

**Graduate Course Evaluation for Nico Masulit Ravanilla
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GPPS 463 - Politics of Southeast Asia
Section ID 14425
Section Number A00
Fall 2020

Number of Evaluations Submitted: 19
Number of Students Enrolled: 37

1. What is your reason for taking this class?

1 (5.3%): Core Course Requirement
11 (57.9%): Subject Area Requirement
7 (36.8%): Elective
0 (0.0%): Interest

2. The Instructor was clear about course expectations.

18 (94.7%): Strongly Agree
1 (5.3%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

3. The Instructor was well-prepared for class.

17 (89.5%): Strongly Agree
2 (10.5%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

4. The Instructor organized class activities in a way that promoted learning.

16 (84.2%): Strongly Agree
3 (15.8%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

5. The Instructor promoted and encouraged questions and discussion.

17 (89.5%): Strongly Agree
1 (5.3%): Agree
1 (5.3%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

6. The Instructor provided feedback (written/oral) in a way that promoted learning.

16 (84.2%): Strongly Agree
3 (15.8%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

7. The Instructor was accessible to students outside of class (office hours, e-mail, etc.).

17 (89.5%): Strongly Agree
2 (10.5%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

8. I would recommend this instructor overall.

16 (84.2%): Strongly Agree
3 (15.8%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

9. What is your overall rating of the Instructor?

15 (78.9%): Excellent
4 (21.1%): Above Average
0 (0.0%): Average
0 (0.0%): Below Average
0 (0.0%): Poor

10. General comments about the Instructor's performance

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- Extremely willing to meet with students and work through concerns. Very empathetic and understanding. Fantastic mentor in one-on-one interactions.
- He is very prepared, especially thanks for explaining in detail so that students can understand. Also, I liked how he tried to communicate with students in class using zoom.
- Love his teaching style and his encouragement. Amazing professor - equitable and knowledgeable in his subject area
- One of my favorite professors at GPS.
- Professor is very knowledgeable and makes class content very clear and easy to digest. Able to meet outside of class and was good at explaining topics. Also has relevant experience and background to be teaching this subject matter which is very important for class subjects like these to have an inside perspective.
- The amazing professor who really has taught me so much about Southeast Politics.
- The instructor is always excellently prepared for class and has designed a syllabus that takes an extremely broad topic of study and turned it into an effective familiarization and training in not only the material, but also analytical skills.

11. I would recommend this course overall.

16 (84.2%): Strongly Agree
3 (15.8%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

12. What is your overall rating of this course?

16 (84.2%): Excellent
3 (15.8%): Above Average
0 (0.0%): Average
0 (0.0%): Below Average
0 (0.0%): Poor

13. What were the particular strengths of this course?

- combined specificity in each country with general trends/concepts relevant to all countries in the region and to politics in general.
- Comprehensive given the vastness of the subject area
- Fun and easy to understand
- Good at looking at historical trends through different frameworks.
- Greatly enjoyed the format of the classes, especially that the exams were take home and the short article and discussion questions. Definitely the evaluation system helped me understand the material better.
- I really enjoyed the low-pressure nature of the course which honestly helped me yield the most learning, not just memorizing information. I liked the format of the exams and the assignments.

14. What suggestions do you have for making this course more effective?

- At times, it seemed like knowledge of the region was assumed. Maybe a little more time outlining the current state of the region upfront would be useful.
- Maybe more discussion during lectures and some activities or other presentation methods
- More discussions on each course.

15. What one concept did you take from this class that will shape your future?

- Patron-client relationship
- The historical and political impact of Southeast Asian countries to the international world.
- The historical backdrop

16. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

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- Great course, great professor, great content
- I had said during his office hour the difficulty of the assignment and the difficulty of being an international student. His reply at the time said he had also gone through the same process, which was true of great help to me. It is truly meaningful that someone who has experienced a similar situation as me teaches me as a professor.
I am truly grateful to him.
- I valued that the professor was familiar with the material not only as an armchair academic but also personally. He is conscious of his position as chair of the Southeast Asia regional concentration and wields his knowledge and authority effectively and humbly. The instructor

also productively acknowledged the weaknesses of syllabi in his field and related the course to systemic failures in academia. While this is a note applicable to many disciplines, not many professors in my experience in universities and even fewer at UCSD demonstrate critical consideration for their personal role. The professor is clearly leading benevolent change in that aspect. During my time at GPS, I have supremely satisfied with his courses and efficacy as an educator.

- Thank you for being an amazing professor.
I really appreciated your emails and letting me take this course asynchronously.

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