

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

Term 202601 - Winter Term 2026 Subject GOVT-Government Course 83.33-ConserLiberalism&AmCultWars Section 01

COURSE ASSESSMENT SUMMARY - SINGLE COURSE

Course:	GOVT 83.33 ConserLiberalism&AmCultWars	Total Enrollment:	16
Section:	01	Eligible to Complete Assessment:	16
Term:	202601 - Winter Term 2026	Completed Assessment:	15
Instructor:	Sean J. Westwood	Did Not Complete Assessment:	1

Individual Responses Student Background

Year at Dartmouth (15 Responses)	<u>1</u> 0%	<u>2</u> 6.7%	<u>3</u> 46.7%	<u>4</u> 46.7%	<u>5</u> 0%	<u>B.E.</u> 0%	<u>Masters</u> 0%	<u>Ph.D.</u> 0%			
Reason(s) for taking course (15 Responses)	<u>Distributive Requirement</u> 0	<u>Major</u> 15	<u>Minor</u> 0	<u>Professor</u> 4	<u>Interest</u> 5	<u>Masters/PhD Elective</u> 0	<u>Masters/PhD Requirement</u> 0	<u>Other</u> 0			
Attendance in this course (15 Responses)	<u>< 20%</u> 0%	<u>20-40%</u> 0%	<u>40-60%</u> 0%	<u>60-80%</u> 0%	<u>80-100%</u> 100%						
Expected Grade (15 Responses)	<u>A</u> 80%	<u>B</u> 20%	<u>C</u> 0%	<u>D</u> 0%	<u>E</u> 0%	<u>NRO</u> 0%	<u>CT</u> 0%	<u>NC</u> 0%	<u>LP</u> 0%	<u>P</u> 0%	<u>HP</u> 0%
Hrs/wk spent on coursework outside class (15 Responses)	<u>< 1</u> 0%	<u>1-5</u> 13.3%	<u>5-10</u> 46.7%	<u>10-15</u> 33.3%	<u>> 15</u> 6.7%						

Individual Responses Course Design and Effectiveness

I think the overall quality of the course was (15 Responses)	<u>Median</u> 1 (Excellent)	<u>Mean</u> 1.1 (Excellent)	<u>Excellent</u> 93.3%	<u>Very Good</u> 6.7%	<u>Good</u> 0%	<u>Fair</u> 0%	<u>Poor</u> 0%	<u>N/A</u> 0%			
I learned a lot in the course. (14 Responses)	<u>Median</u> 1 (Strongly Agree)	<u>Mean</u> 1.1 (Strongly Agree)	<u>Strongly Agree</u> 92.9%	<u>Agree</u> 7.1%	<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. (14 Responses)	1 (Strongly Agree)	1.1 (Strongly Agree)	92.9%	7.1%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
I was intellectually engaged in the course. (14 Responses)	1 (Strongly Agree)	1.1 (Strongly Agree)	92.9%	7.1%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
The objectives of the course were clear to me. (14 Responses)	1 (Strongly Agree)	1.1 (Strongly Agree)	92.9%	7.1%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
I found the course to be well organized (14 Responses)	1 (Strongly Agree)	1.1 (Strongly Agree)	92.9%	7.1%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
The assignments reinforced my understanding of the course material (13 Responses)	1 (Strongly Agree)	1.1 (Strongly Agree)	92.3%	7.7%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
Comment on the aspects of the course that you think were most effective: (10 Responses)	View Responses										
Comment on 1-3 aspects of the course that could be improved or enhanced: (7 Responses)	View Responses										
How did you contribute to your own learning experience? (8 Responses)	View Responses										

Individual Responses Faculty (Sean J. Westwood)

I think the overall effectiveness of the teaching was (14 Responses)	<u>Median</u> 1 (Excellent)	<u>Mean</u> 1.1 (Excellent)	<u>Excellent</u> 92.9%	<u>Very Good</u> 7.1%	<u>Good</u> 0%	<u>Fair</u> 0%	<u>Poor</u> 0%	<u>N/A</u> 0%			
The professor set high standards (14 Responses)	<u>Median</u> 1 (Strongly Agree)	<u>Mean</u> 1.1 (Strongly Agree)	<u>Strongly Agree</u> 92.9%	<u>Agree</u> 7.1%	<u>Neutral</u> 0%	<u>Disagree</u> 0%	<u>Strongly Disagree</u> 0%	<u>N/A</u> 0%			
The professor explained central concepts clearly (14 Responses)	1 (Strongly Agree)	1.1 (Strongly Agree)	92.9%	7.1%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
The professor challenged me to think critically about the course material (14 Responses)	1 (Strongly Agree)	1.1 (Strongly Agree)	92.9%	7.1%	0%	0%	0%	0%			

The professor was available for consultation outside of class (13 Responses)	1 (Strongly Agree)	1.1 (Strongly Agree)	92.3%	7.7%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
Comment on 1-3 things that the professor did well and should continue to do in the future: (11 Responses)	View Responses										
Comment on 1-3 things that the professor should focus on to improve their classroom effectiveness: (6 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: (6 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? (14 Responses)	<u>Median</u> 1 (Excellent)	<u>Mean</u> 1 (Excellent)	<u>Excellent</u> 100%	<u>Very Good</u> 0%	<u>Good</u> 0%	<u>Fair</u> 0%	<u>Poor</u> 0%	<u>N/A</u> 0%			
How would you rate the overall quality of this course compared to other classes you have taken at Dartmouth OUTSIDE of the Government Department? (14 Responses)	1 (Excellent)	1 (Excellent)	100%	0%	0%	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. (11 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. (10 Responses)	View Responses										
If you had to predict now, what career are you most likely pursue after you graduate? (9 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: (8 Responses)	View Responses										
Comment on the structure of the class, for example the mix between lecture and discussion: (8 Responses)	View Responses										
How did this course influence your academic experience at Dartmouth? (9 Responses)	View Responses										

There are no course specific question responses.

COURSE ASSESSMENT REPORTS - My Specific Faculty Comments

Course: GOVT 83.33 ConserLiberalism&AmCultWars

Term: 202601 - Winter Term 2026

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	Best professor ever! Westwood has high expectations but it made me work really hard. He clearly put a lot of time and research into each lecture, and it definitely impacted the learning experience overall. The presentations starting in week 6 allows students to do the work Westwood had been doing for a week on topics we were not comfortable with (topics that went against our own views), which fulfilled the goal of the course as a whole.
2.00	Explained arguments clearly
3.00	Greatest professor in the department. Not even close.
4.00	He was very good at lecturing. Professor Westwood always had an answer to a question in class
5.00	I loved the lecture and questions style, it was well balances and allowed us to really debate and discuss delicate topics, also the student presentations I think helped me become a better presenter
6.00	Lectures
7.00	Lectures and discussions
8.00	Professor Westwood is SO knowledgeable about every topic we covered. His class was so engaging, informative, and backed by data. Great discussions emerged from his presentations. I did not want to miss a single class. He pushed everyone to think deeper about each topic. His teaching was unbiased. He created a safe space where everyone felt welcome to contribute to heated discussions. He welcomed every perspective. Incredible class.
9.00	Professor Westwood is the best professor I have had at Dartmouth. He is deeply educated on each topic he presents in class, clearly having put hours of research and thought into each lecture. He handles - and asks - questions with poise and careful consideration. Furthermore, he is a great conversationalist and listens to students concerns as a helpful and honest resource. A politically open minded professor is hard to come by, but Professor Westwood has accomplished this extraordinarily well.

10.00	This class is obviously unlike any other at Dartmouth, and I think it's needed. Westwood was an EXCELLENT lecturer. He has a way of using a storytelling style unlike I've ever seen before and I felt so fortunate to learn from him every day. Additionally, the amount of data he presented on every topic was incredible and I think this style very much improved my understanding and ability to craft an objective argument.
11.00	kept his own opinions removed, focusing on the side he represented. very unemotional, especially for some of the more contentious issues; completely fact and research-based. did not really weigh in on student opinions; allowed them to be shared without validating or undermining them -- this created an environment where anyone could share without feeling like they were judged or had to say what the prof wanted to hear.

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Instructor: **Sean J. Westwood**

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

1.00	I can't think of anything.
2.00	I really enjoyed the lectures I really enjoyed writing the 1-2 weekly dialogue assessments The dialogue audits were good for memory recall
3.00	More class collaboration
4.00	Na
5.00	Nothing
6.00	Some of the readings I wish we discussed a bit more, some of the material i was itching to talk about

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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	Feedback was great and timely. Presentations were open-ended, allowing for a lot of our own decision-making, which was fun. I do not think there is anything more he could be doing.
2.00	Feedback was very explicit and very fast. Additionally, the audit assignments made it mandatory to recognize the professor's feedback and institute it, which I found very effective.
3.00	N/A
4.00	NA
5.00	Na
6.00	No

COURSE ASSESSMENT REPORTS - Student Initiated Comments

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ConserLiberalism&AmCultWars

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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 weekly 1-page papers, two pop quizzes, final presentation
2.00	Great mix of evaluation. After every class, we were able to engage with the lecture in open-ended Dialogue Assignments about the lecture topic. We had to do half a page on the conservative view and half on the liberal view with citations, so everyone was pushed to explore views they did not align with. There were no exams because this course was more about challenging perspectives, so instead we had low-stake audits. We also had final presentations that challenged each individual students views.
3.00	Great, but a lot of work
4.00	I enjoyed the workload; I ended my week thinking about how well I can defend something I don't believe in. It's a great skill for later on. The once-a-week assignment reminded me of my Chinese evaluations; it helped me retain the information more efficiently than the long essay. I'll forget the material later.
5.00	I really enjoyed the lectures I really enjoyed writing the 1-2 weekly dialogue assessments The dialogue audits were good for memory recall
6.00	Papers and presentations were good
7.00	Student lecture presentation, weekly written assignments, 2 in class written assessments
8.00	The methods of evaluation were clear and effective. The only thing I'd say is that the second audit, a regular course assignment, was saved for finals week because we ran out of time. I don't think this was very effective given the other assignments of finals week.

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

1.00	A lot of lecture, but i really enjoyed that
2.00	Great
3.00	Great mix. We discussed sometimes throughout lectures, but mostly heard lectures which was exactly what was needed for a course like this.
4.00	Lecture was heavy but I felt nothing was lost from it, as there was plenty of questions asked
5.00	Majority all lecture
6.00	Mix between lectures and student presentations was good
7.00	There could have been more discussion times that were heavily steered by the students.
8.00	lecture throughout the class but lots of questions

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

1.00	Good
2.00	I LOVED this course
3.00	I printed and am going to save all of the essays I wrote. This class helped me understand where I stand politically! Great class highly recommend
4.00	I think it's one of the most fruitful courses I've taken here, it's such an amazing opportunity to explore diverse perspectives that I haven't been able to access beforehand.
5.00	I think this course made me a better writer, a better researcher, and a better presenter of arguments. Courses like this one are pivotal at Dartmouth.
6.00	Positively
7.00	Reignited my passion for politics.
8.00	The best class I have ever taken at Dartmouth.

COURSE ASSESSMENT REPORTS - Non-Faculty Specific Comments

Course: GOVT 83.33 ConserLiberalism&AmCultWars

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Instructor: Sean J. Westwood

Question Section **Course Design and Effectiveness**

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

1.00	All aspects were affective, but particularly the weekly lecture brief assignments. I think the overall point of the course was to understand strong opposing arguments from an objective, analytical, and data-filled standpoint. I think there was no better way of drilling this concept into a student than these briefs. By the end of the course, I almost forgot that I disagreed with some arguments because I was just focused on making the strongest possible argument. I think this is an extremely critical skill to have that very few classes emphasize correctly.
2.00	Great class
3.00	Great content; lots of room for discussion and questions; the writing assignments were a lot of work but really enhance my understanding of the issues.
4.00	I loved this course, the Sunday dialogue audits let me be free to research and expand what I wanted to learn more about in the lecture
5.00	I really like Professor Westwood's lecturing
6.00	Professor Westwood's lectures were incredibly researched and delivered very effectively. He also did a great job engaging with students who would ask him very tough questions.
7.00	The assignments after the lecture forced us to consider and evaluate arguments from both sides
8.00	The mix between lecture and discussion
9.00	This is, hands down, the best course I've taken at Dartmouth. Elite colleges often spearhead a very liberal narrative, limiting students ability to actively engage with a variety of perspectives in an academic environment. It was a fantastic experience to deeply study, question, and critique both conservative and liberal arguments on political issues. I would recommend this course to anyone and everyone. Academia should be rooted in a marketplace of ideas, yet this ideal has largely been lost in a polarized political climate. This course effectively addresses that issue and provides students with a robust toolkit to consider political debates.
10.00	This was my favorite class I have taken at Dartmouth. The use of lectures was necessary, and I felt like the post-lecture dialogue writing assignments allowed for what would have been in-class discussion contributions. I learned a ton.

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Question Section **Course Design and Effectiveness**

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

1.00	I do not think anything should be improved.
2.00	I enjoyed the dialogue replacing the essays, but I think the audits can be a bit more related to the course info, yes, my arguments, but I think understanding the lecture material could help utilize the notes I took in class.
3.00	I know class time was limited and Westwood had very important topics he wanted to cover but, time permitting, I would've liked just a little bit more round-table discussion classes, though dialogue was heavily incorporated into the lectures.
4.00	Maybe a way for a more formal method student to student debate?
5.00	More class discussion vs just prof lecture
6.00	Na
7.00	Nothing

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Question Section **Course Design and Effectiveness**

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

1.00	A lot
2.00	By doing readings and essays
3.00	I really enjoyed every paper that I wrote. This is the first time in school where I've enjoyed writing papers. The 1-2 weekly "dialogue assessments" were very beneficial in comprehending what I learned in class

4.00	I took detailed notes in class, spent hours on each Dialogue Assignment, and pushed myself to understand some ideas that I do not necessarily agree with.
5.00	In all my years at Dartmouth, I didn't get this type of liberty in creating my own arguments about a topic not touched alot here, so i put alot of effort in my assignments
6.00	Outside readings and asked questions during lecture
7.00	There is no other class at Dartmouth that I wanted to take beforehand as much as this one. Therefore, I was heavily interested in the subject matter to begin with. I think I could have participated in the class more than I did, but I was very focused on absorbing the lecture info and the comments of my classmates.
8.00	You have to do a lot of research outside of the classroom to write effective papers.

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Departmental/Program Questions

Question
Section

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

1.00	DECLARED
2.00	Declared
3.00	declared

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Question
Section

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	AI and technology
2.00	I like courses like this, ones that challenge students to think rather than just teaching them to think all the same. I really enjoyed learning about healthcare in this course, so a class about pharmaceuticals and healthcare in the US would be interesting.
3.00	More classes like this are relevant in the modern political world. I think it's important to talk about how the general policy, but also the current polices in the legislative, agriculture, there's like no classes about that, and focus on domestic issues.
4.00	More classes like this that are heavily focused on polarization and arguing the other side are needed at Dartmouth. I'm not sure if any professors other than Westwood specialize in polarization, but it's too relevant of a topic in American politics right now to not have classes on.
5.00	More classes on conservative politics
6.00	More classes that are unbiased and present both progressive and conservative perspectives genuinely.
7.00	Na
8.00	Not sure
9.00	The government department should offer this as a larger course.
10.00	political economy

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Departmental/Program Questions

Question
Section

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

1.00	Commercial real estate brokerage
2.00	Finance
3.00	Government affairs / political operations
4.00	I want to be a federal judge, but at the moment I'm pursuing a position in the Department of the Interior, as I'm passionate about resource management and preservation. Especially National Parks, which seem to be ignored in regard to tourism over preservation.
5.00	Law school --> trial attorney
6.00	Law, I think.
7.00	Lawyer
8.00	Not sure