

Columbia University: International & Public Affairs
Fall 2022 Course Evaluation (end of semester)

Course: IAIAU6804_011_2022_3-ConceptualFoundationsofInternational: IAIAU6804_011_2022_3 - Conceptual Foundations of International
Instructor: Samuel Houskeeper *
Response Rate: 6/17 (35.29 %)

1 - Covered the subject matter expected at time of enrollment						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%			4.67
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%			
Uncertain	(3)	0	0.00%			
Agree	(4)	2	33.33%			
Strongly Agree	(5)	4	66.67%			
Response Rate					Mean	STD
6/17 (35.29%)					4.67	0.52

2 - Nature of the course						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Very Practical	(1)	0	0.00%			4.50
Mostly Practical	(2)	0	0.00%			
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%			
Mostly Theoretical	(4)	3	50.00%			
Very Theoretical	(5)	3	50.00%			
Response Rate					Mean	STD
6/17 (35.29%)					4.50	0.55

3 - Work load for the course						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Very light	(1)	0	0.00%			3.33
Moderately light	(2)	0	0.00%			
Average	(3)	5	83.33%			
Moderately heavy	(4)	0	0.00%			
Very heavy	(5)	1	16.67%			
Response Rate					Mean	STD
6/17 (35.29%)					3.33	0.82

4 - Organization of the course						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			3.83
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%			
Good	(3)	2	33.33%			
Very Good	(4)	3	50.00%			
Excellent	(5)	1	16.67%			
Response Rate					Mean	STD
6/17 (35.29%)					3.83	0.75

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5 - Difficulty of the course relative to other courses						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Not challenging	(1)	0	0.00%			
Somewhat challenging	(2)	0	0.00%			
Neutral	(3)	5	83.33%			
Challenging	(4)	1	16.67%			
Very challenging	(5)	0	0.00%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
Response Rate				Mean		STD
6/17 (35.29%)				3.17		0.41

6 - Relevance and quality of assigned readings						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%			
Good	(3)	2	33.33%			
Very Good	(4)	2	33.33%			
Excellent	(5)	2	33.33%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
Response Rate				Mean		STD
6/17 (35.29%)				4.00		0.89

7 - Relevance and quality of the written assignments						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%			
Good	(3)	2	33.33%			
Very Good	(4)	2	33.33%			
Excellent	(5)	2	33.33%			
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
Response Rate				Mean		STD
6/17 (35.29%)				4.00		0.89

8 - Overall evaluation of the course						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%			
Good	(3)	2	33.33%			
Very Good	(4)	2	33.33%			
Excellent	(5)	2	33.33%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
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9 - Please provide brief, specific, and constructive comments on the overall course organization and subject matter:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall, I liked this class's organization. I am not very sure about the selection and combination of the paper assigned. I feel like some papers are not very good quality and more classic theory papers would bolt the knowledge and method to read IR articles for first-year students. • The readings, discussions and assignments were arranged in a way that gave an overall understanding of the international relations to me. • excellent course • Very good • I think that the overall course organization and subject matter is excellent. I strongly recommend this course with instructor Samuel Houskeeper! • n/a 	

10 - Instructor's performance inspires interest in the course content

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%			
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%			
Uncertain	(3)	0	0.00%			
Agree	(4)	2	33.33%			
Strongly Agree	(5)	4	66.67%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
Response Rate				Mean		STD
6/17 (35.29%)				4.67		0.52

11 - Instructor's attitude toward students

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Very negative	(1)	0	0.00%			
Somewhat negative	(2)	0	0.00%			
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%			
Mostly positive	(4)	3	50.00%			
Very positive	(5)	3	50.00%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
Response Rate				Mean		STD
6/17 (35.29%)				4.50		0.55

12 - Instructor's responsiveness to students' questions and comments

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%			
Good	(3)	0	0.00%			
Very Good	(4)	2	33.33%			
Excellent	(5)	4	66.67%			
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13 - Instructor's presentation of expectations to students					
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.50
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	0	0.00%		
Very Good	(4)	3	50.00%		
Excellent	(5)	3	50.00%		
Response Rate				Mean	STD
6/17 (35.29%)				4.50	0.55

14 - Instructor's ability to make complex material easy to understand					
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.67
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	0	0.00%		
Very Good	(4)	2	33.33%		
Excellent	(5)	4	66.67%		
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15 - The exams accurately assess what students are expected to know					
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		4.80
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%		
Uncertain	(3)	0	0.00%		
Agree	(4)	1	16.67%		
Strongly Agree	(5)	4	66.67%		
N/A	(0)	1	16.67%		
Response Rate				Mean	STD
6/17 (35.29%)				4.80	0.45

16 - Overall evaluation of the course instructor					
Samuel Houskeeper					
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.83
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	0	0.00%		
Very Good	(4)	1	16.67%		
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17 - Guest speakers contributed significantly to this course						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.00	
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%			
Uncertain	(3)	0	0.00%			
Agree	(4)	0	0.00%			
Strongly Agree	(5)	3	50.00%			
N/A	(0)	3	50.00%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
Response Rate				Mean		STD
6/17 (35.29%)				5.00		0.00

18 - Please provide brief, specific, and constructive comments on the instructor's performance:	
Samuel Houskeeper	
Response Rate	6/17 (35.29%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for having me in your class. Your CF class was so much insightful, and I was thankful that you facilitate the class discussion nicely, casting thought-provoking questions. I am sorry that I couldn't speak out much. • He made the class environment very friendly and at the same time fruitful that each student could have their own takeaways. He was very responsive and understanding and tried to accommodate the students all the students well in the class. • Fantastic teacher • Very good • Throughout the course, I think that instructor Samuel is patient, kind, and generous to help students. He has strong knowledge and passion to warm up the course, organize the course, and teach the skills and theories related to each author's reading. Based on my personal experience, when I had housing issue with my apartment building and got frustrated, instructor Samuel was willing to ask me about my situation and provided me with Columbia University's resources and links. I think an excellent instructor not only needs to have the knowledge and experiences to teach students, but also needs to have empathy and kind heart to support students. In the future, I believe that instructor Samuel could be an excellent professor! • n/a 	

19 - The Teaching Assistants (TAs) contributed significantly to this course						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		0.00	
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%			
Uncertain	(3)	0	0.00%			
Agree	(4)	0	0.00%			
Strongly Agree	(5)	0	0.00%			
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
Response Rate				Mean		STD
0/17 (0.00%)				0.00		0.00

20 - Please provide brief, specific, and constructive comments on the TA's performance (if applicable)	
Response Rate	0/17 (0%)