

Harvard Pre-College Program Session I 2019

Instructor: Jessie Bullock

Course: GOVT P-16120 Space Matters: How Geography Affects Politics

Enrollment: 11 Responses: 7

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:					
Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The goals and objectives of this course were clear	5	1			1
The course materials (readings, lectures, course websites, and course packs) were helpful	5	1			1
The course covered topics that interested me	6				1
I was willing to work hard in this course	6				1
I found the course intellectually engaging	6				1
This course gave me a better understanding of the demands of college level learning	5	1			1

I learned in this course:			
Answer Options	More than I thought I would	As much as I expected	Less than I thought I would
	6	1	

On average, how many hours per day did you spend working on this course outside of class time?					
Answer Options	1-2	3-4	4-5	5-6	6+
		3	3	1	

What aspects of the course did you like best? What did you like least?	
Direct Quotes from Students	I loved being able to explore my love of politics and current events through the lens of geography, and I appreciated the ability to learn through a more nuanced mindset than I would have in high school. My favorite part of the course was getting to have discussions about engaging, challenging topics and hearing the diverse perspectives of the class regarding these topics. My least favorite part was that many of the readings contained very complex, technical economic analysis, which made it hard to fully understand some of the readings.
	I loved learning about how to use QGIS software. I was also able to strengthen my writing and research skills.
	Having such an International Group of students which was very engaging as everyone could bring in different aspects to the conversation.
	The teacher was amazing and able to make the lesson so engaging and interesting. The readings were also super informative and interesting although there was too much reading.
	My professor Jessie Bullock was an inspiration and changed my perception of political science.
	I enjoyed the readings, not as much the software aspects.

How did this program impact you?	
Direct Quotes from Students	It changed my goals for the future, helped me adjust to the idea of college
	I was able to explore my extrovert side more and I am now rethinking the career path I had chosen
	This program had an indelible, perspective-changing impact on the way that I view college life as well as the world. The people that I met were a more diverse group of people than I had ever met in my life, from an amazing assortment of countries. Every day, someone would mention something that would challenge my assumptions, prompt me to consider a new idea, or lend me new perspective on an issue. In addition, the class that I took allowed me to explore my intellectual curiosity in a way in which I had previously never been able. I was able to dive into research on a topic that intellectually stimulated and challenged me, and I was able to attempt the kind of research that seems reserved to the cloistered halls of academia. The whole experience academically excited me, sparking a new, distinct kind of curiosity that I had never felt before. I would wholeheartedly recommend this program to other people who want to have the conversations that they can't have with their friends and engage in the kind of learning that they don't get at school. Overall, it was an amazing experience.
	I think my SAT reading score will have increased.

Direct Quotes from Students	Additional Comments from Students
	What would you like to tell future students about this program?
	I would tell students to prepare to read!
	Do the reading, explore the area
	Choose a course you are really interested in, not an easy one or one your family chooses.
That this program is life-changing and it allows you to consider things for your future that you never would have thought about. And being able to meet people from all over the world will widen your eyes to a more complicated world.	