

SEQ Report

SEQ Results for SOC 302 01 Tpc:Problms& Issues Global Soc Fall 2007:[Select Another Course](#)**Valuable Features**

It was a small seminar course, so it was much easier to have discussions about the topics. This is a better learning environment for me, especially as it pushes me to talk, which I am normally more hesitant to do as I am shy person. The material was challenging, since the topics were ones that we often try to avoid thinking about, but we really strived to look into them in ways that were productive.

Features to Improve

There was a lot of reading. I think it would have been helpful to have each student focus on part of the reading for the next class, even if we are all supposed to read it all. It allows people to read a little less carefully for the parts that other people focus on, and can make the reading less daunting. (This is especially true for some of the larger books). When we divided things up a couple of times, it was really helpful to me, and it has worked well in other classes I have taken. Also, I think it would be helpful to reduce the workload that all falls right at the end of the semester. I think having the first paper due sooner, and then having the second paper due quite a bit sooner would be helpful, to leave the end for the semester paper. Either that, or really start thinking about the semester paper sooner. Maybe have a topic chosen really early on, and then later a bit of an 'outline.' And then having a complete outline or draft or something to make sure students are on track. Because I can tell myself to start early all I want, but deadlines are helpful to make me work.

Own Effort

I feel like I tried reasonably hard. This was not my highest priority class, so there were times when I wasn't as prepared because I was really busy with another class. But, I attended all of the classes, and tried to be engaged.

Recommend Course

I needed to take this class to fulfill a distribution depth requirement (or at least, something similar to this). I think I would recommend this class to other students. I guess, I would warn them that the subject matter can be very depressing. Also, that it's helpful to remember to be more forceful than I typically am.

Rating of Course

Recommend

Recommend Instructor

It was a small seminar, and I feel as though most people in the course were fairly quiet. So sometimes, we were very quiet, and weren't very good at volunteering information. However, there were also times, when someone was about to speak, or in the middle of speaking, and Prof. Cushman would start talking. I think it would have been helpful to be more sensitive to our quieter personalities. I feel like we had a lot to say, but we tended to wait until there was silence to speak up. (I might also be more used to a more informal class setting, which may have also affected how I perceived the class.) Also, there were times when I felt pressured by Prof. Cushman to think about something from a certain perspective. At other times, I felt like my opinion wasn't being respected. I think a lot of this stemmed from a lack of careful listening to hear other viewpoints, before making assumptions. I realize that there are times when I do not communicate well, but I felt like I was often misunderstood. Overall, I feel like Prof. Cushman really wanted and tried to be a good professor, and to relate to us and respect us. I think his personality is just very different from ours, and it was a small enough class that there wasn't a large variety of personalities in the students.

Rating of Instructor

Neither Recommend nor Discourage

Valuable Features

We read an array of readings on humanitarian crisis; it was really interesting to learn about the different cases/forms of suffering and to analyze people or nation states' motivations (or lack of) to stop/prevent human rights abuses.

Features to Improve

None

Own Effort

Good effort.

Recommend Course

I was interested in human rights issue and also to fulfill a minor requirement.

Rating of Course

Recommend

Recommend Instructor

Yes, Professor Cushman is one of the best professors I've had at Wellesley. He is very dynamic and passionate about his work. Most importantly, he truly cares about the wellbeings of his students.

Rating of Instructor

Recommend Strongly

Valuable Features

our class discussions

Features to Improve

sometimes we would spend more time on certain topics, and not be able to spend enough time on the next topics in the syllabus

Own Effort

I participated a lot in class.. and I generally do not speak at all.. so that really says something!

Recommend Course

I am a sociology major and I needed the requirement

Rating of Course

Course Summary

Enrollment		6	Number of SEQs		6	Percent Responding		100%
		Recommend Strongly	Recommend	Neither Recommend nor Discourage	Not Recommend	No Answer		
Rating of Course	Number	3	3	0	0	0		0
	Percent	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%		0%
Rating of Instructor	Number	5	0	1	0	0		0
	Percent	83%	0%	17%	0%	0%		0%

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