

2017 Mid-Semester Course Evaluation (Unofficial):

THE NONPROFIT & VOLUNTARY SECTOR (SPEAV221)

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Administered to: mid-level undergraduate course with 48 enrolled students at time of evaluation

Lecture Style

Anonymous

In general, the pace of the class lecture is...

- A Too fast 9**
- B About right 38**
- C Too slow 1**

Scale 1-100

Anonymous

On a scale of 1 to 100, how do you rank me as a professor (1=worst you've had; 50=average; 100=best you've had)?

Average 83.3 (min 50, max 99)

Clarity

Anonymous

In general, the level of clarity of Mr. D's explanations is...

- A Clear 18**
- B Somewhat clear 26**
- C Unclear 1**
- D Inconsistent 3**

Motivation

Anonymous

Agree/Disagree: Mr. D motivates me to do my best work.

- A Strongly Agree 25**
- B Agree 23**
- C Disagree 0**
- D Strongly Disagree 0**

MORE of this...

Anonymous

Which one of the following should Mr. D do MORE often in class?

- A Top Hat 6**
- B Partner/Small Group Breakouts 4**
- C Multimedia 17**
- D Lecture 7**
- E Games & Simulations 14**

LESS of that...

Anonymous

Which one of the following should Mr. D do LESS often in class?

- A Top Hat 5**
- B Partner/Small Group Breakouts 18**
- C Multimedia 3**
- D Lecture 14**
- E Games & Simulations 7**

Discussion Responses – What Can Be Done Better:

- I think that this class has been very constructive. One thing that irritates me is that everything is out of x000 (thousand) points; honestly I think that that's just too big of a number and hard to conceptualize! If you drop a 0 it'll be much more manageable and visual. Other than that, I've enjoyed the class periods and the constant applications of concepts in class.
- I really appreciate the time and energy you invest in this class. You have your own work to do, yet I feel like you make this class a priority. You are passionate and knowledgeable. I am enjoying the discussions and class concepts. I think my only wish is that we had more time to really digest the topics and master them. I tend to feel rushed, especially near the end of class, to retain some of the more complex concepts without much time to process them. Your explanations make sense, but sometimes you breeze through concepts that could be discussed at more length. Maybe incorporating TopHat more often would help. Thank you again for being so dedicated, giving us thorough feedback on assignments and challenging us to improve.
- You're really engaged and clearly care a lot about the class and what you are teaching. It helps when you take the time to explain theories more in depth using TopHat or examples. I wish there were more TopHat questions during class as it was in the beginning of the semester because they really helped me focus and stay engaged. I don't really like the groupwork because I think a lot of the time the groups are too big and we just aren't clear on what we are supposed to be doing. Overall, I really enjoy your class!
- I really enjoy coming to this class every other day, and I think that says a lot about Mr D as an instructor. You obviously care a lot about what you teach us and want us to fully understand each topic, which I am very grateful for. It helps me the most when you take the time to draw out charts on the board or in TopHat to explain more complex theories or ideas. Additionally, having a visual aid really helps to engage me more as a learner, which is why I like your use of TopHat so much. Thanks for being a great instructor so far, can't wait for the rest of the semester!
- You are super passionate and interested in what you are talking about every day in class, this makes it very easy to engage and pay attention during class. A lot of the information concerning NPO's is incredibly dry and you make it very bearable. I have trouble participating during class often times because this information is difficult for me to understand and during class I need to just take it all in and try to observe and understand. I don't wish much different about the class, maybe more games to understand certain difficult chapters like taxes, etc.. Your passion is overpowering and therefore, makes every lecture one of your best.
- One thing I think you can do better is slow down. I feel like alms exhausted at the end of your lectures because you go so fast and i really want to keep up but i can't sometimes. Im also really really nervous for the final because we cover so much, and i don't know anything about how that final will be.
- Honestly, you're awesome. I enjoy class. I like that you allow me to multitask on my computer. You are animated - also awesome. You even make me like tophat.
- giving feedback←2) Its awesome how much feedback you give us because we will surely do better on the next assignment because of it←3)High: you're really into the material and it shows in the lectures/ Low: N/A←4) I enjoy how it is←5) continues as normal←
- You explain all topics clearly. I think the lectures are good and I like when you open up discussions to the class so we can hear differing opinions. I like when you use media to explain things especially videos.

- You have a lot of energy and enthusiasm for class. It makes it enjoyable to come when the professor radiates that passion into the material. I don't enjoy the games and simulations, but think more discussion within small groups would benefit us. Overall, one of the better professors I have had during my IU career.
- All I'm gonna say is you're doing great and I'm a big fan
- I think the way you teach and provide information is great. But I think maybe you should take more time to make sure everyone is on the same page. Maybe at the end of each class give a short summary of what we talked about so everyone can remember the most important points.
- You engage the class really well and keep things organized and relate to each other ↵2) The course concepts seem complex but you hammer them home and you are really good at connecting them to different examples and comparing and contrasting them. ↵3. My only concern is that the explanations seem really academic at times and often can be tough to understand ↵4. I cant think of anything in particular↵
- While I love how passionate you are as a professor and how you genuinely care about each student, I believe sometimes the lectures can be a bit heavy. There were more TopHat questions at the beginning of this semester, and this really helped me to follow in class. I also find the PowerPoints to be a bit wordy in the explanation section. Keep up what you are doing, but maybe try to add more variety in lecture and in class in general.
- Most of the class is set at a good pace and I really enjoy it!! sometimes we drag on, on specific topics for a little extra time than I think is necessary. I think rather than explaining a topic 4 or 5 times, giving examples that help people remember the topic would work.
- expanding on options for the nonprofit connection reports would help a lot!! otherwise great class!
- Maybe find multiple ways to explain certain topics; sometimes when one of the students asks a question about a subject or asks for clarification, you will just reiterate what we've gone over, which is sometimes not helpful if we already don't understand.
- I think you can improve on not covering so much in one lecture i feel like i receive so much information at once and cant remember it all.
- I feel like I learn my best from you when you provide realistic/relevant examples that help explain the concepts.
- I wish the connection report's were graded a little less harshly. I understand the drive to improve, but I've received stronger grades in an honors english course than over my CR. However, I enjoy the time spent in class and feel like you use a healthy mix of activities to help students learn and are very available and approachable for students. The readings can be a little hard to keep up with but the lectures make the best point of getting the points across/summarizing the main points. I enjoy your teaching style and think you're a very fun professor.
- I find it really hard to take paper notes in your class, which i prefer to TopHat. I know it's a media based class but I feel like I can't reconcile my paper notes and Tophat presentations which make me nervous for the tests. But I enjoy your teaching and had no idea the depth and breath of the non profit sector.
- I think your teaching style so far had been great. We get a variety of lecture time, group time, and games. I love that I never know what I'm going to do in your class! 2. I think the only thing I would change would be the amount of reading we have assigned. 3. High points of my learning experience are when we're watching videos or doing anything visuals.

- I like your teaching style and I think you do well on your first teaching assignment. I am not pretty good at these assignments but you keep encourage me a lot. By the way I will try my best, thank you a lot. I did not enjoy the simulation and game and I liked multimedia of explaining for materials.
- I think you do a great job of finding ways to present material in an interesting and unqiue way while simultaneously sticking to a traditional teaching style. You are doing a very good job and i am very impressed in your over all passion. I understand there is a lot to cover in class sometimes and often I am not sure whats are the most important concepts, i simply know there are a lot of things to know. Work to give more time and emphasis to the most important topics
- Great energy and very knowledgeable. I would like a clearer assignment explanation for the Connection Report..especially the analysis section. The class readings can be a little heavy, and the topics are a little heavy as well. I love being able to see the summary points from each author, or playing a game/answering questions about them to be able to further understand their points.
- I enjoy your classes and teaching style very much; you are excited each day and easy to listen to. Our PowerPoint discussions sometimes go fast, but I should probably ask more questions. I sometimes take multiple classes to truly understand something new, and I'm not always sure if it's appropriate to being up, but your review of previous class material at the start of class has been very helpful. I truly enjoy your class and think that you should stay about the same.
- I think you do a great job of engaging the class and making the class interesting. There are some topics that could be very mundane and boring, but you are able to make it a little bit more interesting. On some topics, I feel that you move through really quickly, and you need to slow down a little bit. However, for the most part I think this course moves at a good pace.
- you are really nice and enthusiastic all the time and are always looking for ways to make the class interesting ↵2. like the game simulation thing we did really helped me understand what we were talking about in class, its one ting to be lectured on it but you went above and beyond and that was really cool ↵3. sometimes you are just a tad fast but you also kind of need to be to keep the timeline going↵4.honestly nothing this is my favorite class i really enjoy it↵5. did the game
- I think for the most part your lectures are clear and informative. However, sometimes you move a little to quickly through trickier concepts. And sometimes I feel like the things in your slides don't clearly relate to one another, and I can't find a clear connection tying them all together. But for the most part you find very creative ways to explain things, like the game, and I enjoy that innovative way if teaching!
- I think taking time to make sure that everyone is on the same page and understanding the lecture is very important and could be utilized a little bit more. The game simulation seemed very effective and doing more of those types of activities here and there would be great for the class in my opinion.
- I like your energy and positivity and how you really care but think it is disorganized. I was so overwhelmed in the beginning but now it is a little more clear what is expected. I also think it is a lot to ask us to visit 5 nonprofits when we have other obligations such as class and work and it would be nice if we could use knowledge of past experiences. I think when people don't understand something and ask for it to be reexplained you just repeat what you said the last class but it may be helpful if you try to explain things in a different way.

- Thank you for being so engaging and passionate, it really helps! I really appreciate the explanation of each week's readings in class and connection to lecture material, but more clear review on the central concepts may be helpful with assignments such as the connection reports. The multimedia aspect is really interesting, and I think takes the class in a positive direction.
- I think you need to keep doing exactly what you're doing, its crazy to me that this is your first year teaching because you do your job very well. You're definitely one of the better professors I have had since coming to IU and this is my junior year so good job. I like how you try to actually talk and have casual conversation with your students that makes things more relatable. Overall you're a really good teacher so keep up the good work.
- I love how engaged you are with our class. Out of all the professors I have ever had, I have never had a professor that tries to engage students to the degree that you do. Please continue this, it is appreciated. If you can, take more time to unpack some of the tough topics/ideas in class. Sometimes, I need more explanation or more time to process big ideas. Also, when you ask questions, try to make them more concise or ask big questions in smaller parts. This could help increase class participation. I love the interaction with TopHat and other multi-media. The game we played in class that you used to demonstrate the structure of civil society and elite philanthropy was awesome and a great tool for understanding. Overall, thank you for your devotion to active learning and engagement in our class.
- I really like that you are so passionate about the subject you teach because it makes it a lot more exciting to learn from you and we as students want to learn more because you are passionate. You do a great job of emphasizing what is most important, answering any questions we have, and making yourself available for help. The one thing that I would critique is that sometimes I think you make concepts more complicated than they need to be. I learn through definitions that I can memorize and then relate to other things, but sometimes I feel like you make things very interconnected and then I get sort of confused. But overall you are doing a great job and I'm glad to have you as a professor!
- I love how much you make the classroom a positive atmosphere! It really motivates me to come to class more whereas its more difficult for me to attend other classes. I also really like how you make sure everyone understands the concept we are discussing before moving on during lecture.
- Lectures are good. Maybe be lighter on grading the essay portion of the class. The essays take up a lot of time.
- you're doing a great job! I like your class a lot and I don't have any suggestions to change the class, but I trust that whatever direction you take us will always be a good one :)
- Random but have things due at 11:59 and not 5pm. Other than that i really have no complaints. Maybe slow down and take your time to expand on the real examples uou sometimes speed through. Those can be so useful to connect theory to real life and to solidify it in our heads
- The idea of making us go to different nonprofits and writing about it is cool. It allows us to get a feel for numerous different nonprofits. Maybe make the writing be less for them though.
- I really enjoy your teaching style. You seem to be very passionate and flexible when it comes to your students and I really appreciate that. I think you are probably one of the better instructors I've had at IU, which in complete honesty I wasn't really expecting that when I first came to your class. However, I think the fact that you are a new to teaching has given you a fresh perspective that other professors may not have. I do wish you were a little less harsh when it came to grading, but I'm do enjoy getting feedback about how to improve.

- Mr. D does really well at being a professor you don't dread coming to class to listen to. His high energy and passion about the course makes the class much more enjoyable. In turn, this motivates me to do well in the class and motivates my passions about nonprofits. Improve would be making the specifically naming the main points at the end of the lecture possibly. It would be helpful if more nonprofit connections were named in class.
- I feel like there is a lot to cover and more often than not, there is a good amount of reading so I think announcing which specific areas or concepts we should focus on for the reading quizzes would be nice because that is where my grade is suffering. Keep doing what you are doing, I think you are very engaging and willing to accommodate in order to help us get the best learning experience, and I appreciate that. Lecture slides are kind of boring are covered pretty quick- slowing down the pace and making presentation a little better would help! ↵↵
- I think explaining what you are looking for us to specifically put into the nonprofit connection reports and maybe giving us more options as to some options for those. I feel like they are a large part of our grade and these last four will be rushed into these last two months of class as we spent so long on the first one.
- I love that we can see how much work you put into this class. It's so refreshing to have a professor who you can truly see loves what he is teaching!! The only thing I think that is difficult is how many different topics we cover in one class. Obviously this might be unavoidable because we have to cover a lot of things in a short amount of time, but I feel as though I have trouble distinguishing main points from other main points because there is so much.
- Lectures are good and I like the teaching style. Sometimes I think that breaking into groups can take more time than appropriate, I especially think this when after being in small groups we then go over the activity in detail as a class.
- High Point: very into what you are teaching which i love. you always come in prepared and ready to teach, even though we (sometimes) are not.↵↵Low point: this class is very (heteronormative). And I feel like more international perspective would be greatly appreciated. ↵
- i enjoy your lecture style, and dont find group work productive. Games stress me out so much (not sure why) that i have to review them afterwards to understand what the lesson really was. It takes a lot more time than lecturing. I also hate tophat. Overall though im learning a lot, and like the style. It would be nice if the notes were available as powerpoint slides before class since the pace is so fast
- I like that u dont tuck your shirt in too it gives the class a much more relaxed vibe
- I really like the lecture and all the content you covered in class. They are hard and sometimes too muddy for me, but I think once I get them after reviewing the slides and notes, everything becomes very clear and fun! I like the course which is so insightful and critical, it gives me different perspectives to see different issue. And thank you for being so helpful and nice:)