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EVALUATION OF TEACHING BY MEANS OF STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE



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CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: Prof did a great job in terms of providing for the students. The only issue was the material was extremely dry, however that is simply the nature of policy.

CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: Try to be more organized on brightspace, it is difficult to find specific content through announcements. An easier alternative would be to organize it by lectures and assignments.

CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: I feel as though this course was fit for a fifth year or masters student class. We are third year students...the course material from day one was much too heavy. For next year – I would suggest focusing the class content on bits and pieces rather than all of what you are teaching. It is too high of an expectation for undergrad students to understand what you are talking about.

CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: I know that everyone has their own speaking/lecture style, but reading notes is never fun and you seemed much more engaged when directing class discussion and being a bit less formal.

Overall, I feel like I was given too much information. I wanted to understand the material well, but when I am being given so many specific sections of long Acts, long government documents, etc. it can feel like you are trying to stay afloat in a sea of bureaucratic/legal language that is not very familiar. I had an easier time reading the textbook. I think next time you should focus less on all of the particular sections and subsections. Share with us only the main ideas because when so many details are there I inevitably worry about them!

The fact that there was so much material made it harder for me when it came time to do the assignments. I was confused as to what material I was supposed to quote in my assignment in order to demonstrate my learning when there was so much choice.

Thank you for being so friendly and understanding this semester!

CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: This course is different from my other communication courses. I do find it rather difficult, perhaps because there's so much information we need to learn. I did not do too well in the midterm because I genuinely struggled trying to remember all the info, especially since there were so many rules and approaches that they get mixed up together! The assignments were okay, I wasn't quite sure what a CRTC was but the examples the professor provided helped me in making one (hopefully well). I really enjoyed the professor as I can tell she cares for the students and is passionate about the course, but I think the midterm needs to be less information heavy. Also, perhaps a better explanation on how to do assignment 2 and 4 would be better as I was confused at times about how to make a CRTC report.

CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: I really enjoyed your class. I think you're a good teacher, and we know this is new to you, so it might feel weird, but with time you will find what works and be an excellent prof. I do have a few suggestions to help you with class engagement. I know it sucks when no one participates.

– Focus on the essentials (good to know vs should know)

–Try not to read your notes so much

–continue the recap

–Continue using personal experience as examples

– Try to convince whoever is responsible to give you a small class if you have few students (I know you probably do not have much control but see what you can do. It will make a difference)

And lastly, do not be afraid to be enthusiastic about Broadcasting policy. Most people actually enjoy it, if they chose the class. Trust me. They're just confused and that's what "scares" people.

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Anyways you will get there!

CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: 1. Interesting subject matter! I liked that slideshows and prof notes were posted on bright space because we covered a lot of information. Prof was always open to discussing content in office hours, answering questions by email etc.

2. The first half of the course was going over history which was a little bit dry. I think I learned the most when we were able to look at policy submissions and have class discussions, the textbook was very dry, I enjoyed the academic articles we had to read because they reflected what we were learning.

CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: Amazing professor! Always very prepared for class, summarizes key points, and creates PowerPoints that are very easy to follow and understand. I appreciated how detailed assignment rubrics and assignment feedback was. Not many profs go above and beyond to give very detailed comments on not only what could have been improved on, but what was done well. I would definitely recommend this course.

CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: I liked this course because the subject matter was interesting and the prof was very passionate about it, so it was easy to retain the content. I felt that a lot of the history material was very heavy, and it felt like it was a little too much for one test in that time span, maybe it would've been more manageable if the test had been broken into two.

CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: 1. Professor Dumoulin is very interesting when she's teaching. She makes jokes and we see that she appreciates a lot her job. She cares about her students and she's always available during breaks or after the class to answer to my personal questions. I appreciate a lot her PowerPoints and her course notes. Everything is complete! It was a big challenge for me to take this class this semester particularly because of the language (English isn't my first language), of the law and the registration about broadcasting in Canada. I've learned a lot! I think it's essential for students in communication to have a basis in these policies.

2. I think that multiple choice exams isn't the best way to evaluate students. For example, adding some short-long answer questions can be an option to students to explain in detail the new content they have learned.

CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: I enjoyed learning about communication policy, or policy that affects communication. As a communication student, I think this course is relevant to my field of study. I appreciate the professor for providing visuals during their presentations. The professor shared pertinent, and simplified, information that I can apply outside of the classroom. This course should be offered at an earlier time and at a different location.

CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: I found the content of Policy Studies inherently dry. That issue coupled with the fact that we had a 3 hour lecture made it hard to stay focused and engaged the whole class. Professor Dumoulin is a clear orator but sometimes can be a little bit monotone. Class discussion questions my favourite part of the course so more of that would be good as well as possibly some video elements potentially to keep us engaged. Overall I believe that given the boring subject matter, professor Dumoulin has done a really good job with the course and was always available outside of class.

CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: Overall, this was a very enjoyable course! Jennifer was always prepared for class and seemed invested in the course material. I found that her policy background helped enrich the class discussions (I genuinely liked the discussions, which is a first for me!). Jennifer's approachability was, above all, what made the course. I am in the Communications program and hope to have her as a prof in the future.

CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: Great to have follow-ups on questions that are asked in class by students. Shows that you truly do care and you really do put effort into ensuring that we are learning as best as we can, and are receiving the most correct information – ESPECIALLY in a topic that is very detailed, and sometimes a tad contradictory...?

CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: This course was wonderful and I would highly recommend it to all of my peers. Jennifer, it is clear that you care a lot about your students and I appreciated being able to discuss anything with you. Your assignments were interesting and relevant to the course material (and also relevant to the real-world, which was great). The course material was very logical, engaging and offered great discussion.

My only criticism would be that the weekly recaps felt a bit unnecessary after the midterm. Prior to the midterm, they were really helpful to cement understanding and recap on important ideas (as were your notes). After the midterm, however, the weekly recaps felt a bit repetitive for those who had attended previous lectures.

Thank you again for such a great semester!

CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: Good course, but prof could eliminate 30 minute recap from previous class at the start of every new class. In class case study discussions might have been useful to better understand course material.

CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: Midterm was REALLY tough. But overall interesting subject matter and Professor Dumoulin delivered it exceptionally.

CMN3182 A00 Policy Studies - Jennifer Lee Dumoulin: 1. This class was fantastic, and was the class I had always wanted to take. I somehow got even more excited about the class after the first week, and it has only gotten better since. The prof both conveys the material effectively, while also being very helpful with questions. I also thought the fact that a majority of the assignments, as papers not exams, were the proper way to test students.

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2. The only thing that I would change is the lack of incentive to go to class in the second half (post midterm). While as a student it isn't really a complaint, because any of the possible solutions could be found as annoying to students, finding a way to incentivize (?) attendance in the second half would result in more students showing up. Whether this is a problem or not, I don't know, but not that any students would complain about it.