

## Student Response Survey Written Response Summary by Question

**Course:** PS111 A: Intro. to American Government (CRN 10362; enrollment: 34)  
**Instructor:** Benjamin Toll  
**Semester:** Spring 2020

### **I. Course Organization**

1. Very organized, understood why material was paired together and why things were taught at different times of the year
2. Constructed very well

### **II. Grading**

1. Extremely fair, encouraged participation, great intro class
2. Very helpful that all grades were actually online where I could see them and see what I still had to do, most teachers don't do that so I like that I had the option
3. Very fair grading

### **III. Instructor Communication**

1. Great, always available during office hours , clear that he wanted each person to succeed
2. The emails every week before we went online were nice to know when things were due, and then the reminders when we went online about discussions were nice to have
3. Clear
4. Even before online learning, instructor excelled with communicating with us students. He was especially encouraging, throughout the weeks and sent us emails reminding us to do discussion posts and quizzes.

### **IV. Instructor Interaction with the Students**

1. He gave us plenty of chances to check our understanding of the material in order to ensure that it was interpreted the way he intended.
2. Great
3. Best teacher Iâ€™ve ever had hands down. He cares about his studentsâ€™ wellbeing and their overall score in the class.

### **V. Instructor Interest in Students**

1. He did a good job to get us involved in class and hear what we thought about a topic before going over it.
2. Great
3. Wanted to make sure we were doing well when we went online, one of the only instructors to actually ask how we were doing

### **VI. Major Strengths of the Instructor**

1. He did a very good job reaching out to us personally throughout the semester, especially during the switch to online material. He has shown that he cares about students a lot more than just a part of his job.
2. knew exactly how to explain everything taught
3. Knows the subject very well and actually explains things and does not skip past and

assume that a person knows the information just by looking at it

4. Plans out class well. Genuinely a nice guy as well.

5. He is clear with his instructions. He grades fairly. He is very understanding. During this pandemic and the sudden switch to online classes he has been so understanding about time and loads of class work. He has shown genuine interest and concern for our mental health through all of this like no other professor has acknowledged.

**VII. Major Weaknesses of the Instructor**

1. n/a

2. maybe taking too long on answering peoples questions that were not relevant to the material that we were learning but were relevant to the world, so a good and a bad thing

3. None

**VIII. Aspects of the Course Most Beneficial to You**

1. learning about why the government does certain things and why laws were set in place

**IX. Suggestions to Improve the Course or any Other Comments**

1. n/a

2. It is very clear he loves what he does and cares for his students and will help them in any way that he can.

**Instructor Option Question**

No responses.