Results of survey

Started: April 28, 2014

Ended: May 8, 2014

Reply rate: 91% ( 10 / 11 )
What is at stake?
Barnard College seeks your assistance in enhancing the quality of its curriculum and instruction. Just as you uphold the Honor Code and resolve to refrain from every form of dishonesty in your academic life, we trust that you will be honest and thoughtful in your responses.

How is the information used?
Student feedback is used in two ways: i) The faculty incorporate student feedback as they continuously revise and enhance their courses. ii) Data from these surveys are key elements in how the College evaluates teaching during the reappointment, tenure and promotion processes.

How is my identity protected?
Your identity will be kept confidential. Responses will not be viewed by either the instructor or the department until after course grades have been submitted.

Note that multiple choice questions require a response. If you prefer not to answer a multiple choice question, select Not Applicable.

Remember to click [Submit] when done.

Course/Group Items:

1. The overall quality of the course
10 answers, mean = 4.30

2. The clarity of course objectives
10 answers, mean = 4.60

3. The organization of the course
10 answers, mean = 4.80

4. The clarity of course requirements
10 answers, mean = 4.70

5. The clarity of grading standards
10 answers, mean = 4.10

6. The extent to which the class began and ended on time
10 answers, mean = 4.80

How much has this course enabled you to do each of the following?

7. Increase your interest in the field
10 answers, mean = 4.40

8. Increase your understanding of the broader
10. Improve your presentation skills
10 answers, mean = 4.20

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11. Improve your writing skills
10 answers, mean = 4.30

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12. Why did you take this course?

- I took the course to have an opportunity at writing a lengthy research paper and to fulfill the last of my requirements for my major.
- To fulfill the colloquia requirement for the Political Science major.
- As a major requirement but also because I was interested in the class. I also heard that Professor Autesserre was an amazing professor and was looking forward to having her as a teacher.
- To fulfill my colloquium component of my major. I was interested in peacebuilding/peacekeeping.
- I was interested in the subject matter and I thought I'd learn a lot, also because I'd taken one of Professor Autesserre's courses before and I really enjoyed it.
- Major requirement, and interest.
- To learn
- Interest and a requirement

13. What did you value most about this course? In what ways did the course meet your expectations? Explain why you would or would not recommend this course

- It gave me the opportunity to look through a political lens of how international law and work is carried out and the hierarchy of it. As well, I truly enjoyed the varying analysis presented by the speakers invited to the class.
- I loved the professor's teaching style and passion for the subject as well as the organization of the course. This course met my expectations and I would definitely recommend it.
- I learned so much! I wanted to know more about peace building, international organizations and how to handle/solve conflicts. It is a great introductory course into peacebuilding.
- I would definitely recommend this course. The organization of the class definitely kept me on top of things - if I were to take some other class that lacked time management on the paper I would have rushed it. The readings were also interesting. I love the guest speakers since we are able to see and interact with those that have been on the field and other related works.
- I think my biggest takeaway from this class was the research paper I wrote. It's the longest paper I've ever written and it was extremely challenging and time consuming. I feel like I grew a lot as a student and learned a ton, not just about my subject, but also about how to write a research paper.
- I valued the very interactive nature of this course.
- Everything

14. What improvements would you like to see in the organization and content of this course?

- I liked how the reading was reduced a little bit during the second half of the class so maybe this could be applied to the first part as well.
- None
- Slightly shorter readings
- I think that the reading should be reduced so that we can focus more on particular material, but that was communicated and enacted towards the end.
- None
15. Did the course inspire you to put in extra time and effort, over and beyond what was required? Can you explain why or why not?

- I tried to do so, reading all that was assigned on top of 3 other majors classes, as well as fitting in my own research to support my paper thesis did not allow for me to take this as far as I would have liked to, but, the level of work I was hoping to do was and is honestly graduate level study.
- It inspired me to put a lot of effort into the assignments I handed in, especially the final paper.
- Yes! It really engaged me and I was endlessly excited.
- Yes!
- Yes, in that I discussed the readings with my friends and family outside of this class all the time because I was so interested in what I was learning.
- No, because it was already so incredibly rigorous.
- Yes

STUDENT

16. Institutional identification:
10 answers, mean = 1.60

- Barnard College [80 % (8)]
- Columbia College [0 % (0)]
- General Studies [10 % (1)]
- School ... [0 % (0)]
- Other [10 % (1)]

17. My class year is:
10 answers, mean = 2.80

- first year [0 % (0)]
- sophomore [50 % (5)]
- junior [20 % (2)]
- senior [30 % (3)]
- other [0 % (0)]

18. My major is:
10 answers, mean = 1.20

- this subject [80 % (8)]
- related subject [20 % (2)]
- unrelated subject [0 % (0)]
- undecided [0 % (0)]

19. I expect to earn a grade of:
10 answers, mean = 3.30

- A+ [0 % (0)]
- A [20 % (2)]
- A- [40 % (4)]
- B+ [30 % (3)]
- B [10 % (1)]
- B- [0 % (0)]
- C+ [0 % (0)]
- C [0 % (0)]
- D [0 % (0)]
- F [0 % (0)]

Thank you for helping to improve Barnard courses. Remember to click [Submit] when done. If you would like to opt out of this course evaluation choose N/A for all of the questions.

Instructor/Evaluatee: Severine Autesserre

INSTRUCTOR

How would you rate your instructor in the following areas?

20. The overall quality of the instructor's teaching
10 answers, mean = 4.80

- Poor [0 % (0)]
- Fair [0 % (0)]
- Good [0 % (0)]
- Very Good [20 % (2)]
- Excellent [80 % (8)]

21. The instructor's effectiveness in communicating the subject matter
10 answers, mean = 4.90

- Poor [0 % (0)]
- Fair [0 % (0)]
- Good [0 % (0)]
- Very Good [10 % (1)]
- Excellent [90 % (9)]

22. The instructor's ability to stimulate your intellectual curiosity
10 answers, mean = 4.60

- Poor [0 % (0)]
- Fair [0 % (0)]
- Good [0 % (0)]
- Very Good [10 % (1)]
- Excellent [90 % (9)]
23. The instructor's ability to stimulate student participation in class
10 answers, mean = 4.60

24. The instructor's effectiveness in answering questions
9 answers, mean = 5.00

25. The instructor's feedback on your work
10 answers, mean = 4.60

26. The instructor's timeliness in returning your work
10 answers, mean = 4.90

27. The instructor's availability during scheduled office hours
10 answers, mean = 4.60

28. The adequacy of scheduled office hours
10 answers, mean = 4.40

29. What did you value most about your instructor’s teaching methods?

- She was very organized and managed to keep the class interesting for the entire 2 hours. She communicated the subject matter in a very interesting way.
- She is very clear and interactive with her students. She is also very welcoming and makes all students feel comfortable in the classroom setting. She is a brilliant professor.
- Bringing guest speakers to the class and doing the role play. By doing this she made the course interesting. Her knowledge on the topic was superb and therefore she was able to answer questions and stimulate our knowledge on the field. Her expectations for students to respect each other made the class more fun and relax
- Our class structure was great because I learned a lot from my peers as well as from Professor Autesserre. The assigned readings were always worthwhile and I felt like I learned a lot.
- She was very, very prepared, and the classes were always very clearly and well-structured. She also was very invested in trying multiple approaches in the class, which made it more interesting and engaging.
- very organized
- She was very focused and didn't let the class get off track
- The structure of the class was perfect. Time was never wasted and the class was always engaging.
- The professor was also amazing at clearly explaining the topic

30. What improvements in the instructor's teaching
would you recommend?
• Possibly less reading yet more focus on specific texts which 
  would allow for a more critical investigation into the topics 
  presented.
• N/A
• None!
• I wish I could have heard more about Professor Autesserre's 
  own personal experiences throughout the semester.
• I would request more of her thoughts and opinions on the 
  subjects we were studying - I wanted to hear more from her, 
  and understand her expertise on this subject.
• clear
• Assignments (hard copies) were due at 9am Mondays -- very 
  inconvenient.
  Readings were hard to plan because difficult to get the books 
  (it would perhaps help to have chapters scanned by one 
  person instead of everyone scanning for themselves)

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31. How would you evaluate the instructor’s 
enthusiasm toward teaching this 
course? 
10 answers, mean = 4.60

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instructor on a problem outside of class hours? 
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33. How would you evaluate the instructor's 
knowledge of the subject matter of this course? 
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34. How well did the required work in the course 
measure your knowledge of the course material? 
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35. How well did the weekly exercises, essays, 
quizzes, or other required work improve your 
understanding of what was taught? 
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