

PROFESSOR , Menchik

NUMBER OF STUDENTS RESPONDING: 19

NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED: 22

PERCENT OF ENROLLED STUDENTS RESPONDING: 86.36

STATISTICS REFLECT FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES

I. SECTION A: COURSE EVALUATION

		NR	1	2	3	4	5		MEAN	ST DEV
1. RELEVANCE OF ASSIGNED READINGS [(1) LOW TO (5) HIGH]	POOR	0	0	0	0	1	18	EXCELLENT	4.947	0.229
2. DIFFICULTY OF COURSE [(1) EASY TO (5) DIFFICULT]	POOR	0	0	1	3	12	3	EXCELLENT	3.895	0.737
3. WORKLOAD IN COURSE [(1) LIGHT TO (5) HEAVY]	POOR	2	0	0	2	9	5	EXCELLENT	4.188	0.655
4. OVERALL RATING OF DISCUSSION INSTRUCTOR (IF APPLICABLE)	POOR	14	0	0	0	0	4	EXCELLENT	5.000	0.000
5. OVERALL RATING OF LAB INSTRUCTOR (IF APPLICABLE)	POOR	17	0	0	0	0	2	EXCELLENT	5.000	0.000
6. USEFULNESS OF ASSIGNMENTS AND PAPERS	POOR	1	0	0	0	2	16	EXCELLENT	4.889	0.323
7. OVERALL COURSE RATING	POOR	0	0	0	0	4	15	EXCELLENT	4.789	0.419

II. SECTION B: FACULTY EVALUATION

		NR	1	2	3	4	5		MEAN	ST DEV
8. EFFECTIVENESS IN EXPLAINING CONCEPTS	POOR	0	0	0	1	2	16	EXCELLENT	4.789	0.535
9. ABILITY TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN SUBJECT	POOR	1	0	0	0	4	13	EXCELLENT	4.765	0.437
10. ENCOURAGEMENT OF CLASS PARTICIPATION	POOR	0	0	0	0	2	17	EXCELLENT	4.895	0.315
11. FAIRNESS IN GRADING	POOR	0	0	0	0	6	13	EXCELLENT	4.684	0.478
12. PROMPTNESS IN RETURNING ASSIGNMENTS	POOR	0	0	0	0	2	17	EXCELLENT	4.895	0.315
13. QUALITY OF FEEDBACK TO STUDENTS	POOR	1	0	0	2	7	9	EXCELLENT	4.389	0.698
14. AVAILABILITY OUTSIDE OF CLASS	POOR	1	0	0	1	2	15	EXCELLENT	4.778	0.548
15. OVERALL RATING OF INSTRUCTOR	POOR	0	0	0	0	2	17	EXCELLENT	4.895	0.315
16. WERE THE GRADING CRITERIA CLEARLY STATED	POOR	2	0	0	0	2	15	EXCELLENT	4.882	0.332

Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

- extremely knowledgeable
- cares greatly about students & their understanding of the material
- takes constructive criticism well (asks for it, something no prof has ever done before)
- is able to stimulate interest in the subject & assigns relevant, and reasonably manageable course material & readings
- understanding, accomodating, and patient with students
- challenges students to think critically and develop arguments, not just regurgitate info.

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

literally none. The weakness is that I can't have him teach me every single subject in life.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Best professor I've ever had in my entire life. Honestly. no contest.

Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

- Excellent discussion
- Great ability
to elucidate complicated
subjects while maintaining
class interest

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

Noticeable lack of techno/House music
in class

GENERAL COMMENTS:

One of the BU IR department's brightest
new professors. It has been a privilege to
have taken your class.



Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

This has ~~been~~ been one of the best classes I've taken at BU. Prof. Menchik is engaging & brilliant, and the readings are always discussed comprehensively & thoroughly. There is always room to share opinions, & Prof. Menchik is great at guiding the conversation but not overwhelming or leaving us floundering for answers.

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

It is A LOT of reading, but given the discussion, it works OK.

More essay feedback would be nice.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Thanks so much. I learned so much & loved this class!



Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

Very comprehensive + helpful. Monchik is the best IR prof I have had and he is welcoming to any questions or concerns.

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

None.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Awesome class!

Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

- very good at explaining concepts
- interesting subjects
- interesting discussions & lectures
- learned a lot of new things

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

- a lot of reading

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

Focus in depth in ~~both~~ Islamic countries' politics, Islamic theologies, and Islamic movements and issues. The multiple perspectives enhance the course and allow it to relate to more than one type of student.

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

Very reading-intensive, but all relevant.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

I very much appreciated the informal evaluations in the class; they allowed the class to do have a say in what was studied and discussed rather than merely purely discussing the material.

Professor Merchante is a very engaging professor and extremely clear in explaining concepts.

Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

- relevant assignments and readings.
- objective analysis.
- Professor Menchik challenged my thinking and because of this class I hold some new perspectives.
- willingness/ eagerness for feedback.

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

- Sometimes there could have been more time to work on assignments.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- overall, one of the best courses at BU.



Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

Readings were interesting and tailored to discussions and relevant themes in class

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

GENERAL COMMENTS:

great class, I learned a lot

Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

knowledgeable, kind, explains concepts incredibly well. one of best professors I've had in my 4 years.

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

n/a

GENERAL COMMENTS:

great course, but does overlap w/
others @ BU (IR)



Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

Great professor, good discussions, interesting class.

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

N/A

GENERAL COMMENTS:

liked that he asked for feedback & listened.



Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

The Instructor is great → very knowledgeable, flexible, fair.
The class is very applicable.

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

This class has tons of reading, almost overwhelming amount.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

The readings were very interesting and on topic for the course. The professor was very good at explaining concepts as well.

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

No weakness.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Very good class. A lot of reading, but worth it.

Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

The class was extremely interesting and Professor Marchik explained all concepts well. The discussion was especially helpful in understanding the material.

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

GENERAL COMMENTS:

It was a great class!



Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

Menchik has the great ability to stimulate interest in a very complicated topic. His breakdown by country cases and then greater themes makes the material more interesting and comprehensive.

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

N/A

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

Great readings — were all relevant & in logical progression. Enjoyed the discussion-based curriculum. Papers were also relevant & helped clarify understanding of material. Engaged & engaging instructor.

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

GENERAL COMMENTS:



Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

I like the structure of the course w/ lectures + discussions as well as the conceptual balance btw/ case studies of specific countries and themes related to the material

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

N/A

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

Great instructor! Really encourages class participation & tries to make the classes interesting.

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

Too many readings sometimes but still understandable. It would also be better to ~~have~~ spare some time at beginning of class to introduce the topics for those who ~~don't~~ may not really know much about it already (especially in regards to country topics).

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Please comment on:

STRENGTHS of the course and of the Instructor:

Professor Mendrik does a great job of taking such a broad and confusing topic and making it understandable and accessible. The material is broken down in a way that is understandable and just makes sense sequentially.

WEAKNESSES of the course and of the Instructor:

The only weakness I would say is size. Some people fade into the background too early and contributions are made by the same group of people.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Loved the class and Prof Mendrik despite the fact that I don't have an A in the course. Look forward to taking another course with him next semester.