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Course: AMST 212

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Department: American Studies
Crn(Section): 84616 (001), 84617 (002)

1. The instructor demonstrated knowledge of course content.									
	Mean	N-Size	Std Dev		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Campus	4.61	20875	0.73	Freq(%)	122 (1%)	193 (1%)	885 (4%)	4842 (23%)	14744 (71%)
College	4.6	10391	0.73	Freq(%)	67 (1%)	79 (1%)	460 (4%)	2514 (24%)	7231 (70%)
Division	4.7	2112	0.63	Freq(%)	15 (1%)	8 (0%)	57 (3%)	416 (20%)	1613 (76%)
Department	4.73	581	0.59	Freq(%)	4 (1%)	3 (1%)	10 (2%)	113 (19%)	451 (78%)
Your class	4.87	31	0.34	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (13%)	27 (87%)
Section 001	4.87	15	0.35	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (13%)	13 (87%)
Section 002	4.88	16	0.34	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (13%)	14 (88%)

2. The instructor fulfilled the goals of the course.									
	Mean	N-Size	Std Dev		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Campus	4.44	20875	0.86	Freq(%)	233 (1%)	386 (2%)	1483 (7%)	6059 (29%)	12598 (60%)
College	4.43	10391	0.85	Freq(%)	102 (1%)	158 (2%)	777 (7%)	3164 (30%)	6130 (59%)
Division	4.56	2112	0.76	Freq(%)	17 (1%)	17 (1%)	111 (5%)	549 (26%)	1409 (67%)
Department	4.56	581	0.78	Freq(%)	6 (1%)	4 (1%)	29 (5%)	148 (25%)	391 (67%)
Your class	4.81	31	0.48	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	4 (13%)	26 (84%)
Section 001	4.87	15	0.35	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (13%)	13 (87%)
Section 002	4.75	16	0.58	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (6%)	2 (13%)	13 (81%)

3. The instructor communicated effectively.									
	Mean	N-Size	Std Dev		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Campus	4.28	20875	1.01	Freq(%)	438 (2%)	886 (4%)	2130 (10%)	5808 (28%)	11507 (55%)
College	4.27	10391	1.0	Freq(%)	192 (2%)	437 (4%)	1175 (11%)	2921 (28%)	5610 (54%)
Division	4.46	2112	0.89	Freq(%)	30 (1%)	41 (2%)	177 (8%)	499 (24%)	1355 (64%)
Department	4.52	581	0.84	Freq(%)	8 (1%)	8 (1%)	40 (7%)	132 (23%)	391 (67%)
Your class	4.73	30	0.64	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	24 (80%)
Section 001	4.67	15	0.49	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (33%)	10 (67%)
Section 002	4.8	15	0.77	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	1 (7%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	14 (93%)

4. I learned a lot in this course.									
	Mean	N-Size	Std Dev		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Campus	4.2	7705	1.02	Freq(%)	157 (2%)	342 (4%)	949 (12%)	2387 (31%)	3826 (50%)
College	4.22	2908	0.99	Freq(%)	44 (2%)	116 (4%)	369 (13%)	914 (31%)	1445 (50%)
Division	4.41	877	0.9	Freq(%)	12 (1%)	15 (2%)	74 (8%)	245 (28%)	525 (60%)
Department	4.43	581	0.91	Freq(%)	10 (2%)	11 (2%)	45 (8%)	155 (27%)	357 (61%)
Your class	4.65	31	0.61	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	7 (23%)	22 (71%)
Section 001	4.73	15	0.59	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (7%)	2 (13%)	12 (80%)
Section 002	4.56	16	0.63	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (6%)	5 (31%)	10 (63%)

5. The instructor inspired me to be critical of ideas and materials.									
	Mean	N-Size	Std Dev		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Campus	4.25	1998	1.02	Freq(%)	31 (2%)	76 (4%)	244 (12%)	569 (28%)	1059 (53%)
College	4.26	1737	1.0	Freq(%)	23 (1%)	68 (4%)	214 (12%)	499 (29%)	919 (53%)
Division	4.34	652	0.97	Freq(%)	10 (2%)	22 (3%)	69 (11%)	168 (26%)	379 (58%)
Department	4.35	581	0.95	Freq(%)	8 (1%)	19 (3%)	61 (10%)	150 (26%)	340 (59%)
Your class	4.67	30	0.61	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	6 (20%)	22 (73%)
Section 001	4.87	15	0.35	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (13%)	13 (87%)
Section 002	4.47	15	0.74	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (13%)	4 (27%)	9 (60%)

6. The instructor is enthusiastic about the course material.									
	Mean	N-Size	Std Dev		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Campus	4.51	7988	0.85	Freq(%)	60 (1%)	116 (1%)	545 (7%)	1968 (25%)	5238 (66%)
College	4.55	2375	0.85	Freq(%)	18 (1%)	24 (1%)	149 (6%)	509 (21%)	1652 (70%)
Division	4.71	791	0.7	Freq(%)	5 (1%)	2 (0%)	25 (3%)	131 (17%)	623 (79%)
Department	4.68	581	0.7	Freq(%)	4 (1%)	1 (0%)	22 (4%)	108 (19%)	443 (76%)
Your class	4.93	15	0.25	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (7%)	14 (93%)
Section 001	4.93	15	0.26	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (7%)	14 (93%)
Section 002	4.93	15	0.26	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (7%)	14 (93%)

7. The instructor was easy to talk with and available for consultation.									
	Mean	N-Size	Std Dev		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Campus	4.16	2622	1.08	Freq(%)	51 (2%)	90 (3%)	458 (17%)	652 (25%)	1339 (51%)
College	4.16	2024	1.08	Freq(%)	35 (2%)	57 (3%)	379 (19%)	490 (24%)	1034 (51%)
Division	4.46	643	0.91	Freq(%)	11 (2%)	6 (1%)	63 (10%)	141 (22%)	418 (65%)
Department	4.44	581	0.92	Freq(%)	11 (2%)	6 (1%)	59 (10%)	133 (23%)	369 (64%)
Your class	4.77	31	0.5	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	5 (16%)	25 (81%)
Section 001	4.67	15	0.62	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (7%)	3 (20%)	11 (73%)
Section 002	4.88	16	0.34	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (13%)	14 (88%)

8. The instructor encouraged class discussion.									
	Mean	N-Size	Std Dev		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Campus	4.56	1596	0.83	Freq(%)	13 (1%)	14 (1%)	107 (7%)	337 (21%)	1113 (70%)
College	4.5	816	0.9	Freq(%)	13 (2%)	7 (1%)	66 (8%)	176 (22%)	548 (67%)
Division	4.47	609	0.89	Freq(%)	11 (2%)	5 (1%)	54 (9%)	138 (23%)	398 (65%)
Department	4.45	581	0.9	Freq(%)	11 (2%)	5 (1%)	54 (9%)	135 (23%)	373 (64%)
Your class	4.68	31	0.6	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	6 (19%)	23 (74%)
Section 001	4.67	15	0.62	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (7%)	3 (20%)	11 (73%)
Section 002	4.69	16	0.6	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (6%)	3 (19%)	12 (75%)

9. The instructor was well organized and prepared for each session.									
	Mean	N-Size	Std Dev		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Campus	4.41	3211	0.95	Freq(%)	44 (1%)	71 (2%)	219 (7%)	885 (28%)	1954 (61%)
College	4.45	1590	0.89	Freq(%)	14 (1%)	32 (2%)	91 (6%)	465 (29%)	972 (61%)
Division	4.59	649	0.8	Freq(%)	6 (1%)	5 (1%)	27 (4%)	148 (23%)	458 (71%)
Department	4.55	581	0.83	Freq(%)	6 (1%)	5 (1%)	25 (4%)	145 (25%)	395 (68%)
Your class	4.81	31	0.48	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	4 (13%)	26 (84%)
Section 001	4.8	15	0.41	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (20%)	12 (80%)
Section 002	4.81	16	0.54	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (6%)	1 (6%)	14 (88%)

10. The instructor sets high standards for students.									
	Mean	N-Size	Std Dev		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Campus	4.38	7931	0.9	Freq(%)	73 (1%)	116 (1%)	769 (10%)	2392 (30%)	4506 (57%)
College	4.37	2121	0.93	Freq(%)	25 (1%)	23 (1%)	225 (11%)	602 (28%)	1224 (58%)
Division	4.37	1547	0.95	Freq(%)	19 (1%)	16 (1%)	172 (11%)	415 (27%)	907 (59%)
Department	4.39	581	0.87	Freq(%)	6 (1%)	6 (1%)	68 (12%)	160 (28%)	338 (58%)
Your class	4.58	31	0.56	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	11 (35%)	19 (61%)
Section 001	4.67	15	0.49	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (33%)	10 (67%)
Section 002	4.5	16	0.63	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (6%)	6 (38%)	9 (56%)

11. My overall evaluation of this instructor is....
Wonderful professor! I wish that there were more teachers like him on campus!
He is a great professor! I would definitely take any other courses he offers.
He is a great teacher. But maybe try another approach to get students to do the readings and participate in discussions, perhaps a couple homework questions attached to each reading or short periods at the beginning of class when groups of 2-3 students could share with each other instead of with the whole class.
excellent. Miguel Llora is very passionate about American Studies and is constantly motivating students to think critically and outside of the box. Any student interested in studying the United States should definitely consider taking Professor Llora.
Miguel has a great way of connecting with his students.. Really enjoyed the class!
He is a good instructor and is enthusiastic about the subject. Prompts for papers could be more clear.
Miguel Llora is a wonderful instructor and has great knowledge. He not only mad the class fun and interesting but impacting and intellectual. I was able to learn a lot from him and would recommend any of his classes to anyone and have been actually. He urged each student to always do their best and when he felt that the best wasn't met would really push to get a little more. He inspired great critical thinking in his lectures and discussions and forced all of us to do the same.
very good teacher. i enjoyed going to class and he always answered back to emails as soon as possible. very helpful.
My overall evaluation of Prof. Llora is that he is real enthusiastic and brings huge energy to his lectures, but I thought that sometimes he sounded a little too strong on his ideans or opinions.
He has lots of knowledge about the subject also but felt like people are hesitant to counter against his argument because it sounded too strong.
Great class, was more than i expected.
Great class. A lot of fun to attend and I learned a lot.
He encourages students to freely express their opinions and to be critical. Good at provoking interest and curiosity.
Enthusiastic about reading material and lecture format. I liked the out of class lecture hall assignments.
Great instructor who is very passionate about his work and the material that he teaches.
a very engaging teacher. I like that he connects current events smoothly with the past of various countries. Excellent references and examples from various books too.
excellent. Llora's teaching style is more about teaching students the knowledge with strong critical thought without putting all of the focus on a grade. I feel many times the grading factor or standard makes people lose sight of what learning is all about, learning. American Education today has become a commodity, which the school puts more emphasis on money than teaching the students. This is a very sad fact, but there are still very few teachers out there who actually want to help students rather then let them fail while the school takes their money.
great teacher however course material was dry.. powerpoint presentations went by too fast/too much writing
nice but needs to make the course more exciting.
very good teacher
The class was not an easy one, but Miguel helped me understand the topics by his way of teaching, such as videos, books, lectures and presenters.
He was always well-prepared for class and returned our papers promptly. His discussions always left me debating the "right" answer.
Excellent professor. I really learned a lot and this class changed my perception about the Pacific Basin countries.
very positive
A great professor, very enthusiastic about the course, and knowledgeable. Easy to relate to. Would take a class if he taught it.
Miguel Llora it the type of teacher that makes you excited to come to class and learn and discuss the topics we went over in class. I learned so much and I was very pleased with this course as well as the teacher.
that I enjoyed his class, learned alot about the pacific basin. He knows his material, very laid back and easy to talk to.

12. Assignments are interesting and stimulating.									
	Mean	N-Size	Std Dev		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Campus	4.05	1171	1.18	Freq(%)	13 (1%)	44 (4%)	151 (13%)	414 (35%)	506 (43%)
College	3.98	973	1.23	Freq(%)	10 (1%)	38 (4%)	136 (14%)	348 (36%)	398 (41%)
Division	3.96	598	1.38	Freq(%)	8 (1%)	18 (3%)	70 (12%)	191 (32%)	270 (45%)
Department	3.93	581	1.39	Freq(%)	8 (1%)	18 (3%)	70 (12%)	190 (33%)	254 (44%)
Your class	4.28	29	0.7	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	16 (55%)	11 (38%)
Section 001	4.46	13	0.52	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	7 (54%)	6 (46%)
Section 002	4.13	16	0.81	Freq(%)	0 (0%)	1 (6%)	1 (6%)	9 (56%)	5 (31%)

13. Which aspects of the course did you like the best?
I really enjoyed the incorporation of film into the course. It was not only relevant to the articles we were reading, they were helpful themselves as well. I've noticed that a lot of films classes show do the first part, but not always the second.
I loved not having exams. Reaction papers are a fantastic alternate to exams. You need to know the material for exams and papers but papers allow you to express your feelings about the topic and not simply regurgitate facts.
It wasn't just a history class. It was a history-and-its-impact-on-the-present class. Concepts were tied together, we didn't just skip from one historical event to the next because they were important. We explored why each event was important, and how and why they happened.
The aspect of this particular course that i found the best is the in class discussion held after reading the assigned books. The discussions allowed students to give their opinions about the subject matter while creating an atmosphere that allowed all students to express their thoughts freely.
Incorporating everything together
The films
The videos chosen to fit with different sections. They were interesting videos that many of us had not seen. Class discussions that were always interesting and very well constructed and put together. I actually liked the presentation of this class because it allowed for us to go about on our own and really review a article of our choice the way we wanted. He made us aware of outside of class events and lectures going on that he felt were interesting and pertained to class, which they always were.
i liked some of the readings and videos. they were interesting and i learned alot more about the history of thepacific basin.
I enjoyed how Miguel was able to relate current situations happening around the world to the information provided in class. How strongly he kept involved in todays situations.
Learning more detail about some subject I already knew about.
It was good that it pretty much covered everything in the Pacific basin, and by topics. Writing was fun, in terms of reflecting my thoughts to the readings and films. A lot of new things that I learned...
Review media
The movies were very interesting.
the movies that were not documentaries and the reaction papers
I liked the fact that the topics discussed in the semester correlated with each, which made it interesting. It was like connecting the dots.
The class discussion was definitely the most interesting, because our class was so opinionated and diverse.
The assignments made me think critically at the issue at hand.
lectures, movies
The use of film to explore topics further. Film is a great tool and helps me understand much more than reading.
I enjoyed pretty much every aspect of this course.
I enjoyed watching films that related to the course. Very interesting, Good way to interpret what he is teaching.

14. Which aspects of the course did you like least?
Some of the prompts felt a little vague and I was not clear about what was being asked for.
The 20 and more page readings were not my favorite but were tolerable.
I wish there were more discussions, but it is hard to force people into talking. It is difficult to build into a discussion when its only one or two people participating.
N/A
none
The lectures
Nothing. I liked everything about this class. Sure some of the readings were a little long at times, but they were interesting. Class was well put together and wonderful.
none.
nothing beyond the typical work that students do not enjoy but are expected to preform.
writing the papers.
Lots of readings... but it was fine. learned that much.
Nothing
Some of the prompts for the reaction papers were rather dull. I wasn't that motivated to write them.
I liked that movies were incorporated alongside the reading.
longest class ever
lectures
difficult course material
Really? None.
The reaction papers. Some of them I had a hard time grasping what the main idea was about. As I progressed in the semester, I got used to how to write and format the reaction papers.
nothing
Lengthy readings.
None.
Well there was not much that i did not like.

15. My overall evaluation of this course is...
11 out of 10! I would take it again and recommend it to others!
Fantastic!
I enjoyed the course.
excellent. This course went beyond my expectations and i recommend keeping this subject matter within the Universities curriculum.
excellent 100/100
Interesting subject. Thought provoking
Awesome class! Insightful, interesting and fun. I am so glad I took it.
i liked the course and i would recommend it to my friends to take.
Great class, I look foward to taking more American study courses from professor Llorca.
Great course and I would recommend to someone else to take it
I think about the first half was more interesting. Probably because I'm not that interested in modern history, but still the former part seemed more organized. Overall, it was quite stimulating and fun, and I learned new perspectives.
Interesting course material and engaging classroom discussion.
This was a very interesting course, I think if it was taught by any other instructor, I would have dropped the class at the beginning of the semester.
good teacher course kinda iffy
good
It's a good course to start thinking about the issues of the Pacific Rim once you know most of the facts.
I really learned a lot in this course. I'm thankful to have had Miguel as a professor. I know more about the Pacific Basin countries than when I first stepped into the class.
positive
I enjoyed it and I recommended friends to take this course or any course from Miguel.
I enjoyed this class very much. I learned a significant amount of history that I was not aware of. I also learned how to better form analytical opinions. I would definitely recommend this class to anyone.

16. Other comments:
Great class. Enjoyed every aspect of the course and would definitely take it again if given the chance.
Miguel is a Fantastic teacher. I was surprised by how much I liked this class because I thought it would be a boring American studies class with a lot of writing however I am happy to be wrong. I would take it again if I had to and I am telling all my friends to take Miguel's class. Great Class Miguel!!!
none
on some historical documents and materials, I wish he was a little bit more neutral or critical.
more introduction to popular ideas, perspectives about controversial issues would be nice.
N/A
A little burdensome to cover all the history in one semester but the topics were good.
Perhaps Dr. Llorca should consider having a course packet for his future classes that's of all the readings. Most of the readings aren't printer-friendly (lots of dark areas means more ink used) otherwise. Also, with a course packet it could be printed double-sided to conserve paper.
The writing prompts are good, but some of the films shown could be explained with more details as to the plot like The Black Robe since we usually just jump into the middle of the movie.
Llorca is very very intelligent