

This report shows single course assessment questions and responses for courses with five or more enrolled.

Term 202509 - Fall Term 2025 Subject GOVT-Government Course 83.06-Political Communication Section 01

COURSE ASSESSMENT SUMMARY - SINGLE COURSE

Course:	GOVT 83.06 Political Communication	Total Enrollment:	14
Section:	01	Eligible to Complete Assessment:	14
Term:	202509 - Fall Term 2025	Completed Assessment:	13
Instructor:	Sean J. Westwood	Did Not Complete Assessment:	1

Individual Responses Student Background

Year at Dartmouth (13 Responses)	<u>1</u> 0%	<u>2</u> 23.1%	<u>3</u> 30.8%	<u>4</u> 46.2%	<u>5</u> 0%	<u>B.E.</u> 0%	<u>Masters</u> 0%	<u>Ph.D.</u> 0%			
Reason(s) for taking course (12 Responses)	<u>Distributive Requirement</u> 1	<u>Major</u> 9	<u>Minor</u> 1	<u>Professor</u> 2	<u>Interest</u> 4	<u>Masters/PhD Elective</u> 0	<u>Masters/PhD Requirement</u> 0	<u>Other</u> 0			
Attendance in this course (12 Responses)	<u>< 20%</u> 0%	<u>20-40%</u> 0%	<u>40-60%</u> 0%	<u>60-80%</u> 8.3%	<u>80-100%</u> 91.7%						
Expected Grade (12 Responses)	<u>A</u> 91.7%	<u>B</u> 0%	<u>C</u> 0%	<u>D</u> 0%	<u>E</u> 0%	<u>NRO</u> 0%	<u>CT</u> 0%	<u>NC</u> 8.3%	<u>LP</u> 0%	<u>P</u> 0%	<u>HP</u> 0%
Hrs/wk spent on coursework outside class (12 Responses)	<u>< 1</u> 0%	<u>1-5</u> 25%	<u>5-10</u> 58.3%	<u>10-15</u> 16.7%	<u>> 15</u> 0%						

Individual Responses Course Design and Effectiveness

I think the overall quality of the course was (12 Responses)	<u>Median</u> 1 (Excellent)	<u>Mean</u> 1.2 (Excellent)	<u>Excellent</u> 83.3%	<u>Very Good</u> 16.7%	<u>Good</u> 0%	<u>Fair</u> 0%	<u>Poor</u> 0%	<u>N/A</u> 0%			
I learned a lot in the course. (12 Responses)	<u>Median</u> 1 (Strongly Agree)	<u>Mean</u> 1.1 (Strongly Agree)	<u>Strongly Agree</u> 91.7%	<u>Agree</u> 8.3%	<u>Neutral</u> 0%	<u>Disagree</u> 0%	<u>Strongly Disagree</u> 0%	<u>N/A</u> 0%			
I put a great deal of effort into the course. (13 Responses)	<u>1</u> (Strongly Agree)	<u>1.1</u> (Strongly Agree)	92.3%	7.7%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
I was intellectually engaged in the course. (12 Responses)	<u>1</u> (Strongly Agree)	<u>1.3</u> (Strongly Agree)	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
The objectives of the course were clear to me. (12 Responses)	<u>1</u> (Strongly Agree)	<u>1.4</u> (Strongly Agree)	58.3%	41.7%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
I found the course to be well organized (12 Responses)	<u>1</u> (Strongly Agree)	<u>1.3</u> (Strongly Agree)	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
The assignments reinforced my understanding of the course material (11 Responses)	<u>1</u> (Strongly Agree)	<u>1.3</u> (Strongly Agree)	81.8%	9.1%	9.1%	0%	0%	0%			
Comment on the aspects of the course that you think were most effective: (7 Responses)	View Responses										
Comment on 1-3 aspects of the course that could be improved or enhanced: (4 Responses)	View Responses										
How did you contribute to your own learning experience? (6 Responses)	View Responses										

Individual Responses Faculty (Sean J. Westwood)

I think the overall effectiveness of the teaching was (12 Responses)	<u>Median</u> 1 (Excellent)	<u>Mean</u> 1.2 (Excellent)	<u>Excellent</u> 83.3%	<u>Very Good</u> 16.7%	<u>Good</u> 0%	<u>Fair</u> 0%	<u>Poor</u> 0%	<u>N/A</u> 0%			
The professor set high standards (12 Responses)	<u>Median</u> 1 (Strongly Agree)	<u>Mean</u> 1.1 (Strongly Agree)	<u>Strongly Agree</u> 91.7%	<u>Agree</u> 8.3%	<u>Neutral</u> 0%	<u>Disagree</u> 0%	<u>Strongly Disagree</u> 0%	<u>N/A</u> 0%			
The professor explained central concepts clearly (12 Responses)	<u>1</u> (Strongly Agree)	<u>1.1</u> (Strongly Agree)	91.7%	8.3%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
The professor challenged me to think critically about the course material (12 Responses)	<u>1</u> (Strongly Agree)	<u>1.1</u> (Strongly Agree)	91.7%	8.3%	0%	0%	0%	0%			

The professor was available for consultation outside of class (11 Responses)	1 (Strongly Agree)	1.4 (Strongly Agree)	72.7%	18.2%	9.1%	0%	0%	0%			
Comment on 1-3 things that the professor did well and should continue to do in the future: (6 Responses)	View Responses										
Comment on 1-3 things that the professor should focus on to improve their classroom effectiveness: (5 Responses)	View Responses										
Add any specific recommendations on how the professor is assessing the course work and giving feedback to students that you believe would be useful: (3 Responses)	View Responses										

Individual Responses Departmental/Program Questions

How would you rate the overall quality of this course compared to other classes you have taken in the Government Department? (11 Responses)	<u>Median</u> 1 (Excellent)	<u>Mean</u> 1.1 (Excellent)	<u>Excellent</u> 90.9%	<u>Very Good</u> 9.1%	<u>Good</u> 0%	<u>Fair</u> 0%	<u>Poor</u> 0%	<u>N/A</u> 9.1%			
How would you rate the overall quality of this course compared to other classes you have taken at Dartmouth OUTSIDE of the Government Department? (12 Responses)	1 (Excellent)	1.3 (Excellent)	75%	16.7%	8.3%	0%	0%	0%			
Have you declared a Government major or are you likely to declare one? Write "DECLARED" or "LIKELY" or "NO" to indicate your answer. (6 Responses)	View Responses										
What kinds of courses should the government department offer that it does not offer now? List up to 3 topics in order of their importance to you. (4 Responses)	View Responses										
If you had to predict now, what career are you most likely pursue after you graduate? (6 Responses)	View Responses										

Individual Responses Student Initiated Questions

Comment on the methods of evaluation chosen by the instructor, e.g. tests, papers and examinations and the workload expected of students: (6 Responses)	View Responses										
Comment on the structure of the class, for example the mix between lecture and discussion: (5 Responses)	View Responses										
How did this course influence your academic experience at Dartmouth? (6 Responses)	View Responses										

There are no course specific question responses.

COURSE ASSESSMENT REPORTS - My Specific Faculty Comments

Course: GOVT 83.06 Political Communication

Term: 202509 - Fall Term 2025

Instructor: **Sean J. Westwood**

Question: Comment on 1-3 things that the professor did well and should continue to do in the future:

1.00	- Explain concepts in lecture very clearly
2.00	Being there for students but challenging them in a very respectful way. Lectures are also great and easy to understand
3.00	I think prof Westwood is one of the best ive had at Dartmouth and this is due to many things including his dynamic teaching style. his enthusiasm and energy made the class engaging and helped maintain student interest. Including the thoughtful selection of readings and materials, and the variety of perspectives and case studies enriched the course. As well as the inclusive classroom atmosphere, he encouraged respectful dialogue and made it easy for students with different viewpoints to participate.
4.00	Kept a light, casual, intellectually-curious atmosphere. Really enjoyable to be in class. Also explained things clearly.
5.00	Literally the best professor I have had during my four years here as a government major
6.00	the professor was hilarious and made the classroom vibes really positive

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Question: Comment on 1-3 things that the professor should focus on to improve their classroom effectiveness:

1.00	- Spend a little bit of time explaining the workshop at the start/main goal/advice
2.00	More office hours, clearer expectations, and more interesting/fun assessment formats (e.g. making a political video ad)
3.00	Not a huge fan of having students present the material. Sometimes they're way too fast-talking or energetic, other times they're hard to understand, other times they're wrong or just a little boring.

4.00	There isn't anything major that needs improvement. Overall, the course was well run and effective, and any adjustments would be minor rather than significant.
5.00	more presentation tips

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Question: Add any specific recommendations on how the professor is assessing the course work and giving feedback to students that you believe would be useful:

1.00	Instructions could be made a little bit clearer, because sometimes I wasn't sure about some assessment criteria based on the syllabus
2.00	Really would love a little more feedback. Sometimes I'd get a mediocre grade and very little detail on how I could have improved it. The feedback was sometimes late, too.
3.00	no

COURSE ASSESSMENT REPORTS - Student Initiated Comments

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Instructor: **Sean J. Westwood**

Question: Comment on the methods of evaluation chosen by the instructor, e.g. tests, papers and examinations and the workload expected of students:

1.00	2 presentations, 8 workshops (papers), participation
2.00	I think it's great, though I wish it was more fun (there's so much room for creativity with this class here!)
3.00	I thought the evaluation methods fit the class really well. The workshops and written assignments actually helped me think through the material, and the workload felt reasonable for the course. Nothing felt overwhelming or out of place, and the assignments gave me a fair chance to show what I'd learned.
4.00	Really interesting types of assessments that I had never done before that forced me to be very analytical and think in a critical manner. After I got into the flow of it the workload became manageable.
5.00	good balance
6.00	great, super fair no final

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Question: Comment on the structure of the class, for example the mix between lecture and discussion:

1.00	1/2 presentation, 1/2 working session
2.00	I think it's good, though there could be some of that on Thursdays too
3.00	Perfect mix!
4.00	fine
5.00	half and half, lots of student led

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Question: How did this course influence your academic experience at Dartmouth?

1.00	I really liked this class and it convinced me to minor in government.
2.00	Made me realize why I became a PPE major even though my niche is not exactly in that field
3.00	This course helped me build stronger analytical and communication skills, which I know will benefit me in future classes. It also made me feel more confident interpreting political information and understanding the strategies behind it.
4.00	helped me connect content I was learning to the "real" world
5.00	loved it, if only Westwood was teaching next year I would take more with him because he genuinely is one of the best professors I have had
6.00	this was one of my favorite courses ever. you learn so much!

COURSE ASSESSMENT REPORTS - Non-Faculty Specific Comments

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Instructor: Sean J. Westwood

Question Section **Course Design and Effectiveness**

Comment on the aspects of the course that you think were most effective:

1.00	- Syllabus was super clear and I understood the plan of the class - Workshops very interesting and intellectually engaging - Huge discussion focus
2.00	Great structure! I really enjoyed the class presentations, but I found Professor Westwood's intro lectures to be really helpful
3.00	I loved the way we were assessed
4.00	I think the group work in the class was very well done. This being due to the great students in the class along with Prof Westwood also fostering a good community within the classroom.
5.00	I thought Professor Westwood put together fantastic assignments that tested our understanding of the material very well, but were also very fun and engaging to work on.
6.00	Professor lecture followed by presentations makes us learn quite a lot

7.00 The weekly assignments were awesome. Felt like the real world. Felt actually applicable, instead of intangible theory, like so many other courses can be. Cannot say enough good things about this aspect of the course.

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Question Section **Course Design and Effectiveness**

Question: Comment on 1-3 aspects of the course that could be improved or enhanced:

1.00 I wish the Thursdays would be more interactive rather than just us working individually on the assignments (as I feel I don't really get much out of class for those sessions)

2.00 I wish we were given more guidance and teaching during Thursday classes. Instead of just letting us go on our own, show us what a typical strategic memo would look like or give us specific pointers through a brief presentation.

3.00 More interactive elements during lecture, Small group breakouts or polls could make the content even more engaging.

4.00 more time for discussion

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Question Section **Course Design and Effectiveness**

Question: How did you contribute to your own learning experience?

1.00 - Took notes in class and went to office hours

2.00 Did the workshops, prepared for the presentations, and made sure i did the readings before every class and come prepared with things to say

3.00 I contributed by staying organized, keeping up with the readings, and breaking down larger assignments into steps so the workload stayed manageable. My curiosity about how political messaging shapes public opinion pushed me to look for extra examples and bring those insights into class discussions.

4.00 Worked hard, went to class

5.00 engage daily

6.00 very involved in and out of class

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Question Section **Departmental/Program Questions**

Question: Have you declared a Government major or are you likely to declare one? Write "DECLARED" or "LIKELY" or "NO" to indicate your answer.

1.00 DECLARED

2.00 Declared

3.00 NO

4.00 No

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Question Section **Departmental/Program Questions**

Question: What kinds of courses should the government department offer that it does not offer now? List up to 3 topics in order of their importance to you.

1.00 Environmental policy/government courses

2.00 law courses please

3.00 more like this

4.00 political economy

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Question: If you had to predict now, what career are you most likely pursue after you graduate?

1.00 Finance

2.00 I'm most likely to pursue a career in health policy and public sector leadership, particularly at the intersection of healthcare, advocacy, and government.

3.00 Private Sector Policy Work

4.00 Venture capital

5.00 journalism

6.00 law

