Election Law - Ringhand



1. Were you satisfied with the course content, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with it, or dissatisfied with it?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely satisfied	25.0%	3
Moderately satisfied	50.0%	6
Slightly satisfied	8.3%	1
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	8.3%	1
Slightly dissatisfied	0.0%	0
Moderately dissatisfied	8.3%	1
Extremely dissatisfied	0.0%	0
	answered question	12
	skipped question	1

2. Please rate the Professor's success at conveying the material.

					Rating Average	Response Count
Very Successful	100.0% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.00	4
Somewhat Successful	85.7% (6)	14.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.14	7
Neither successful/unsuccessful	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.00	1
Somewhat Unsuccessful	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.00	1
Very Unsuccessful	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.00	0
				answered	d question	13
				skipped	I question	0

3. How knowledgeable in the course content was your instructor?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely knowledgeable	76.9%	10
Very knowledgeable	23.1%	3
Moderately knowledgeable	0.0%	0
Slightly knowledgeable	0.0%	0
Not at all knowledgeable	0.0%	0
	answered question	13
	skipped question	0

4. How organized was the course content?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely organized	30.8%	4
Very organized	53.8%	7
Moderately organized	15.4%	2
Slightly organized	0.0%	0
Not at all organized	0.0%	0
	answered question	13
	skipped question	0

5. How easy was it to meet with your instructor outside of class?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely easy	36.4%	4
Very easy	45.5%	5
Moderately easy	18.2%	2
Slightly easy	0.0%	0
Not at all easy	0.0%	0
	answered question	11
	skipped question	2

6. How worthwhile was the course material?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely worthwhile	15.4%	2
Very worthwhile	38.5%	5
Moderately worthwhile	23.1%	3
Slightly worthwhile	15.4%	2
Not at all worthwhile	7.7%	1
	answered question	13
	skipped question	0

7. How intense was the Socratic method?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Light (students know when they will be called on; little pressure from teacher)	0.0%	0
Moderate (multiple questions, seeks answer from specific student)	76.9%	10
Heavy (students randomly called on; professor might get adversarial)	15.4%	2
Socratic + (do not go into this class even slightly unprepared.)	7.7%	1
	answered question	13
	skipped question	0

8. Grades in this class were based on:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Essay exam	91.7%	11
Attendance	16.7%	2
Papers	8.3%	1
Projects	0.0%	0
Journals/web postings	0.0%	0
	answered question	12
	skipped question	1

9. Please enter specific comments. Response Count 10 answered question 10 skipped question 3

Q9. Ple	ase enter specific comments.	
1	This course was difficult, but extremely worth it. Professor Ringhand is very engaging and super smart.	Mar 5, 2012 1:14 PM
2	24 hour take home exam, not very difficult. But I don't know if I'd recommend this class unless you are really interested in Election Law (if you're not, it can be a little boring with TONS of reading).	Feb 27, 2012 11:38 AM
3	Lots of theory, but not very practicalkind of a waste.	Feb 13, 2012 11:27 AM
4	Ringhand is a great professor who tries to get her students involved in class discussions. It's a very low pressure environment. She really cares about the subject matter and it shows. Overall, I really enjoyed the class. However, I thought it would have been better to go more in depth in other areas of campaign finance and lobbying. For instance, we discussed campaign finance in regard to candidates' actual campaigns and pure issue groups, but we didn't discuss the evolution of Super PACs or some of the other types of political organizations that raise and spend money.	Feb 10, 2012 10:12 AM
5	The course is basically a class on constitutional law specifically relating to elections. It doesn't focus as much on campaign finance, etc. as you may expect, although that does come in at some point. However, it is still a worthwhile course if you're interested in the area. The readings are long and difficult, and Ringhand is not happy if you are unprepared when she calls on you. So, be prepared to read about 30 pages of dense material for each class. The exam is a 24 hour take home that will require you spend pretty much the full 24 hours on it. Further, the curve will be very tight, so you may know the material very well and still not perform to your expectations. But, Ringhand is a leading scholar in the field, and she does a great job of teaching the material. So, if it's something that interests you, it's worthwhile.	Feb 6, 2012 8:17 PM
6	I really did not enjoy this class. The material is really dense and confusing, and I felt in over my head the entire semester. I wouldn't recommend this unless you are really interested in the details of election law.	Feb 6, 2012 7:54 PM
7	Class material did not seem to add up to the exam. Exam is a 24-hour take home.	Feb 6, 2012 3:44 PM
8	24 hour take home	Feb 6, 2012 3:31 PM
9	Grade based primarily on a take-home essay exam. Enjoyed the class especially in light of current issues. Worthwhile if you are interested in this area.	Feb 6, 2012 3:28 PM
10	Ringhand is wonderful, even worth the lower-than-expected grade you'll get.	Feb 5, 2012 11:36 PM