

**Compilation of evaluations by students of
Foreign Relations and National Security Law course
taught at Albany Law School, Spring Term 2005, by William C. Snyder**

1. Professor's ability to present material clearly.
Excellent: **10** votes. Good: 8 votes. Fair: 0 votes. Poor: 0 votes.

2. The professor's ability to stimulate discussion and analysis of material.
Excellent: **14** votes. Good: 4 votes. Fair: 0 votes. Poor: 0 votes.

3. The professor's ability to guide and control discussion.
Excellent: **12** votes. Good: 6 votes. Fair: 0 votes. Poor: 0 votes.

4. The professor's ability to bring out points not covered in the assigned reading.
Excellent: **16** votes. Good: 2 votes. Fair: 0 votes. Poor: 0 votes.

5. The professor's ability to develop the learning of analytical skills.
Excellent: **11** votes. Good: 6 votes. Fair: 1 vote. Poor: 0 votes.

6. The professor's organization of classroom presentations.
Excellent: **11** votes. Good: 5 votes. Fair: 2 votes. Poor: 0 votes.

7. The professor's knowledge of the subject matter.
Excellent: 18 votes. Good: 0 votes. Fair: 0 votes. Poor: 0 votes.

8. The professor's enthusiasm for the subject matter.
Excellent: 18 votes. Good: 0 votes. Fair: 0 votes. Poor: 0 votes.

9. The professor's interest in the students.
Excellent: **14** votes. Good: 4 votes. Fair: 0 votes. Poor: 0 votes.
10. The professor's teaching ability.
Excellent: **12** votes. Good: 5 votes. Fair: 1 vote. Poor: 0 votes.
11. Is this professor a good choice for this course?
Yes: **17** votes. No: 0 votes. Undecided: 1 vote.
12. Would you take another course from this professor?
Yes: **15** votes. No: 1 vote. Undecided: 2 vote.
13. Why did you take this course? (may choose more than one)
- 0 votes for: "It is required."
 - 1 vote for: "Course material is covered on bar exam."
 - 4 votes for: "Reputation of the professor."
 - **13** votes for: "I thought course would be helpful to me in my contemplated area/type of practice."
 - 3 votes for: "Scheduled class times fit my work schedule."
14. How many hours did you spend each week in preparing for the week's classes?
1 vote for "0 – 1 hours." 6 votes for "2 – 4 hours."
7 votes for "5 – 7 hours." 3 votes for "8 – 10 hours."
1 vote for "11 or more hours."
15. Have you had a prior course from this professor?
18 votes for "No." 0 votes for "Yes."

16. Choose any of the following terms that may apply to the instructor's teaching of this course.
- 14 votes for "sense of humor."
 - 9 votes for "Fresh approach."
 - 5 votes for "Sympathetic."
 - 11 votes for "Stimulating."
 - 8 votes for "Highly original."
17. Choose any of the following terms that may apply to the instructor's teaching of the course.
- 0 votes for "Did not speak clearly."
 - 0 votes for "Boring."
 - 0 votes for "Disorganized."
 - 0 votes for "Intolerant of dissent."
 - 0 votes for "Impatient."
18. Choose any of the following terms that may apply to the instructor's teaching of the course.
- 3 votes for "Goes too fast."
 - 0 votes for "Disrespectful of students."
 - 0 votes for "Obscure."
19. What was the strongest point about this course and/or professor?
- "Inspiring, well-informed, willingness to help students w/ specific confusions / needs."
 - "I have never had a course and professor in either law school or undergrad better than National Security w/ Professor Snyder. I highly recommend that Albany Law School offer Prof Snyder a full-time position. He is intelligent, articulate, and interesting. One of the best profs I've ever had."
 - "Prof's knowledge of the subject."
 - "very [illegible]."
20. What was the weakest point?
- "None."
21. Suggestions and general comments for improving this course?
- "None."

22. What other comments, if any, do you have?

- “This was the best class I took in my 3 years of law school.”
- “Great Professor – I enjoyed the class a lot.”
- “Fantastic Professor and Class !”
- “He is one of the best Professors I have had, the course I have taken in law school far and away. Keep this guy!”
- “I would have liked more Foreign Relations focus. Maybe the class should be renamed ‘National Security’ because that is all we covered. Prof. Snyder is very good and knowledgeable with the Nat. Sec. stuff.” Note: The author of this comment is the only person who voted that he/she would not take another course from this professor.
- “I found the professor to be extremely knowledgeable and very forthcoming on providing help. His past experience in this particular field made me more interested in the subject than perhaps I would have felt if taught by someone else within the faculty. I find it important that the school tap into persons such as Prof Snyder to help students have a ‘real life’ take on what this particular area of law entails.”

Note: all responses to all questions are included in this compilation. Nothing was edited or omitted. Eighteen forms were submitted by students. Several forms had no narrative answers.