Neither Agree nor Disagree	(3)	1	4.55%					
Mostly Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
I have not been taught by this lecturer	(0)	0	0.00%					
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Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	School BM Data		Mean	STD	Median
22/523 (4.21%)	4.77	0.53	5.00	4737		4.21	1.11	5.00

Comments:

- I liked the way the lectures slides were made. The structure and delivery made it easier to follow.
- He provides some very thought provoking ideas to keep people engaged with the topics.
- Offered multiple interpretations of different scholars to help us gain a greater understanding on the subject. Very helpful when going over plan for essay. Very friendly so made me feel comfortable in the tutorial.
- Lecture slides
- Really engaging, charismatic tutorial leader which made for a more comfortable, social environment. Made the topics understandable and more interesting than what was taught in lectures.
- The tutorials were amazing, excellent teaching and organisation. I have really loved the slides, clear, visually appealing, full of content and funny. The fact that they were sent at the beginning of the week really helped me with my reading to really understand which were the main points of the topic and were to focus.
- His explanation of the different topics learnt in the tutorials using interesting and diverse ways each tutorial. Good class atmosphere easy to voice opinion and discuss matters.
- As a tutor, I found Joseph extremely friendly and helpful. Throughout the unit, he ensured that the content remained engaging and I felt comfortable speaking to the group in his tutorials. Not only was this beneficial to me but as others also expressed their own views, it allowed me to think in different ways about the topics of discussion and gain a more rounded, complete understanding.
- Very passionate, engaging and genuinely interested in encouraging the discussions we would have in our tutorials
- He was so engaging and interesting when conducting group discussions in the tutorials and this was very helpful for formulating my own ideas and arguments that I will be able to use in my exam answers.
- Lecture slides were useful as they better facilitated discussion within the tutorial - I was not preoccupied with making such notes as they were already provided.
- In our seminars he was amazing, he really helped explain topics we were unsure of and helped stimulate debate amongst us which then helped me formulate answers for essays etc
- very interactive tutorials, always respectful to everyone's view and encouraged discussion. I liked the tutorial slides also, helped me understand concepts through funny pictures
- His lectures and tutorials were fantastic. He made them very interactive. Moreover, he was very helpful and helped to clarify every problems regarding course and concepts that were discussed.
- He was very organised and helpful and easy to approach. He made the seminars very interesting.
- I really enjoyed having Joseph as my tutorial leader. He came well prepared to every tutorial and led the discussion in a good and professional way. The tutorial slides he provided was also very helpful.

- -very engaging delivery -clear and comprehensive slides provided before tutorials helping to break down the dense reading - always encouraged interesting conversation/debates within tutorials - provided helpful advice during essay writing week and exams
- He always gave a lot of examples to explain the arguments/concepts and these examples were of real life situations, which made them easy to understand. He also encourages us to get involved a lot and to lead the discussion ourselves.

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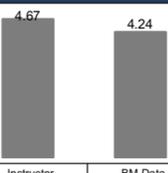
4 - Prof/Dr. Joseph Roberts's teaching was excellent.							
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means		
Agree	(5)	17	73.91%			4.70	4.29
Mostly Agree	(4)	5	21.74%				
Neither Agree nor Disagree	(3)	1	4.35%				
Mostly Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%				
Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%				
I have not been taught by this lecturer	(0)	0	0.00%				
				0 25 50 100	Question	School BM Data	
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	School BM Data	Mean	STD	Median
23/166 (13.86%)	4.70	0.56	5.00	6103	4.29	1.02	5.00

Comments:

- Knowledgeable about his topics and explains them in a way which conveys depth without being too complicated to understand
- Before delving straight into the tutorial asking us what we had difficulty with is good because it made sure the tutorial was focused where we needed it to be • Informal approach, open discussions, not bound by a strict plan
- I think he is one of the best tutors at the university and I tend to be harsh with my feedback. For each topic, he provides us with some additional examples and thought experiments to take note of which really allow us to think and delve further into each topic. His style of teaching is the best type, explanation followed by discussion followed by additional information. Overall, I would say it has been my best tutorial at university so far.
- entertaining lecture and easy to follow points
- I found him interesting, with lots of knowledge that was not written down on the slides. I like this and find it good as it means I am not just copying down things on the slides, but perhaps maybe not so that's not on the slides as they seemed to be potentially key bits of information.
- Engaging & interesting tutorials. He gave explanations to hard things & made all the topics really interesting. His essay feedback was also really beneficial - Thank you!
- The tutorials were just really good. Joseph was funny, he created a very relaxed tutorial environment which I think encouraged more people to speak which really improved the quality of the debates (of course). He summarised readings well and he explained anything people were unclear on well - a tutorial I actually looked forward to!
- He is a very good seminar taker. His lecture was interesting and engaging.
- I really liked how he can simplify with examples hard topics to make us better understand them
- Joseph was my tutor - he ensured every tutorial was effective to us and offered feedback hours when we needed it.
- Teaching was excellent! I loved the lectures for UBI and I felt that your passion really drove the tutorials! Thank you so much for a good semester. Your tutorial really made the module as a whole much more enjoyable. Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!!

- very engaging to listen to, a good amount of detail was given on the lecture slides so you didn't have to write down quotes/names only the key points of the lecture.
- hes the best lecturer I have had at university, he was concise in his lecture slides but was able to diverge away into broader knowledge to make it more interesting and broaden the debate. His delivery was entertaining as well as interesting.
- Joe's teaching is very dynamic and engaging. He brings the readings into the discussion yet he appreciates external examples, such as anecdotes or further research. One issue, however, happened when I was planning my essay. I had chosen an essay question, made a plan and discussed it with him. He said it was a good approach and gave me useful feedback except for the fact that I had framed the question in the completely wrong way and he failed to pick up on that. I only realised this 1000 words into my essay and the evening before the deadline. This caused me immense stress and worry. Luckily I received a 58 on my essay but I would have been able to achieve a higher mark with the right time and information to do so.
- gave good feedback on essay and how to improve them tutorials were really helpful and explained difficult topics well
- Jospheh is one of the best tutors I have ever had. His way of engaging the students and summarising the content is unique and very helpful. I especially enjoy his power point presentations as well as his style. Jospheh is very good at leading a discussion, following students' input and asking the right questions so that students can raise the questions they have about the reading and explain things to each other. His UBI lecture was similarly good and interesting. Thank you!
- The way the tutorials were organised, the style of debate he encouraged, taking into consideration every point brought to the discussion, regardless of its relevance and validity. Great in-person feedback, truly helpful. Beautiful powerpoints too.
- The way he structures the tutorials based on open discussion and critical questioning of the issues was fantastic and really motivated me to learn, I think many TAs could learn from his methods, as too many others end up being too fixated on analysing the specifics from readings, which ends up being rather limitative. Instead Joe was great at making us think outside the box and discuss arguments. His attitude is also great and it was a pleasure to go to his tutorials.

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Agree	(5)	11	73.33%			Instructor	BM Data
Mostly Agree	(4)	3	20.00%				
Neither Agree nor Disagree	(3)	1	6.67%				
Mostly Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%				
Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%				
I have not been taught by this lecturer	(0)	0	0.00%				
				0 25 50 100			
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	BM Data	Mean	STD	Median
15/525 (2.86%)	4.67	0.62	5.00	3636	4.24	1.06	5.00

Comments:

- Very engaging, enthusiastic and informative.
- He was very encouraging and very good at providing counter arguments to help us develop our own arguments.
- He explained things if you didnt understand
- His tutorials are great. I don't particularly like speaking in front of other people however I feel confident enough to talk in his tutorials, mainly because he listens to your point and makes everything relevant to the discussion. He also doesn't pressure people into talking which is great, but does encourage people to talk.
- His explanations in class

- discussion
- very good slides and clear explanations of the topics during tutorials, focusing on the most important notions. funny examples for better understanding of the concepts.
- His tutorials were extraordinarily excellent. The short power point presentations were useful. They did not include unnecessary information and were well structured as were all of his tutorials. The structure of his tutorials was extremely helpful to understand what is important. He often gave a short version of the author's argument in his own words in the power point which was enlightening. He led the tutorial discussions in a very enjoyable way encouraging everyone to raise their hands and making us feel confident. He also achieved to link the students' ideas to his presentation and made the sessions interactive but at the same time very productive. I prefer his way of teaching in front of the group while asking many questions to group work because I feel the latter is often far less productive. Thank you very much for the great tutorials. Without Joseph Roberts I would not have enjoyed political theory as much as I have.
- The topics are interesting although they sometimes appeared very abstract. I liked the fact that we attempted to answer questions which I had asked myself since I was a child or an adolescent. I was curious and I am still curious to find out more about political philosophy. I particularly liked the way of thinking in this subject. Some tutorials with Joseph Roberts have been very interesting because some of my fellow students came up with good ideas and questions.

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Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses					Means		
Agree	(5)	4	66.67%							Instructor	School BM Data
Mostly Agree	(4)	1	16.67%								
Neither Agree nor Disagree	(3)	0	0%								
Mostly Disagree	(2)	0	0%								
Disagree	(1)	0	0%								
I have not been taught by this lecturer	(0)	1	16.67%								
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median	School BM Data	Mean	STD	Median				
6/179 (3.35%)	4.80	0.45	5.00	6,103	4.25	1.05	5.00				

Comments:

- his enthusiasm and attentiveness
- Our seminars involved really good discussion about the topics and I was able to speak my mind without feeling nervous. He not only accommodated the debates put was friendly with us in a way that made debating the topics more comfortable.
- I thoroughly enjoyed Dr Roberts teaching. Every tutorial he was enthusiastic and encouraged the group to speak out. I thought he brought good ideas to the tutorials and challenged our own, making the tutorials very effective. He made a course which I thought I wasn't going to like much more enjoyable.

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Agree	(5)	3	100%							Instructor	School BM Data
Mostly Agree	(4)	0	0%								
Neither Agree nor Disagree	(3)	0	0%								
Mostly Disagree	(2)	0	0%								
Disagree	(1)	0	0%								
I have not been taught by this lecturer	(0)	0	0%								
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median	School BM Data	Mean	STD	Median				
3/496 (0.6%)	5.00	0.00	5.00	5,165	4.24	1.05	5.00				

Comments:

He takes his time to make sure everybody understands what has been covered and doesn't mind explaining concepts in easier terms for the students. Seminars are very informative and he uses great examples that really help to solidify understanding. He also gives everyone an opportunity to say what they think and is always willing to listen and try to understand everyone's input, offering constructive criticism if something that has been said wasn't quite right, which helps us to maintain our confidence when speaking in seminars whilst still being able to learn from our mistakes. A great seminar tutor

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Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses			Means			
Agree	(5)	5	35.71%	[Bar chart showing 35.71%]			3.93			
Mostly Agree	(4)	6	42.86%	[Bar chart showing 42.86%]			4.20			
Neither Agree nor Disagree	(3)	1	7.14%	[Bar chart showing 7.14%]						
Mostly Disagree	(2)	1	7.14%	[Bar chart showing 7.14%]						
Disagree	(1)	1	7.14%	[Bar chart showing 7.14%]						
I have not been taught by this lecturer	(0)	0	0%	[Bar chart showing 0%]						
				0	25	50	75	100	Instructor	School BM Data
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median	School BM Data			Mean	STD	Median	
14/185 (7.57%)	3.93	1.21	4.00	7.786			4.20	1.08	5.00	

Comments:

He gives us slides in the class but also we have really good discussions/debates in seminars

- Dr. Robert's tutorials are extremely engaging. Even if i was unsure of knowledge on a particular lecture topic I have always left the tutorials feeling like I have increased my knowledge and also contributed to the discussion.
- I think he has a nice balance between talking and letting students discuss in the tutorials, he also engages with students comments and ideas. His powerpoint slides are very helpful especially when it comes to revising and most tutors don't take the time to do this.
- The tutorial where we in depth picked apart Huemers argument was useful prep for the exam
- I never felt like I was giving a "stupid answer" and Joseph always helped challenge and strengthen my arguments in a way that felt constructive without being critical. When I went for extra help, Joseph was really useful.
- Made tutorials interesting and I always left feeling like i understood the content
- Mr Roberts seemed passionate by the subjects and themes he taught us during the semester. His enthusiasm was obvious and made the quality of its teaching very detailed and interesting. It was a true challenge to be in his tutorial as an International student and a real pleasure.