

DAVID PENN

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC101 003 2149)
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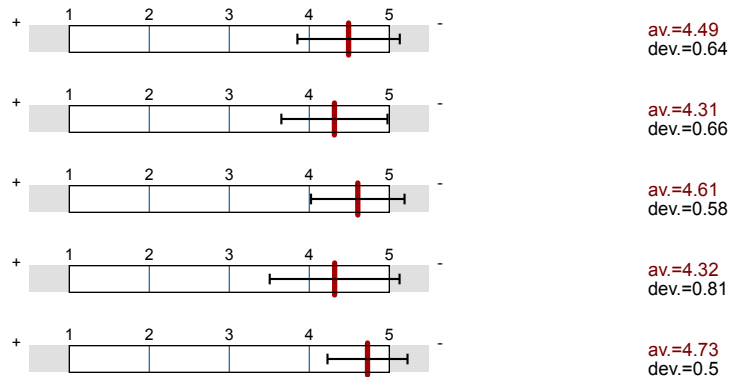
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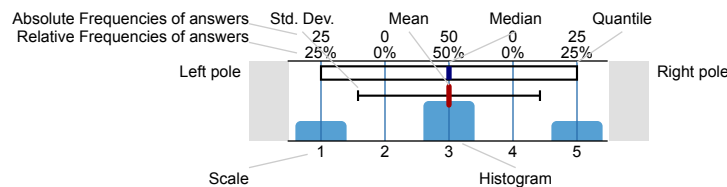
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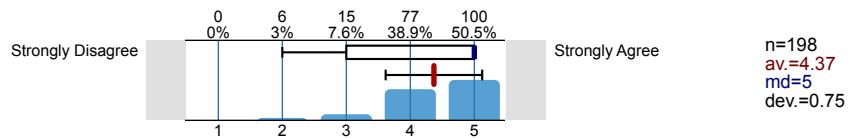
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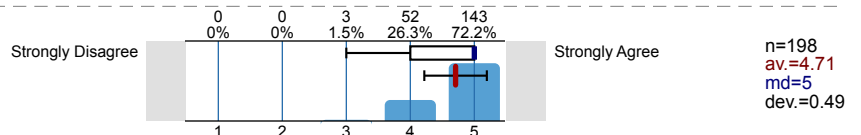
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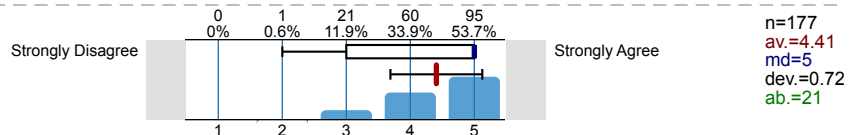
The course challenged me to think deeply about the subject matter.



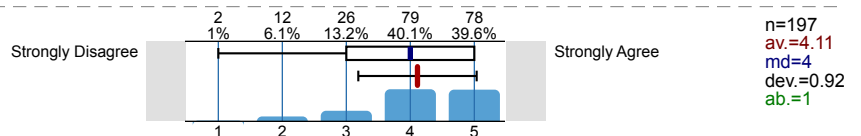
The instructor clearly communicated what was expected of me in this class.



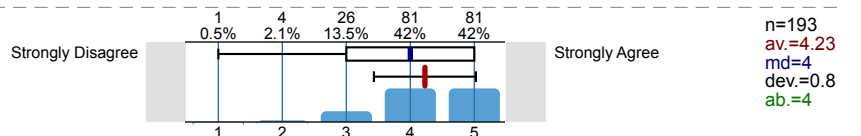
I was able to get individual help when I needed it.



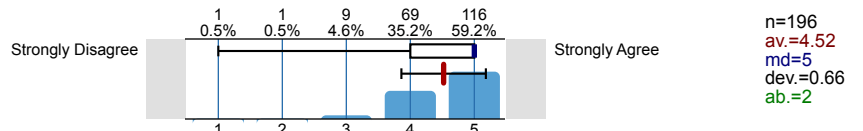
The course material (e.g., coursepack, website, texts) helped me better understand the subject matter.



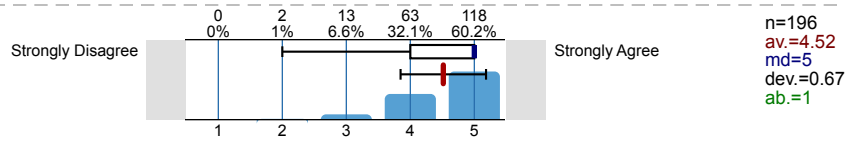
The course assignments helped me better understand the subject matter.



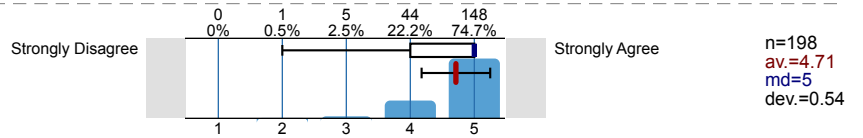
The instructor evaluated my work fairly.



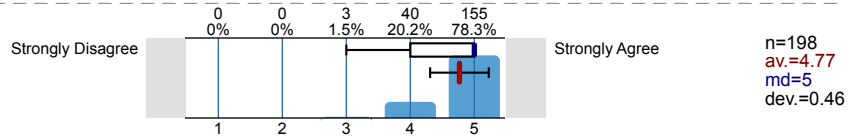
The instructor showed concern about whether students learned the material.



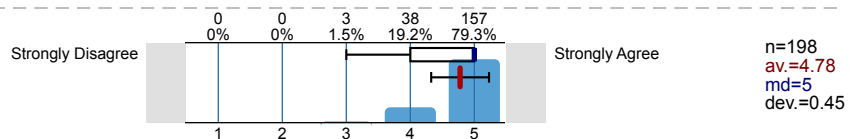
The instructor expressed ideas clearly.



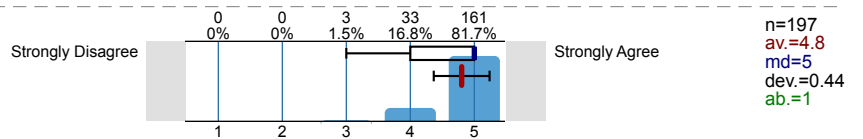
The instructor showed enthusiasm for the subject matter.



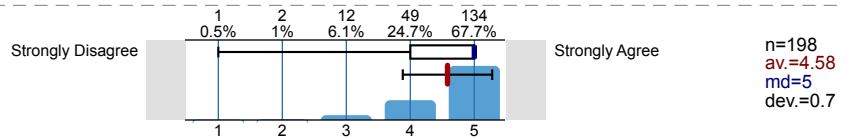
The instructor showed enthusiasm for teaching the class.



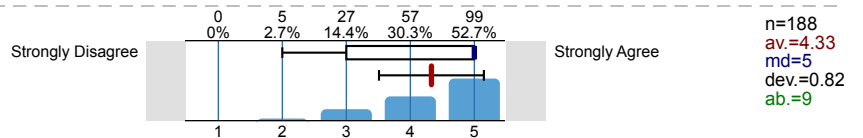
The instructor treated all students with respect.



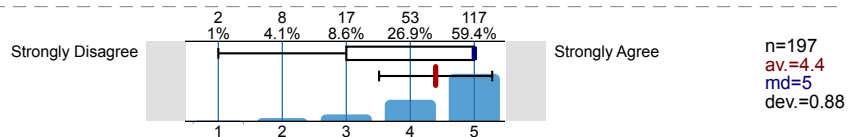
The instructional techniques engaged me with the subject matter.



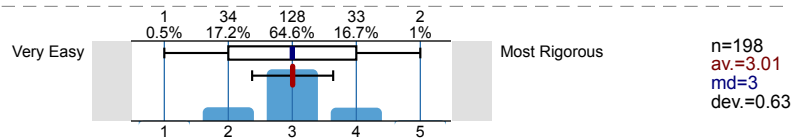
The instructor provided me with helpful feedback on my performance.



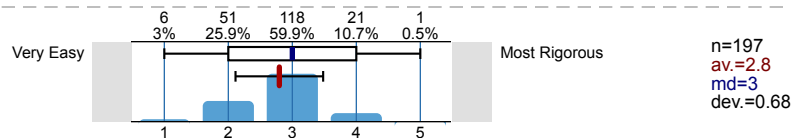
This course was very exciting to me intellectually.



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

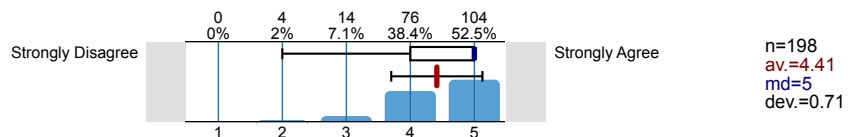


Rate the workload required in this course compared with others you have taken at UNC.

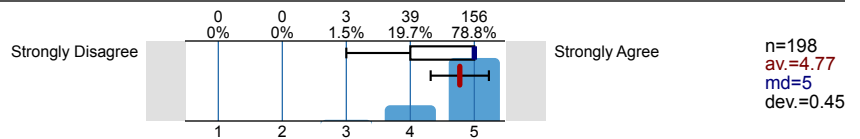


Overall Course Assessment

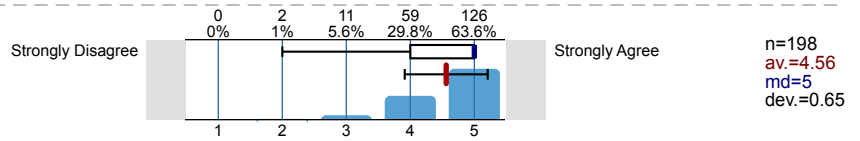
Overall, this course was excellent.



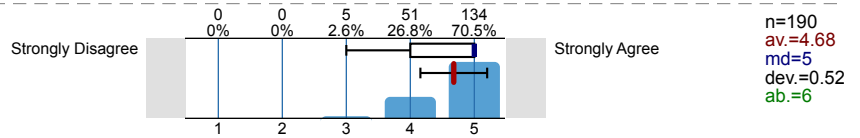
Overall, this instructor was an effective teacher.



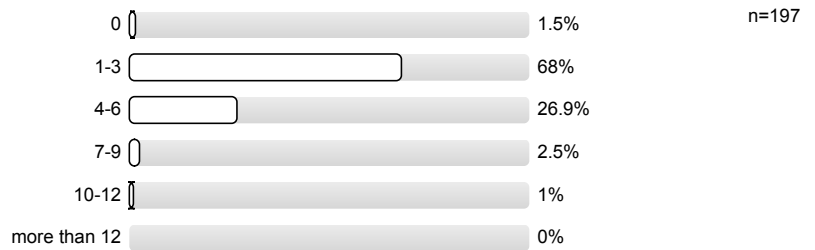
Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.



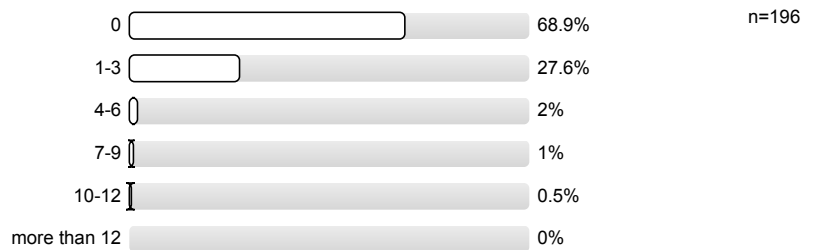
The instructor held class meetings consistent with the official schedule published for this course.



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.

- Absolutely loved this class. Professor Penn is a great instructor and cares about his students and their success in his class.
- Amazing and fun class.
- Best class I've taken thus far!!!
- David Penn was an excellent teacher, really cared about his students and made sure everyone was understanding the material, which is quite a feat in a lecture class. Really enjoyed his class- very glad I took it even though I am not a psych major.
- Dr. Penn has been a great professor. I would recommend his class to anyone. This class swayed my major choice and inspired me to pursue psychology. The course work was difficult, but interesting. Overall this was my favorite course of the semester.
- Dr. Penn is a fantastic instructor who clearly knows his material well enough to engage with students when prompted. He's very enthusiastic and amicable and his teaching made the class that much more enjoyable.
- Dr. Penn is a great teacher and the material he chose to cover was very interesting.
- Dr. Penn is a nice man, but sometimes his lectures can get a little jumbled and/or boring. I expected to like PSYC101 more than I do, but I still gained basic knowledge through the course.
- Dr. Penn is a very effective professor that really does care about the success of his students. He makes an effort to learn names and establish connections with his students.
- Dr. Penn is my favorite professor at UNC. He is a fair grader and is clear about what he expects from his students. He also makes study guides for each test and cares about how every student is doing in the class. His lectures are engaging, fun, and interesting. I recommend his class to everyone I know who wants to take Psychology 101.

- Dr. Penn is very enthusiastic about the subject. He not only lectured, but included videos and articles to better portray the subject matter. The exams were somewhat difficult, but overall, I enjoyed the class and because of it, plan to declare a major in Psychology. Dr. Penn incorporates humor into his lectures with is a nice change from other professors. Also, if a certain topic is important, he will reiterate it by expressing its importance explicitly or repeating it several times.
- Dr. Penn is very helpful during office hours. The course material is a great introduction into further research.
- Dr. Penn was a great professor, he was always very kind and willing to help students. His class was entertaining as well; youtube videos were shown that really helped my understanding of the given topic and made class interesting.
- Dr. Penn was always available and super nice when I needed help
- Dr. Penn was probably the best teacher I've had all semester. The way he presents the facts to his students ensures that they understand the material. I also found his class teaching style enjoyable and actually fun at times.
- Dr.Penn is a great lecturer and I really enjoyed the class!
- Excellent instructor. Thoroughly enjoyed this class.
- Excellent teacher
- Fantastic professor. Really makes an effort to connect with students and give students a new perspective on psychological ideas with videos and examples
- Great class and amazing professor... interesting subject material too!
- Great class! Very nice professor. He really did his best to make the material exciting even though some if the topics were dull. Good of humor. Excellent study guides- they really helpful. I enjoyed being on this class. Wish I went to office hours and met the professor. He seems like a really nice guy.
- Great course and great instruction. We were able to learn the material while also being challenged to form our own opinions.
- Great course taught by an excellent professor!
- Great course, I was excited to go to class and learn the material. Dr. Penn was an engaging lecturer and very well versed in the material
- Great course. I can tell Professor Penn sincerely cares about his students and wants them to succeed in his class. Penn also has a true passion for psychology which sparked my own passion for the matter.
- Great introductory course! You learn a lot, but it's easy to succeed and the material is very interesting.
- Great professor, very enthusiastic about the course material. Kept the class interesting, my favorite class by far
- I LOVE HIM. BY FAR THE BEST PROFESSOR I WILL EVER HAVE. He learned the names of over 200 in my class. He cares so much and he deserves every reward.
- I absolutely loved this class, it was engaging and interesting. The professor was wonderful and really knew how to engage students in the lecture
- I absolutely loved this class. My instructor was very helpful and very effective.
- I don't find psychology very interesting, but the professor was very good at teaching it, and class was pretty fun.
- I enjoyed taking this course. Professor Penn did a fantastic job at teaching this course. I really enjoyed his teaching style. I felt like he put a lot of emphasis on the key points of the course.
- I feel as though the subjects are so broad that it was difficult to understand everything sometimes, but I was able to apply the information I just was not able to test well.
- I like that some of the material on exams is examples from in-class. This was motivation to attend class regularly, and the examples given were interesting, memorable, and helped to better understand the topics covered (application). Dr. Penn was very engaging and answered as many questions in class as possible. If he couldn't answer a question in class, he would either take the extra time to research it for the following class or would send emails to the class to follow up and give an answer. He is also very good about keeping the class up to date in terms of grading exams and essays. He lets us know if there is a delay in the grading and when we can expect our grades to be posted.
- I liked it although I have never been great with psychology.
- I liked the professor because he was very straightforward. I was never confused in his class because he stated things explicitly especially the concepts and assignments.
- I liked the video clips dealing with the material. They helped me understand.
- I loved it! Penn is great and he made the subject very interesting!

- I loved taking this class even though I do not plan on being a Psych major. David Penn is a GREAT instructor or professor and make the information clear and easy to learn. This is easily my favorite class this semester
- I loved this class. It was by far my favorite this semester. It even inspired me to change my major. Dr. Penn is an excellent professor that really engages the class in demonstrations. I never skipped this class because it was always fun and I learned a great deal. This is an awesome class. I never had to meet with my instructor outside of class because he did such a good job in class.
- I really appreciated how, despite the large size of the lecture style class, Dr. Penn would happily meet with you one on one and really try to get to know everyone's name. He made the intimidating size of the lecture hall seem a lot smaller when he would recognize you in class.
- I really enjoyed Professor Penn's teaching style. He was able to relate everything back to relevant examples in a college student's life and seemed to understand how to best express the ideas that he needed to in a way that carried through to everyone in the class. There were multiple opportunities to ensure that you received a good grade in the class and he was open to meeting with students over many periods of time.
- I really enjoyed it! And if it was a slow day, the videos shown in class helped wake me up as well as fleshed out concepts.
- I really enjoyed this class and thought it was taught very well.
- I really enjoyed this course and took interest in the subject matter because of Dr. Penn's enthusiasm and teaching methods. The use of video clips, pictures, and real world examples also made the class easier to relate to and to learn. I also appreciate the congratulatory email that I received from Dr. Penn when I received a high mark on one of his exams. I have highly recommended people to take this course with Dr. Penn because I was successful during my time in class and found everything to be great.
- I thoroughly enjoyed this course and it has led me to develop an interest in Psychology.
- I thoroughly enjoyed this course because it made me want to change my major to psychology to become a clinical psychologist.
- I thoroughly enjoyed this course. Dr. Penn is a great instructor who really cares about his students. He did a great job of showing us examples of concepts to help us understand them.
- I'm a psych major so of course I enjoyed the class!
- Interesting class with a hard working professor!
- It is interesting and enjoyable
- It was a very informative class. I felt that the grading system was fair and the workload was decent.
- It was interesting and engaging
- It was slow
- It's a large lecture, Professor Penn did a great job teaching such a large class, would love to see him in a smaller setting.
- Lectures are too dry to be held so late in the afternoon. Class time should be more engaging/exciting instead of powerpoint based every class. Maybe more in-class activities?
Also, I do not agree with the grading. Participation points/homework grades or at least an extra credit assignment are needed instead of just exam and essay based
I do not agree with the 3point grading scale for the essays as well. If you miss one point, you are automatically at a D for the essay grade, which isn't fair to the students considering we only have essay and exam grades
Lastly, please note in the syllabus that the textbook is optional, being that everything was based on in-class lectures and purchasing the text book was a waste of money.
- Lots of information learned, and information was presented in a consistent efficient manner.
- Made me actually think about being a psychology major
The subject was thought very well
- My TA (my last name begins with an H) graded papers very rigorously.
- Not hard but grading can be a little tough and so can the tests
- Penn is an extremely interesting teacher.
- Penn was an excellent teacher, and really demonstrated his love for psychology and teaching. He taught terms and concepts in a way that you could understand them and included multimedia interactive activities and videos to keep the class interesting. This is was my favorite class, excellent professor and excellent class.
- Professor Penn is kind, respectful, and does a great job of engaging material in the class. The amount of effort you put in directly reflects your grade.
- Professor Penn was amazing! For a 300 person class, he did his absolute best to learn everyone's names and make it as intimate of a class environment as possible. He was super engaging and used class time efficiently. He gives incentive for going to class and I always

feel happy leaving the class because I feel like I've learned something. Definitely one of my best professors I've ever had!

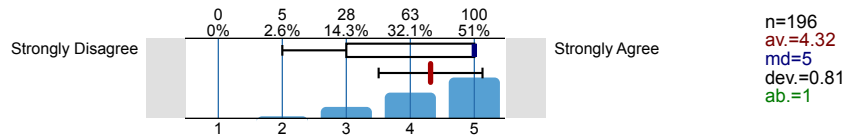
- Professor Penn was one of the best instructors I've had at UNC. He managed to keep me engaged in a huge lecture hall and I really enjoyed his teaching style. It was evident that he was truly interested in the material and it was refreshing to be taught by someone who was so passionate about the subject. I would love to take another class taught by him and would definitely recommend him to others.
- Professor Penn was very enthusiastic, and made class exciting. This allowed me to understand the concepts better, especially when he would apply concepts to everyday examples.
- Professor is very nice and cares about knowing students despite the very large class size. He knows a lot about the material and that is helpful but he really wants people to come to class so he doesn't put any useful information on the powerpoints and saves it all for saying verbally in class. Towards the second half of the class we seemed to be rushing more with our time we he would go over material a lot faster and it was difficult to write it all down which is stressful when all the information you need is pretty much from the lecture.
- Super interesting class and really engaging teacher! Challenged me but feedback was always available and helpful. Teaching style of power points with explanation really worked for me.
- Thanks for a great class!
- The class was great, the tests were all the same difficulty and it was easy to learn the material.
- The course and Dr. Penn were excellent!
- The course is excellent. Very informative and easy to follow, yet still rigorous. Penn is one of the best professors at UNC.
- The course was wonderful. The professor was one of the best I've had at UNC and he cared a great deal whether or not the students learned and understood the material. He was very easy to follow.
- The in class examples were highly relevant and provided better understanding. I appreciated the tests being aimed towards things discussed in class rather than random knowledge from the book readings.
- The instructor for this course took a subject matter that I ordinarily would not be interested in at all and made it very interesting for me to learn about. I enjoyed going to class today, and thought the instructor's teaching methods were very effective.
- The instructor was extremely knowledgeable about subject matter, and was great about including entertaining examples/video clips, etc. of concepts covered in class to help engage the students, and it helped make the information interesting and relevant. He also had students come up with examples to help get us involved in discussion.
- The professor made the course very, very interesting and had many real-world applications through the videos and essay prompts. I learned a lot and I can say that I thoroughly enjoyed it.
- The videos provided during lectures helped demonstrate the material very well.
- The writing assignments can be a little tricky, but the multiple choice tests are straight forward and the professor is very accommodating outside of class. The textbook is not 100% necessary as the lectures are very thorough.
- This class was easily one of my favorites, and I think that is largely because Dr. Penn made it so interesting. He communicates the material so quickly, and he really cares about the students.
- This class was my favorite class out of all the classes I took this semester. I enjoyed the lectures and thought they were very intriguing and also learned a lot. I found that Dr. Penn was very enthusiastic about his teachings and always made class as interesting as possible.
- This course was very enjoyable.
- This course was very interesting to me. It made me switch to a Psychology major in fact. I liked it a lot as well and Dr. Penn and the TA's.
- This has been my favorite course so far at UNC. Dr. Penn is a great professor. He clearly explains the material and is a fair grader. He is willing to help any students who come to him with problems.
- This was a really interesting course. I really liked taking it since we went over a lot of things that i did not know was psychology.
- This was a very engaging course, and I enjoyed it thoroughly.
- This was a very good course. I would suggest taking psychology 101 with Dr. Penn to all peers interested in psychology.
- This was by far my favorite class this semester! Professor Penn is amazing! He explains everything in such great detail you can't help but understand!
- This was my favorite class this semester. Dr. Penn made the information interesting and exciting. He communicated clearly when teaching and challenged us to a reasonable degree.
- This was my favorite course this semester. I loved Dr. Penn's style of teaching- he was the best Professor I have had at UNC so far. He went at a great pace and did not move on until everything was clear. His assignments/tests were fair. He kept class interesting by showing videos that always related to the topic of discussion, and usually they were funny. He showed lots of enthusiasm. Dr. Penn even took the

time to learn our names- in a class of over 300 that is very impressive and almost unheard of. He did a good job of remembering the names of people who participated frequently. He really deserves an award. I have told all of my friends to take this course with him. I learned the most in this class than in any of my other classes. It was so interesting that I want to make psychology my minor. Thank you Dr. Penn!

- Too much time was spent answering questions so we seemed to get behind a lot in the class
- Very excellent class, Dr. Penn was incredibly enthusiastic about the subject matter, always patient, and very engaging with teaching.
- im just bad at this class, but a great teacher!
- n/a
- none

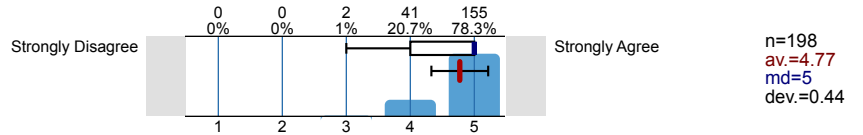
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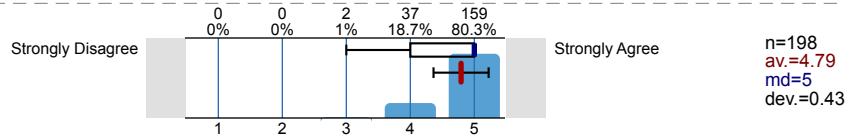


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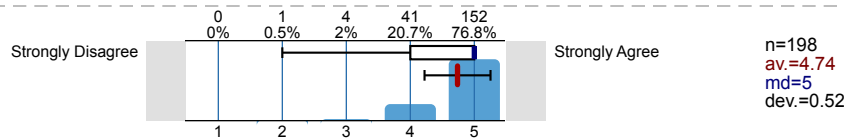
The instructor handled questions well.



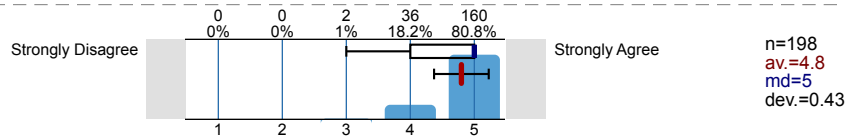
The instructor used examples that had relevance for me.



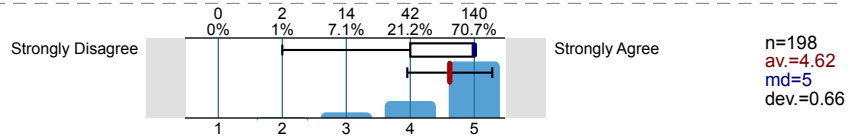
The instructor used class time well.



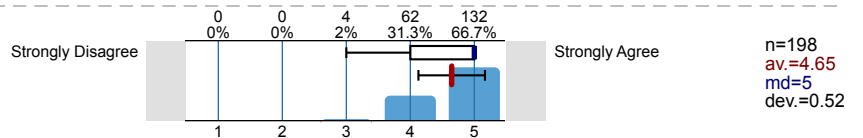
The instructor encouraged students to participate in this class.



This course was designed to keep me engaged in learning.

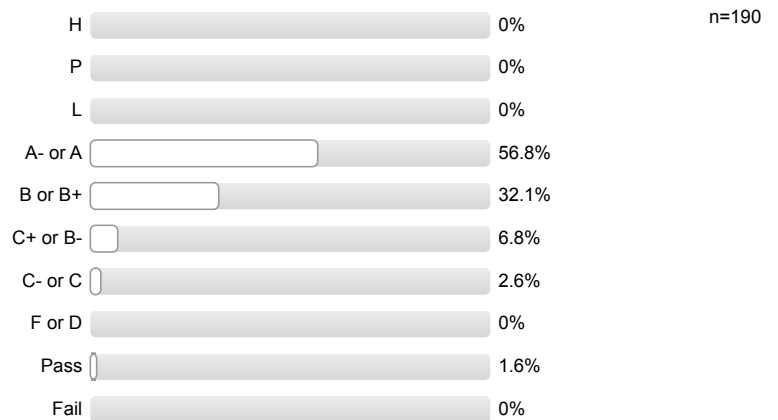


The workload was appropriate for what I gained from this class.



Other Information

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



Is this a required course for you?



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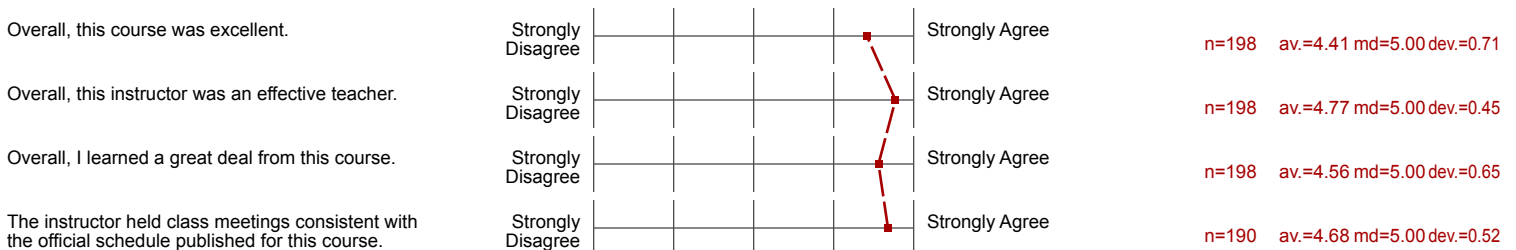
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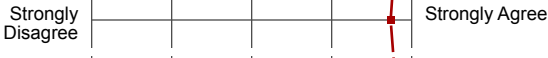
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The instructor used examples that had relevance for me.



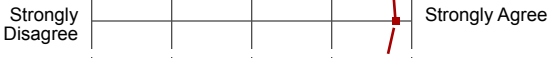
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The instructor used class time well.



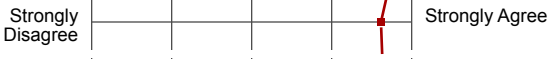
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The instructor encouraged students to participate in this class.



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This course was designed to keep me engaged in learning.



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



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