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## Individual Report for Instructor Baggott 37812-20171 : IR-340 The Political Economy of China (37812)

### USC Student Course Evaluations - Spring 2017

Project Audience 29

Responses Received 20

Response Ratio 68.97%

#### Subject Details

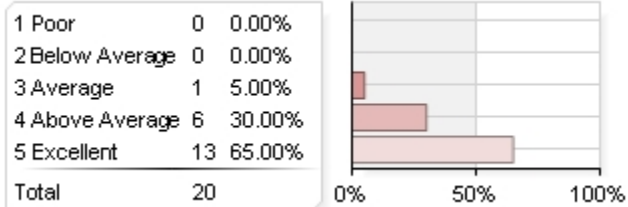
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<b>Section</b>	37812-20171
<b>Course_ID</b>	IR-340
<b>Course Type</b>	Lecture
<b>Course Department</b>	IR
<b>School</b>	LAS
<b>Session</b>	001
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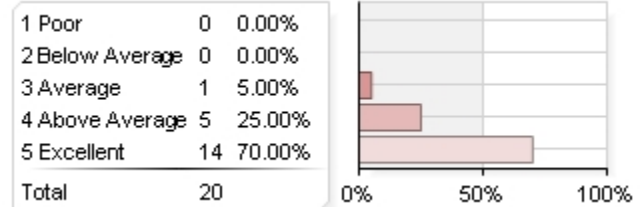
## How would you rate the instructor's effectiveness on the following items?

1. Clearly articulated course goals.



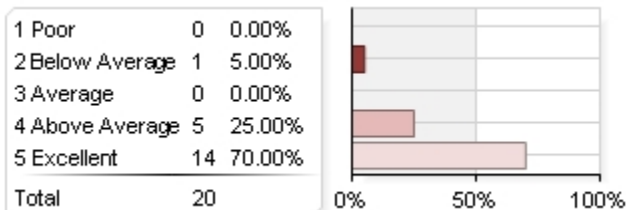
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Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.60

2. Organized course to achieve those goals.



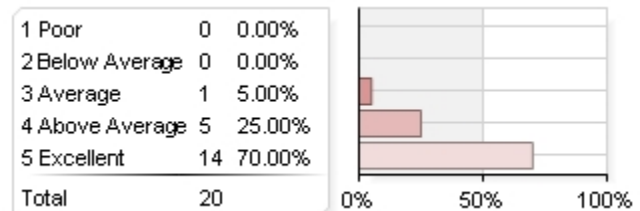
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3. Carefully explained difficult concepts, methods, and subject matter.



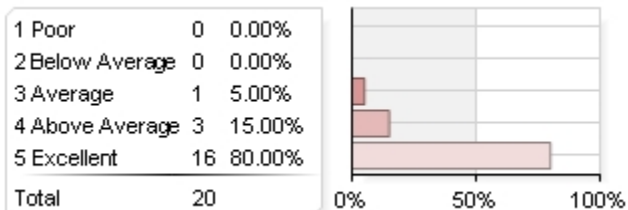
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4. Encouraged students to participate in their learning (e.g., through discussion, projects, study groups and other appropriate activities).



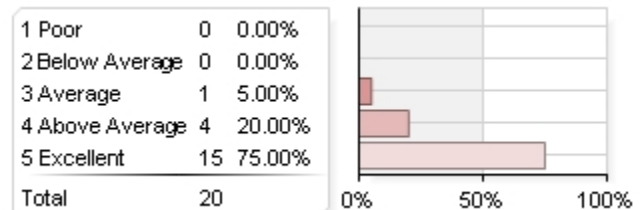
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5. Was accessible to students (e.g., during office hours, before and after class, etc.).



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Mean	4.75
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.55

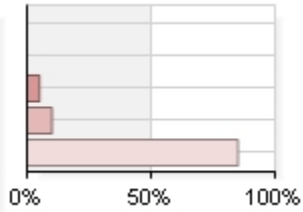
6. Evaluated student work in fair and appropriate ways.



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Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.57

7. Was enthusiastic about communicating the subject matter.

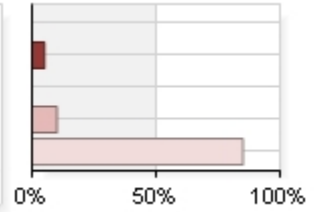
1 Poor	0	0.00%
2 Below Average	0	0.00%
3 Average	1	5.00%
4 Above Average	2	10.00%
5 Excellent	17	85.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.80
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.52

8. Stimulated student interest in the subject matter.

1 Poor	0	0.00%
2 Below Average	1	5.00%
3 Average	0	0.00%
4 Above Average	2	10.00%
5 Excellent	17	85.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	

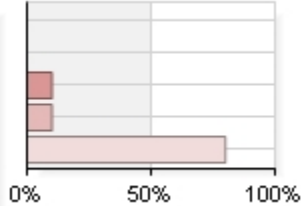


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Mean	4.75
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.72

## How would you rate the instructor's effectiveness on the following items? (continued)

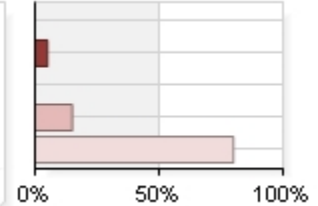
9. Presented subject matter in ways that were academically challenging.

1 Poor	0	0.00%
2 Below Average	0	0.00%
3 Average	2	10.00%
4 Above Average	2	10.00%
5 Excellent	16	80.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	



10. Provided students a valuable learning experience.

1 Poor	0	0.00%
2 Below Average	1	5.00%
3 Average	0	0.00%
4 Above Average	3	15.00%
5 Excellent	16	80.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	

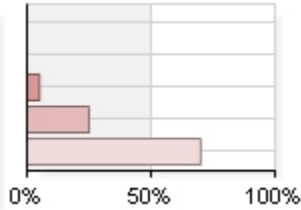


Statistics	Value
Mean	4.70
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.66

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Mean	4.70
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.73

### Overall, how would you rate this instructor?

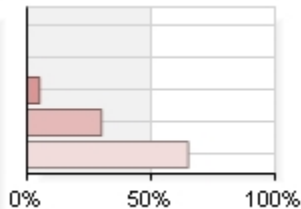
1 Poor	0	0.00%
2 Below Average	0	0.00%
3 Average	1	5.00%
4 Above Average	5	25.00%
5 Excellent	14	70.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.65
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.59

### Overall, how would you rate this course?

1 Poor	0	0.00%
2 Below Average	0	0.00%
3 Average	1	5.00%
4 Above Average	6	30.00%
5 Excellent	13	65.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.60
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.60

## What were this instructor's main strengths?

### Comments

Professor Baggott is really knowledgeable and passionate about the subject.

Engaging, great discussion format.

Amazingly knowledgeable and very cohesive in lectures.

Explains very difficult concepts incredibly easily for us to understand in class.

Professor Baggott speaks very well and clear to the point she is able to communicate the material effectively.

She's incredibly knowledgeable, organized and articulate. Her classes are one of the few classes that actually make me happy and feel like every penny paid is worthwhile. There have been days on which I really didn't feel like going to class, but I went on those days anyways and never walked out of the classroom without the feeling that "wow learning about this aspect of China is really fun!"

Professor Baggott is knowledgeable in the subject matter and loves to communicate the material. She also allots class time for discussion on the lecture material.

Very knowledgeable about the subject matter and able to communicate the material very well. Any evidence or case studies cited she had a lot of background info on, including research methods, scope of the work and author, etc. Very approachable and cared about the students beyond the classroom such as giving career advice. Made the classroom very discussion based which was a major plus that allowed for group discussion and independent thinking.

She knows her stuff! And she is so excited to share with us this information. Also, whenever anyone had a question she would always take time to answer it and not rush through it and would look at you after and ask if she answered the question. Additionally she would ask if there were any other questions, this seems simple but to me it shows how much she really cares about us students and our understanding!

She was definitely very interested in the subject which made me want to learn more.

– lecture slides are amazing!

- classes are interesting

- the assignments are unique, and very helpful

I absolutely enjoyed this class. It's not my favorite classes of this semester, it definitely will be one of my favorite classes of my undergraduate career. She's extremely engaging in class because she just knows so much about China that she's able to answer any question that comes her way, and there are SO many because her lectures are set up to be extremely interesting. She's also really fair and encouraging of these questions. Even when there are bad questions, she takes them and answers them really positively. She even provided us a day to answer any advising concerns and questions about our college careers and beyond, which means that she really cares about the students' well being and success in college and beyond, which I really appreciate. She was just an all-around amazing teacher and mentor. She makes me even more interested in China and make me know that I have a lot of potential in whatever I study, but also how I can focus what I am passionate about to my future.

Dedication - she clearly cares a lot about her students. She always made sure any of our slightest questions/concerns were addressed before moving on. She was very responsive via email/outside of class, too.

Clearly organized the class and objectives, always answered people's questions during and after class, stimulated people's interests, passionate and extremely knowledgeable about the subject, made me more interested and passionate about certain topics, cared about her students and their futures

Professor Baggott is very passionate and knowledgeable about the subject. Before this class, I really didn't know much about China at all - but now I have a solid foundation in regards to knowledge on China's political economy. This professor is always willing to answer our questions, even if they don't relate directly to the day's topic. Also, she seems to really care about her students and even had an advising day for us and gave us each advice on how we might achieve our goals after graduation.

Incredibly knowledgeable about the subject matter, encouraged questions and facilitated meaningful discussion, genuinely cared about students and their feedback, brought in current events/research, explained everything clearly, professional and informative

Highly intelligent, knowledgeable about her expertise area, great teaching skills, lecture, great personality.

Really cares about students and gives very helpful advice.

## How might this instructor improve their teaching effectiveness?

### Comments

It would be great if Professor Baggott could be more reachable via email and outside of class.

Incorporate other mediums other than powerpoints in presenting lecture materials

Ultimately, Professor Baggott needs to make the class more enticing for students. The subject matter is dry. Furthermore, when it does come time for exams she needs to organize the study guide and the exam complement one another rather than providing a broad range of questions.

Although all the readings were all very relevant and interesting, it was a lot of reading per week, and not everything was always addressed in class.

Sometimes it was a little hard to follow her lectures and the slides, I think this is simply because she is such an expert in the field it seems common knowledge but for those of us still learning it was a little tricky at times. I think to improve at the end of each class she could do a quick recap of how that topic of the day relates to our overall course theme.

She could give more notice for projects.

Nothing

I absolutely loved this class, so I think it would be very difficult to find any faults.

I would've liked if the lecture slides were made available on Blackboard prior to each class session as that would've made it easier to follow along during class.

I wish there was more direction with the readings in terms of what we should be looking for, etc. Also, sometimes readings were posted late or a few hours before class met, which was a little difficult and made it easy to fall behind the readings. Other than that, Professor Baggott did a great job!

A little bit faster on grading and results!

Maybe shorten the discussion time!

## Additional comments?

### Students

enjoyed this course

My favorite professor in the IR department! Hope she stays and teaches at USC, because I think she will be very great addition to the IR department here!

one of my favorite classes at USC!

Awesome professor, I would take her again and recommend her to other students. She is very personable also and rewards students for our hard work. USC is so competitive at times that it is nice to be recognized for a job well done. I know she is new to USC and I hope that she and her husband get to stay for a long time, current and future students will be so happy, just like I am!

none.

I appreciate the memes a lot

I truly enjoyed this class and hope I'll be able to take another class with her in the future!

Wonderful course; incredibly informative and necessary for understanding business in China