

**Instructional Assistant Student Evaluation of Teaching for Duong Thi Thuy Pham  
Department of Political Science**

POLI 11D - Intro/Poli Sci:Compar Politics (Ferree, Karen E)  
Fall 2024

Number of Evaluations Submitted: 30  
Number of Students Enrolled: 204

1. The Instructional Assistant used instructional methods in section and/or office hours that helped me learn and engage with the course material.

25 (83.3%): Strongly Agree  
5 (16.7%): Agree  
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

2. The sections led by this Instructional Assistant were well-coordinated with other components of this class (e.g., lecture, lab, assignments, etc.).

26 (86.7%): Strongly Agree  
3 (10.0%): Agree  
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
1 (3.3%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

3. The Instructional Assistant communicated effectively.

24 (82.8%): Strongly Agree  
4 (13.8%): Agree  
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
1 (3.4%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable  
1: [No Response]

4. The Instructional Assistant provided constructive feedback on my work.

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| 22 (73.3%): | Strongly Agree             |
| 6 (20.0%):  | Agree                      |
| 1 (3.3%):   | Neither Agree Nor Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Disagree                   |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Strongly Disagree          |
| 1 (3.3%):   | Not Applicable             |

5. The Instructional Assistant created a welcoming and supportive learning environment.

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| 25 (83.3%): | Strongly Agree             |
| 5 (16.7%):  | Agree                      |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Neither Agree Nor Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Disagree                   |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Strongly Disagree          |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Not Applicable             |

6. The Instructional Assistant generally began and ended section/lab/office hours on time.

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|-------------|----------------------------|
| 25 (83.3%): | Strongly Agree             |
| 4 (13.3%):  | Agree                      |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Neither Agree Nor Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Disagree                   |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Strongly Disagree          |
| 1 (3.3%):   | Not Applicable             |

7. Please describe any practices that the Instructional Assistant specifically used that created or interfered with a welcoming and supportive learning environment.

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- A supportive and creative environment was definitely created. I enjoyed being in this discussion as it was very interactive with all students.
- Always attentive, always on time. Seems more like a great Professor, rather than a TA.
- Created a welcoming and supportive working environment.
- Discussion sections were very engaging and helped me learn and retain course material very well
- Duong always worked to ensure a welcoming and supportive learning environment. They made sure that students felt comfortable to ask questions and facilitated effective communication between section students.
- Duong created a welcoming and supportive learning environment by being the person that she is. I loved her energy. Sometimes, you need a kindergarten teacher vibe from an instructor/instructional assistant to help you feel engaged, welcomed, and at peace.

- Duong did a phenomenal job at including the class but not making anyone feel not as smart as anyone else for not understanding, and emphasized the importance of asking questions.
- Duong Pham allowed everyone's opinions on the discussion to be valued which made very discussion a very supporting and welcoming learning environment.
- Duong was a very wonderful and kind TA. I learned a lot in section with group discussions, class discussions, and kahoot games that genuinely elevated my learning
- Facilitated productive discussions, offered support for students, had ice-breakers
- provided positive space to talk about feelings during tough times. Also had a general positive attitude.
- The main thing was always being open when I wanted to work on improving my writing for the next midterm, as well as giving me good feedback.
- They were so well spoken and approached sensitive subjects with such care and support.
- Yes. She was so nice and made it a safe space

8. Please describe any practices that the Instructional Assistant specifically used that particularly helped you to learn the material and/or encouraged you to feel that you could succeed in the course.

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- All of the IAs were amazing in this course. They hosted review sessions before exams and explained everything very cleverly. I remember attending one of the review sessions. Duong, even though they was not my assigned IA, was great in helping clarify course material I didn't understand.
- Allowed students to engage with course material and explained it in new ways
- Duong helped me learn the material with kahoots, slides, drawings on the board, and through her explanations.
- Duong had a very effective teaching style, where they would do a summary of the weeks material but also relate it to the overall themes of the class.
- Duong had very thorough slides and mini-lectures that effectively was engaging and wonderful review for POLI 11D
- Easy to communicate with and provided various resources to succeed in the course
- I found that sections always effectively synthesized the most important parts of lecture and readings. It was one of the most helpful aspects of this class in terms of preparedness for quizzes.
- Posted slides for every discussion week, always answers questions.
- She included fun activities such as Kahoot and slides where we could get included and ask questions whenever needed. I always left discussion more informed about the material than entering class.
- The discussions had every week allowed me to recall what had been said in the lectures. These discussions helped so much in memorizing the key topics of each week. Additionally, in having

these intellectual conversations that applied concepts from the course, I felt that these discussions had effectively left everyone attending with further knowledge in politics.

- The in-class activities helped me to learn the material.
- The same situation where they were certain in my skills to get a good grade on my second midterm.
- The way that material was presented, games, discussions, and group conversations were so well done. They all tied in course material and helped clear up uncertainty on subjects.
- variety in terms of discussion activities
- Was always eager to help and encouraged us to do well.
- Yes.

9. Please offer constructive suggestions that might help the Instructional Assistant improve their contribution to your learning of the course material.

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- Doung you are an amazing instructional assistant. Continue to be yourself.
- Honestly, she is already good in everything.
- I have absolutely no notes the discussion section was incredible.
- I have nothing to suggest
- I think maybe Elaborate more deeply into the harder concepts
- Maybe more discussion and less review
- No real complaints. Not even nitpicks.
- Nothing I really enjoyed everything.
- Perhaps more engaging activities like Kahoot to help practice more midterm. Also just more instruction on best ways to approach the midterm, etc.

10. Is there anything else you would like to share about your experience with this Instructional Assistant?

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- Amazing IA. Would recommend to others.
- Doung was an amazing instructor, who brought enthusiasm to our discussion sections and made the content very engaging.
- Duong Pham is a wonderful IA, I hope to say in contact as I continue my journey in politics.
- Duong was great, and I don't have any constructive criticism to give!

- Excellent TA! Very thorough in answering questions and teaching discussion sections.
- Great TA!
- I had a pleasant experience and I am very glad I got Duong as a TA.
- It was a very pleasant one! They are a great TA.
- Just overall an awesome person! Really appreciate you
- One of the best TAs/IAs I've had overall as a third year and probably the best one I've had in the Political Science department. Very enthusiastic and does an incredible job of incorporating different learning styles into discussion sections. Cannot emphasize enough how good of a job they did.
- She's was amazing. You can tell how passionate she is. 10/10
- They were absolutely incredible.
- They were present at every lecture. Even though I wasn't assigned to their sections, I could tell what a great IA they were. They extended beyond their section students and was happy to assist anyone who needed extra support.
- Very kind and thoughtful, you can tell they are passionate about the topic and teaching.
- very personable. Great TA

11. What was/were your reason(s) for taking this course?

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| 23 (62.2%): | Major/Program Requirement   |
| 1 (2.7%):   | Minor   |
| 7 (18.9%):  | College General Education   |
| 1 (2.7%):   | Elective  |
| 5 (13.5%):  | Interest  |
| 0 (0.0%):   | American History and Institutions (AHI) Requirement                         |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Undergraduate Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Requirement (DEI) Requirement |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Jane Teranes Climate Change Education Requirement (JTCCER)                  |

12. How frequently did you interact with the Instructional Assistant **IN THE SECTION?**

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| 16 (53.3%): | Frequently     |
| 11 (36.7%): | Sometimes      |
| 1 (3.3%):   | Seldom         |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Never          |
| 2 (6.7%):   | Not Applicable |

13. How frequently did you interact with the Instructional Assistant **DURING OFFICE HOURS** ?

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| 2 (6.7%):   | Frequently     |
| 5 (16.7%):  | Sometimes      |
| 3 (10.0%):  | Seldom         |
| 15 (50.0%): | Never          |
| 5 (16.7%):  | Not Applicable |

14. How frequently did you interact with the Instructional Assistant **VIA EMAIL**?

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|-------------|----------------|
| 2 (6.7%):   | Frequently     |
| 12 (40.0%): | Sometimes      |
| 5 (16.7%):  | Seldom         |
| 9 (30.0%):  | Never          |
| 2 (6.7%):   | Not Applicable |

15. How frequently did you interact with the Instructional Assistant **VIA THE COURSE DISCUSSION BOARD**?

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| 2 (6.7%):   | Frequently     |
| 6 (20.0%):  | Sometimes      |
| 1 (3.3%):   | Seldom         |
| 11 (36.7%): | Never          |
| 10 (33.3%): | Not Applicable |

16. How often did you receive feedback from this instructional assistant on assignments/exams/papers?

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| 19 (65.5%): | Frequently     |
| 6 (20.7%):  | Sometimes      |
| 2 (6.9%):   | Seldom         |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Never          |
| 2 (6.9%):   | Not Applicable |
| 1:          | [No Response]  |

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