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School: Economic, Political and Policy Sciences
Dept:

IPEC3349.001.14F

World Resources and Development

Instructor: Rubia Valente

Course Experience for IPEC3349.001.14F - World Resources and Development														
Evaluation Scale is 5 Level Likert Item	SD	D	N	A	SA	%/#	SD	D	N	А	SA	тот	Summary Statistics	
The course objectives were clearly defined.					M - 4 μ = 43 σ = 0.	%	-	-	-	11%	89%	100%	M 4.94 μ 4.89	
	0%	0%	0%	11%	89%	#	-	-	-	2	17	19	σ 0.32 N 19	
The course was well organized.					M - 4	%	-	-	-	11%	89%	100%	M 4.94 μ 4.89	
	0%	0%	0%	11%	σ-0. 89%	#	-	-	-	2	17	19	σ 0.32 N 19	
Overall, the course was excellent.				:	M - 4 μ = 4.75 σ = 0.5-	%	-	-	5%	11%	84%	100%	M 4.91 μ 4.79	
	0%	0%	5%	11%	84%	#	-	-	1	2	16	19	σ 0.54 N 19	
		Instruc	ctor Rubi	a Valent	e (IPEC33	49.00	1.14F)							
Evaluation Scale is 5 Level Likert Item	SD	D	N	A	SA	%/#	SD	D	N	A	SA	тот	Summary Statistics	
The instructor clearly defined and explained the course objectives and expectations.					м - - - - - - - - -	%	-	-	-	5%	95%	100%	M 4.97 μ 4.95	
expectations.	0%	0%	0%	5%	95%	#	-	-	-	1	18	19	σ 0.23 N 19	-
The instructor was prepared for each instructional activity.					M - 4 μ = 4.1 σ = 0.	%	-	-	-	11%	89%	100%	M 4.94 μ 4.89	
	0%	0%	0%	11%	89%	#	-	-	-	2	17	19	σ 0.32 N 19	-
The instructor communicated information effectively.					M - 4 μ - 43 σ - 0.	%	-	-	-	11%	89%	100%	M 4.94 μ 4.89	
	0%	0%	0%	11%	89%	#	-	-	-	2	17	19	σ 0.32 N 19	
The instructor encouraged me to take an active role in my own learning.					м-	%	-	-	-	5%	95%	100%	M 4.97 μ 4.95	
	0%	0%	0%	5%	95%	#	-	-	-	1	18	19	σ 0.23 N 19	
The instructor was available to students either electronically or in person.	:				м - и- о -	%	-	-	-	-	100%	100%	M 5.00 μ 5.00	
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The instructor seemed genuinely interested in teaching.	:				M -	%	-	-	-	-	100%	100%	Μ μ	5.00 5.00
	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	#	-	-	-	-	19	19	σ N	0.00
The instructor provided timely feedback.					м	%	-	-	-	5%	95%	100%	Μ μ	4.97 4.95
	0%	0%	0%	5%	95%	#	-	-	-	1	18	19	σ N	0.23
The instructor evaluated students fairly.					M = 4 µ = 4,8	%	-	-	5%	5%	89%	100%	М	4.94 4.84
	0%	0%	5%	5%	∂ = 0.5 89%	#	-	-	1	1	17	19	σ N	0.50
Overall, this instructor was excellent.					м -	%	-	-	-	5%	95%	100%	Μ μ	4.97 4.95
	0%	0%	0%	5%	95%	#	-	-	-	1	18	19	σ N	0.23
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Evaluation Scale is 5 Level Likert Item	SD	D	N	A	SA	%/#	SD	D	N	А	SA	тот		ummary Statistics
I was free to ask questions and express my opinions and ideas.					м- #1	%	-	-	-	-	100%	100%	М	5.00 5.00
	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	#	-	-	-	-	19	19	σ N	0.00
My performance was evaluated fairly.					M = 4 μ = 4.78 σ = 0.5:	%	-	-	6%	11%	83%	100%	Μ μ	4.90 4.78
	0%	0%	6%	11%	83%	#	-	-	1	2	15	18	σ N	0.55 18
I discussed ideas from this course with others outside the classroom.					M = 4	%	-	-	-	16%	84%	100%	Μ μ	4.91 4.84
	0%	0%	0%	16%	84%	#	-	-	-	3	16	19	σ N	0.37 19
This course has been (or will be) of value to me.					М − 4 ф µ = 4,8	%	-	-	-	17%	83%	100%	Μ μ	4.90 4.83
	0%	0%	0%	17%	83%	#	-	-	-	3	15	18	σ N	0.38
This course inspired me to learn more.					M - 4	%	-	-	-	16%	84%	100%	М	4.91
					o = 0.3	#	-	-	-	3	16	19	σ	0.37
	0%	0%	0%	16%	84%								N	19

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What aspects of this course should remain the same?

- 1. Keep the movies, movie clips, research project, and book review.
- 2. The teacher is extremely passionate about the subjects that she teaches and it is very nice to have that. Her lectures are always super interactive and everyone joins in on discussions.
- 3. The teacher, classroom, constant use of writing for assessment, discussion, and course material and book were all excellent.

- 4. Dr. Valente is an awesome professor who truly cares about class content and quality instruction. The course was organized around weeklong "modules" of core aspects of development; I gained the resources to look at these themes in general and then apply them to my own particular regional emphasis. The course was well-organized, and I had the information to prepare adequately for every test and assignment. Yay for no curveballs! I wish I could have Dr. Valente for more classes!
- Class participation, weekly review, Movies, final research paper and the most important thing "THE PROFESSOR!!!!"
- 6. The flow of the course and the videos that were watched help to get a better understanding of the severity of the issues.
- 7. DR Valenci is great!!
- 8. This was one of my favorite courses at UTD. It inspired me to pursue my interest in international development beyond school.
- 9. I love the discussion and summary aspect to this course, it really aided me in engaging myself with the material.
- 10. The open discussions and encouragement of conversation and ideas; it made the class very interesting.
- 11. Diverse readings were good as were films...good in class discussions.
- 12. how organized the course was

What aspects of this course need improvement?

- Reduce the amount of critical summaries, maybe remove one or two of the movie reviews. There is too
 much coursework.
- 2. There was a lot of writing.
- 3. I can imagine this class being difficult for anyone that has trouble writing. I would say having the writing center advertise in class or have a section just for this, since our grade relies so heavily on it.
- 4. Though future students might disagree, I think it would be good to hold the entire lecture accountable for class readings. Perhaps every class should be started with a brief and general five-minute written quiz on the previous readings. This would serve not only to ensure that students complete the reading, but would also get people's "brain juices" flowing on the principal topics of discussion.
- 5. Movie review papers. I think movie reviews are enough in class discussion. This will give extra time for students to read more the materials posted in e-learning.
- 6. The assignment load is a bit much, especially for students taking 12-15 credit hours. Weekly written assignments along with several four page reviews and an eight page research paper made it difficult to keep up and juggle all of the other EPPS courses that we have to take. A little less writing would help make the course more manageable.
- 7. NA
- 8. I wish Dr. Valente taught more classes!
- 9. Tests should cover material from the readings as well because they take a fair amount of effort and while the material does all link back, it seems kind of pointless to write a summary on something and then never have to really be aware of it again. Will also ensure that students are actually doing the readings.
- The manner of the assignments far too much writing is required, and everything is open-ended instead of concrete.
- 11. flexibility of the teacher

Additional comments:

- 1. This class was interesting and worthwhile. The professor is wonderful and very passionate about teaching.
- 2. I really enjoyed the use of primary sources rather than a textbook and the emphasis of discussion over lecture. Weekly summaries ensured that at least some of the class was on track with readings and ready to participate in discussion. I really enjoyed the format of the class overall. However, I know I would personally prefer a more substantial final research paper over numerous, smaller book and movie reviews. In other classes, I have seen professors assign books and then reserve a class session or two solely for roundtable discussion: a student's participation grade comes largely from intelligent contributions to these discussions. However, this may be rendered infeasible by classroom setup and size.
- 3. Developing world text book is a good source to understand the subject matter.Bottom billion book is OK.However,as we discuss it in class the author skip many important things about Africa.So it is best to replace it other book. There are many books written by African authors in related to development.
- 4. This course was my best course in all of my years of study. Dr. V brought the issues of the world outside of the U.S. to our minds and made the class see the importance of making a difference in others' lives. After

every single class I felt that I could make a change in the world. I would recommend this course and Dr. V to all of my peers.

- 5. Amazing professor! Passionate about the subject and cares about her students.
- 6. to much busy work
- 7. Dr. Valente is a very personable professor whose approach towards teaching and content is extremely engaging. Excellent class.
- 8. Love this class, one of my favorites. Reaffirms my commitment to being an IPE major.
- 9. Dr. Valente is an amazing instructor and is genuinely passionate about what she teaches.
- 10. A lot of writing and reading, but it helped to understand the material. I gained a lot of perspective in the class. I'm more accustomed to lecture classes, so the format as a discussion almost made it difficult to prepare for the test.
- Amount of papersassignments was large compared to other classes...movie reviews could be a little shorter maybe. Grading seemed to focus more on format than content.
- 12. good class overall, well organized, clear explanation from the professor

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