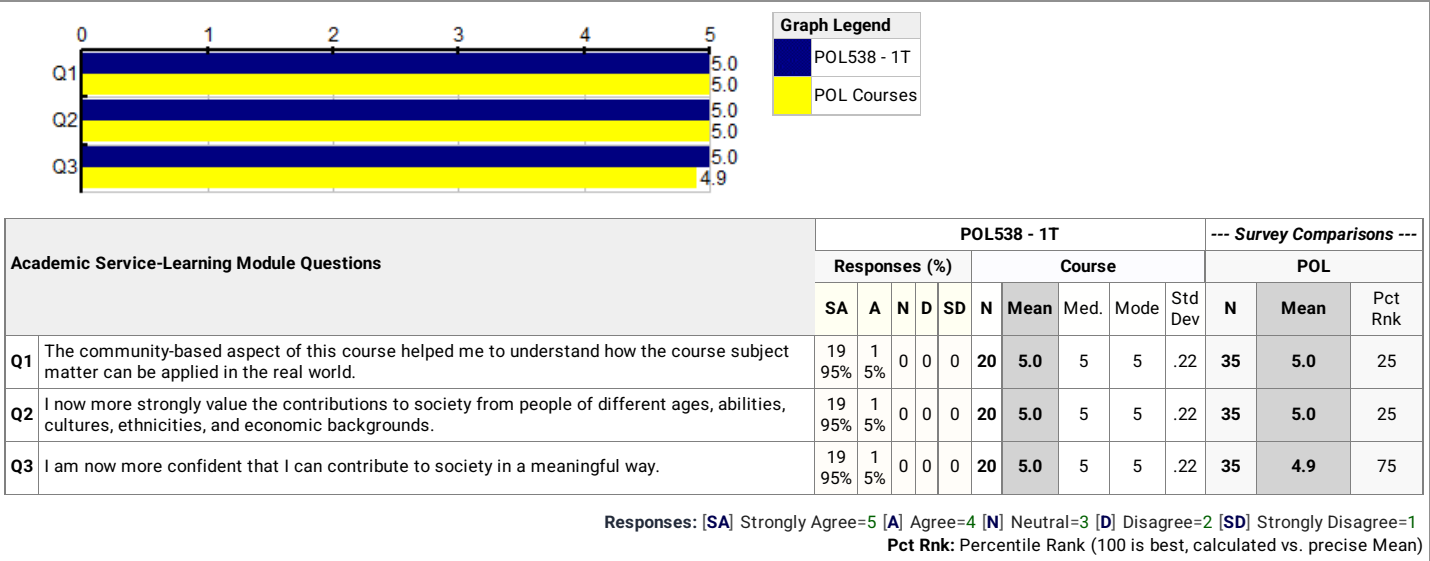
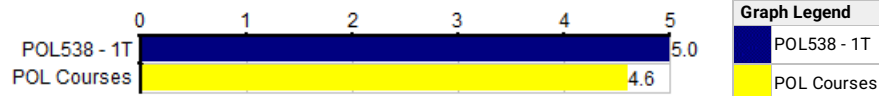


Course:	POL538 1T - EDUCATION POLITICS AND POLICY	Department:	POL
Responsible Faculty:	Matthew Nelsen	Responses / Expected:	20 / 21 (95.24%)
Overall Mean:	5.0 5 - Point Likert Scale (UM) (140 responses)		





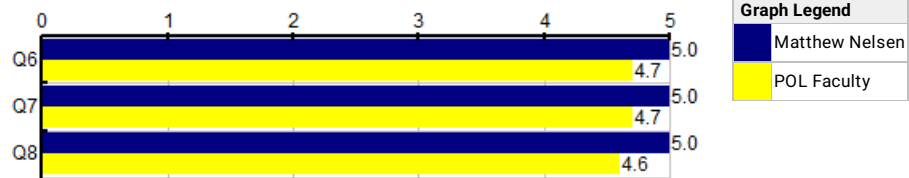
Universal Form - Course	POL538 - 1T										--- Survey Comparisons ---		
	Responses (%)					Course					POL		
	SA	A	N	D	SD	N	Mean	Med.	Mode	Std Dev	N	Mean	Pct Rnk
Q4 My ability to communicate about this subject has been enhanced.	19 95%	1 5%	0	0	0	20	5.0	5	5	.22	417	4.6	67

Responses: [SA] Strongly Agree=5 [A] Agree=4 [N] Neutral=3 [D] Disagree=2 [SD] Strongly Disagree=1
Pct Rnk: Percentile Rank (100 is best, calculated vs. precise Mean)

Q5 - Please identify what you consider to be the strengths of the course (or section) and/or areas for improvement.

Response Rate: 90.00% (18 of 20)

1	structure	
2	This course was such a joy to be a part of. I would recommend it to anyone. y only critique is that in the creation of each member's powerpoint, I wish certain information was required in order to streamline the process of making profiles and categorizing them into groups. Other than that, amazing class. Professor Nelsen outdid himself	
3	This course had a very intimate class. Everyone voiced their opinions, the professor is very smart. It is very interactive and has a perfect workload. I do not have any recommendations for area of improvement.	
4	This class gave me the impression that my work matters, not just for a good grade, but for the Miami Dade community. The final project was a class report on the school board, and the result felt like good quality material that may be useful for people in the future, and that was a huge motivation. Besides that, this class solidified the understanding that education is the heart of democracy and helped me develop an ability to discuss and debate that topic. Overall, I believe this course was an invaluable part of my education, and I hope the University of Miami (& Dr. Nelsen) offers more civics-oriented courses in the future.	
5	The way he allows students to speak about topics we normally feel obligated to keep to ourselves. We were able to do this in a respectful manner while also learning more about topics we were unaware of, in a way where no ones perspective was wrong but improved.	
6	The professor is so knowledgable and really cares about the subject and his students. This is my second course with him and I loved it!	
7	The course was very informative and I really appreciated how it applied to current event. It was engaging and I enjoyed being able to contribute to the community.	
8	Strengths are that it is not exam heavy - the various assignments and homework make it easier to just learn to learn and not learn to memorize.	
9	I would say the strengths of the courses were definitely the readings and how they took on different formats (movies, podcasts, articles, etc.) rather than just straight readings every time. In addition to this the comfortable discussion part of the class was also a strength.	
10	I think the interactive nature of the class was really important. Being able to have such open discussions about often controversial and divisive topics really enhanced the experience. Being able to research school board members in Miami Dade also provided valuable experience.	
11	I think the class is super engaging, and the class is such a welcoming environment and does a nice job fostering a learning environment. I do think there is some material that is a little unnecessary, and feels like a task for students rather than material that is effective to the class.	
12	I really enjoyed the collaborative environment of this course and how rather than lecture/reading based it was catered towards what we wanted to discuss. This made it easier to follow and apply the information to our personal lives and real life scenarios.	
13	I liked how our professor held and executive position when delegating tasks. I think the current events discussions were impactful but I do think sometimes they were a little too long, but because we had a 3 hour section it wasn't that big of an issue. Because the class was so long, there were always different little activities that helped keep the class engaging.	
14	I appreciated the readings and the collaborative aspect of class.	
15	Everything was done perfectly in this course. The participation, the assignments, everything went well with one another and every student enjoyed it.	
16	Dr. Nelsen is an extraordinary professor whose impact extends far beyond the classroom. He exemplifies what it means to be inclusive, engaging, and deeply respected—qualities consistently echoed by students throughout the course. It is evident that he not only cares profoundly about the material he teaches, but even more so about the students he teaches it to. What sets Dr. Nelsen apart is his remarkable ability to bridge academic learning with real-world civic engagement. Through his guidance, we didn't just study policy—we lived it, actively connecting our coursework with the needs of the community around us. That's a rare and meaningful feat, and one that only a professor of Dr. Nelsen's caliber could lead so effectively. Without question, he stands as the most impactful instructor I have had at the University of Miami. His work is not only transforming students—it's transforming our communities. Thank you, Dr. Nelsen, for everything you do. Please keep going—you are making a difference.	
17	Course has a very unique community aspect that is easy to implement into real life.	
18	All of it is helpful and meaningful. The course should be a requirement for all political science majors as it is an amazing class.	



Universal Form - Instructor		Matthew Nelsen										--- Survey Comparisons ---		
		Responses (%)					Individual					POL		
		SA	A	N	D	SD	N	Mean	Med.	Mode	Std Dev	N	Mean	Pct Rnk
Q6	My overall evaluation of the instructor is positive.	20 100%	0	0	0	0	20	5.0	5	5	0	418	4.7	77
Q7	The instructor is available and is responsive to the students.	20 100%	0	0	0	0	20	5.0	5	5	0	418	4.7	77
Q8	The instructor stimulates interest in the course.	19 95%	1 5%	0	0	0	20	5.0	5	5	.22	418	4.6	59

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