

## RICHARD M. SALSMAN, Ph.D.

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## Richard Salsman

Professor in the Economics department at Duke University

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Would take again

3.1

Level of Difficulty

Rate Professor Salsman

**MOST HELPFUL RATING: ECON119**

Dec 17th, 2017

Professor Salsman is undoubtedly the best professor at Duke. His class introduces students to new ways of thinking critically about important issues. Your Duke experience is incomplete without a class with Dr. Salsman.

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QUALITY

5.0

**POLISCI331** **AWESOME** Aug 14th, 2020

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Mandatory** Would Take Again: **Yes** Grade: **A-** Textbook: **No**

Online Class: **Yes**

DIFFICULTY

4.0

Professor Salsman is amazing to speak with, provides insightful analysis, and comes at problems with experience and critical thinking. He will debate and discuss with anyone. Really a great person to have for advice, insight, and conversation.

QUALITY

5.0

**PHIL246** **AWESOME** Aug 14th, 2020

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Mandatory** Would Take Again: **Yes** Grade: **A+** Textbook: **Yes**

Online Class: **Yes**

DIFFICULTY


3.0


Great professor that is really passionate about the material and cares about his students.

RESPECTED

AMAZING LECTURES





CARING



<b>QUALITY</b> <div>5.0</div>	 <b>PS331</b> <div>👍 AWESOME</div>	<b>Aug 12th, 2020</b>
<p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Not Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Grade: <b>A+</b></p> <p>Textbook: <b>No</b> Online Class: <b>Yes</b></p>		
<b>DIFFICULTY</b> <div>3.0</div>	<p>Really enjoyed the class! Decided to take the PPE Gateway online and it was amazing! Salsman's lectures made taking an online class in the middle of the summer much more palatable. Graded by 7 quizzes (multiple choice), 5 commentaries (750 word reflections on a topic), and a final. Grading was fair. Highly recommend!</p>	





<b>QUALITY</b> <div>5.0</div>	 <b>PHI246</b> <div>👍 AWESOME</div>	<b>Aug 11th, 2020</b>
<p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Grade: <b>A-</b> Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>Online Class: <b>Yes</b></p>		
<b>DIFFICULTY</b> <div>3.0</div>	<p>I took this class as just another credit for my philosophy minor, but Professor Salsman's class convinced me to switch to the PPE program. He's an incredibly caring and great professor. As a non-American, the class was centered around the US quite a lot. However, Professor Salsman always appreciated when I brought my international perspective.</p>	

<b>QUALITY</b> <div>5.0</div>	<b>ECON361</b> <div>👍 AWESOME</div>	<b>May 3rd, 2020</b>
<p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Grade: <b>A-</b> Textbook: <b>Yes</b></p>		
<b>DIFFICULTY</b> <div>4.0</div>	<p>Prof. Salsman is a great professor and someone who can be easily reached outside of class. He's very passionate about what he teaches and the readings he assigns are well incorporated into his lectures. I would recommend doing the readings because not only is it helpful during lectures but also some test questions come from the readings themselves.</p>	

<b>QUALITY</b> <div>3.0</div>	<b>POLSCI331</b> <div>😐 AVERAGE</div>	<b>Apr 14th, 2020</b>
<p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Not Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>No</b> Grade: <b>Not sure yet</b></p> <p>Textbook: <b>Yes</b></p>		
<b>DIFFICULTY</b> <div>3.0</div>	<p>Salsman is a good guy, but lectures can definitely get stale. Took for Prisoner's Dilemma so 75% of the lectures were done by Munger which definitely helped. Don't let this deter you from taking his class, just know lectures can feel long.</p>	
<div>LECTURE HEAVY</div>		

<b>QUALITY</b> <b>5.0</b>	<b>POLSCI145</b>  <b>AWESOME</b>	Dec 28th, 2019
<b>DIFFICULTY</b> <b>4.0</b>	<p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Not Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Textbook: <b>Yes</b></p> <p>Dr. Salsman is very insightful and has a ton of experience in his field. He's overall a kind professor and willing to meet students outside the classroom. Be prepared for dense readings, a tough midterm test, and reaction papers graded by TAs. But he also gives extra credit points, so if you work hard, you should be able to get an A.</p> <p>RESPECTED ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS GRADED BY FEW THINGS</p>	
<b>QUALITY</b> <b>2.0</b>	<b>POLSCI145</b>  <b>AWFUL</b>	Dec 18th, 2019
<b>DIFFICULTY</b> <b>5.0</b>	<p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Not Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>No</b> Grade: <b>B+</b></p> <p>Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>Obscene amounts of reading and useless lectures. Salsman claims he is fair, but half of the midterm (C average for class) tested students on specific lines from the readings, and his papers were graded arbitrarily by the TAs. He artificially curved the class by giving everyone 3 extra credit points and grading the final easily (92 median).</p> <p>GET READY TO READ GRADED BY FEW THINGS LECTURE HEAVY</p>	
<b>QUALITY</b> <b>5.0</b>	<b>POLSCI145</b>  <b>AWESOME</b>	Dec 14th, 2019
<b>DIFFICULTY</b> <b>4.0</b>	<p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Not Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Grade: <b>B</b></p> <p>Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>Salsman is a very knowledgeable professor who is very passionate about his work. The course is graded on a mid-term, final, weekly quizzes, and two reaction papers. The midterm was very difficult, with questions on specific quotes from readings months before. The reaction papers were graded by the TAs with ambiguous grading criteria.</p> <p>ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS GET READY TO READ TOUGH GRADER</p>	
<b>QUALITY</b> <b>3.0</b>	<b>POLSI145</b>  <b>AVERAGE</b>	Dec 11th, 2019
<b>DIFFICULTY</b> <b>5.0</b>	<p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Would Take Again: <b>No</b> Grade: <b>A</b> Textbook: <b>Yes</b></p> <p>Unnecessarily hard, with many test questions on random quotes and not larger themes. Average on midterm was a C. Reaction papers graded ambiguously by TAs. Professor Salsman is very knowledgeable in his field and challenges the status quo in academia, which is refreshing. But, lectures can get quite dry and boring. Much better one on one.</p> <p>GET READY TO READ TEST HEAVY TOUGH GRADER</p>	

<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p>	<p><b>POLSCI1145</b>  <b>AVERAGE</b></p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Not Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>No</b> Grade: <b>A+</b></p> <p>Textbook: <b>Yes</b></p>	<p>Dec 10th, 2019</p>
<p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p>Hard Class but Professor Salsman is a pretty awesome professor</p>	
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>POLSCI1145</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Not Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>Dr. Salsman is so interesting and directed me to pursue political economy even further. He's a bit tough and the median grade was below a B on the midterm, but the students who actually attend class mostly did better than that. Great professor!</p> <p>RESPECTED GET READY TO READ PARTICIPATION MATTERS</p>	<p>Dec 3rd, 2019</p>
<p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p>		
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>POLSCI449</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>Professor Salsman is the best Duke has to offer. I've taken 3 classes with him. He has shaped me as an individual. Expected to have your views challenged. He is a true American hero and patriot!</p> <p>RESPECTED ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS PARTICIPATION MATTERS</p>	<p>Nov 27th, 2019</p>
<p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p>		
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>ECON389</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Grade: <b>A+</b> Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>Has some differing opinions, fueled good conversation, open to debate</p>	<p>May 19th, 2019</p>
<p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>4.0</b></p>		
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>POLSCI89S</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Grade: <b>A-</b> Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>This was one of the best classes I've taken at Duke. Salsman likes to take you on a journey of political and economic history. Classes are contextual, evidence based, argumentative. If you like expressing ideas, or reading political economy, or simply want to indulge in the debate around capitalism, you'll love this one. Super thought provoking!!</p> <p>GET READY TO READ PARTICIPATION MATTERS AMAZING LECTURES</p>	<p>May 14th, 2019</p>
<p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>4.0</b></p>		

<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>POLSCI89</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>May 3rd, 2019</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Textbook: <b>Yes</b></p> <p>Challenges a lot of your assumptions. Made me much more interested in political economy and capitalism.</p> <p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p> <p>RESPECTED ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS INSPIRATIONAL</p>
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>POLSCI449</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>Apr 29th, 2019</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>Salsman is one of the my favorite professors at Duke. If you are really focused on learning, you will get twice as much out of the class as you put into it. He is always willing to meet with students and discuss any discrepancies in his grading. The PPE Certificate has been my favorite academic focus and his capstone perfectly wraps it all up.</p> <p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p> <p>GIVES GOOD FEEDBACK RESPECTED PARTICIPATION MATTERS</p>
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p>	<p><b>ECON361</b>  <b>AVERAGE</b></p> <p>Dec 20th, 2018</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>No</b> Textbook: <b>Yes</b></p> <p>Prisoner's Dilemma class, thought it would be more game theory but ended up being mainly political philosophy. Large amount of reading per week, tests on specific things from readings rather than large concepts. Salsman is extremely knowledgeable in his field, but lectures were usually very surface level and basic which didn't reflect the tests.</p> <p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>4.0</b></p> <p>TOUGH GRADER GET READY TO READ TEST HEAVY</p>
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>PS331</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>Dec 17th, 2018</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Grade: <b>A</b> Textbook: <b>Yes</b></p> <p>Presents a range of viewpoints unlike a lot of other professors.</p> <p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>2.0</b></p> <p>RESPECTED ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS HILARIOUS</p>

QUALITY

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**POLSCI331**

 **AWESOME**

Dec 17th, 2018

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Mandatory** Would Take Again: **Yes** Grade: **Not sure yet**

Textbook: **Yes**

DIFFICULTY

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Salsman is a great professor who may you work for your grade but is very willing to help you along the way.

GET READY TO READ

BEWARE OF POP QUIZZES

ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS

QUALITY

5.0

**POLSCI493**

 **AWESOME**

Dec 11th, 2018

For Credit: **Yes** Would Take Again: **Yes** Textbook: **No**

Prof. Salsman is my favorite professor at Duke. This was the second course I have taken of his and if I was still in college I would take a third for sure. Salsman not only cares greatly about his students, but is the only professor that I have had who makes me excited to come to class/meetings ready to discuss readings or new findings and ideas.

DIFFICULTY

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GIVES GOOD FEEDBACK


ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS

CARING

QUALITY

5.0

**ECON361**

 **AWESOME**

Dec 10th, 2018

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Mandatory** Would Take Again: **Yes** Grade: **Not sure yet**

Textbook: **Yes**

DIFFICULTY

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Salsman is definitely one of the better professors at Duke. Definitely show up to lectures as he elaborates on the readings and helps you to draw connections between different scholars. The class midterm can be tough if you don't take the readings seriously seriously. Just stay on top of the readings and contribute in class and you'll be fine

PARTICIPATION MATTERS

ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS

CLEAR GRADING CRITERIA

QUALITY

5.0

**ECON361**

 **AWESOME**

Dec 10th, 2018

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Mandatory** Would Take Again: **Yes** Textbook: **Yes**

This is the second time that I have taken a course with Professor Salsman. He is the best professor I have had at Duke, and is a great resource to every student. He teaches neutrally, exposing students to different perspectives while unbiasedly helping them to strengthen their own arguments. I highly recommend taking a course with him.

DIFFICULTY






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GIVES GOOD FEEDBACK

ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS









CLEAR GRADING CRITERIA



<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>PS536</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>Dec 9th, 2018</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Grade: <b>A+</b> Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>Excellent class that really taught me a lot. Dr. Salsman is an expert in his field and is able to synthesize knowledge from a number of different areas seamlessly.</p> <p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>4.0</b></p> <p>GET READY TO READ INSPIRATIONAL CARING</p>
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>PS331</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>Dec 9th, 2018</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Grade: <b>A+</b> Textbook: <b>Yes</b></p> <p>Dr. Salsman rules!</p> <p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>2.0</b></p> <p>INSPIRATIONAL AMAZING LECTURES GROUP PROJECTS</p>
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>PS331</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>Dec 9th, 2018</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Grade: <b>A+</b> Textbook: <b>Yes</b></p> <p>Dr. Salsman is the finest professor Duke offers. Take a class with him and you won't regret it!</p> <p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>2.0</b></p> <p>INSPIRATIONAL AMAZING LECTURES GROUP PROJECTS</p>
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>POLSCI449</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>Jul 29th, 2018</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>Dr. Salsman strives to make a classroom environment where people can truly discuss and think through different issues relevant to the real world. He embodies the classic "push you beyond your comfort zone/ introduce intentionally controversial ideas" professor. I didn't always agree with him, but I honestly learned a lot.</p> <p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p> <p>GET READY TO READ PARTICIPATION MATTERS AMAZING LECTURES</p>
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>POLSCI449</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>Apr 22nd, 2018</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>Professor Salsman is by far one of the best professors I have had at Duke. Coming to academia from his previous job in finance, Salsman brings a unique real world knowledge to the table that most professors do not have and it is very clear that he teaches because he loves to teach. Lastly, if you like a great discussion, I highly recommend Salsman.</p> <p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p> <p>PARTICIPATION MATTERS CARING</p>

<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>ECON361</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>Jan 1st, 2018</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Grade: <b>A</b> Textbook: <b>Yes</b></p> <p>Salsman really engages the class with discussion during lecture. Topics covered in class are very interesting, but there is a lot of reading. Class participation definitely helps your grade. Had both a final exam and a final paper, though.</p> <p>GET READY TO READ ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS GRADED BY FEW THINGS</p>
<p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p>	
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>POLSCI331</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>Dec 21st, 2017</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Grade: <b>A</b> Textbook: <b>Yes</b></p> <p>Professor Salsman is such a great professor! Always available outside of class at the local cafe for paper topics or just general advice. He really encourages debate and dialogue in class and loves to see participation. Will definitely take a class with him again.</p> <p>PARTICIPATION MATTERS INSPIRATIONAL ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS</p>
<p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p>	
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p>	<p><b>POLSCI145</b>  <b>AVERAGE</b></p> <p>Dec 17th, 2017</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Not Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>No</b> Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>Salsman seems to be a nice guy. Makes himself available outside of class and does his due diligence to make class resources available to all, and quickly. Lectures are boring, but still informative. However, he lacks a degree of empathy. Expects students to find coursework easy because he finds it to be so. Can be dismissive of student questions.</p> <p>ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS</p>
<p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p>	
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>ECON119</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>Dec 17th, 2017</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Not Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Textbook: <b>Yes</b></p> <p>Professor Salsman is undoubtedly the best professor at Duke. His class introduces students to new ways of thinking critically about important issues. Your Duke experience is incomplete without a class with Dr. Salsman.</p> <p>RESPECTED INSPIRATIONAL WOULD TAKE AGAIN</p>
<p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p>	



<b>QUALITY</b> <b>4.0</b>	<b>ECON361</b>  <b>AWESOME</b>	Dec 15th, 2017
	For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Grade: <b>B+</b> Textbook: <b>No</b>  Amazing!!!	
<b>DIFFICULTY</b> <b>3.0</b>	GET READY TO READ EXTRA CREDIT WOULD TAKE AGAIN	
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<b>QUALITY</b> <b>5.0</b>	<b>POLSCI331</b>  <b>AWESOME</b>	Dec 15th, 2017
	For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Grade: <b>Not sure yet</b>  Textbook: <b>Yes</b>	
<b>DIFFICULTY</b> <b>4.0</b>	Professor Salsman is one of those rare professors who care about their students and their engagement with the material. His course is well-designed in terms of its capacity to challenge one's notions of morality and normative judgment and in terms of its inter-disciplinary nature. I'd highly recommend taking the PPE gateway with him.	
	GIVES GOOD FEEDBACK RESPECTED ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS	 4  0
<b>QUALITY</b> <b>2.0</b>	<b>POLSCI145</b>  <b>AWFUL</b>	Dec 14th, 2017
	For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Not Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>No</b> Grade: <b>A-</b>  Textbook: <b>No</b>	
<b>DIFFICULTY</b> <b>3.0</b>	Professor Salsman's overall idleness during lectures made it seem like we were having a slightly more lively version of a male Siri read off powerpoints for 1:15:00 twice a week. Despite the not-so-productive nor engaging lecture display, the material is habitually intriguing and the exams are easy if proper (not much) studying is done.	
	GET READY TO READ TESTS? NOT MANY CLEAR GRADING CRITERIA	

QUALITY

5.0

POLSCI331

AWESOME

Dec 11th, 2017

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Mandatory** Would Take Again: **Yes** Grade: **Not sure yet**

Textbook: **Yes**

DIFFICULTY

4.0

Professor Salsman is the best professor I've had at Duke. He truly care about getting to know his students, and is a huge proponent of allowing EVERYONE'S view to be heard. His lectures a riveting and engaging, and the material he chooses are essentials for a PPE background. Outside of the classroom, he is always open to chatting about anything.

RESPECTED

AMAZING LECTURES

LECTURE HEAVY



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QUALITY

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POLSCI331

AWESOME

Dec 11th, 2017

For Credit: **Yes** Would Take Again: **Yes** Textbook: **Yes**

Professor is awesome and had interesting lectures not too demanding, a few pop quizzes that aren't really pop quizzes because he gives a heads up but do the readings and your fine

DIFFICULTY

2.0

RESPECTED

WOULD TAKE AGAIN

QUALITY

5.0

POLSCI331

AWESOME

Dec 11th, 2017

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Mandatory** Would Take Again: **Yes** Grade: **A+** Textbook: **Yes**

Professor Salsman is an incredible, engaging lecturer and gives some of the best analysis on Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. He appreciates participation and has designed his course to foster deep discussions as a class. It is clear how invested he is in the success of his students, and I hope to take another of his courses in the future.

DIFFICULTY

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PARTICIPATION MATTERS

BEWARE OF POP QUIZZES

AMAZING LECTURES



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QUALITY

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POLSCI331

AWESOME

Dec 10th, 2017

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Mandatory** Would Take Again: **Yes** Textbook: **Yes**

Great Professor. Prisoner's Dilemma is dope.

DIFFICULTY

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GIVES GOOD FEEDBACK

PARTICIPATION MATTERS












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<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p>	<p><b>POLSCI1145</b>  <b>AVERAGE</b></p> <p>Dec 9th, 2017</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Not Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>No</b> Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>Salsman's lectures can be boring, but the material itself is interesting. Honestly, I learned a lot from the class, primarily from the weekly virtual sections and readings (which you do not need to read). The essay grading is arbitrarily hard; everything is graded with a median in the 80s.</p> <p>GET READY TO READ GRADED BY FEW THINGS LECTURE HEAVY  1  1</p>
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>POLSCI331</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>Dec 7th, 2017</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Textbook: <b>Yes</b></p> <p>Great topics, and the overlap of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, makes it very interesting for any major. You learn a great deal in class discussions. Salsman likes to hear the students' opinions on every topic, which makes the class very dynamic. The amount of reading is high, however. Very interesting class overall. Salsman's is very caring.</p> <p>GET READY TO READ BEWARE OF POP QUIZZES ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS  1  0</p>
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>POLSCI331</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>Dec 7th, 2017</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Textbook: <b>Yes</b></p> <p>Loved this class! Learned a lot about political philosophy and economy.</p> <p>GIVES GOOD FEEDBACK RESPECTED AMAZING LECTURES  1  0</p>
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>ECON119</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>Dec 7th, 2017</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Grade: <b>B+</b> Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>Professor Salsman is a bit of a dry lecturer. Regardless, this does not change the fact that Salsman is very accessible towards his students and does want them to do well. The arguments brought up by Salsman are interesting, but delivered uninterestingly. Take this class if you want a thought-provoking overview of the intersection of PolSci and Econ</p> <p>GIVES GOOD FEEDBACK ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS LECTURE HEAVY  5  0</p>

<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p>	<p><b>POLSCI145</b>  <b>AVERAGE</b></p> <p>Dec 7th, 2017</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Not Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Grade: <b>A-</b></p> <p>Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>2.0</b></p> <p>Professor Salsman is a fairly good professor. While his lectures are typically pretty dry, he cares a lot about his students and their success. This is evidenced through his accessibility outside of class, his effort put into test reviews, and his clear grading criteria.</p> <p>TESTS? NOT MANY GRADED BY FEW THINGS LECTURE HEAVY  0  0</p>
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>POLISCI145</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>Dec 7th, 2017</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Not Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>I really liked professor Salsman. He was very approachable, and clearly cares both about the subject matter he teaches and the students.</p> <p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>2.0</b></p> <p>GET READY TO READ ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS CARING</p>
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p>	<p><b>POLSCI145</b>  <b>AVERAGE</b></p> <p>Dec 7th, 2017</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Not Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>Super accessible outside class and super nice. No need to actually read or go to class because lectures are online. Easy for non-econ majors that want to learn more. Weekly quizzes that are super easy.</p> <p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p> <p>RESPECTED GET READY TO READ CLEAR GRADING CRITERIA</p>
<p>QUALITY</p> <p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>ECON119</b>  <b>AWESOME</b></p> <p>Dec 7th, 2017</p> <p>For Credit: <b>Yes</b> Attendance: <b>Not Mandatory</b> Would Take Again: <b>Yes</b> Textbook: <b>No</b></p> <p>Professor Salsman is the best professor at Duke.</p> <p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p><b>3.0</b></p> <p>RESPECTED INSPIRATIONAL AMAZING LECTURES  1  0</p>

QUALITY

4.0

POLSCI145

👍 AWESOME

Dec 7th, 2017

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Not Mandatory** Would Take Again: **No** Textbook: **No**

Salsman is good at lecturing and you can tell he knows a lot about the material. I didn't find his lectures very engaging, but I'm sure a lot of people liked them. He's a funny guy and I enjoyed getting dinner with him, a guest speaker, and a couple of the students outside class. He genuinely likes the material which is always good.

DIFFICULTY

3.0

ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS

CLEAR GRADING CRITERIA

TESTS ARE TOUGH



QUALITY

3.0

ECON119

😐 AVERAGE

Dec 7th, 2017

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Not Mandatory** Would Take Again: **Yes** Textbook: **No**

Professor Salsman's class was not too difficult and I thought that the grading on assignments was fair. The course only has one midterm and a final, and he was good at helping students on what to study. His lectures are a bit dry and sometimes they can get a little boring. A fair amount of the class did not show up to lecture.

DIFFICULTY

3.0

GET READY TO READ

ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS

TESTS? NOT MANY



QUALITY

5.0

POLSCI331

👍 AWESOME

Dec 6th, 2017

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Mandatory** Would Take Again: **Yes** Textbook: **Yes**

Professor Salsman is an excellent prof and I would definitely recommend taking a course with him. His lectures are interesting, and he presented a wide breadth of challenging philosophical, political, and economic concepts in a way that was easy to understand. Encourages good class discussions.

DIFFICULTY

3.0

GIVES GOOD FEEDBACK

ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS

AMAZING LECTURES



QUALITY

5.0

POLSCI331

👍 AWESOME

Dec 6th, 2017

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Not Mandatory** Would Take Again: **Yes** Grade: **B+**Textbook: **Yes**

Great teacher and great lectures. Not hard.

DIFFICULTY

3.0

BEWARE OF POP QUIZZES

ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS


AMAZING LECTURES



## QUALITY

4.0

ECON119

 AWESOME

Dec 6th, 2017

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Not Mandatory** Would Take Again: **Yes** Textbook: **No**

Very knowledgeable about subject. Some students get turned off by his monotone lectures but the actual content and the arguments he creates are interesting. Lots of interesting reading is assigned, but it is not necessary to read every day. Some student's claim he is "too conservative" but Salsman shows both sides of a debate.


## DIFFICULTY

3.0

RESPECTED

GRADED BY FEW THINGS


LECTURE HEAVY

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## QUALITY

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ECON119PS145

 AWESOME

Dec 6th, 2017

For Credit: **Yes** Would Take Again: **Yes** Textbook: **Yes**

Professor Salsman is incredibly knowledgeable and an outstanding professor. He teaches very neutrally while exposing students to many perspectives, creating a classroom environment in which even the most controversial issues can be discussed civilly and analytically. He is very approachable and fair, and is always willing to meet with students.



## DIFFICULTY

3.0

ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS

CARING


WOULD TAKE AGAIN

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## QUALITY

5.0

POLISCI331

 AWESOME

Dec 6th, 2017

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Mandatory** Would Take Again: **Yes** Textbook: **Yes**

Professor Salsman is great. I would highly recommend taking a class with him. He has a very casual and low key style and he encourages openness and discussion. He is very approachable and understanding. The content is always important and provides a solid overview of economics and political science.



## DIFFICULTY

3.0

GIVES GOOD FEEDBACK

GET READY TO READ


BEWARE OF POP QUIZZES

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## QUALITY

5.0

ECON361

 AWESOME

Dec 6th, 2017

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Mandatory** Would Take Again: **Yes** Grade: **A** Textbook: **Yes**

Professor Salsman is one of the best professors I've encountered at Duke. I would highly recommend taking a class with him, especially if you are in a department like econ, where it can be tough to meet professors who truly care. His lecture style is more casual and he encourages discussion, so I found the class very intellectually stimulating too.



## DIFFICULTY

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ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS

CARING

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QUALITY

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POLSCI1145

AWFUL

Dec 6th, 2017

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Not Mandatory** Would Take Again: **No** Textbook: **Yes**

Incredibly dry lectures on basic economic concepts. Lots of intensive and long readings on the history of economic development instead of economic concepts. Went to every lecture and took notes/read every reading until the midterm when I realized I could have done well without even going to class. I would suggest this class for only polysci majors

DIFFICULTY

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LOTS OF HOMEWORK

ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS

GRADED BY FEW THINGS

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QUALITY

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ECON119

AVERAGE

Nov 9th, 2017

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Not Mandatory** Would Take Again: **Yes** Textbook: **No**

Really amazing guy. Especially if you take time to go to office hours or FLUNCH, you will love him as a person. His lectures can be tedious, but the concepts are easy to understand. Take ECON119/POLISCI145 if you want a big class with a wide overview of economics.

DIFFICULTY

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GIVES GOOD FEEDBACK

ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS

CARING

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QUALITY

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POLISCI331

AWESOME

Apr 27th, 2017

For Credit: **Yes** Would Take Again: **Yes** Textbook: **No**

Salsman is a great professor and a really nice guy. He explains things really well and is always willing to help.

DIFFICULTY

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QUALITY

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POLSCI1145

AWESOME

Dec 27th, 2016

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Mandatory** Would Take Again: **Yes** Textbook: **Yes**

Salsman often teaches the class when Munger is unavailable. Although he lacks the flair that Munger has, Salsman is a good professor and cares about his students. The class balances out well with both of their perspectives and I very much enjoyed the course.

DIFFICULTY

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ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS

GET READY TO READ

CARING

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QUALITY

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POLSCI1145

AWFUL

Dec 22nd, 2016

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Not Mandatory** Would Take Again: **No** Grade: **A-**

Textbook: **Yes**

DIFFICULTY

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Prof Salsman is very knowledgeable about the topics discussed. Although the class is co-taught, he taught about 80% of the lectures. His lectures are extremely monotonous because he simply reads what is written on the powerpoints which are posted online. One can do the readings and read the powerpoints without going to class and succeed.

CLEAR GRADING CRITERIA

LECTURE HEAVY

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QUALITY

4.0

POLSCI145

AWESOME

Dec 22nd, 2016

For Credit: **Yes** Attendance: **Not Mandatory** Would Take Again: **Yes** Grade: **A-**

Textbook: **Yes**

DIFFICULTY

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Lectures are not very high energy, but very informative. And he prepares a lot for class, and is very good at answering questions. Class was so big that TAs graded papers, and grading seemed arbitrarily hard. But Salsman is good.

ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE CLASS

GRADED BY FEW THINGS

LECTURE HEAVY

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QUALITY

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POLSCI145

AWFUL

Nov 18th, 2015

Attendance: **Not Mandatory** Textbook: **No**

He covers some of the lectures that Professor Munger can not make. Don't go to class when he is covering, he cannot keep his class awake or focused.

DIFFICULTY

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