

Evidence of Teaching Effectiveness

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This document provides evidence of my teaching effectiveness as an instructor at Albion College. It lists my teaching experience, teaching evaluation scores (on a 0 to 5 scale), and selected comments from teaching evaluations. Official teaching evaluations are available upon request or through my website: www.dawidtatarczyk.com

Teaching Experience (Albion College)

- Instructor, Politics of American Democracy (PLSC 101)
 - Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019
- Instructor, Introduction to Comparative Politics (PLSC 102),
 - Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019
- Instructor, Democratic Transitions (PLSC 206)
 - Fall 2017, Fall 2018
- Instructor, Public Policy Analysis (PLSC 216)
 - Fall 2019
- Instructor, Controversies in Global Politics (PLSC 237)
 - Spring 2017
- Instructor, The Catholic Church in Comparative Perspective (PLSC 289)
 - Fall 2017
- Instructor, Research Methods in Comparative Politics (PLSC 389)
 - Spring 2018

Politics of American Democracy (PLSC 101)

| | Summary Class Score | Progress on Relevant Objectives | I Rate This Instructor an Excellent Teacher | I Rate This Course as Excellent |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Spring 17 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.6 |
| Fall 17 | 4.3 | 4 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| Spring 18 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 4.5 |
| Fall 18 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| Spring 19a | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| Spring 19b | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.6 |
| Avg. | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 4.5 |

Comments from students:

- He is a great professor, and keeps the lectures interesting and interactive. I enjoyed all the group work we did.
- Professor Tatarczyk is an outstanding professor. He cares about the students learning the material. He applies the course material to real life situations and engages with the students. He is a professor that does his job with the intent to provide students with the most efficient and clear way to understand the material and master the material. His grading and assignments are very straightforward and is only about the material and not how to be a good student or how to take tests.
- I was interested in taking this class but after the first week, I loved it because of Dawid. He is a fantastic professor. So much so that I decided to take another class with him next semester just for fun. I do not need to take any political science classes for my major or minor, but I am very excited to take another class with Dawid.
- Really enjoyed my semester w Dawid as a professor. Although I'm a junior, I think this course is really well structured for first year students, as that's who it is mostly geared towards as a 101. Dawid has a very consistent schedule and way of teaching. The course is designed to avoid absences and requires you to be held accountable for your work with small assignments due every class. This also forces you to engage even more so with the course content--having small assignments due every class pushes students to actually read and understand the content. I believe this sets this course apart from many political science classes.
- Dawid is an outstanding professor with wonderful examples with each new concept he teaches. I recommend him to any student.

Introduction to Comparative Politics (PLSC 102)

| | Summary Class Score | Progress on Relevant Objectives | I Rate This Instructor an Excellent Teacher | I Rate This Course as Excellent |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Spring 17 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.6 |
| Spring 18 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| Fall 18 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.6 |
| Spring 19 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5 | 5 |
| Fall 19 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.3 |
| Avg. | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.6 |

Comments from students:

- He rocks! Please give him tenure!
- Prof. Tatarczyk is a wonderful professor and, though his courses have nothing to do with my intended field, I would love to take a course with him again.
- Could not be happier with how this course was run. Every week we know exactly what's expected (ex. readings due Mondays, papers on Wednesdays, and group work on Fridays). This schedule and having the syllabus to refer to help us plan ahead and know exactly what we need to do that day/week. Best class I've ever had :)
- I really enjoying having the ability to take a course with Dawid. I think he brought a different perspective to the course due to his background. I really liked the way he tested and gave students different opportunities to fit all types of learning. I also really enjoyed the lecture and how he incorporated discussion into each lecture rather than just talking at us.
- A wonderful teacher that helped an upper-class student gain some foundational knowledge in relation to comparative studies. I really want to take more classes with him, but believe that my schedule may not allow it due to him not teaching 300 levels. I really hope he continues to teach at Albion and help other students like he did for me.
- I absolutely loved having Dawid as a teacher and look forward to taking more classes with him!
- Professor Tatarczyk is always willing to answer questions, and always breaks down reading into clear points of emphasis. Also, very good at describing political situations outside the United States, to help our Americanized points of view understand what other countries and democracies are like. Great class with a great teacher.
- Professor Tatarczyk is a phenomenal teacher. He always finds a way to use real life examples people can relate to, to help explain a concept. Class is never boring as he breaks up his lecture with short stories or experiences he has. The class had a great atmosphere at all times, and I left every class with extra a better understanding of comparative politics.

Democratic Transitions (PLSC 206)

| | Summary Class Score | Progress on Relevant Objectives | I Rate This Instructor an Excellent Teacher | I Rate This Course as Excellent |
|---------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Fall 17 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| Fall 18 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| Avg. | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.6 |

Comments from students:

- Going into this class I had no idea what it was about. Dawid changed how I looked and democratization and made sure that we could see all the theories and material we learned and how it affected the real world. He also centered his class around how to best teach the students in the class. He found that my class learned best and was able to connect the most ideas by seeing these ideas as they had a stance in the real world so he changed his original syllabus so we could watch videos where we could make the connections. He also made sure when he was teaching us a new concept or idea that he went into depth and broke everything down so we could get a full understanding of the topic. I highly enjoyed Dawid class and hope to take more classes with him in the future.
- Hire him, he is a great teacher.
- I really enjoy this class; in fact, it may have changed my major. It showed me that I was very interest in political science and international comparison of regimes and this is something I want to explore more in debts. Thank you very much for this semester.
- I've taken four classes with Professor Tatarczyk, and can say that he has been the a great instructor. His teaching methods have been effective, as I still am able to remember material from almost two years ago and apply it to my courses and overall comprehension of political science. Professor Tatarczyk has explicitly made clear through his courses that his mission as an instructor is to help the students as best as he can. I highly recommend my peers to take his courses because Professor Tatarczyk is straightforward, clear, and helpful in his teaching methods. For this same reason, I hope that other Albion students get the opportunity I had of taking one of Professor Tatarczyk's courses in years to come at Albion.

Public Policy Analysis (PLSC 216)

| | Summary Class Score | Progress on Relevant Objectives | I Rate This Instructor an Excellent Teacher | I Rate This Course as Excellent |
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| Fall 19 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.6 |

Comments from students:

- Thank you for being amazing. Continue being open to differing opinions.
- I love you!
- I feel like I learned a lot about different aspects of public policy in this class - I love Dr. Tatarczyk's teaching style, taking each chapter week by week is really helpful for me in forming ideas about the subject matter. I have taken other classes with Dawid and just really enjoy the style and pace of teaching his classes have. Overall, I think the class really helped me develop my knowledge on public policy as a subject.
- Great prof, he is able to bring his own outside of class stories and experiences into our lectures. Super personable, relatable, funny. I like that he challenges us to think and puts us on the spot during times too, I really appreciate it, keeps me engaged, on my toes, and wanting to be prepared for class. He also makes me laugh, I can always appreciate that
- I think that this perspective of teaching public policy as an investment is a brilliant idea and that really helped me the most to further my skills and be able to create applications with the material learned in class. I am very sad that I will not have Dawid next semester especially since I have had him for three semesters in a row. He always has an interesting class, a great way of getting our brains working in different ways, and I think that this class was great and I am extremely glad I took it with him with the perspective approach he took.
- Professor Tatarczyk has improved exceptionally in his ability to make connections with course material to student-drawn perspectives; his lecture style is engaging and exciting. Professor Dawid shows great care in recognizing when his students are struggling to grasp a concept, expound on a topic, or otherwise. I really appreciate his informational lectures but would prefer more student-student and student-teacher interactions, meaning: call on students more, create a mentally engaged classroom by allowing students to speak more often. For this class specifically, a few more short writing assignments in this class would help with accountability and attendance. I really enjoyed Public Policy Analysis with Professor Tatarczyk, he certainly cares about Albion College and its students. Tenure him @albion college administration.
- Professor Tatarczyk is a great professor and I feel lucky to learn from him. I know that other students, including me purposely look/take classes he teaches because it's always a great learning environment.
- Professor Dawid is by far the best professor I have ever had on this campus. I always look forward to going to Professor Dawid's class all the time. I would take any class Professor Dawid is teaching based on the fact that he was teaching the class. It would not matter what class it was as long as Professor Dawid was the instructor. Every class he teaches is always fun and informative. Good discussions come from his classes and I truly feel as if I have learned something new everyday walking out of class.
- The course was really interesting and Professor Tatarczyk did a great job of providing examples outside of the textbook to make topics easier to understand. Great inclusion of the textbook in class for discussions and for instruction. Glad I took the course with Professor Tatarczyk.

Controversies in Global Politics (PLSC 237)

| | Summary Class Score | Progress on Relevant Objectives | I Rate This Instructor an Excellent Teacher | I Rate This Course as Excellent |
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| Spring 17 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 |

Comments from students:

- Great instructor, would definitely be excited to take another course with him.
- This course was really interesting for me. I could learn from the basic theories to the application of them to actual politics.
- Professor Tatarczyk did a very good job in facilitating an open class where participation was high and students were fairly comfortable in debating or discussing opposing views or perspectives. This made the learning process very productive.

The Catholic Church in Comparative Perspective (PLSC 289)

| | Summary Class Score | Progress on Relevant Objectives | I Rate This Instructor an Excellent Teacher | I Rate This Course as Excellent |
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| Fall 17 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.8 |

Comments from students:

- Professor Dawid is a phenomenal professor. Almost every class session contains stimulating and interesting conversation and learning. He engages the class in discussion which has enhanced my experienced.
- Dawid has been my favorite political science professor so far at Albion. He is so helpful. An extremely fair grader and truly cares about each of his students. I know he's a visiting professor but I truly hope to see him hired back as a full time professor. Although I'm a senior, I would love for other students to be able to experience his teaching and classes as well. He has a passion for politics, and truly wants to ensure that all of us understand. He is a challenging professor, but is in no way unfair or impossible. I wish I had more time at Albion so I could take more classes with him. I really hope to see Dawid stay at Albion because his teaching and dedication could truly improve the political science department tremendously.
- This is Albion's best professor by far, and it is a shame that he is only visiting. The college should really consider hiring him full time because many professors could learn something from him. No matter the class content, I still would've enjoyed the class because he was teaching it!
- Professor Tatarczyk is an outstanding asset for this college and department. Makes a somewhat dry topic of learning enjoyable and engaging. Comes into class everyday with a smile and asks how our day has gone and would take more courses with him if I had the opportunity to. Although this course was outside of my major/minor, I feel like I gained a lot of knowledge about the Catholic Church. The comparative analysis and research on one of the oldest institutions in the world made for a very interesting semester with Dawid Tatarczyk.

Research Methods in Comparative Politics (PLSC 389)

| | Summary Class Score | Progress on Relevant Objectives | I Rate This Instructor an Excellent Teacher | I Rate This Course as Excellent |
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| Spring 18 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5 | 4.9 |

Comments from students:

- Great Professor, I look for his name when I register for classes because I know that he will be fair and informative. I have taken three classes with him and am signed up for a fourth in the Fall.
- Dawid is a great instructor, and clearly puts significant thought and preparation into his lectures. He strives for a solid mix of lecture and class discussion, and usually succeeds. PLSC 389 is a very well-structured course. 4 exams, weekly assignments, and extensive readings are difficult but appropriate for the 300 level. Dawid's teaching style directly prepares us for exams, but it does not sacrifice 'true' learning in favor of 'teaching for the exam.' In short, Dawid is a great instructor, and 389 is a great course. I really have no complaints.
- The course went well, the teaching was excellent. What could be beneficial is providing a more in-depth study guide for students for future exams as I currently had trouble analyzing and reviewing the current study guides handed.