

## Student Response Survey Written Response Summary by Question

**Course:** PS298 A: T: Media and Politics (CRN 10381; enrollment: 10)  
**Instructor:** Benjamin Toll  
**Semester:** Spring 2020

### **I. Course Organization**

1. Good. Revused the syllabus twice when we went online.
2. This class was very well laid out and continued to be throughout the time that it moved online. It was always very clear what was expected and how things would be graded. If there was any confusion, it would be answered almost immediately
3. Dr. Toll tells you exactly what he wants you to do when giving assignments. He explains things well and gives you the direction needed. He gives you room to do it yourself and think for yourself, but he gives direction that is extremely helpful.
4. The organization was great, nothing needs to be fixed or changed here.

### **II. Grading**

1. Fair grader
2. Grading is very fair, especially for an almost 300 level course. If there were any disparities they were always discussed and you could see exactly where points were lost
3. Perfect, no problems, clear.
4. Some may say the grading is harsh but it is just graded with the intent of making us better learners

### **III. Instructor Communication**

1. Great
2. Dr.Toll did his best to ensure that students were in the loop, especially with the situation at hand. Beforehand he made sure all students are knowledgable about the course and where it was going
3. Perfect, no problems, clear.
4. Can sometimes get a little off topic, however, not always his fault as some students in the class frequently disrupted him and the class itself

### **IV. Instructor Interaction with the Students**

1. Good
2. He really cares about students and it shows. There was never a boring class and all questions were welcomed and answered effectively
3. Dr. Toll really cares about you as a person as well as a student. During online classes he checked in with us and made sure we were all okay during everything. You can tell he genuinely cares about you.
4. Dr. Toll was very invested in helping the students in class, and when moved to online, was more understanding when it came to needing an extra day to just make sure you had what you needed.
5. Very open about the material and helpful walking through to get to understanding, incredibly understanding.

### **V. Instructor Interest in Students**

1. Good

2. He wants students to do well, he laid out a great course and wanted students to do well in it. He checked in and always updated people on grades and such

3. Dr. Toll wanted us to learn and retain as much as we could, he used good communication and examples.

4. He genuinely cares about all of us and knows when we are struggling with material or due dates.

#### **VI. Major Strengths of the Instructor**

1. Passionate about the subject

2. He is the most knowledgeable professor I have taken. He answered every question I had without batting an eye

3. He is an amazing teacher. He is so knowledgeable about everything he teaches and gives you the information, but also helps you think about it for yourself. Dr. Toll is easily one of the best teachers I have ever had.

4. Understanding, always available to ask questions, communicated and instructed well.

5. Keeps class very interesting and easy to participate in.

6. Dr. Toll is a knowledgeable and effective professor. He definitely cares about what he does and it is easy to learn a lot from him. I'd recommend him to anyone looking at taking political science courses.

7. Understanding, caring, open, funny, unbiased and very intelligent

#### **VII. Major Weaknesses of the Instructor**

1. None

2. N/A

3. Easily distracted

#### **VIII. Aspects of the Course Most Beneficial to You**

1. I learned how candidates used the media to their advantage

2. Just being able to have a professor that wanted us to succeed, and showed us the

3. All of it.

#### **IX. Suggestions to Improve the Course or any Other Comments**

1. None

#### **Instructor Option Question**

No responses.