

The Modern World (Fall 2021)

Instructor: **Rodriguez, Bretton**
Subject: **CH**
Catalog & Section: **202 1006**
Course ID: **82623**
Objectives:

Enrollment: **26**
Responses Incl Declines: **17**
Declines: **0**

Teaching (Lecture) (30 comments)

Q: Please provide your thoughts on the instructor's teaching, including strengths and areas for possible improvement.

- 1 Dr. Mariscal had some cool slides. Dr. Rodriguez tended to lecture better due to the fact that he stuck to the point and ensured that our understanding regarding the topic was concrete. I found myself a little more confused and/or bored of Mariscal's lectures. With that being said I did like the mixture of humanities and science backgrounds. It made for a deeper understanding and unique perspectives as to what was going on in that field. They are also, not so surprisingly, very related to each other. Thanks for a good semester and always asking us how we are doing/trying to get to know us.
- 2 Both teachers were highly educated on the topics taught in class, along with making the classroom a comfortable place to speak freely.
- 3 Professors were very knowledgeable and made lectures fun
- 4 The lectures followed a structured form, which is very beneficial. I always knew what to expect.
- 5 The instruction was clear and the instructor brought energy to every lecture. I also found the discussions very helpful and eye opening.
- 6 He taught very well and found a way to make the material interesting as well as easy to understand and think about with class discussions but spoke quite fast which made it slightly hard to take notes.
- 7 I thought both Professor Mariscal and Rodriguez were very respectful in how they taught and they made it fun to come to class through their discussion questions, attendance questions, and interesting lectures.
- 8 I feel like one of the professors should've been more open with answers that students would have.
- 9 I highly enjoy this teacher and how he treats his students/ interacts and understands them. I would highly recommend his class to peers.
- 10 I wish the instructors would go over the PowerPoints more thoroughly and give us time to write down notes. Often, the professors read off slides and there is sometimes not enough time for me to write down the slides, let alone comprehend the information. Because I don't fully understand the presentation and have not fully memorized the information, it can be very difficult to participate in the discussion that happens right afterwards. Lastly, I felt like the extra credit was not accessible to me as I work every Thursday at 5:30 and the lectures are not recorded. This makes me feel very frustrated and often I am only told of the extra credit a little bit of time in advance and that doesn't give me enough time to ask my boss for the day off and I try not to ask for time off. I wish the extra credit had flexibility and could be more accessible to everyone as I really wanted to do it. The professor's are both very passionate and they encouraged everyone to participate. They always made the lecture content very engaging as well, even if they sometimes went too fast for me.
- 11 very knowledgeable on all subjects, he was able to answer any questions the students had. Also very personable and would help every student. Could go through lectures more slowly was sometimes difficult to follow.
- 12 I really enjoyed the class discussions. Without them I don't think I would've been able to understand the material as well. However, the lectures were the most comprehensible lectures I've had in college so far.
- 13 His lectures are very well structured and easy to understand! sometimes he moves to fast through the slides making it hard to take notes.
- 14 I thought it was pretty decent.
- 15 I enjoyed the team-teaching aspect of this course and thought both professors did an excellent job of keeping the class engaged in the material. I do think we moved really fast throughout history and I would have appreciated spending more time getting context of the time period, but I don't think there's enough time for that since this class goes through so much history.

Q: Please provide your thoughts on the course as a whole, including strengths and areas for possible improvement.

- 1 I wish the in-class questions were fewer points/percentage of our grade. It will obviously go to show how well our understanding of the readings, content, and lectures is when we take a midterm and write our essays and critical responses. I found them to be quite silly at times and not always the most beneficial to my understanding of learning.
- 2 The overall course was very informational and interesting.
- 3 course too heavily graded on attendance especially during covid
- 4 The course as a whole was fine. I didn't notice anything wrong with it.

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- 5 The lectures moved very fast, but I was able to grasp the important information. I feel as though I learned a great deal.
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- 6 the course overall was good it was easy to understand and not too much work throughout the semester
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- 7 Not as long of readings would make this class a 10/10
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- 8 The class was interesting and nice.
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- 9 I think he does everything great.
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- 10 I would actually really interested in having this lecture be flipped classroom style. This would mean that for hw we could watch a slide explaining the PowerPoint. This would give me time to rewind or even change the speed if it's going too fast and any topics I don't understand I can research. That way when I get into class I am more than ready to discuss and I think it would be interesting to do creative projects to make sure that students are understanding information. For example, make a poster on how science and access to knowledge has changed overtime. I am visual learner and greatly enjoy visual projects as they help me understand the information.
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- 11 Even when certain subjects were on more boring topics he kept it interesting. Could possibly require less readings, was hard to stay on top of some weeks.
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- 12 Strengths were the sources provided to better understand the material in this course and the connection between the students and the professors. A weakness would be the homework; I think it should be more based on the assigned readings and due before each class, not on Sunday's.
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- 13 Very well structured class!
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- 14 Some strengths would be good communication and not an overload of work. Some weaknesses would be one of the professors seemed a little condescending.
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- 15 I thought this course was very manageable, the readings weren't too long and critical responses were the perfect length to reflect on the week's material without taking too much time. I wish we had more guidance on Essay writing and how to pick a good claim and structure a good essay. Exams were straight forward.