

# DAVID PENN

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY  
PSYC101 003 Fall 2015

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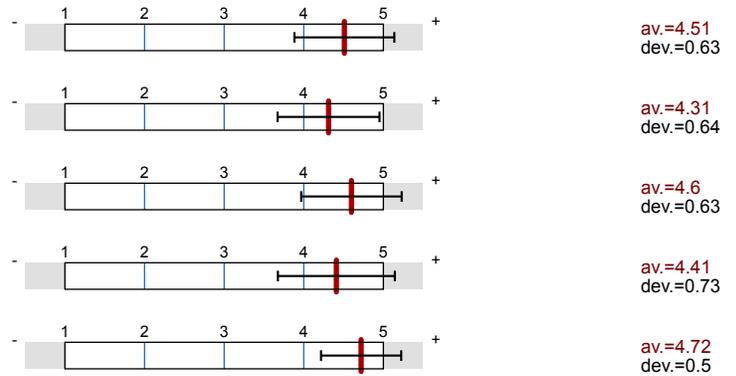
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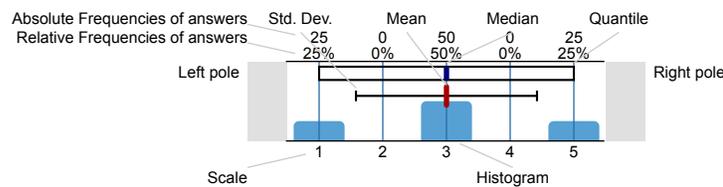
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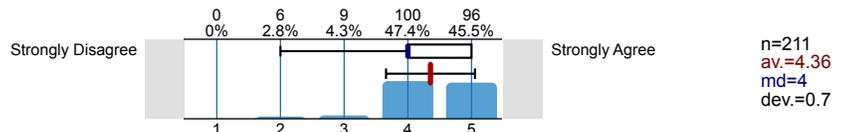
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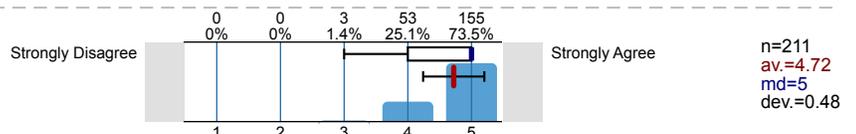
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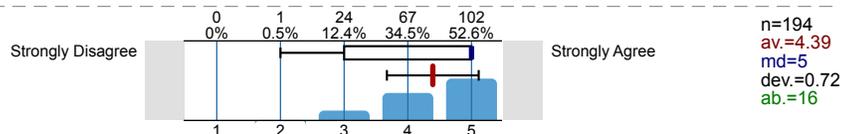
The course challenged me to think deeply about the subject matter.



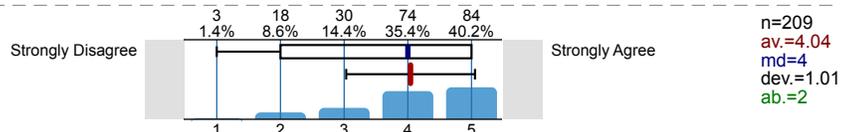
The instructor clearly communicated what was expected of me in this class.



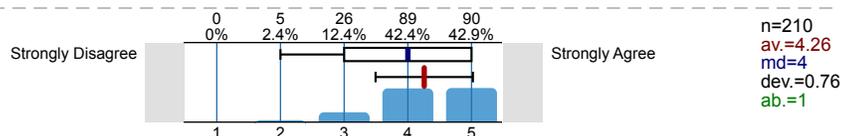
I was able to get individual help when I needed it.



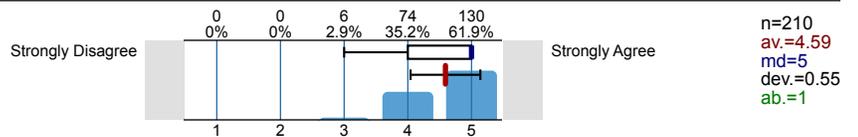
The course material (e.g., coursepack, website, texts) helped me better understand the subject matter.



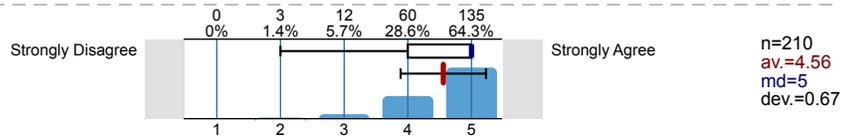
The course assignments helped me better understand the subject matter.



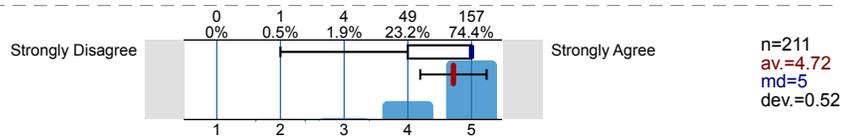
The instructor evaluated my work fairly.



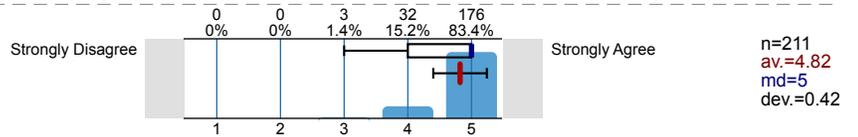
The instructor showed concern about whether students learned the material.



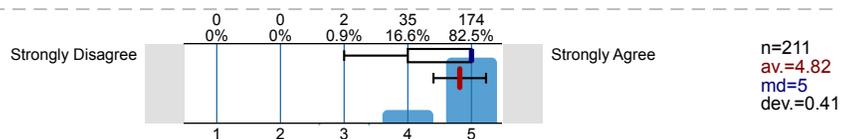
The instructor expressed ideas clearly.



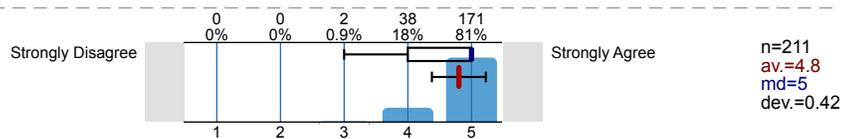
The instructor showed enthusiasm for the subject matter.



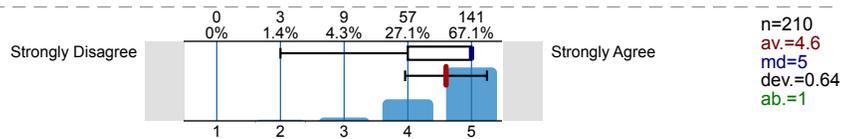
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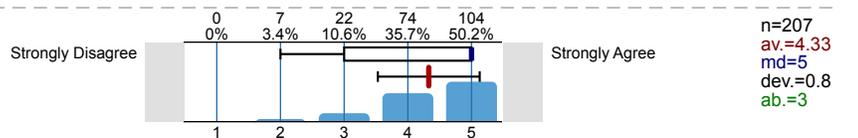
The instructor treated all students with respect.



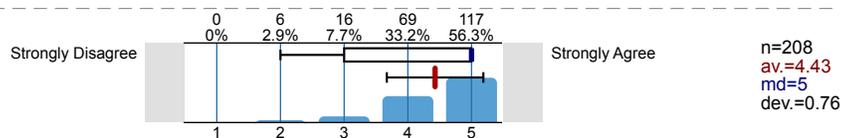
The instructional techniques engaged me with the subject matter.



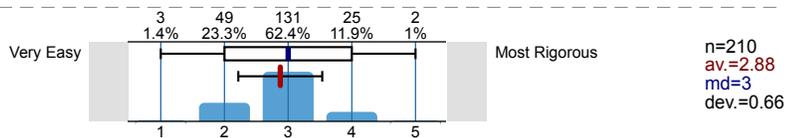
The instructor provided me with helpful feedback on my performance.



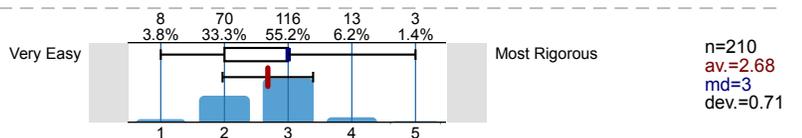
This course was very exciting to me intellectually.



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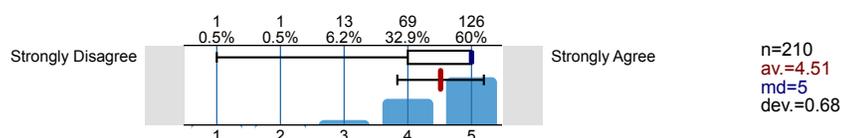


Rate the workload required in this course compared with others you have taken at UNC.

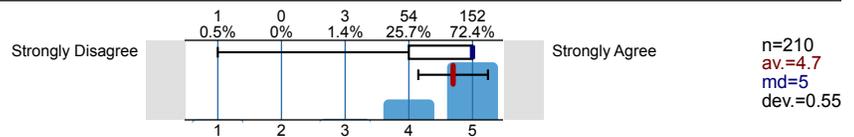


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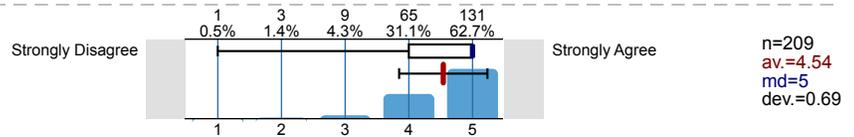
Overall, this course was excellent.



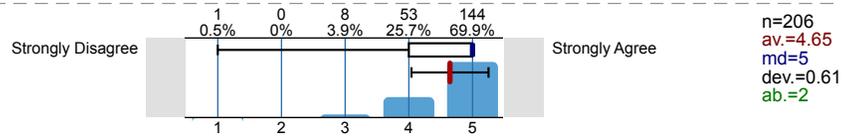
Overall, this instructor was an effective teacher.



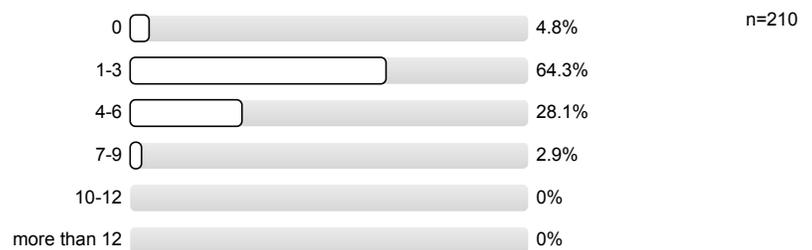
Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.



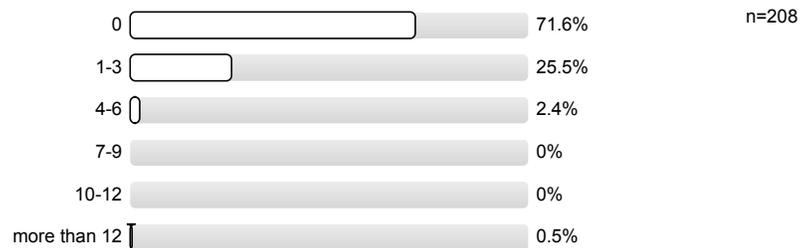
The instructor held class meetings consistent with the official schedule published for this course.



Please estimate the average number of hours per week that you spent outside of class on work related to this course.



About how many times this semester have you met with the instructor outside of class?



Comments on overall assessment of this course.

- - Overall an easy and insightful course
  - Just enough work with studying for tests and writing essays for homework
  - Great analogies and enthusiasm in class
- Amazing professor. Ok class
- DR PENN IS AWESOME!
- David Penn is an amazing professor and is one of the best lecturers I have had the privileged to listen to.
- Dr. Penn does a fantastic job at engaging with students during lectures. Despite the large class size (200-250), he puts effort into getting to know each student individually (e.g. he remembers the names of those participating). Dr. Penn's lectures are very well timed out: He does not get sidetracked or ramble on. He brings the point across, explains concepts in great detail so that everybody gains a better understanding of the subject matter, and gladly answers students' questions. You can tell that he is passionate about the field of Psychology and genuinely enjoys sharing his knowledge with others. I really appreciated his teaching style: His PowerPoint slides were aesthetically pleasing, he spoke slowly and clearly, repeating definitions multiple times so everyone would have enough time to take notes, and he showed us very well-chosen YouTube videos to convey the message once more. The fact that he switched things up during lectures made class all the more enjoyable and interesting. Dr. Penn's humorous manner and level of expertise made Psych 101 absolutely delightful.
- Dr. Penn has truly engaging and fun lectures. He makes the information worth knowing. He is very reasonable with his tests and very fair in grading. The TA's are awesome and always willing to help
- Dr. Penn is a fantastic teacher. He communicates concepts and ideas in a clear and easily understandable manner. He cares about the success of the students and doesn't try to make the course unnecessarily difficult.

- Dr. Penn is a great lecturer who is very clear and repeats terms sufficiently to be able to take good notes.
- Dr. Penn is a great lecturer, very clear and concise. My only problem is how the essays are graded. I have seen large discrepancies in grades between different TAs.
- Dr. Penn is a great teacher and makes basic psychology exciting and interactive!
- Dr. Penn is a very knowledgeable professor and an excellent lecture
- Dr. Penn is an awesome teacher! He created a very friendly environment and really worked to learn everyone who participated's names, even in a class of about 250. Psychology isn't really my area of interest, but I looked forward to going every Tuesday and Thursday.
- Dr. Penn is an outstanding lecturer. I really enjoyed his class, and I learned so much from it!
- Dr. Penn is incredible. I highly recommend him to anybody thinking about taking PSYC 101. He clearly is very well versed in the subject matter, which makes that class that much more enjoyable. He also loves what he does. His excitement for psychology led me to become very engaged in the class. I really appreciate that he never put people on the spot. He is an incredibly respectful professor and never tried to embarrass anybody. At the same time, he kept the class fully engaged and people were always participating in class discussion. I respect him so much. He is one of my favorite professors here at UNC. He also makes it a point to try to get to know his students. He always asked people for their names when they raised their hand and also tried to remember the faces of people in his class even if they never spoke. I never participated in discussion because I never had much to say but one time I was outside in the courtyard studying and he clearly recognized me because he asked me if I was ready for the exam and then proceeded to wish me good luck. While I received high scores on tests (above 90), I never made above a 95 so I never got one of his emails but apparently if you receive a super high score on the tests, he personally emails you to congratulate you, which is just incredible to me. Especially since he has over 300 people in that class. Dr. Penn rocks
- Dr. Penn is one of my favorite teachers so far. He has made me love psychology and keeps class extremely interesting and relevant every single day. He reaches out to students who do well or poorly on exams and shows genuine interest in trying to get to know everyone in his class even though it is a 200 person lecture. I've recommended him to other friends taking psych 101 next semester!
- Dr. Penn is one of the best professors I have had so far at UNC. His commitment to the students' understanding allows for the class to be engaging while interesting. This class has made me want to take upper level Psychology classes.
- Dr. Penn is phenomenal and just because it was a little easier than my other classes does not mean he needs to change the course. It's nice to look forward to a class and Dr. Penn should not be asked to change a thing!
- Dr. Penn was excellent, as was this class! I learned so much!!
- Dr. Penn was such a kind-hearted, intelligent professor, and I am very fortunate to have met him in my time at Carolina. He falls under the category of professors that will stand out to me in my undergraduate years because he had a positive personality. As for the material learned in class: perhaps I am used to the intense workload of science courses. I found the class to be easier than other classes I have taken at Carolina. I believe I didn't truly learn as much as I wanted because I wasn't challenged enough. I believe the average grades support the evidence that the class is easier than others at Carolina. Then again, how am I to complain?! My GPA needs a boost. That doesn't mean I did not work in Dr. Penn's class. I studied sufficiently, read the textbook, and attended class. I guess I am just used to spending hours and hours trying to understand one topic in a science class and truly learning it, rather than spending just a few hours studying for an exam and not really feeling like the test challenged me. Anyways, I would much rather take Dr. Penn's class the way it was than for it to be harder. I appreciate Dr. Penn's enthusiasm and genuine concern for the class. He is an excellent professor and friend. Thank you, Dr. Penn, it was a pleasure!
- Dr. Penn is very funny and uses a great deal of videos and examples that really help me understand the topics. He also repeats important information so that we will be able to write it down accurately.
- Easy and very fun and interesting class.
- Fair work load and difficulty level. Videos help lecture be more engaging.
- Fantastic fantastic professor. He loves the subject, his students and his job. He is an excellent professor 10/10
- Fun topics, sometimes difficult to learn every concept, especially remembering the specific video that correlated to the idea during lectures
- Generally effective.
- Great Professor
- Great class. The instructor was engaging and effective.
- Great course, highly recommend it
- Great course, not too challenging but learned a lot. Great professor.
- Great course.
- Great professor! He kept the class engaged and made the material relatable and easy to understand. He used videos to help explain/give examples for certain parts of the material and it helped a lot!

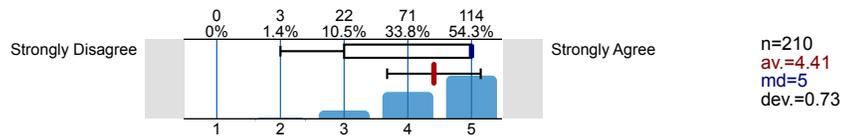
- Great teacher and class in general! I highly recommend Professor Penn!
- Great teaching style. Explanations of material and topics well throughout the course. Teacher would go back and explain the definition or topic if it was not understood the first time. Essays helped understand the topic better and it was an opportunity to get a better grade in course.
- I LOVED THE PROFESSOR, OH MY GOSH! HE WAS LITERALLY AMAZING. He made the class so fun while also making it so I learned a lot!
- I absolutely loved psychology 101! Dr. Penn was a great professor and his exams were very fair. You just had to go to class and pay attention to his lecture because the exams included materials discussed in class. Professor Penn made me realize how much I love psychology and that this is the route I should go for my future.
- I absolutely loved this course. Dr. Penn effectively taught the material in an extremely interesting and clear way. He really sparked a new love of psychology in me. He is very clear on what he expects on exams and papers and sticks to it.
- I enjoyed the material that I learned in this class and I really like the teaching style of the professor. He presented the material clearly and repetitively for us to obtain a better understanding.
- I enjoyed this course simply because of the professor. He's a great guy and you can tell he loves what he does. I think there were a few too many writing assignments because it got monotonous to do them in the end.
- I learned a lot that can be put into everyday life.
- I liked it. :)
- I liked this class a lot. It was interesting and Dr. Penn did a great job of telling us what we needed to know.
- I loved Dr. Penn and his TAs. I have already recommended him to a friend who is registered to take his course next semester. My favorite thing about him was his eagerness to learn everyone's names in the 200+ class.
- I loved Dr. Penn! He is such a wonderful professor that really cares about his students and their understanding of the material. He was by far my favorite professor I've had at Carolina!
- I loved the atmosphere of every one of Dr. Penn's lectures. The videos helped me to relate the subject matter to life and also to see examples of disorders and conditions in ways which aided me in remembering things for the exams. I thought all of the exams were fair, and I also enjoyed the essays.
- I loved this course!! Penn is very experienced and well educated and knows how to explain the concepts in a clear and understandable manner.
- I loved this professor and his class. Even though it is so early in the morning, I never missed a class because I found it so interesting and fun. I am a psych major so I already knew this is what I was interested in but many of my friends whom are in this class are now declaring or switching their majors to psychology because of this class.
- I really enjoyed Professor Penn's lectures. He's a very interesting and engaging professor who uses memorable and relevant examples, and I thought that his tests were fair. If you came to class and studied, then you would do well on the tests. However, I was sometimes frustrated by the grading of our response papers by the TAs, who occasionally took off points when I didn't address something that wasn't mentioned in the prompt in the first place. Overall, though, this class was incredibly interesting and I would definitely recommend it.
- I really enjoyed my Psych 101 class this fall. A helpful hint would be to talk a little slower because sometimes it is hard to keep up with the notes.
- I really enjoyed the subject matter of the course and found that it was easy to understand. I found the class to be interesting and Dr. Penn to be an excellent teacher. His lectures were easy to understand and engaging and his use of videos allowed for better understanding of the material.
- I really enjoyed this class! I learned a ton about psychology and enjoyed Dr. Penn as an instructor. However I really didn't enjoy that the TA's graded our essays. The results were all over the place with random points taken off for things such as one misspelled word which is annoying seeing as this was not an English class.
- I really enjoyed this class. Professor Penn was my favorite teacher this semester and his class has inspired me to consider psychology as a major. It was a fascinating subject and he made it very clear to understand.
- I really enjoyed this course. Because of this class and Professor Penn, I am considering a psychology major. Getting an overview of the field was great, and I feel like we truly touched on most of the categories in psychology. For an intro course, I think I really was given a good foundation and the purpose of the class was fulfilled. I really enjoyed Professor Penn and could tell how much he cared about the class and the material. It was always a joy to hear his lectures.
- I really enjoyed this course. The material was taught in a fun, engaging way and I feel like I got a lot out of it.
- I really liked the class but I did not do well on the tests even after studying for hours on end and I do not know why that is. I also had some family issues and turned in some essays late. I think it would have been nice for the teacher or even a TA to reach out when they could see I was struggling. It would have been nice to get some help from them

- I think that this is a fair course
- I thought the course was exceptionally interesting
- I was able to learn through the many examples that Dr. Penn gives us in his lectures.
- I was interested in learning each new lesson! I think Dr. Penn is a great and effective teacher whom is well liked by the students.
- Interactive teaching style in a lecture class kept me engaged and interested in the course
- It was a great intro class to psych
- It was a great lecture class, but i wish I could have received more feedback on what I was missing on essays and exams.
- It was very interesting and my professor always made it interactive with videos and fun activities. I am very glad I took this course.
- Kelsey Ludwig is a bad TA who is sassy and grades too harshly for a 101 psyc course :)
- Lectures were very engaging and video clips and discussions kept things interesting. Study guides for the exams followed the actual test very well and you can tell the professor and TA's are really passionate about the subject and want you to succeed.
- Love the videos and funny professor!
- Love this class.
- Loved it highly  
Recommend
- Loved that Dr Penn made an effort to learn the names of people even though it was a large lecture class. Made it a better experience
- My absolute favorite class I have had at UNC it was always very interesting and a joy to come to each day.
- Not too hard, not too much work.
- Nothing to add.
- Overall this was a good course. I like the fact that we get rewarded for being in class because I make sure I don't ever miss class. The videos are very interesting and bring everything into perspective. I do not like the fact that we cannot find out what questions we missed on the test because without that feedback we don't know what concepts we need help with.
- Overall, this course was very effective in distributing knowledge about general psychology. I enjoyed attending class, as the professor was very willing to relate topics to the students in a way that was extremely efficient.
- Penn showed great enthusiasm for this course, and I really enjoyed having him as my professor. He made it very clear what was expected of us in class and for exams.
- Professor Penn is a fantastic lecturer. I greatly enjoyed the class and although I did very well I still had to work in order to achieve a high grade. Definitely one of the more pleasurable classes I've taken at UNC.
- Professor Penn is a wonderful teacher and I really enjoyed his class! I'm not very interested in science, however I was still engaged and interested throughout the course. He was friendly, helpful, enthusiastic, and very approachable. I learned a lot, and his lectures were interesting. I had to study a lot for the tests, but they were very fair.
- Psychology 101 was one of my favorite classes this semester. I enjoyed this class. I learned a lot of new information without having to stress out. Dr.Penn made this class phenomenal.
- Really awesome professor; no need for me to really attend office hours because the material is taught so well during class time. I like that there wasn't a lot of busy work for the class, and the essays we've had throughout the semester are centered on current events that are very interesting. I recommend this class to everyone, Dr. Penn makes class fun and learning easy.
- Really enjoyed the course and the instructor. I would take another course with this instructor, and I would recommend this course to other students.
- Really enjoyed this class. The teacher presented material in a very clear and effective way that kept me engaged.
- So engaging and really well-taught. Favorite professor thus far.
- The best course I've taken at Carolina by far.
- The course was a really good baseline class for Psychology. The material was interesting and very broad so that you really got a good understand about what Psych101 was. The material was not difficult to learn or understand, and the exams and papers were all very straight forward.

- The instructor (Penn) does obviously want his students to succeed.
- The lectures are very interesting and engaging. I learned a lot from this course and actually enjoyed reading and responding to the articles for the essays because they were interesting and relevant to the present.
- The lectures were easy to follow since the powerpoint were available online, and the way Dr. Penn spoke about the material was very engaging. He also walked around the room and encouraged students to participate in discussion throughout every class.
- This course was challenging and overall an interesting course. I am considering a psychology minor thanks to Dr. Penn!
- This course was good. I liked Dr. Penn's teaching style except sometimes when he recited definitions that we needed to know he would change up the words in the middle of saying the definition, which confused people who were trying to write them down. I also do not like that we are not able to see which questions we got wrong on the tests because then we do not know what concepts we need to go over to really grasp all of the material. I also did not like how close to the end of the class Dr. Penn would try to call out people who were asleep by saying "For those of you who are still awake..." That is disrespectful because some students could be working 3rd shift or just drove back from having to deal with a family emergency at home and he is trying to be sarcastic about them falling asleep. You do not know what people's situations are.
- This course was very interesting and was very applicable to even my other classes this semester.
- This instructor is absolutely amazing. I have loved his class and am sad to see it come to an end.
- This is a great introductory course for freshmen, and though it was easy I enjoyed the course. Dr. Penn was very knowledgeable and a great teacher with clear and informative lectures.
- This was a great course. I am a junior and it was by far my favorite class and I have in fact changed my major because of this class to Psychology.
- This was a great course. I learned a lot and the material was very interesting.
- This was an awesome course. The lectures were always interesting and I gained a lot of knowledge.
- This was my favorite class this semester! Penn loves what he does and his lectures are interesting!
- This was one of my favorite classes I took this semester. I found the material very interesting and I would recommend it to anyone who likes psychology!
- This was one of my favorite courses. His teaching method kept me attentive and interested. He was very good at clarifying information and taught at a speed that was suitable for everyone.
- This was the best class I've taken so far at UNC.
- Truly remarkable. Dr. Penn approaches every aspect of his lecture with reverence. He reveres his students, TA, and the material we cover. The information is obviously going to be interesting, but his approach is something I have yet to experience anywhere else at UNC.
- Very easy class, but very fair, understanding professor. Passionate about the material.
- Very fair grading and straight forward expectations
- When I made a good grade on one of the exams, Dr. Penn reached out to me and told me to keep up the hard work. It really means a lot when the professor takes his/her own time to recognize their students for the amount of effort they put in. He has really encouraged me to delve deeper in to the subject material.
- course was very interesting and the instructor provided good examples in class on the subject matter
- great class, made me want to minor in psychology; tests are fair, except when asked questions that you HAD to be in class for and couldn't know even if you learned the material, so if you missed a single class, you're guaranteed to get questions wrong
- the class was very interesting and was easy to get involved in because of the professors.
- very engaging course. I enjoyed it, but wished there were additional opportunities to improve your grade. The heavy weight on the exams made it difficult

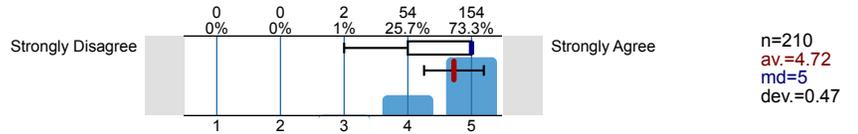
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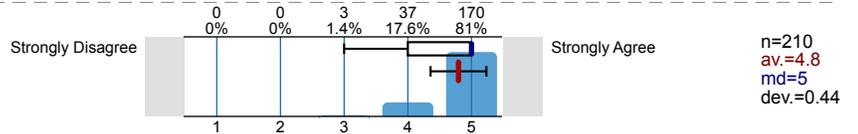


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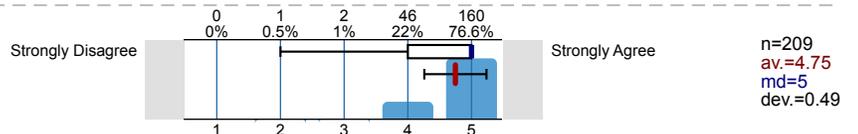
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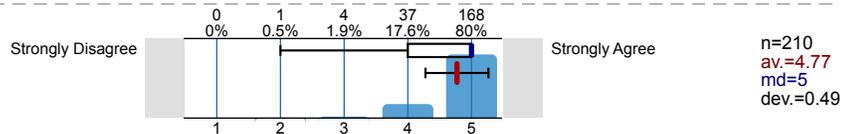
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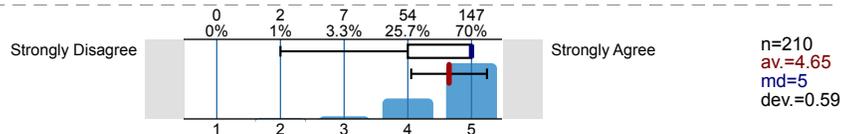
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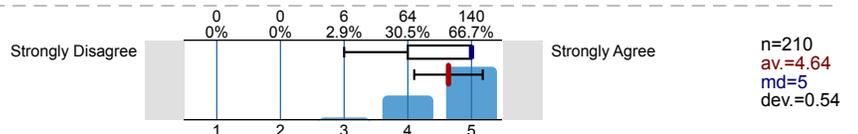
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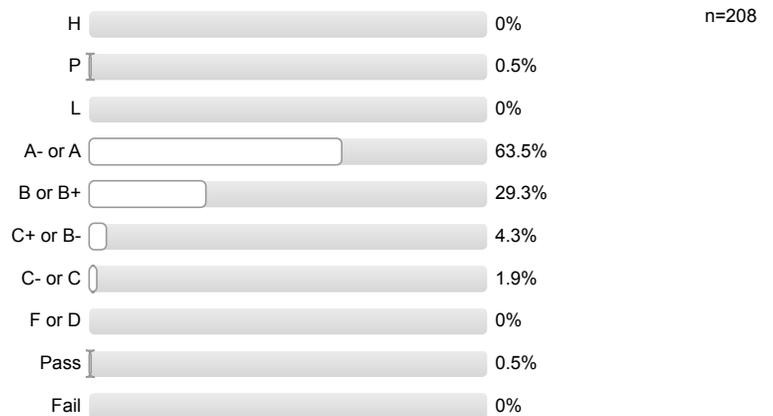


The workload was appropriate for what I gained from this class.



Other Information

What grade do you think you will get in this course?



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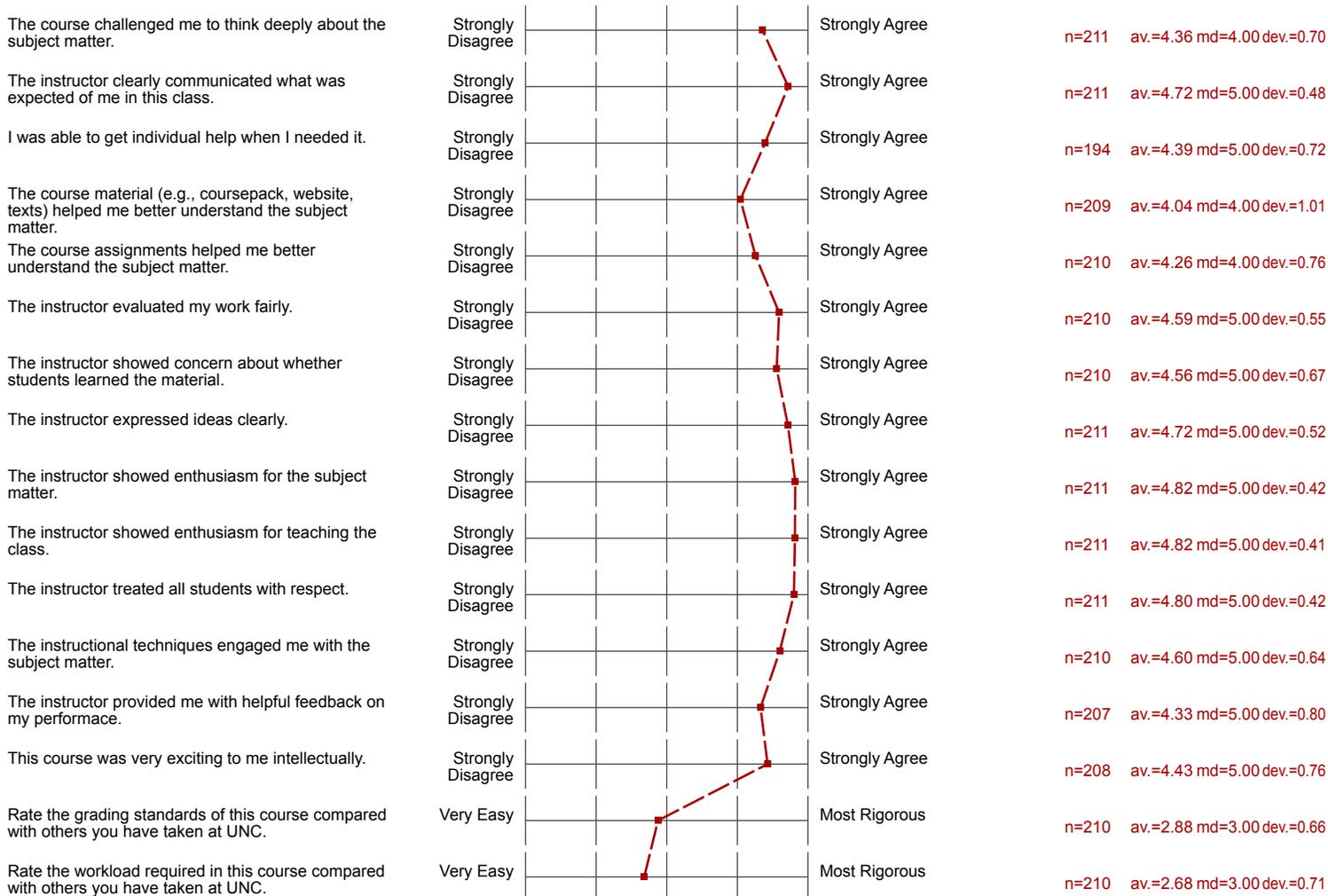
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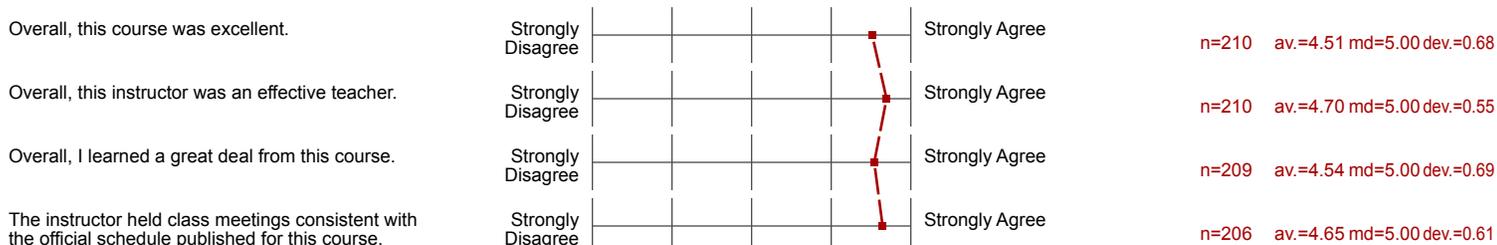
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The instructor used examples that had relevance for me.	Strongly Disagree  -----  Strongly Agree	n=210 av.=4.80 md=5.00 dev.=0.44
The instructor used class time well.	Strongly Disagree  -----  Strongly Agree	n=209 av.=4.75 md=5.00 dev.=0.49
The instructor encouraged students to participate in this class.	Strongly Disagree  -----  Strongly Agree	n=210 av.=4.77 md=5.00 dev.=0.49
This course was designed to keep me engaged in learning.	Strongly Disagree  -----  Strongly Agree	n=210 av.=4.65 md=5.00 dev.=0.59
The workload was appropriate for what I gained from this class.	Strongly Disagree  -----  Strongly Agree	n=210 av.=4.64 md=5.00 dev.=0.54