

**Columbia University: Arts & Sciences**  
**A&S Fall 2024 Standard Evaluation**

**Course:** POLSUN1501\_001\_2024\_3 - INTRO TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS: POLSV1501\_001\_2024\_3\_198303  
**Instructor:** Benjamin McClelland  
**TA:** Julian Gerez \*,Heewon Yoon,Beatrice Montano,Sirine Kadi,Neil Maru  
**Response Rate:** 90/140 (64.29 %)

1 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of Julian Gerez (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader) as an instructor, and how might Julian Gerez's teaching be improved?

<b>Response Rate</b>	6/140 (4.29%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• n/a</li> <li>• Great, very helpful and nice</li> <li>• Julian was a really great discussion leader! He always made sure to cover all of the topics that had been covered the previous week in lecture, thoroughly explained concepts and made sure that the whole section was engaged. He was also always available for questions and eager to help link the course materials to other examples if he noticed that the section was struggling to understand. Although he taught two sections, Julian made an effort to get to know everyone personally, and was really attentive throughout the semester.</li> <li>• Julian was a wonderful TA! I really enjoyed our section, and he did a good job trying to get through everything, while still engaging with our questions and hesitations about the course. He also gave clear feedback regarding section participation and how we could improve.</li> <li>• Amazing! He was always helpful to understand the material and explain any confusion surrounding class material or assignments.</li> <li>• He was nice</li> </ul>	

**2 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of Julian Gerez?**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Excellent	(5)	14	73.68%								
Very Good	(4)	3	15.79%								
Good	(3)	2	10.53%								
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%								
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%								
				0	25	50	100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median			
19/140 (13.57%)				4.63		0.68		5.00			

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Course: POLSUN1511\_003\_2024\_3 - INTRO-COMPARATIVE POLITCS-DISC: POLSV1511\_003\_2024\_3\_198308  
Instructor: Julian Gerez \*  
Response Rate: 6/14 (42.86 %)

1 - What did you learn - in terms of knowledge, skills, or perspectives - in this course?The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

Response Rate 2/14 (14.29%)

- Broad introduction to comparative politics
- about politics

2 - What percentage of the work (including reading) assigned for this course did you complete on schedule?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
All or almost all	(1)	6	100.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
Most	(2)	0	0.00%					
Some	(3)	0	0.00%					
This question is not applicable	(4)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100				
Response Rate								
6/14 (42.86%)								

3 - What is your overall assessment of the course? What are its strengths? In what ways might it be improved? In answering this question, you might address the value of readings and assignments, the structure of the course (including the relationship of sections to lectures), the contribution of the course to your knowledge of the subject matter and to the development of your analytical and reasoning skills, etc. We encourage you to use specific examples where possible.

Response Rate 1/14 (7.14%)

- it was okay

4 - What is your overall assessment of the course?The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Excellent	(5)	5	83.33%	<div><div></div></div>	4.50			
Very Good	(4)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	16.67%					
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
6/14 (42.86%)				4.50	1.22	5.00		

5 - Would you recommend this course to another student?The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Definitely recommend	(1)	5	83.33%	<div><div></div></div>				
Probably recommend	(2)	0	0.00%					
I'm not sure I'd recommend	(3)	0	0.00%					
Probably not recommend	(4)	0	0.00%					
Definitely not recommend	(5)	1	16.67%					
				0 25 50 100				
Response Rate								
6/14 (42.86%)								

6 - Please qualify your recommendations if you wish:The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.


Response Rate 0/14 (0%)

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**Instructor:** Julian Gerez \*  
**Response Rate:** 6/14 (42.86 %)

**7 - How does the workload in this course compare to Columbia courses with a similar structure (e.g. a lecture, seminar, laboratory, or language course)?The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Much heavier workload	(1)	0	0.00%					
Heavier workload	(2)	0	0.00%					
Similar workload	(3)	5	83.33%					
Lighter workload	(4)	1	16.67%					
Much lighter workload	(5)	0	0.00%					
No basis for comparison	(6)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100				
Response Rate				6/14 (42.86%)				

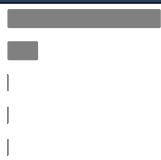
**8 - How many hours a week did you devote to this course? (Note: Please include all time spent on this class including class time, discussion sections, readings, assignments, studying, etc.)The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.**

Response Rate	2/14 (14.29%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1-2 hours</li><li>• 4</li></ul>	

**9 - Please evaluate Julian Gerez. What are Julian Gerez's strengths? In what ways might their teaching be improved? In answering this question, you might address the clarity of the lectures or presentations and their relationship to the other elements of the course, the ability of Julian Gerez to generate enthusiasm and facilitate discussion, the quality of feedback, availability, the timeliness of the return assignment, etc. -**

Response Rate	2/14 (14.29%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Great job</li><li>• He really cares about his students</li></ul>	

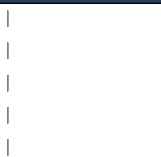
**10 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of Julian Gerez? -**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Excellent	(5)	5	83.33%		 4.83			
Very Good	(4)	1	16.67%					
Good	(3)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
6/14 (42.86%)				4.83		0.41		5.00

**11 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader) as an instructor, and how might 's teaching be improved?**

Response Rate	0/14 (0%)
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**12 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of ?**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Excellent	(5)	0	0.00%					
Very Good	(4)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
0/14 (0.00%)				0.00		0.00		0.00

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**Course:** POLSUN1511\_004\_2024\_3 - INTRO-COMPARATIVE POLITCS-DISC: POLSV1511\_004\_2024\_3\_198309

**Instructor:** Julian Gerez \*

**Response Rate:** 9/16 (56.25 %)

**1 - What did you learn - in terms of knowledge, skills, or perspectives - in this course?**The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

**Response Rate** 2/16 (12.5%)

- n/a
- Mostly about comparing different aspects of governments across the world including electoral systems, parliamentary vs. presidential systems, and democracy and authoritarianism.

**2 - What percentage of the work (including reading) assigned for this course did you complete on schedule?**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
All or almost all	(1)	7	77.78%	<div><div></div></div>				
Most	(2)	1	11.11%	<div><div></div></div>				
Some	(3)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
This question is not applicable	(4)	1	11.11%	<div><div></div></div>				
				0 25 50 100				
<b>Response Rate</b>								
9/16 (56.25%)								

**3 - What is your overall assessment of the course? What are its strengths? In what ways might it be improved? In answering this question, you might address the value of readings and assignments, the structure of the course (including the relationship of sections to lectures), the contribution of the course to your knowledge of the subject matter and to the development of your analytical and reasoning skills, etc. We encourage you to use specific examples where possible.**

**Response Rate** 2/16 (12.5%)

- n/a
- Good.

**4 - What is your overall assessment of the course?**The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Excellent	(5)	4	44.44%	<div><div></div></div>	4.11			
Very Good	(4)	3	33.33%	<div><div></div></div>				
Good	(3)	1	11.11%	<div><div></div></div>				
Fair	(2)	1	11.11%	<div><div></div></div>				
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
				0 25 50 100	Question			
<b>Response Rate</b>				<b>Mean</b>	<b>STD</b>	<b>Median</b>		
9/16 (56.25%)				4.11	1.05	4.00		

**5 - Would you recommend this course to another student?**The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Definitely recommend	(1)	5	55.56%	<div><div></div></div>				
Probably recommend	(2)	3	33.33%	<div><div></div></div>				
I'm not sure I'd recommend	(3)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
Probably not recommend	(4)	1	11.11%	<div><div></div></div>				
Definitely not recommend	(5)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
				0 25 50 100				
<b>Response Rate</b>								
9/16 (56.25%)								

**6 - Please qualify your recommendations if you wish:**The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

**Response Rate** 0/16 (0%)

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**Instructor:** Julian Gerez \*

**Response Rate:** 9/16 (56.25 %)

**7 - How does the workload in this course compare to Columbia courses with a similar structure (e.g. a lecture, seminar, laboratory, or language course)?The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Much heavier workload	(1)	0	0.00%					
Heavier workload	(2)	0	0.00%					
Similar workload	(3)	6	66.67%	██████████				
Lighter workload	(4)	3	33.33%	██████				
Much lighter workload	(5)	0	0.00%					
No basis for comparison	(6)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100				
Response Rate								
					9/16 (56.25%)			

**8 - How many hours a week did you devote to this course? (Note: Please include all time spent on this class including class time, discussion sections, readings, assignments, studying, etc.)The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.**

Response Rate	2/16 (12.5%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 hours</li> <li>• 10</li> </ul>	

**9 - Please evaluate Julian Gerez. What are Julian Gerez's strengths? In what ways might their teaching be improved? In answering this question, you might address the clarity of the lectures or presentations and their relationship to the other elements of the course, the ability of Julian Gerez to generate enthusiasm and facilitate discussion, the quality of feedback, availability, the timeliness of the return assignment, etc. -**

Response Rate	3/16 (18.75%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julian was a great TA, he tried his best to allow everyone to participate while still explaining concepts.</li> <li>• Julian was an excellent TA! Not only is he very knowledgeable about comparative politics, but he was also very focused on making all of the concepts accessible to us throughout the semester. Discussion sections were always a great opportunity to get to know the concepts covered in lecture at a more in-depth and comprehensible pace. I really enjoyed having Julian as my TA, and am thankful for his support and teaching throughout the semester.</li> <li>• Amazing! he helped with clarifying any confusion over either class material or assignments and was always available to help with or discuss any topic!</li> </ul>	

**10 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of Julian Gerez? -**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Excellent	(5)	6	66.67%	██████████		4.44		
Very Good	(4)	1	11.11%	██				
Good	(3)	2	22.22%	████				
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100				
Response Rate					Question			
					Mean	STD	Median	
9/16 (56.25%)					4.44	0.88	5.00	

**11 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader) as an instructor, and how might 's teaching be improved?**

Response Rate	0/16 (0%)
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**12 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of ?**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Excellent	(5)	0	0.00%			0.00		
Very Good	(4)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100				
Response Rate					Question			
					Mean	STD	Median	
0/16 (0.00%)					0.00	0.00	0.00	

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