



# Torkelson, Erin (GEOG 138 LEC LEC GLOBAL ENVIRON POLI) - Su 2020 (Instructor Version)

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## Subject Details

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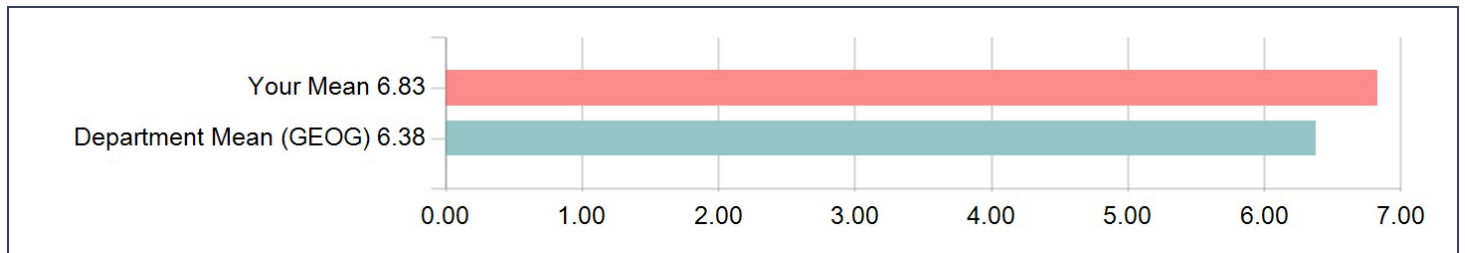
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## UNIVERSITY WIDE QUESTIONS (QUANTITATIVE/RATING):

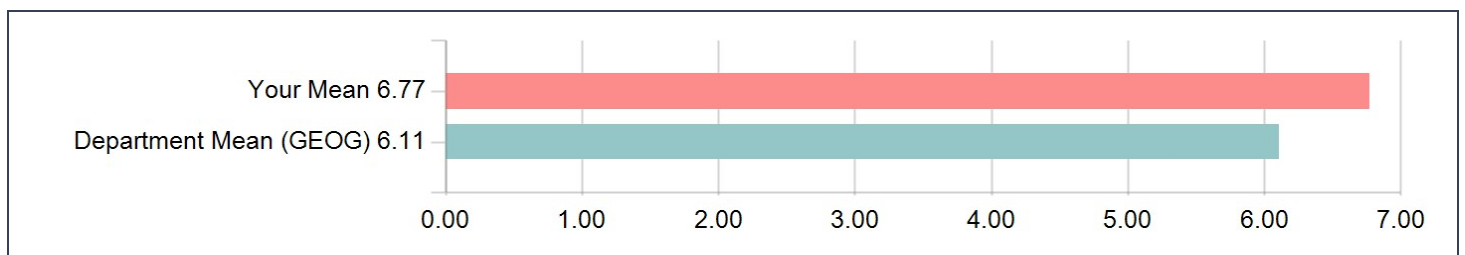
*The items in this section are asked across all courses at Berkeley.*

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5	0	0.00%
6	2	16.67%
7-Extremely Effective	10	83.33%
Statistics	Value	
Response Count	12	
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Median	7.00	
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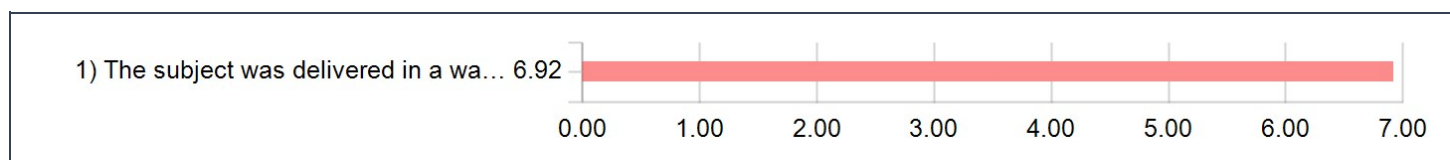
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6	3	23.08%
7-Extremely Effective	10	76.92%
Statistics	Value	
Response Count	13	
Mean	6.77	
Median	7.00	
Standard Deviation	0.44	

## INSTRUCTOR PROVIDED CUSTOM QUESTIONS:

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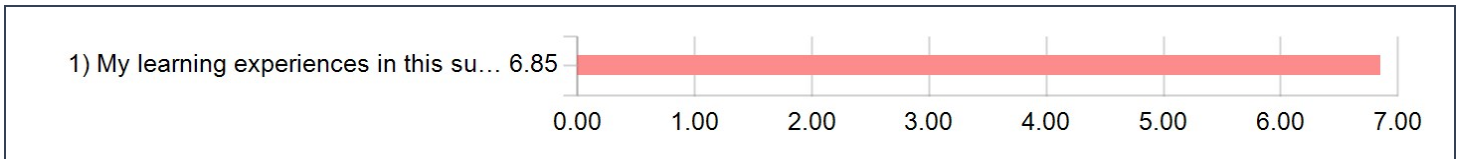
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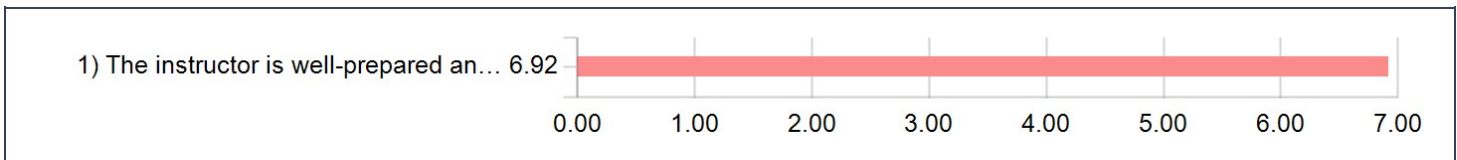
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7-Very	12	92.31%
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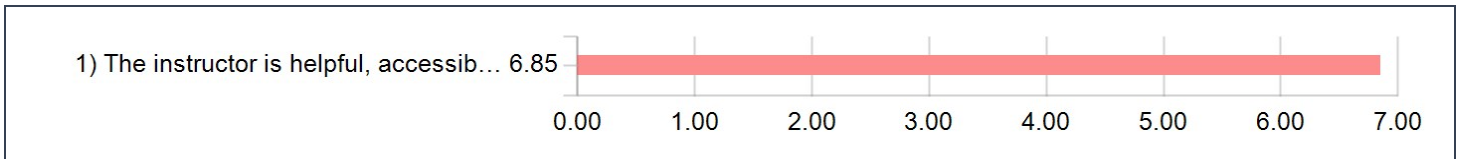
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5	0	0.00%
6	2	15.38%
7-Very	11	84.62%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		13
Mean		6.85
Median		7.00
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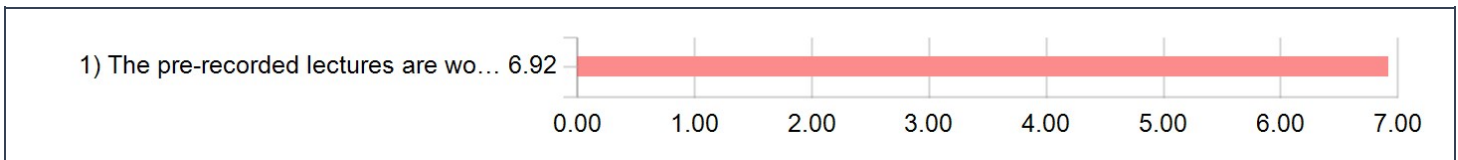
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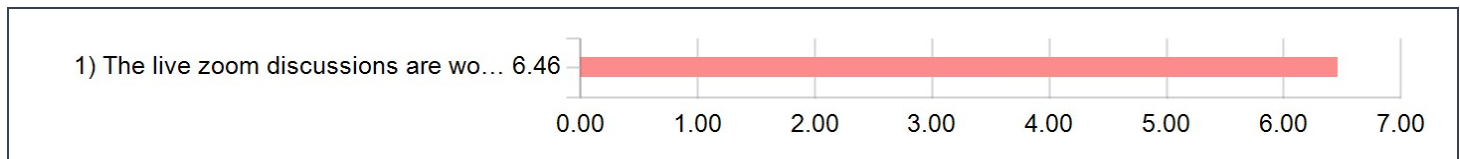
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**What were the best things about this course and instructor.**

Comments
It was all thought provoking and everything was connected, honestly a super great class. Considering the circumstances, the way she handled the class was beyond amazing.
The best thing about the course was relevancy, it focused on current topics and breaking down how they have come to be establish, this was eye opening to say the least. I would definitely recommend this class to other students. Erin was fantastic and I would like to take more of her classes, very precise and articulated, challenged me beyond expression.
Erin was very engaged with all of her students, but in a gentle way. I really appreciate her teaching style, her commitment, and her ability to make students feel heard. I am a DSP student and she was very helpful and timely with providing accommodations.
The material was really interesting and Erin was very easy to engage with.
The best thing about the instructor is her cheerful attitude and the deep but comprehensible pre-recorded lectures that she had.
Length of the video lecture and live zoom discussions were perfect! Also, the video lectures were well organized.
I really enjoyed the live discussions and the questions brought up by the instructor. They drove conversation and made us think critically. The instructor is quite funny at times and she's also very helpful and responsive. I liked the format of this course with more interactive assignments and less tests because I genuinely think I learned more from the discussion sections and reading articles than I would taking a test.
Great readings, discussions, and prompting by the professor to allow us to form our own ideas and become passionate about the subject matter.
The assigned readings and recorded lectures supplement each other for a thoroughly thought provoking program of learning. The instructor challenges the student to think critically about preconceptions.
The class setup was great. Recorded lectures and readings were interesting and set the stage for very engaging and informative class discussions. Professor Torkelson was also wonderful about letting the discussion go freely between class members and providing thought provoking questions when it died down.
The instructor was incredibly nice and mindful of COVID difficulties. The instructor clearly knew the course and was constantly discussing how materials related to the course's topic and keypoints. The materials were from multiple time periods and discussed different time periods, allowing us to see the history of global environmental politics.

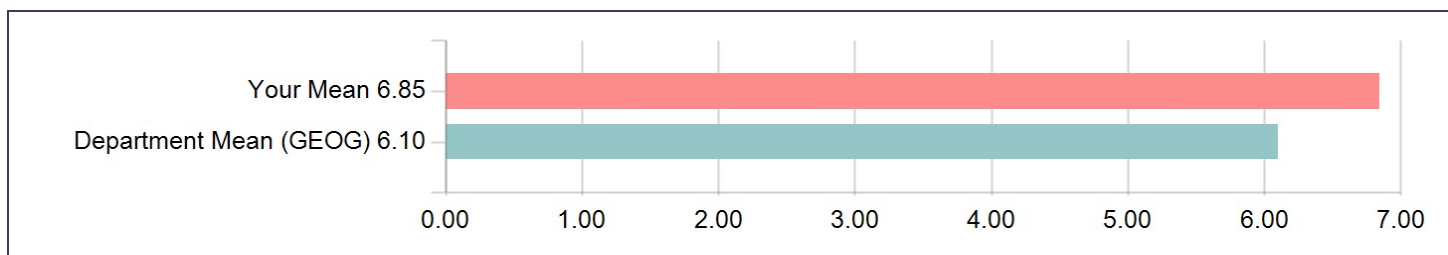
## DEPARTMENT PROVIDED COURSE QUESTIONS:

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**What do you perceive as the strengths and weaknesses of the COURSE? Suggestions for improvement?**

Comments
The setup of the class was great, she was also super flexible with assignments. I just felt awkward when there was a long pause in discussions, but not much can be done about that.
Also, she should sent emails at least even through bcourses because I would have to go check the announcements tab whenever I could since I would not get a notification.
Strengths would be relevancy and choice of material, weakness for me is a little heavy on the readings but all were valuable to the topic.
I think the organization of the course was really well done. Wish we could focus on a broader area...
strengths: interesting material, engaging professor, accessible professor, pre-recorded lectures weaknesses: length of readings, overall time commitment each day (readings, lectures, reading journals) was a lot to handle if taking other classes this summer
More group work/assignments maybe.
Frankly speaking, this course is one of the best courses which has the perfect amount of readings and enough/helpful/practical materials. Approaching a concept of environment in different views was very interesting. I personally suggest that covering pollution(or practical) issues would make this class more interesting.
There was a lot of reading but we didn't actually talk about the specifics of the readings much, it may have been good to focus on the conversations about more
Strengths: meeting synchronously for discussion and requiring reading journals keep everyone on track, the material used was very interesting to read (geographically limited though) Weaknesses: online organizational format could have been better (maybe organize by week instead of by day, within the weeks then put the separate days, this is usually how other unstructured organizations modules)
Strengths: Great discussions, good prerecorded lectures, professor also willing to help and learn from us Weaknesses: None that I can think of
The course seemed biased towards a socialist agenda. While certainly valid and underrepresented in past learning, the class would have done well to incorporate suggestions for how to make change within capitalism, or how capitalist structures have been successful in environmental politics; the general sentiment was that capitalism cannot ever realize the environmental political justice we seek, which feels less productive as it seems even less likely we give up capitalism all together as a nation or world.
Same as above for strengths
The only weakness this course had was not having enough instructions about assignments in bCourses. However, the instructor went into more detail about what was expected during lecture and had their email open for questions.

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## DEPARTMENT PROVIDED STUDENT INFORMATION QUESTIONS

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**On the average, how many hours per week have you devoted to this course above and beyond regular class meetings?**

Comments
12
12 hours minimum
8
10–15
about 6 hours, depending on the readings and assignments due
8
3~5 hours
5
6–8 hours
~18
Three hours
10–12 hours weekly
On average, I spent about eight hours per week to this course. The readings were a bit lengthy and sometimes difficult to understand, but the prerecorded lectures summarized them nicely and addressed the topics well. I feel, personally, I spent a lot of time because I found some readings hard to comprehend enough to interact with it.



## Class?

Class?		
Options	Count	Percentage
Freshman	0	0.00%
Sophomore	2	15.38%
Junior	4	30.77%
Senior	6	46.15%
Graduate - First Year	0	0.00%
Graduate - Second Year	0	0.00%
Graduate - Third Year	0	0.00%
Graduate - Fourth Year and Beyond	0	0.00%
Visiting Student/Concurrent Enrollment	1	7.69%
Statistics	Value	
Response Count	13	
Mean	1.00	
Median	1.00	
Standard Deviation	0.00	

## Your Major? (List All)

Comments
Geography and EEP
Geography with a focus in GIS and Remote Sensing technologies.
Geography
English, Public Health
Geography
Political Economy
Global Studies
Global Studies
Philosophy
Applied Math
Civil Engineering

## My reason for taking this course

Comments
Major requirement
I chose this course because I feel to understand politics we need to see how politics play a role universally and global in order to make adequate decisions back home, I felt this course would break it down for me. Which it did in unbelievable ways.
For my major
Public Health major elective course
To challenge myself and pursue my passion of environmental studies.
It is one of my concentration classes and I am really grateful about the fact that I chose this class as one of my concentration classes. I enjoyed this class a lot and it was really helpful.
Interest and to fulfill major requirement
I wanted greater knowledge of this field
To fulfill an elective requirement for my minor, human rights interdisciplinary
Fulfill social and behavioral science breadth
I had to take an Upper Division C/SS course for my major. This course interested me this summer because the description looked intriguing considering I had always considered nature separate from politics. This course has taught me so much and I'm very happy I took it.

## Response Sheet Reports

### Individual Student Responses

In addition to the aggregated feedback provided in this report, the response rate report displays de-aggregated feedback from each individual, anonymized student in order.

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university?

- ◊ 7-Very

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- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

**On the average, how many hours per week have you devoted to this course above and beyond regular class meetings?**

- ◊ 8

**Class?**

- ◊ Visiting Student/Concurrent Enrollment

**My reason for taking this course**

- ◊ To challenge myself and pursue my passion of environmental studies.

**Courses Name: GEOG 138 LEC LEC GLOBAL ENVIRON POLI**

**Instructors Name: Erin Torkelson**

**Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?**

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

**The subject was delivered in a way that was consistent with stated objectives.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**My learning experiences in this subject were interesting and thought-provoking.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The instructor is well-prepared and presents class in an organized manner.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The instructor is helpful, accessible and supportive of my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The pre-recorded lectures are worthwhile, easy to follow, and aid my learning in this course.**

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- ◊ 4-Somewhat

**What were the best things about this course and instructor.**

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- ◊ Strengths would be relevancy and choice of material, weakness for me is a little heavy on the readings but all were valuable to the topic.

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- ◊ 7-Very

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- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

**On the average, how many hours per week have you devoted to this course above and beyond regular class meetings?**

- ◊ 12 hours minimum

**Class?**

- ◊ Senior

**Your Major? (List All)**

- ◊ Geography with a focus in GIS and Remote Sensing technologies.

**My reason for taking this course**

- ◊ I chose this course because I feel to understand politics we need to see how politics play a role universally and global in order to make adequate decisions back home, I felt this course would break it down for me. Which it did in unbelievable ways.

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- ◊ 7-Very

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- ◊ 8

**Class?**

- ◊ Sophomore

**Your Major? (List All)**

- ◊ Geography

**My reason for taking this course**

- ◊ For my major

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**What were the best things about this course and instructor.**

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- ◊ 7-Very

**Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?**

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

**On the average, how many hours per week have you devoted to this course above and beyond regular class meetings?**

- ◊ 3~5 hours

**Class?**

- ◊ Senior

**Your Major? (List All)**

- ◊ Political Economy

**My reason for taking this course**

- ◊ It is one of my concentration classes and I am really grateful about the fact that I chose this class as one of my concentration classes. I enjoyed this class a lot and it was really helpful.

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- ◊ 7-Very

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- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

**On the average, how many hours per week have you devoted to this course above and beyond regular class meetings?**

- ◊ 6–8 hours

**Class?**

- ◊ Senior

**Your Major? (List All)**

- ◊ Global Studies

**My reason for taking this course**

- ◊ Interest and to fulfill major requirement

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**Instructors Name: Erin Torkelson**

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- ◊ ~18

**Class?**

- ◊ Junior

**Your Major? (List All)**

- ◊ Global Studies

**My reason for taking this course**

- ◊ I wanted greater knowledge of this field

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**What were the best things about this course and instructor.**

- ◊ The assigned readings and recorded lectures supplement each other for a thoroughly thought provoking program of learning. The instructor challenges the student to think critically about preconceptions.

**What do you perceive as the strengths and weaknesses of the COURSE? Suggestions for improvement?**

- ◊ The course seemed biased towards a socialist agenda. While certainly valid and underrepresented in past learning, the class would have done well to incorporate suggestions for how to make change within capitalism, or how capitalist

structures have been successful in environmental politics; the general sentiment was that capitalism cannot ever realize the environmental political justice we seek, which feels less productive as it seems even less likely we give up capitalism all together as a nation or world.

**Focusing now on the course content, how worthwhile was this course in comparison with others you have taken at this university?**

- ◊ 6

**Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?**

- ◊ 6

**On the average, how many hours per week have you devoted to this course above and beyond regular class meetings?**

- ◊ Three hours

**Class?**

- ◊ Junior

**Your Major? (List All)**

- ◊ Philosophy

**My reason for taking this course**

- ◊ To fulfill an elective requirement for my minor, human rights interdisciplinary

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**Instructors Name: Erin Torkelson**

**Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?**

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

**The subject was delivered in a way that was consistent with stated objectives.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**My learning experiences in this subject were interesting and thought-provoking.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The instructor is well-prepared and presents class in an organized manner.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The instructor is helpful, accessible and supportive of my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The pre-recorded lectures are worthwhile, easy to follow, and aid my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The live zoom discussions are worthwhile, easy to follow and aid my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**What were the best things about this course and instructor.**

- ◊ The class setup was great. Recorded lectures and readings were interesting and set the stage for very engaging and informative class discussions. Professor Torkelson was also wonderful about letting the discussion go freely between class members and providing thought provoking questions when it died down.

**What do you perceive as the strengths and weaknesses of the COURSE? Suggestions for improvement?**

- ◊ Same as above for strengths

**Focusing now on the course content, how worthwhile was this course in comparison with others you have taken at this university?**

- ◊ 7-Very

**Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?**

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective



**On the average, how many hours per week have you devoted to this course above and beyond regular class meetings?**

- ◊ 10–12 hours weekly

**Class?**

- ◊ Junior

**Your Major? (List All)**

- ◊ Applied Math

**My reason for taking this course**

- ◊ Fulfill social and behavioral science breadth

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**Instructors Name: Erin Torkelson**

**Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?**

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

**The subject was delivered in a way that was consistent with stated objectives.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**My learning experiences in this subject were interesting and thought-provoking.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The instructor is well-prepared and presents class in an organized manner.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The instructor is helpful, accessible and supportive of my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The pre-recorded lectures are worthwhile, easy to follow, and aid my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The live zoom discussions are worthwhile, easy to follow and aid my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**What were the best things about this course and instructor.**

- ◊ The instructor was incredibly nice and mindful of COVID difficulties. The instructor clearly knew the course and was constantly discussing how materials related to the course's topic and keypoints. The materials were from multiple time periods and discussed different time periods, allowing us to see the history of global environmental politics.

**What do you perceive as the strengths and weaknesses of the COURSE? Suggestions for improvement?**

- ◊ The only weakness this course had was not having enough instructions about assignments in bCourses. However, the instructor went into more detail about what was expected during lecture and had their email open for questions.

**Focusing now on the course content, how worthwhile was this course in comparison with others you have taken at this university?**

- ◊ 7-Very

**Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?**

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

**On the average, how many hours per week have you devoted to this course above and beyond regular class meetings?**

- ◊ On average, I spent about eight hours per week to this course. The readings were a bit lengthy and sometimes difficult to understand, but the prerecorded lectures summarized them nicely and addressed the topics well. I feel, personally, I spent a lot of time because I found some readings hard to comprehend enough to interact with it.

**Class?**

- ◊ Sophomore

**Your Major? (List All)**

- ◊ Civil Engineering

**My reason for taking this course**

- ◊ I had to take an Upper Division C/SS course for my major. This course interested me this summer because the description looked intriguing considering I had always considered nature separate from politics. This course has taught me so much and I'm very happy I took it.

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**Instructors Name: Erin Torkelson**

**Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?**

- ◊ 6

**The subject was delivered in a way that was consistent with stated objectives.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**My learning experiences in this subject were interesting and thought-provoking.**

- ◊ 6

**The instructor is well-prepared and presents class in an organized manner.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The instructor is helpful, accessible and supportive of my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 6

**The pre-recorded lectures are worthwhile, easy to follow, and aid my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The live zoom discussions are worthwhile, easy to follow and aid my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 6

**What were the best things about this course and instructor.**

- ◊ The material was really interesting and Erin was very easy to engage with.

**What do you perceive as the strengths and weaknesses of the COURSE? Suggestions for improvement?**

- ◊ strengths: interesting material, engaging professor, accessible professor, pre-recorded lectures  
weaknesses: length of readings, overall time commitment each day (readings, lectures, reading journals) was a lot to handle if taking other classes this summer

**Focusing now on the course content, how worthwhile was this course in comparison with others you have taken at this university?**

- ◊ 6

**Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?**

- ◊ 6

**On the average, how many hours per week have you devoted to this course above and beyond regular class meetings?**

- ◊ 10-15

**Class?**

- ◊ Senior

**Your Major? (List All)**

- ◊ English, Public Health

**My reason for taking this course**

- ◊ Public Health major elective course

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**Instructors Name: Erin Torkelson**

**Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?**

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

**The subject was delivered in a way that was consistent with stated objectives.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**My learning experiences in this subject were interesting and thought-provoking.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The instructor is well-prepared and presents class in an organized manner.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The instructor is helpful, accessible and supportive of my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The pre-recorded lectures are worthwhile, easy to follow, and aid my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The live zoom discussions are worthwhile, easy to follow and aid my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**Focusing now on the course content, how worthwhile was this course in comparison with others you have taken at this university?**

- ◊ 7-Very

**Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?**

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

**On the average, how many hours per week have you devoted to this course above and beyond regular class meetings?**

- ◊ about 6 hours, depending on the readings and assignments due

**Class?**

- ◊ Senior

**Your Major? (List All)**

- ◊ Geography

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**Instructors Name: Erin Torkelson**

**Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?**

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

**The subject was delivered in a way that was consistent with stated objectives.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**My learning experiences in this subject were interesting and thought-provoking.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The instructor is well-prepared and presents class in an organized manner.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The instructor is helpful, accessible and supportive of my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The live zoom discussions are worthwhile, easy to follow and aid my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**What do you perceive as the strengths and weaknesses of the COURSE? Suggestions for improvement?**

- ◊ There was a lot of reading but we didn't actually talk about the specifics of the readings much, it may have been good to

focus on the conversations about more

**Focusing now on the course content, how worthwhile was this course in comparison with others you have taken at this university?**

- ◊ 7-Very

**Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?**

- ◊ 6

**On the average, how many hours per week have you devoted to this course above and beyond regular class meetings?**

- ◊ 5

**Class?**

- ◊ Junior

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**Instructors Name: Erin Torkelson**

**Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?**

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

**The subject was delivered in a way that was consistent with stated objectives.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**My learning experiences in this subject were interesting and thought-provoking.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The instructor is well-prepared and presents class in an organized manner.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The instructor is helpful, accessible and supportive of my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The pre-recorded lectures are worthwhile, easy to follow, and aid my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**The live zoom discussions are worthwhile, easy to follow and aid my learning in this course.**

- ◊ 7-Very

**What were the best things about this course and instructor.**

- ◊ It was all thought provoking and everything was connected, honestly a super great class. Considering the circumstances, the way she handled the class was beyond amazing.

**What do you perceive as the strengths and weaknesses of the COURSE? Suggestions for improvement?**

- ◊ The setup of the class was great, she was also super flexible with assignments. I just felt awkward when there was a long pause in discussions, but not much can be done about that.

Also, she should sent emails at least even through bcourses because I would have to go check the announcements tab whenever I could since I would not get a notification.

**Focusing now on the course content, how worthwhile was this course in comparison with others you have taken at this university?**

- ◊ 7-Very

**Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this course?**

- ◊ 7-Extremely Effective

**On the average, how many hours per week have you devoted to this course above and beyond regular class meetings?**

- ◊ 12

**Class?**

- ◊ Senior

**Your Major? (List All)**

- ◊ Geography and EEP

**My reason for taking this course**

- ◊ Major requirement