



Washington
University in St. Louis

SCHOOL OF LAW

NATIONAL SECURITY LAW
COURSE EVALUATION – SUMMARY

Spring 2022

Course Number: 522C

Professor: Zachary D. Kaufman, J.D., Ph.D.

Below are ratings and illustrative quotations from student evaluations of this course.

Instructor Evaluation: This rating combined prompts about the instructor’s commitment to the course, effectiveness as a teacher, ability to create a classroom environment conducive to learning, and ability to facilitate learning outside of class. The students’ average rating of the overall quality of this instructor—on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 meaning “Excellent”—was 4.93.

Course Evaluation: The students’ average rating of the overall quality of this course—on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 meaning “Excellent”—was also 4.93.

Illustrative quotations: The following are quotations from the descriptive portion of the evaluations:

- “This was my favorite class in law school.”
- “Professor Kaufman is one of the best and most brilliant and engaging professors I’ve ever had. I looked forward to class every session and learned very much from the course.”
- “A great, engaging speaker, who leads extremely interesting class discussions. Probably the best professor I have ever had at WashU!”
- “Honestly one of the best professors I’ve had during my time at WashU Law.”
- “Professor Kaufman is fantastic and is hands down one of the best instructors I have had at WashULaw.”
- “He cares about his students and makes himself available for help whenever they need. He is an expert in his field and it shows through the way he tackles challenging content.”
- “Professor Kaufman was an excellent professor. He cared about the subject matter and his students on a personal level. I have never had a professor set up and ensure students had access to practitioners in the field, which Professor Kaufman did multiple times. He made sure students felt comfortable in the class and challenged everyone to step outside their comfort level and take their critical thinking skills to a higher level.”
- “Extremely knowledgeable about the material; clearly prepared in advance.”
- “Professor Kaufman clearly really cared about the subject matter and hearing from students. He really made an effort to get to know students and offered to connect students with some of his contacts. Great class.”
- “Consistently came to class very well prepared.”
- “He genuinely seemed to care about what we as students had to say. He did a really good job of blending his experience in areas of national security law with allowing us to flesh out our ideas on topics. Also a really sincere person, which helped keep class discussions going.”
- “Facilitated great class discussion with thoughtful questions about the material and brought excellent guest speakers to class that elaborated on the real-world practicality of the course.”
- “Great and respectful class discussion about sensitive topics.”
- “Always responsive to emails and goes above and beyond in assisting students.”