

Individual Report for Kumar Ramanathan (POLI_SCI_321-0_20: Urban Politics)

Course and Teacher Evaluations CTEC Fall 2018

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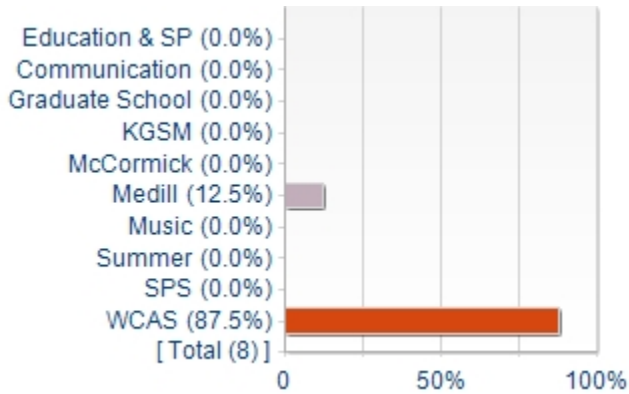
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Course Evaluations

Teaching Assistant	Course
Kumar Ramanathan	POLI_SCI_321-0_20: Urban Politics

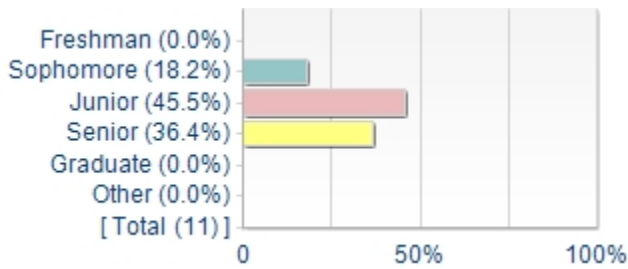
DEMOGRAPHICS

Your School



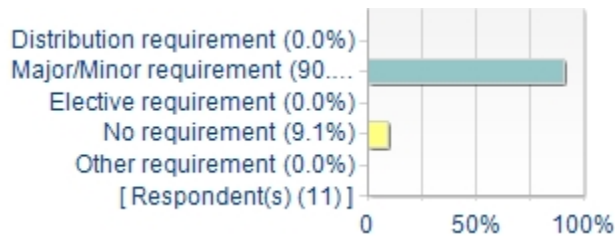
Options	Count	Percentage
Education & SP	0	0.0%
Communication	0	0.0%
Graduate School	0	0.0%
KGSM	0	0.0%
McCormick	0	0.0%
Medill	1	12.5%
Music	0	0.0%
Summer	0	0.0%
SPS	0	0.0%
WCAS	7	87.5%

Your Class



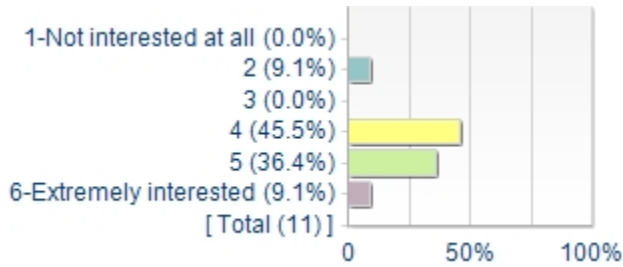
Options	Count	Percentage
Freshman	0	0.0%
Sophomore	2	18.2%
Junior	5	45.5%
Senior	4	36.4%
Graduate	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%

What is your reason for taking the course? (mark all that apply)



Options	Count	Percentage
Distribution requirement	0	0.0%
Major/Minor requirement	10	90.9%
Elective requirement	0	0.0%
No requirement	1	9.1%
Other requirement	0	0.0%
Respondent(s)	11	

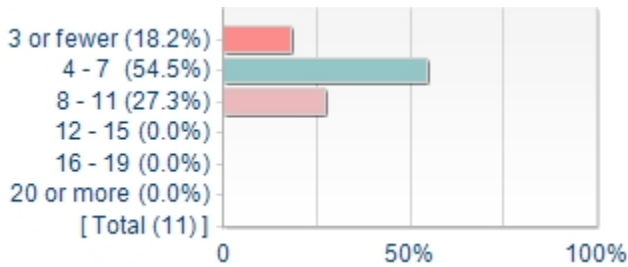
What was your interest in this subject before taking the course?



Options	Count	Percentage
1-Not interested at all	0	0.0%
2	1	9.1%
3	0	0.0%
4	5	45.5%
5	4	36.4%
6-Extremely interested	1	9.1%

TIME-SURVEY QUESTION

Estimate the average number of hours per week you spent on this course outside of class and lab time.

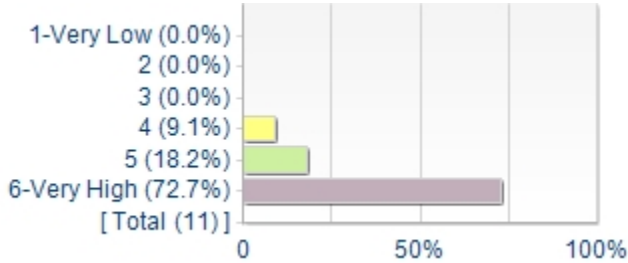


Options	Count	Percentage
3 or fewer	2	18.2%
4 - 7	6	54.5%
8 - 11	3	27.3%
12 - 15	0	0.0%
16 - 19	0	0.0%
20 or more	0	0.0%

TA QUESTIONS

Please rate the TA on the following criteria:

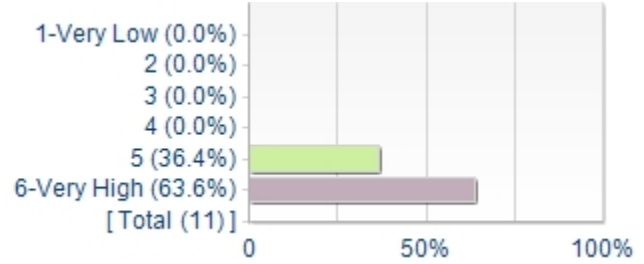
1. The TA was able to answer the students' questions adequately.



Options	Score	Count	Percentage
1-Very Low	1	0	0.0%
2	2	0	0.0%
3	3	0	0.0%
4	4	1	9.1%
5	5	2	18.2%
6-Very High	6	8	72.7%

Statistics	Value
Response Count	11
Mean	5.64
Median	6.00
Standard Deviation	0.67

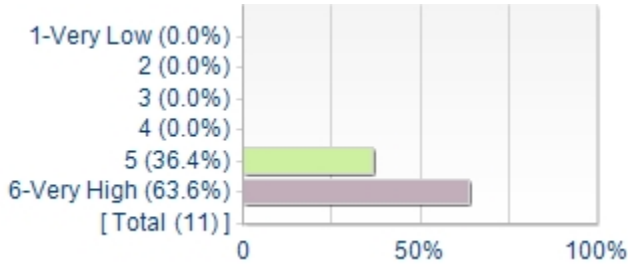
2. The TA was well prepared for each session.



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1-Very Low	1	0	0.0%
2	2	0	0.0%
3	3	0	0.0%
4	4	0	0.0%
5	5	4	36.4%
6-Very High	6	7	63.6%

Statistics	Value
Response Count	11
Mean	5.64
Median	6.00
Standard Deviation	0.50

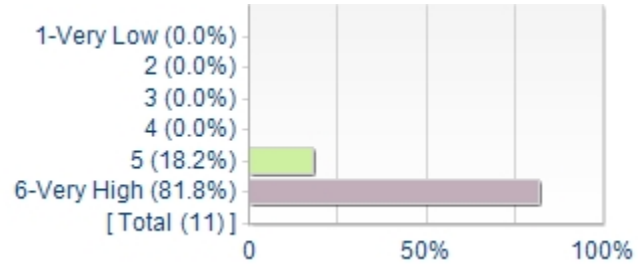
3. The TA communicated ideas in a clear manner.



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1-Very Low	1	0	0.0%
2	2	0	0.0%
3	3	0	0.0%
4	4	0	0.0%
5	5	4	36.4%
6-Very High	6	7	63.6%

Statistics	Value
Response Count	11
Mean	5.64
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Standard Deviation	0.50

4. The TA showed strong interest in teaching the course.



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1-Very Low	1	0	0.0%
2	2	0	0.0%
3	3	0	0.0%
4	4	0	0.0%
5	5	2	18.2%
6-Very High	6	9	81.8%

Statistics	Value
Response Count	11
Mean	5.82
Median	6.00
Standard Deviation	0.40

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

What are the primary strengths and weaknesses of the teaching assistant?

Comments
Kumar is a fantastic TA. He cleared up questions students had from lecture and also helped us organize the course material so that we could prepare for exams. He answered questions clearly and showed interest in his students.
Good facilitator
He was invested in our learning
Knowledge of material. Effective communication. Availability. Willingness to help
Because the class had so much reading, Kumar did a good job breaking them down into categories and related topics in such a way as to make them feel much more manageable and cohesive.
Kumar is by far the best TA I have had at Northwestern. He knows the material very well, he communicates ideas effectively, and he engages well with students not only in the discussion sections but in lectures as well. He is extremely helpful in trying to understand the course material, and provides great constructive feedback on essays. I would be the first person to sign up for any class that he taught
Kumar was an excellent TA. Very knowledgeable and communicated everything in a clear manner
Kumar was a fantastic resource. He responded to emails very quickly, and led great discussion sections
He knows his material and creates a welcome environment for discussion. Grades too much on structure and writing style rather than actual content which I thought wasn't an accurate reflection of how well I was engaging with the subject material.