

# DAVID PENN

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY  
 PSYC101 003 Spring 2016  
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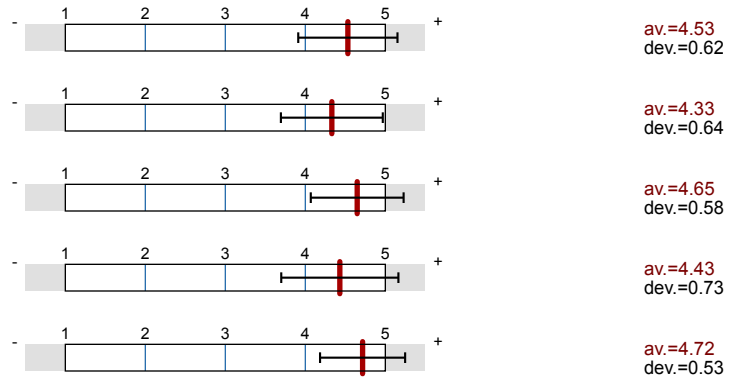
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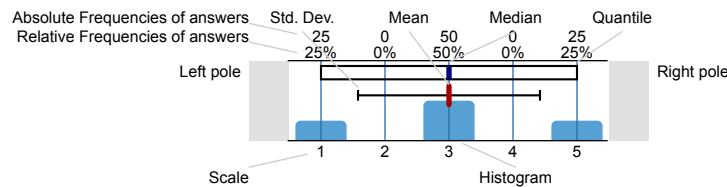
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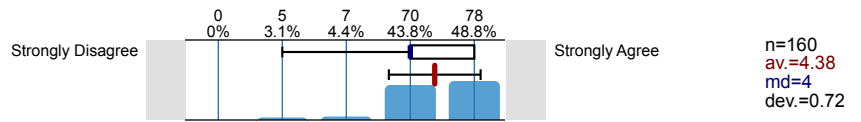
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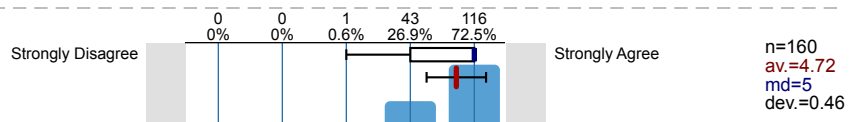
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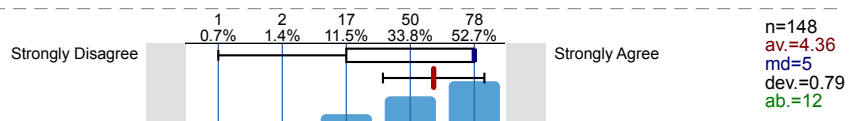
The course challenged me to think deeply about the subject matter.



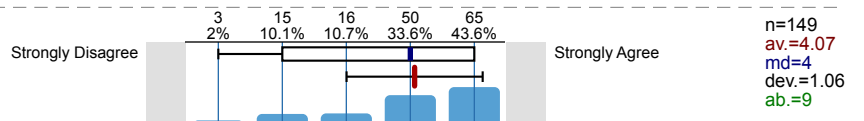
The instructor clearly communicated what was expected of me in this class.



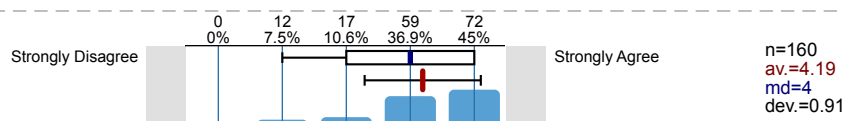
I was able to get individual help when I needed it.



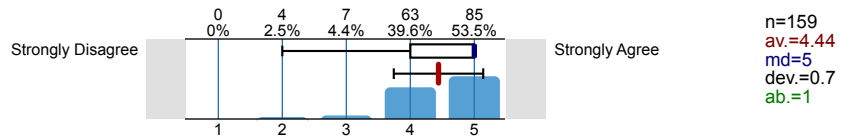
The course material (e.g., coursepack, website, texts) helped me better understand the subject matter.



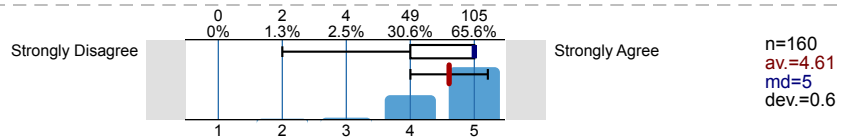
The course assignments helped me better understand the subject matter.



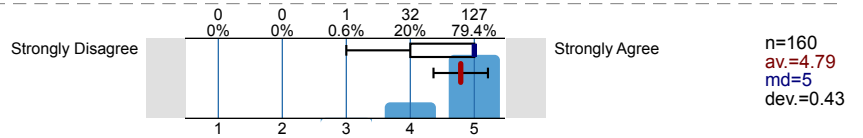
The instructor evaluated my work fairly.



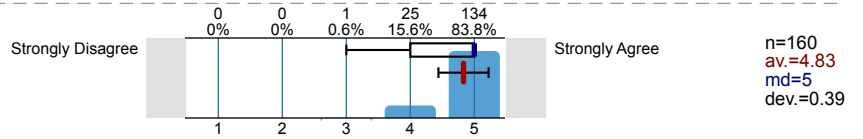
The instructor showed concern about whether students learned the material.



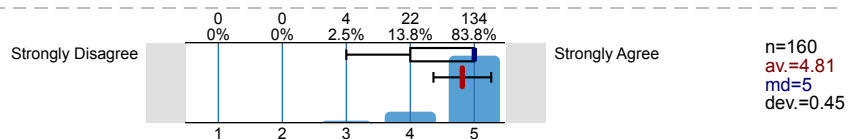
The instructor expressed ideas clearly.



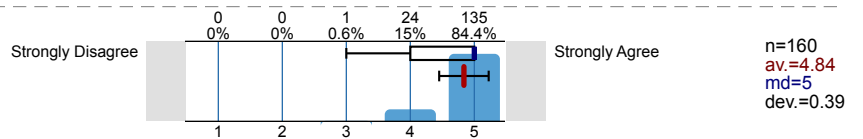
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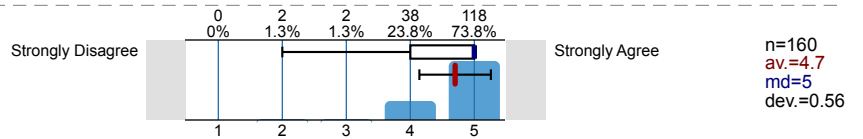
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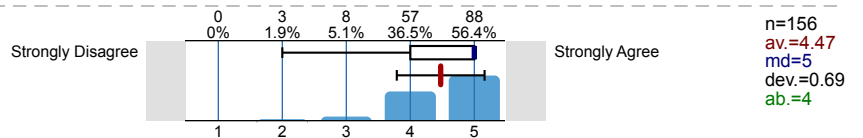
The instructor treated all students with respect.



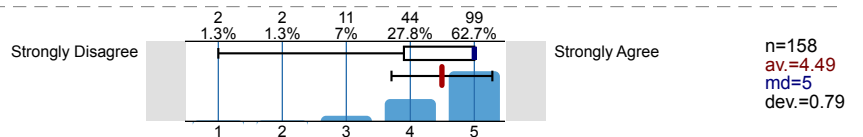
The instructional techniques engaged me with the subject matter.



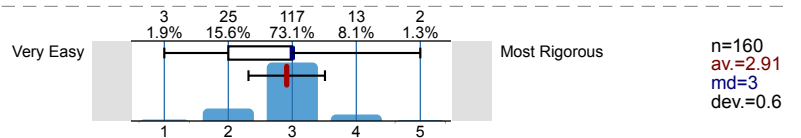
The instructor provided me with helpful feedback on my performance.



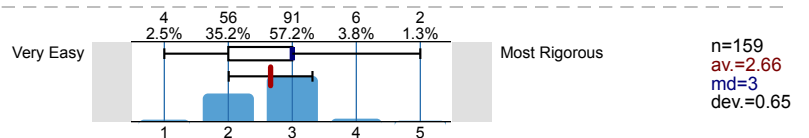
This course was very exciting to me intellectually.



Rate the grading standards of this course compared with others you have taken at UNC.

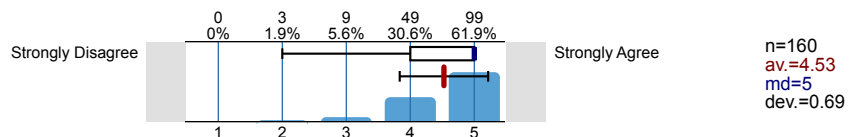


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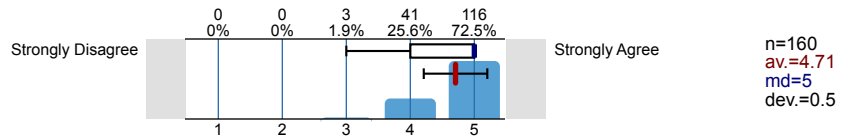


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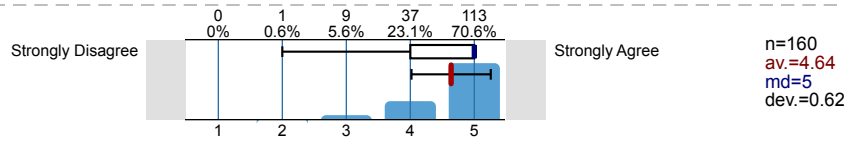
Overall, this course was excellent.



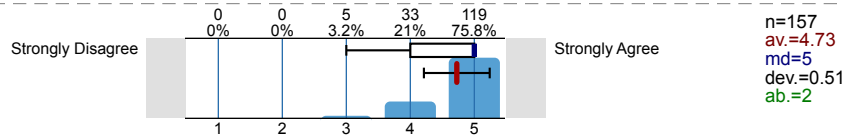
Overall, this instructor was an effective teacher.



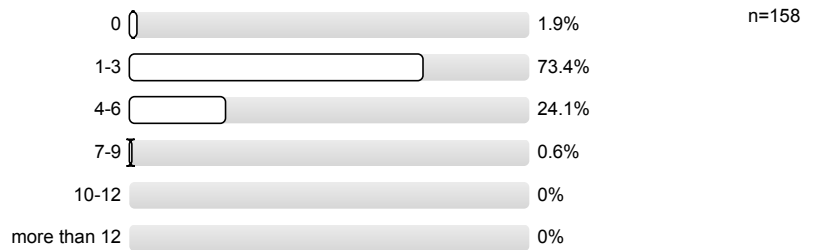
Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.



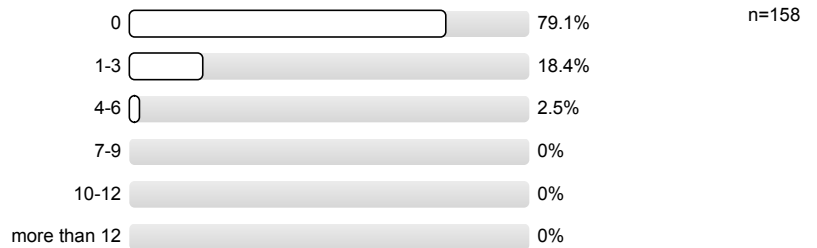
The instructor held class meetings consistent with the official schedule published for this course.



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.

- An informative introductory course.
- Course was interesting. the instructor did a great job engaging with the students
- Dr. Penn is a great psychology professor. He explained the material in a manner that was easy to understand. I really enjoy watching Youtube videos that relate the material in class because it helps me get a better understanding of the material in class. I would include more videos in class. This was a great class and I loved it! Thanks so much.
- Dr. Penn is a great teacher who clearly explains subject matter with relevant and memorable examples
- Dr. Penn is a super nice and enthusiastic guy. He's probably the nicest real professor I've had at UNC thus far.
- Dr. Penn is extremely enthusiastic about what he teaches. I would take an enthusiastic Professor over an engaging course or class subject ANY day.
- Dr. Penn made this class very engaging, and it did not feel like a 75 minute class at all. I took AP Psychology in high school, so I recognized a decent amount of the material. However, the format and structure of this class made it much more interesting and easier to learn.
- Dr. Penn was awesome and makes the class very do-able and effective.
- Dr. Penn was great. He is thorough in his explanations and goes slow enough so everyone is able to take notes and comprehend the subject matter before moving on. I think for a huge lecture, he does a GREAT job of making the class seem included and comfortable.
- Dr. Penn was wonderful! His class was very enjoyable and you could definitely tell that he cared a lot about the students and the material. I loved that he incorporated videos and other articles to reinforce the material. My only regret is not getting to know him better. I loved this

class because I knew exactly what was expected of me, and I felt like I could truly succeed. I always felt like there was fair grading.

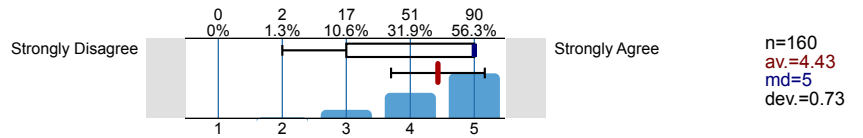
- Excellent course. Informative, engaging, and enjoyable. Dr. Penn is a fantastic instructor and lecturer and was very encouraging as he made obvious effort to get to know his students. I really enjoyed this course and would definitely recommend it to my friends and to those looking to take a psych course.
- Formulaic, which is not necessarily a bad thing for an introductory course and especially one of this size. Just hard to be excited about it. Interesting material though and I liked how straightforward everything was.
- Good course... tests are a bit unfair sometimes.
- Great class overall, I really enjoyed it.
- Great class. Professor Penn is a great teacher and always makes the class interesting by showing videos. By making psychology a little bit more visual, the entire class got a better understanding of what we were learning
- Great course with a phenomenal professor. I would take another course if Dr. Penn was teaching it!
- Great course. Great teacher.
- Great professor, knows the material, lots of good examples from personal practice/experience.
- Great professor. He uses more the interactive approach rather than the book-lecture monotonous sequence. I learned a great deal in this class.
- Great professor. clear, concise and patient
- Great teacher, great information presented, decided to pursue Psychology major because of this course
- I absolutely loved this class (5 Counts)
- I enjoyed that the tests administered for this course were entirely based on in-class lectures and not necessarily on material for the textbook. The professor always provided memorable examples that were easy to understand and connect to larger themes. In this way, if I went to class and paid attention (which was not hard to do) it was guaranteed that I would not only do well on the final, but that I would learn a lot and also retain what I learned.
- I enjoyed this course. Penn always utilized class time well by showing videos of different topics and letting us ask questions. Penn is a fantastic public speaker. He repeated definitions several times to ensure that we had enough time to write them down and he talked at a good pace. The three exams were fair and most of the papers enhanced my understanding of the material that we were learning.
- I loved Professor Penn. By far the best lecturer I have had so far.
- I loved this class and Dr. Penn. He was clearly passionate about the subject and that made it extremely interesting for me. The subject matter was similar to IB Psyc which I took in high school, but I still really enjoyed the class.
- I loved this class and the professor
- I loved this course! It has been probably my favorite course thus far at UNC. David Penn is an incredible professor, and the subject matter is extremely interesting.
- I often felt that the feedback I received on my writing was not productive and did not allow my to make progress in my writing. I did not feel like I could improve my grades on papers.
- I really appreciated the concern Dr. Penn showed for students in the class. It meant a lot that he took the time to learn our names in such a large class and to send out congratulatory emails after exams. It encouraged me to care about the material and attend class. However, some of the examples (especially the videos) made me uncomfortable. Some of them seemed offensive, and I did not feel like it was appropriate to watch such personal statements from people (I'm thinking of the video of the depressed woman and the girl on the ferris wheel with her friends). It would be better to stick to videos from TV shows and movies.
- I really enjoyed the subject and learned a lot. I did not like how the TAs did most of the grading, it was like I was disconnected from my professor. I really like Penn so it would have been nice if I had feedback from him instead.
- I really enjoyed this class and Professor Penn's teaching strategies.
- I really enjoyed this class. Dr. Penn showed a lot of enthusiasm for the material and he made sure that he was never going through material too fast and he also wanted to make sure that everyone got down all the notes for his powerpoint slides.
- I really enjoyed this course and looked forward to hearing the new lectures each day.
- I really liked this class. Dr. Penn is the man, loves to teach people about psychology, and does it in a way that is easy to understand. The only criticism I would have would be the grading of our essays. At times, I thought that there was a lot expected out of them given what we had learned in class. But, overall, I really enjoyed this class.
- I think the tests were confusing at points. Much of the language used in class did not appear on the test

- I think this course was great and challenged me to learn about psychology thoroughly.
- I thoroughly enjoyed this course and the instructor for this course.
- Incredible course and professor. The course had very interesting material, and the professor showed a lot of enthusiasm for the course.
- It was good
- Learned a lot in the class and it was very interesting
- My main problem was that if you missed class there was no way to get caught up on course material and this was not clearly communicated at the beginning of the year. Dr. Penn was a great lecturer though, made the material interesting and did a great job of repeating things and talking colloquially so that we all could conceptualize.
- Overall the instructor was very interesting to listen to and outside lecturers were very helpful to my understanding of the materials. I could not have enjoyed it more.
- Overall this course was fantastic. The instructor showed such respect for his students, and had so much enthusiasm and knowledge on his subject, I truly wish there was an option to give him a better rating than I already have. The lectures were put together very well, and made for even the lectures about dryer subjects entertaining. My only complaint is not towards the instructor himself, but it is instead the fact that it seemed his TA's graded harshly on our writing assignments. I am not certain if this was under his instruction to them, or if they had high standards in grading these assignments, but the assignments were very difficult for me to do well on despite putting many hours of work into each one.
- Overall, this course was educating. It is not as easy as people say it is, it definitely requires a lot of work and staying on top of things. Dr. Penn is a great teacher and I would be interested in working in his lab in the future.
- Penn is a great teacher. His class lectures are extremely helpful and vital for performing well on the exams. He is very enthusiastic about the material and makes the lectures interesting so that everyone is paying attention.
- Probably my favorite class at Carolina
- Professor Penn is by far one of the absolute BEST teachers I've had here at UNC. He always expressed things clearly in class in a format that was easy to follow. He never went too fast in his lectures and always repeated himself so that students wouldn't miss material. Professor Penn is the best.
- Professor Penn is clearly a very conscientious and enthusiastic professor. He is an effective lecturer and he manages to communicate the material in a fashion that is both clear and engaging. As a psych major, I couldn't have asked for a better start for PSYC 101!
- Professor Penn is excellent and enthusiastic about his class.
- Professor Penn is very knowledgeable about psychology, and makes his lectures very enjoyable. He shows us great examples through videos and gives us great in class activities to help us learn. This is a relatively easy course, but I think this is fair since it is a general education requirement for so many majors.
- Psych 101 is a great course, especially with Dr. Penn! He is a great man, he is smart, enthusiastic about his subject and his work, and he cares a great deal about his students. He always reminds us when his office hours are and he asks for everyone's names before they answer a question so he can get to personally know everyone in a class of about 300 people. He really does try to memorize everyone's names and faces, even though there are so many people in the class! He uses fun videos to explain confusing concepts, and he thoroughly answers any questions that his students may have. Dr. Penn is the BEST teacher ever!! I highly recommend that everyone take his class, even if they have already taken psych or they are not a psych major or even if they don't like psych. This man will get you excited about psychology by the way he teaches, and that is the best kind of teacher :)
- The class was very straightforward, and I liked how Dr. Penn structured the course so that you'd have to come to class in order to get the notes and information that would be on the exam. I found the assignments to be somewhat frustrating in terms of doing well. Dr. Penn is very respectful towards all of his students, and he makes an effort to learn people's names (and he actually remembers them), which I really admire, since not many teachers of large lecture courses do that. I didn't find the course content very interesting (I think that's just a personal thing), but Dr. Penn didn't make the class boring.
- The class was, I think, did well covering the amount of material that was required. By its nature as a survey course, the material was superficial and I would have preferred a deeper, more advanced look at the topics (unrealistic as that may be). Overall I would have preferred the in-class examples to be more poignant and sensitive, to perhaps foster a sensitivity for mental illness (especially) and other topics.
- This class made me declare a second major as psychology. David Penn is an amazing instructor!
- This class was incredible. Dr. Penn is gave insightful lectures that always related to the real world! It made psychology feel so relevant, and it motivated me to care about my studying and the coursework. I would recommend this class to every student. The warmth and support from Dr. Penn and his TA's is something every student deserves to feel. You really want to make them proud, and they encourage you to do your best.
- This class was very engaging and interesting. The professor was a great man with good intentions.
- This course covered topics that were really interesting to me.

- This course was a joy - from the instructors' insistence on learning students' names, to the funny videos we watched in class, to the memory games we played in class. Even though we were about 300 students in class, the number felt much smaller. The instructor made students feel welcome by providing us with opportunities to ask questions, and encouraged class participation. He also rewarded students who participated with positive reinforcement, so students generally became more willing to participate as the semester went by. The class material was inherently interesting, as we covered some very fundamental topics such as behavior, learning, and memory. Students had the chance to share their opinions on multiple occasions and I found that this was a sign that students were thinking about class material even outside of class. The instructor did a great job of helping us "see" the transcendence of psychology by providing real-life examples and allowing students to do the same. Attendance was generally high, and most exam questions were derived from material we had covered in class. One thing that could be done to improve the course is to encourage people who have never raised their hand to do so, as I'm sure many people, myself included, wanted to but were scared to.
- This course was excellent overall. I learned a great deal from Dr. Penn and he is very intelligent. Sometimes however I felt like the TA's graded the essays way too harshly. Also, it might be helpful if Penn put the lecture notes in his powerpoint because he talks fast sometimes.
- This has been my favorite class in college so far. Dr. Penn was an enthusiastic, intelligent, and all-around amazing professor. Not only is he a master in his field, but he is able to read students very well. He knows when students are lost, bored, or need more engagement. I looked forward to coming to class every day. I sincerely wish that Dr. Penn could teach more higher level psych classes, because I would take all of them!
- This has been my favorite class so far at UNC, it has allowed me to be interested in the subject matter without being overwhelmed with immense amounts of work outside of class. Dr. Penn rocks. (4 Counts)
- This is a fantastic introductory course. The professor is fantastic and deserves a teaching award. Examples in class are great and the class is overall very engaging. I appreciate that Professor Penn speaks slowly when giving definitions.
- This was a really good course. The only thing I did not like was the essays seemed to be graded a bit harshly by TAs sometimes. But essays do not have too much of an impact on our grade so it is alright.
- Very clear on what is expected, do your work and you get the grade.
- Very fair course- nothing ever surprised me- however I would suggest making attendance necessary to an extent in the future because it was irritating to always come to class and see that students who never came to class were getting the same or better grades than I was in the class
- Very fun class and helpful.
- Very good course! Professor was clear and taught the material well.
- Very interesting course but I took psych in high school so it was really a refresher
- Very interesting course! Excellent teacher and TAs!
- Wonderful general psych class. David Penn really has the lecturing business down.
- awesome
- good class for being a big lecture
- good course
- great class
- teacher was amazing at explaining the ideas, the videos helped me learn and made me remember everything so I had to do little studying for tests, he explains everything extremely clearly and this class never caused me stress - teacher repeats himself so you never miss a note which is EXTREMELY helpful and he always defines things very clearly in multiple ways so if you don't understand the idea the first time you'll definitely understand one of the other ways. never felt confused, always followed along, great class

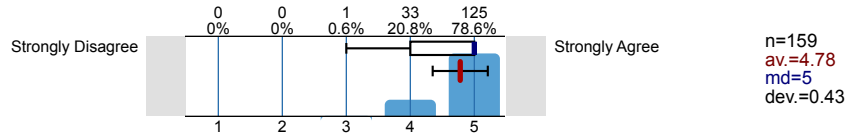
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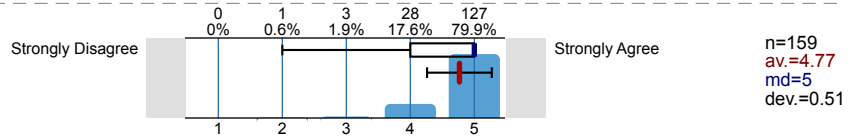


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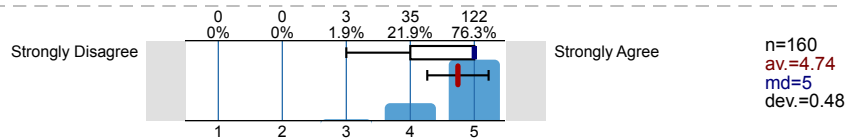
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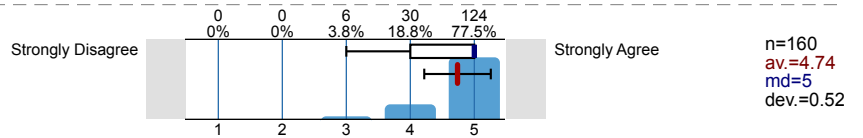
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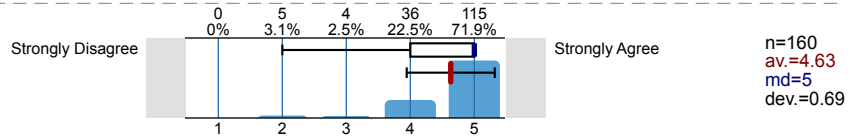
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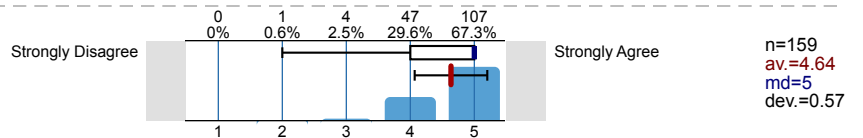
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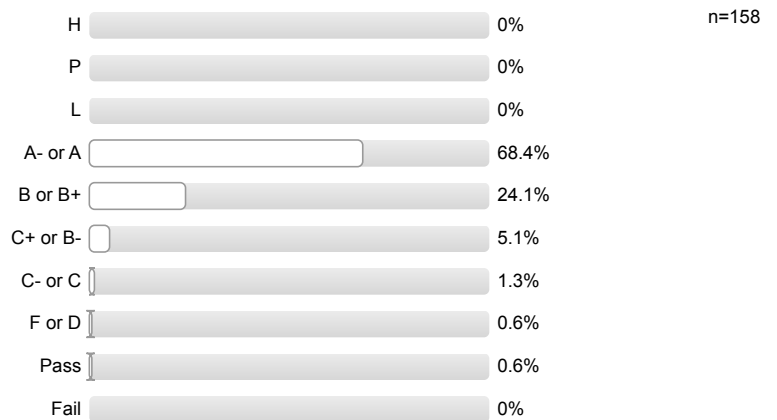


The workload was appropriate for what I gained from this class.



Other Information

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



Is this a required course for you?



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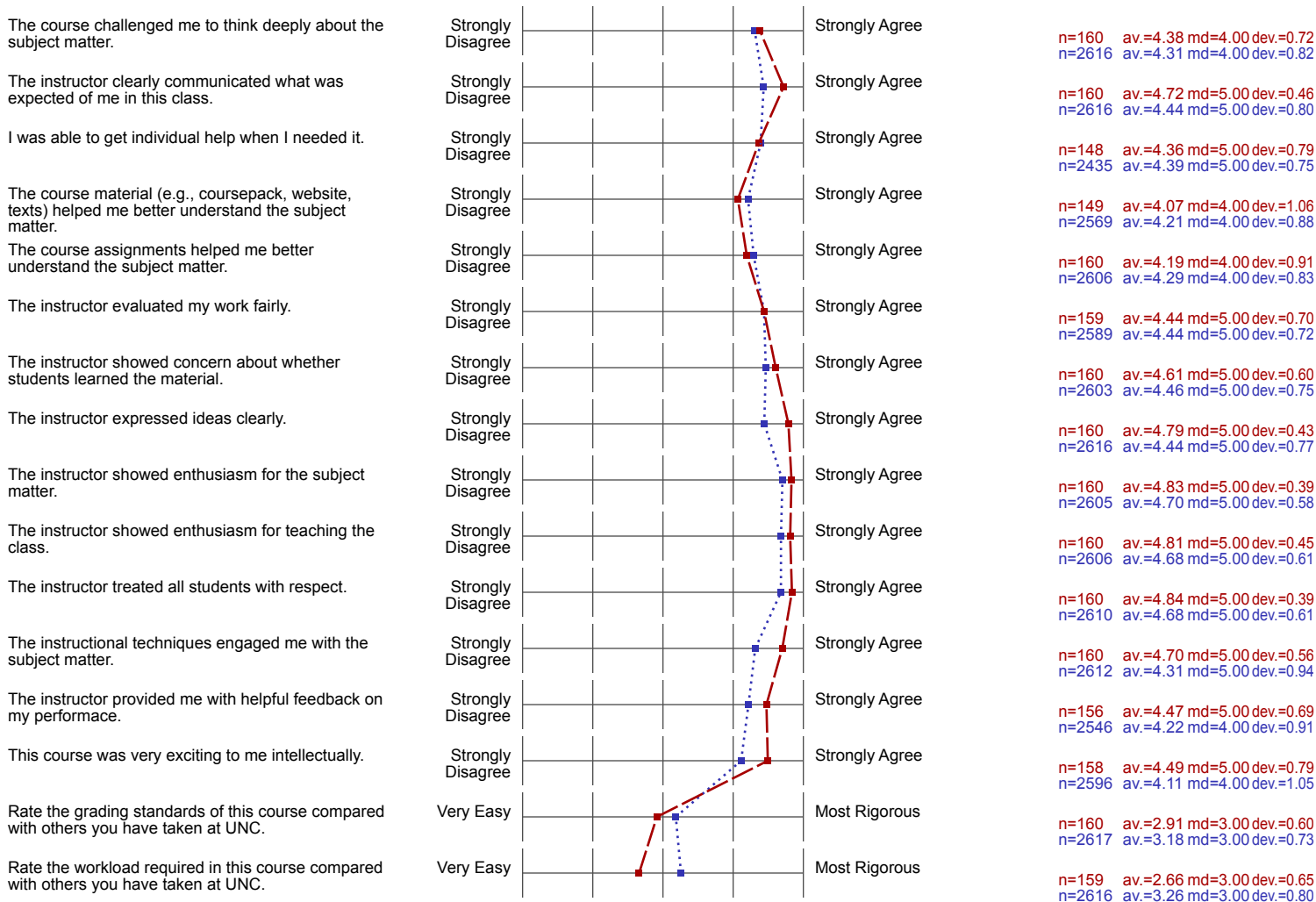


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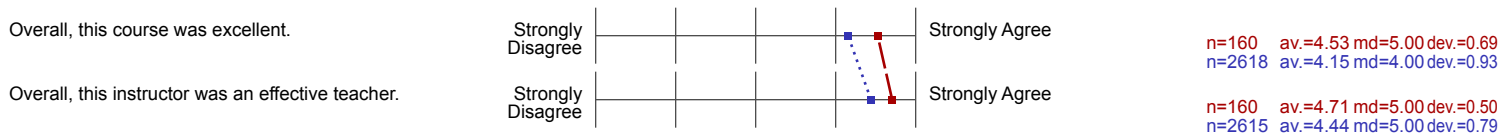
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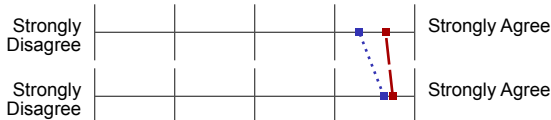
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## Overall Course Assessment



Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.



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n=2607 av.=4.31 md=5.00 dev.=0.87

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



n=157 av.=4.73 md=5.00 dev.=0.51  
n=2580 av.=4.62 md=5.00 dev.=0.60

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n=2614 av.=4.54 md=5.00 dev.=0.66

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n=2605 av.=4.57 md=5.00 dev.=0.66

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n=160 av.=4.74 md=5.00 dev.=0.48  
n=2616 av.=4.42 md=5.00 dev.=0.83

The instructor encouraged students to participate in this class.



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