

Evaluations | M. Joel Voss

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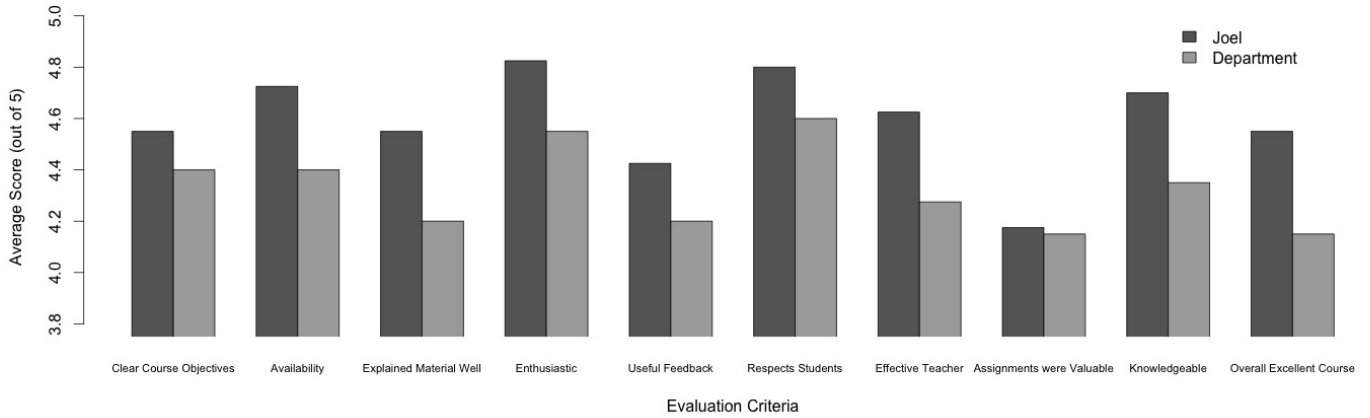
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Below is a summary of my teaching evaluations. For a complete list of evaluations including evaluations from the University of Toledo, please visit my website.

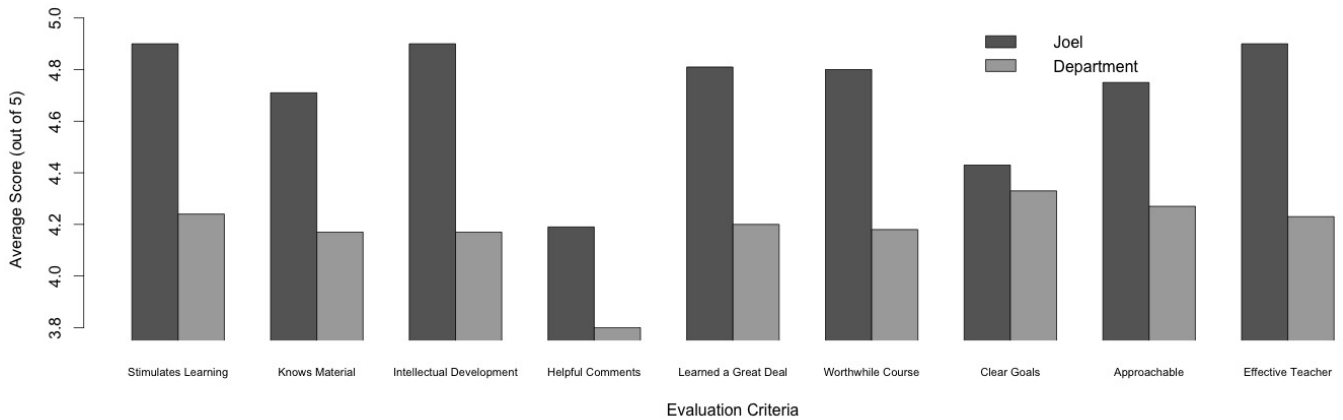
The North Carolina State and University of Virginia Teaching Evaluation systems use a likert scale, which runs from 0 - 5, where 5 is the highest.

In comparison classes, across multiple universities and departments, Joel ranks consistently higher than his peers in every course. For UT evaluations, please visit my website.

Average Evaluation Scores for Joel and Comparable Departmental Instructors at NCSU



Average Evaluation Scores for Joel and Comparable Departmental Instructors at UVa



Student Evaluation Comments

"Mr. Voss is a model for the next generation of professor - he is practical, sincere and effective. His classroom atmosphere is open and allows students to engage the material as well as each other easily and comfortably. Mr. Voss's gentle cynicism fosters critical thinking with humor and keeps students on task."

"This class was the only STS that I was not nervous or afraid of getting ignored. He designs the class environment open to everybody to join freely that I finally speak during the discussion time. He would not criticize on my poor English but would like to give me advice on it. Most important thing is that I discover that I can speak and write English better than I thought. Through this course, I got over the weakness in English... I thank him for giving me the opportunity to overcome my weakness."

"Joel Voss is a very unique professor in that he focuses on the real world rather than just trying to regurgitate information. I think he is the perfect professor to have during the last semester of college because he stresses that at this point you shouldn't care about the grade but rather learn as much as you can and success will come after. The service requirement was also very beneficial because it allows for one to humble themselves and keep an open mind about what is really important in life.

"Strength was the ability to converse openly in class about our opinions of each case. Weakness was the ambiguity of certain cases. Not having a clear answer as to what the best course of action would be in each case. I wouldn't suggest much. The professor really integrated the best combination of video aids, discussion, and reading that was necessary in this subject."

"Professor Voss is the best political science professor that I have had thus far. I appreciated his ability to use technology to teach the class, which is something that some professors are not able to do. He is extremely knowledgeable about his subject material and is able to bring it to life.

"Joel is extremely intelligent and knowledgeable about the course material... He posed open ended questions to the class that forced us to think critically and apply readings appropriately."

"Professor Voss is one of the most intellectually-stimulating teachers I have ever had at this school. He made me constantly re-think the way I perceive politics and different humanitarian situations. At first I believed he highly over-estimated the expected levels of an undergraduate but as the semester progressed I thought his expectations were very reasonable."

",,The greatest strength of this course is how it really challenges the way many politics majors have come to think of international relations and the way that the world works. The emphasis on practicality is really crucial to this course because so much of what students learn is theoretical or idealized and not a reflection of the way things actually manifest themselves in the world."

"Joel was extremely welcoming of everyone's opinions and went out of his way to accommodate his students. I had a particularly rough time this semester and Joel worked with me...to complete the coursework."

"Joel sparked our creativity and allowed us to comfortably participate in class, He has a unique ability to go over difficult concepts conversationally in an easy-to-follow manner. I would seriously consider switching my major...to have Joel again; if I weren't so hell-bent on becoming an engineer."

"why would you not hire him? He is a great professor and adds new life to the politics department. UVA alum. Having him leave is a mistake."