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Please find below the summary statistics of my student evaluations for the most recent course that I taught independently, as well as selected comments for all my previous teaching assignments. Full evaluations are available on my website (www.jellekoedam.com) or upon request. Note that I scored above the department mean on all of the items presented here.

Table 1: Student Evaluations, Fall 2018

Survey question	Personal rating	Department average
<i>Overall course evaluation</i>		
Instructor was an effective teacher	4.60	4.34
Would rate instructor as “excellent”	4.69	4.21
Would rate course as “excellent”	4.54	4.07
Learned a great deal from this course	4.54	4.27
<i>Communication</i>		
Communicates clearly and logically	4.81	4.38
Clearly communicates expectations	4.62	4.14
Provides constructive criticism	4.38	3.79
Provides timely feedback	4.65	4.03
Provides a fair evaluation	4.69	4.14
Is available when needed	4.65	4.35
<i>Class environment</i>		
Demonstrates enthusiasm about teaching	4.92	4.55
Promotes a climate of mutual respect	4.81	4.57
Encourages student questions	4.92	4.46
Promotes active involvement	4.73	4.02
Emphasizes critical thinking	4.65	4.41
Instructional methods facilitate learning	4.46	4.15
<i>Organization</i>		
Well-prepared for instruction	4.85	4.61
Course is well-organized	4.69	4.31
Requirements clearly specified	4.81	4.44
Course goals and objectives clearly specified	4.73	4.35
Assignments clearly related to course goals	4.81	4.52

Note: All responses range from 1 (“strongly disagree”) to 5 (“strongly agree”).
Response rate is 90% ($N=26$). Department averages taken from Spring 2017.

Instructor, Introduction to European Government (Fall 2018)

- He is a very involved and compassionate professor. He wants to make sure that his students are getting everything they need and want out of his course, and will work with you in order to make you feel as though this has been upheld. He also is very considerate in acknowledging when students need extra help and is understanding if you are behind and will work with you to help catch you back up.
- Professor Koedam is the strength of this course. I love politics in general, and Professor Koedam fostered this and allowed me to explore my interests with the context of the course as well as teaching me many things I did not know previously.
- Jelle was reliable in communication and always available for help. I found his office hours to be very helpful. He taught the material for the course well and made sure to cultivate a safe atmosphere in the classroom for all students.
- Excellent instructor who is very knowledgeable on class material and is great at provoking discussion.
- Explains the material in a way I can follow, encourages critical thinking, and very generous when it comes to accessibility.
- I really have nothing bad to say about Professor Koedam. This has been my favorite class so far at UNC and that is a credit to him.

Instructor, Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2018)

- I think the strength of the course was the professor. He was very enthusiastic about the topic and was good at getting the class to discuss openly. He was also really receptive to our needs as students, explaining work and providing extra study materials when needed.
- Very enthusiastic and had a good balance in being a “serious” instructor as well as being a kind, funny person to listen to. Topics in political science classes can be somewhat depressing and boring to learn, but I felt like our instructor did a good job in making sure we covered the info while having fun. I particularly liked how he had a fun fact everyday because it started the lectures out on a fun note and made the room less “lecturey”.
- Clearly knowledgeable about this topic, as well as its applications in a lot of places around the world. Really liked having a European perspective in front of us—it forced us out of our American-centric thoughts and comments. Shows a lot of enthusiasm for the course, clearly enjoys engaging with students, values everything that students say, and responds to each student’s class contribution.
- Jelle is knowledgeable about the subject matter, and is skilled in teaching others who don’t have an intensive background in this area. He’s also pretty approachable, available to answer any questions and seems to really want his students to understand this course.

- Very knowledgeable on the subject matter and cares about his students, made the course interesting and interactive.
- Jelle is a passionate teacher who works hard to make the material accessible.
- Jelle seems to love what he does, which makes the material more interesting.

Instructor, Introduction to European Government (Spring 2017)

- Jelle is a great lecturer. Class is always engaging. He prepares great questions that get the class thinking and debating relevant material. He is also very clearly knowledgeable about the material and is always able to field questions with clear and concise answers.
- Jelle is an engaging lecturer and is great at asking and answering questions. His lectures are clear, concise, and easy to understand. He is also very knowledgeable in the subject. He has also done a perfect job of covering the material in the syllabus in a timely manner. Every topic is discussed in detail without feeling rushed.
- Jelle is a great, knowledgeable professor who obviously is very learned in European politics. He cares about all of his students and I would happily take any class with him again. One of my favorite professors I have had at Carolina.
- Very nice and engaging [instructor]. He encourages questions, answers them as completely as he can, and is supportive of different viewpoints. He is almost always available to meet on office hours/through email.
- Great teacher overall. As a junior political science major, I can say that Jelle has been one of the best teachers I have had for a political science class.
- Wonderful at communicating to the questions of the class. Quick grader. Extremely helpful.
- Jelle is so great. He's funny and seems to truly enjoy being in the front of the classroom.
- Jelle was my favorite teacher this semester, and one of my all time favorites.

Instructor (online), Introduction to European Government (Summer 2018)

- Jelle is certainly a fantastic professor, which is difficult to establish for an online course. He regularly responded to individual discussion forum posts, and appeared to read every single post carefully for the entire course. Furthermore, he provided grading in an extremely rapid way. That feedback was also extremely constructive.

Instructor, Teacher Workshop, UNC Center for European Studies (2017)

- I thought the presentation was very well done. A variety of methods were used to engage with the audience and I feel as if I learned a lot. I especially like the explanation of populism and how the model can be used in a variety of cultural situations.

Teaching assistant, various courses (2014-2016)

- I came in to the course very unenthusiastic about the subject matter, but my TA really managed to make it my favorite course. He is extremely engaging and knowledgeable. (“Introduction to Comparative Politics,” Fall 2016)
- Jelle was always very helpful and open to questions of any kind. It was a relaxed atmosphere in class, which I appreciated. He actually made recitations fun which I have never experienced before. Overall, he did a great job. (“The Politics of Europe,” Spring 2016)
- Jelle was very helpful in discussing topics from lecture. His perspective facilitated insight and awareness about current events. He was also very approachable and nice. I feel like I would be able to learn from him as an instructor and not just as a recitation TA. (“Politics of East Central Europe,” Fall 2015)
- He did very well, made the material interesting, and presented a wide array of topics that stood out against the typical lecture material. I enjoyed the comparative politics side he took. (“Introduction to American Government,” Spring 2015)
- Jelle is really engaging and prepared for recitations. He is approachable and helpful, which promoted a conducive climate for discussions. He is very welcoming to ideas, too. I especially appreciate that he replies to emails really promptly and his feedback has helped me focus my paper. I enjoyed going for recitations, and it helps that Jelle is really innovative. (“Race, Innocence, and the Death Penalty,” Fall 2014)