

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 010-Quantit Political Analysis Section 02

COURSE ASSESSMENT SUMMARY - SINGLE COURSE

Course:	GOVT 010 Quantit Political Analysis	Total Enrollment:	16
Section:	02	Eligible to Complete Assessment:	16
Term:	202601 - Winter Term 2026	Completed Assessment:	10
Instructor:	Sean J. Westwood	Did Not Complete Assessment:	6

Individual Responses Student Background

Year at Dartmouth (9 Responses)	<u>1</u> 33.3%	<u>2</u> 44.4%	<u>3</u> 11.1%	<u>4</u> 11.1%	<u>5</u> 0%	<u>B.E.</u> 0%	<u>Masters</u> 0%	<u>Ph.D.</u> 0%			
Reason(s) for taking course (9 Responses)	<u>Distributive Requirement</u> 4	<u>Major</u> 7	<u>Minor</u> 1	<u>Professor</u> 2	<u>Interest</u> 1	<u>Masters/PhD Elective</u> 0	<u>Masters/PhD Requirement</u> 0	<u>Other</u> 0			
Attendance in this course (9 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 (9 Responses)	<u>A</u> 66.7%	<u>B</u> 33.3%	<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 (9 Responses)	<u>< 1</u> 0%	<u>1-5</u> 55.6%	<u>5-10</u> 11.1%	<u>10-15</u> 33.3%	<u>> 15</u> 0%						

Individual Responses Course Design and Effectiveness

I think the overall quality of the course was (10 Responses)	<u>Median</u> 1 (Excellent)	<u>Mean</u> 1.2 (Excellent)	<u>Excellent</u> 80%	<u>Very Good</u> 20%	<u>Good</u> 0%	<u>Fair</u> 0%	<u>Poor</u> 0%	<u>N/A</u> 0%			
I learned a lot in the course. (10 Responses)	<u>Median</u> 1 (Strongly Agree)	<u>Mean</u> 1 (Strongly Agree)	<u>Strongly Agree</u> 100%	<u>Agree</u> 0%	<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. (10 Responses)	1.5 (Agree)	1.6 (Agree)	50%	40%	10%	0%	0%	0%			
I was intellectually engaged in the course. (10 Responses)	1 (Strongly Agree)	1.3 (Strongly Agree)	70%	30%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
The objectives of the course were clear to me. (10 Responses)	1 (Strongly Agree)	1.1 (Strongly Agree)	90%	10%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
I found the course to be well organized (10 Responses)	1 (Strongly Agree)	1.1 (Strongly Agree)	90%	10%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
The assignments reinforced my understanding of the course material (10 Responses)	1 (Strongly Agree)	1.3 (Strongly Agree)	70%	30%	0%	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: (6 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 (9 Responses)	<u>Median</u> 1 (Excellent)	<u>Mean</u> 1.2 (Excellent)	<u>Excellent</u> 77.8%	<u>Very Good</u> 22.2%	<u>Good</u> 0%	<u>Fair</u> 0%	<u>Poor</u> 0%	<u>N/A</u> 0%			
The professor set high standards (9 Responses)	<u>Median</u> 1 (Strongly Agree)	<u>Mean</u> 1.1 (Strongly Agree)	<u>Strongly Agree</u> 88.9%	<u>Agree</u> 11.1%	<u>Neutral</u> 0%	<u>Disagree</u> 0%	<u>Strongly Disagree</u> 0%	<u>N/A</u> 0%			
The professor explained central concepts clearly (9 Responses)	1 (Strongly Agree)	1.1 (Strongly Agree)	88.9%	11.1%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
The professor challenged me to think critically about the course material (9 Responses)	1 (Strongly Agree)	1.1 (Strongly Agree)	88.9%	11.1%	0%	0%	0%	0%			

The professor was available for consultation outside of class (9 Responses)	1 (Strongly Agree)	1.2 (Strongly Agree)	77.8%	22.2%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
Comment on 1-3 things that the professor did well and should continue to do in the future: (7 Responses)	View Responses										
Comment on 1-3 things that the professor should focus on to improve their classroom effectiveness: (7 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? (8 Responses)	Median 1.5 (Very Good)	Mean 1.5 (Very Good)	Excellent 50%	Very Good 50%	Good 0%	Fair 0%	Poor 0%	N/A 12.5%			
How would you rate the overall quality of this course compared to other classes you have taken at Dartmouth OUTSIDE of the Government Department? (9 Responses)	2 (Very Good)	1.8 (Very Good)	44.4%	33.3%	22.2%	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. (8 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. (6 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: (7 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 010 Quantit Political Analysis

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	Everything mentioned above. Westwood is a fabulous teacher, and you can't even get annoyed with him when the concepts are difficult because he's clearly so knowledgeable and explains them so well. He should continue with the overall structure of the class and homework.
2.00	Incredibly charismatic and knowledgeable lecturer.
3.00	Integrating 6 7 into the slides LOL In general very engaging / helped explain statistical concepts to everyone in room with banter
4.00	Professor Westwood is very engaging and cares to get to know his students. It doesn't go unnoticed and is appreciated.
5.00	Professor Westwood was very available to meet outside of class if we had questions. He seemed individually invested in all of our learning experiences, which I really appreciated. He also was sure to make lecture engaging, encouraged questions and participation, and was eager to have interesting discussions.
6.00	Professor Westwood was very kind and helpful, always willing to answer questions during class and in office hours. He was very fair. The examples he used in class were interesting and helped me understand complex concepts. Professor Westwood was very personable and great at making students feel comfortable in class and in office hours. He's funny. I honestly can't glaze him enough. Thank you Prof Westwood.
7.00	nothing, best prof ever!!

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

1.00	Again, as mentioned above, implementing more breaks to make sure that students are adequately absorbing all of the concepts.
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2.00	I think Professor Westwood could answer questions more thoroughly on topics that aren't directly related to what we're learning in class, rather than saying "you won't need to know that."
3.00	I thought that the classroom was very effective. My only suggestion is that maybe we could do more group work.
4.00	More hands-on work that isn't screen-based (like the group quizzes we did, those were great!) -- things that happen on a screen are just so ephemeral
5.00	My grade will likely be lower than I deserve due to the fact that speaking up in class is such a big part of our grade. I was there for every class but my grade will likely be dropped due to the fact that I do not speak much. All of our assessments were mostly multiple choice exams and I think for that reason, speaking should not hold so much weight especially with a class the size that it is and the content not necessarily being made for that sort of assessment.
6.00	Offer additional lectures during x-hour.
7.00	nothing, amazing lectures, amazing personality!

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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	Go over common quiz misconceptions before/during lectures.
2.00	He could go over quizzes in class. Sometimes I was a little confused on what I did wrong / what the right answer to the question was.
3.00	I think the quizzes often covered a couple topics really thoroughly without spanning everything we learned, so if we studied a certain part of the material and felt comfortable with it, we might not have gotten the chance to show our understanding since we wouldn't be quizzed on it. There are also weren't many cumulative assessments, which could have helped me apply the topics we'd learned to more realistic scenarios and research designs.
4.00	Make it easier to see specific quiz results / problems missed
5.00	The course is assessed by participation, quizzes, and midterms. In my experience, that's standard for a college course and isn't a hard pill to swallow.
6.00	noi, i will take so many classes with him! He is the goat!

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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	I think the exercises were helpful for reviewing topics we'd be quizzed on, and Professor Westwood provided all necessary materials to keep up in the class. I regularly reviewed the slides and the "materials" packets. The weekly quizzes helped me stay on top of the material, even if I felt like they weren't cumulative and didn't always cover the variety of topics we'd learned since the last week.
2.00	Paper exams very fair and reinforced conceptual learning, AI homework portions could have been more difficult / less Claude-able but as someone who was 4-coursing it I appreciated the reprieve
3.00	Quizzes, midterm, and final (that aged well). They assessed the content well.
4.00	Tests and quizzes. All of the questions on them are very reasonable and if you study and actually do the work, you will do fine on both.
5.00	Weekly tests and exercises were an effective and manageable means of teaching and enforcing material.
6.00	a quiz every week and a midterm and a final planned

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

1.00	I like that we had the chance to work on exercises for the second half of lectures, and I had fun with the review sessions before exams where we did collaborative quizzes in class.
2.00	It was lecture, thought students had some time to work on homework and ask questions before quizzes. I think the structure worked well, though we could do a bit more group work.
3.00	Lots of lecture, but very interactive (soliciting students to voice content)
4.00	Mostly lecture-based, which is good considering the density and amount of material. I don't think discussion would have helped at all.
5.00	Totally lecture. Usually I would be a fan of more discussion, but it's kind of hard to discuss R and different types of code. I'm completely fine and supportive of the lecture format.
6.00	Very strongly in the lecture camp; this works for this topic.
7.00	he is the best, amazing lectures with participation etc

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

1.00	I had a much easier time keeping up with and understanding the academic journal articles with research methods sections in my public policy class this term. I'm also way more skeptical of the studies I read/statistics I see in the news.
2.00	I thought this major requirement would be bunk but it wasn't!
3.00	I will continue to stick with the Government department.
4.00	Introduced me to statistics.
5.00	This class is the reason I'm doing research next term. I've learned so much about research methods, AI, and coding. There was a huge learning curve for me at the beginning of the term but I'm proud to say I've improved a ton. It piqued my interest in coding and quantitative research. I think I am a much better consumer of research data as well. I've already noticed that I understand what's going on in my government classes outside of Govt010 more because I understand the research methods in the papers we read. Now that I understand statistical significance, I'm much more skeptical of research data. I think this will make my future in the government department much easier and I'm very glad I took it so early in my career at Dartmouth.

6.00 amazing

COURSE ASSESSMENT REPORTS - Non-Faculty Specific Comments

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Question Section **Course Design and Effectiveness**

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

1.00	Explicit teaching of vibe-coding/AI tools -- helped me improve my flashcard/exam prep workflows for other classes as well
2.00	I found the lectures and mix of coding exercises and multiple choice homework to be helpful to learn material.
3.00	I really liked that Professor Westwood made an effort to include everyone in lecture/class discussions by ensuring that we all felt encouraged to participate.
4.00	I think Sean Westwood is a fantastic teacher and I have recommended Gov 010 with him to anyone looking to take a 10 class. He explains things very clearly, clearly knows what he's talking about, and answers all questions with a level of intellect and understanding.
5.00	Teaching methods and organized slides.
6.00	The workload was manageable. The practice test he gave us before the midterm / final was a helpful resource for studying. His guide prompts for Claude helped me navigate the homework assignments. The content was organized well and class time was used effectively.
7.00	we had a quiz every week which made me do the work - I learned soooo much!

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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	A final code-based project leveraging AI tools would help me feel more confident in their application
2.00	I think there could've been more emphasis on cumulative projects/assessments, where we combined elements of what we learned throughout the course, instead of on a weekly basis.
3.00	It would be nice if he handed the quizzes back in class or went over the answers to the quizzes and midterm in class. Virtual office hours aren't as helpful as in-person office hours because in a coding-based class, sometimes the professor needs to be able to see the issue on the computer and describing it is not effective enough (however, I understand that the virtual office hours were based on extenuating circumstances).
4.00	More use of the x-hour block.
5.00	Since by block was a 2a and we were digesting a lot of complicated information, I think students would benefit from two breaks during the two hour period instead of one.
6.00	none

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Question Section **Course Design and Effectiveness**

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

1.00	I attended every class, listened attentively, took thorough notes, and completed all of my work outside of class to increase my understanding.
2.00	I completed all the exercises, came to every class, and took thorough notes.
3.00	I did all of the assignments. I went to office hours several times. I participated in class. I sought out help with coding from CS major friends and Claude.
4.00	I did the work.
5.00	Studied extensively for weekly quizzes outside of class.
6.00	Studying core concepts outside of class for paper exams

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Question Section **Departmental/Program Questions**

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	LIKELY
3.00	Likely
4.00	No.
5.00	likely

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Departmental/Program Questions**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.

Question: does not offer now? List up to 3 topics in order of their importance to you.

1.00	1. More application of indirectly political philosophers to political theory / 2. 'great thinker/text' courses 3. Education policy in postindustrial nations
2.00	Courses specifically on electoral forecasting.
3.00	Education Policy
4.00	Idol Worship in Politics How did we get to where we are now Women in politics
5.00	Public health / health disparities. Constitutional law.
6.00	none, I like the department

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**Question
Section** **Departmental/Program Questions**

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

Question: career are you most likely pursue after you graduate?

1.00	Consulting
2.00	Law or politics.
3.00	Lawyer
4.00	Lawyer/Consulting/Something of that vein
5.00	Policy entrepreneurship or law
6.00	journalism and/or law school