



BIOS 13140 1 - The Public and Private Lives of Insects - Instructor(s): Eric C Larsen

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Autumn 2023**

Number Enrolled: **66**

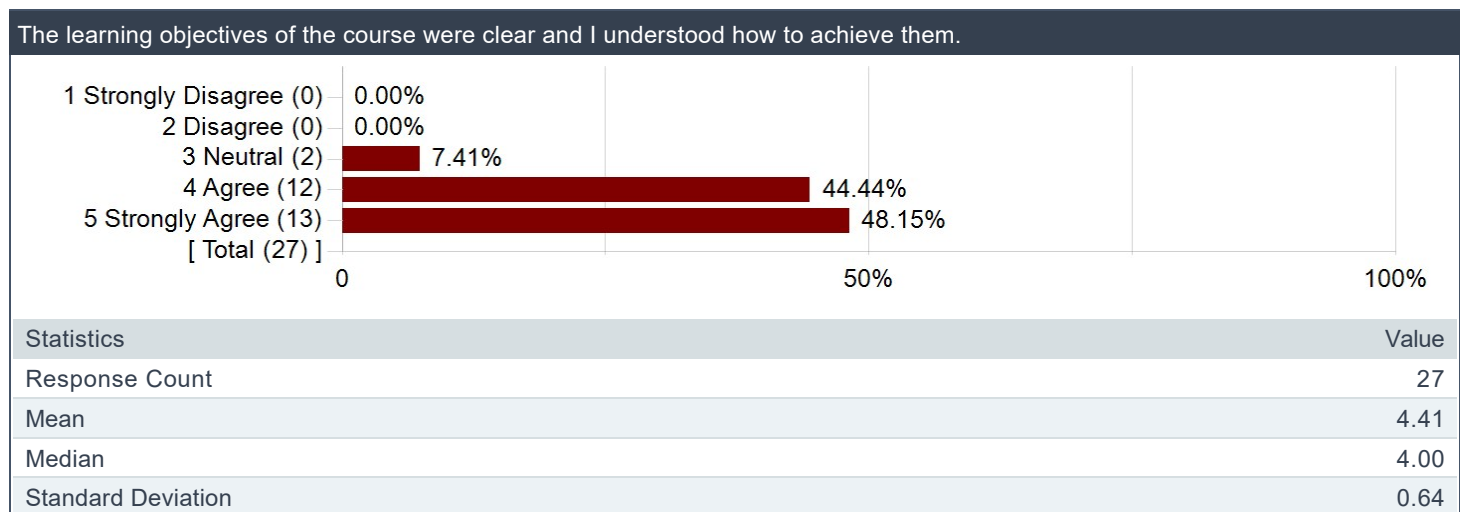
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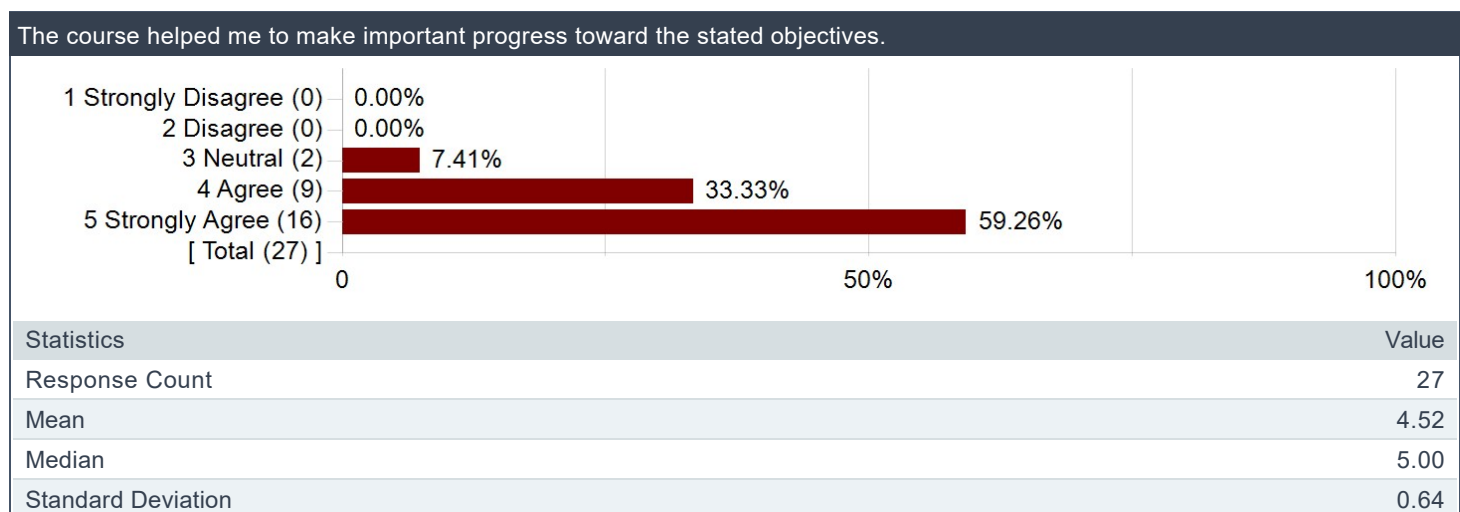
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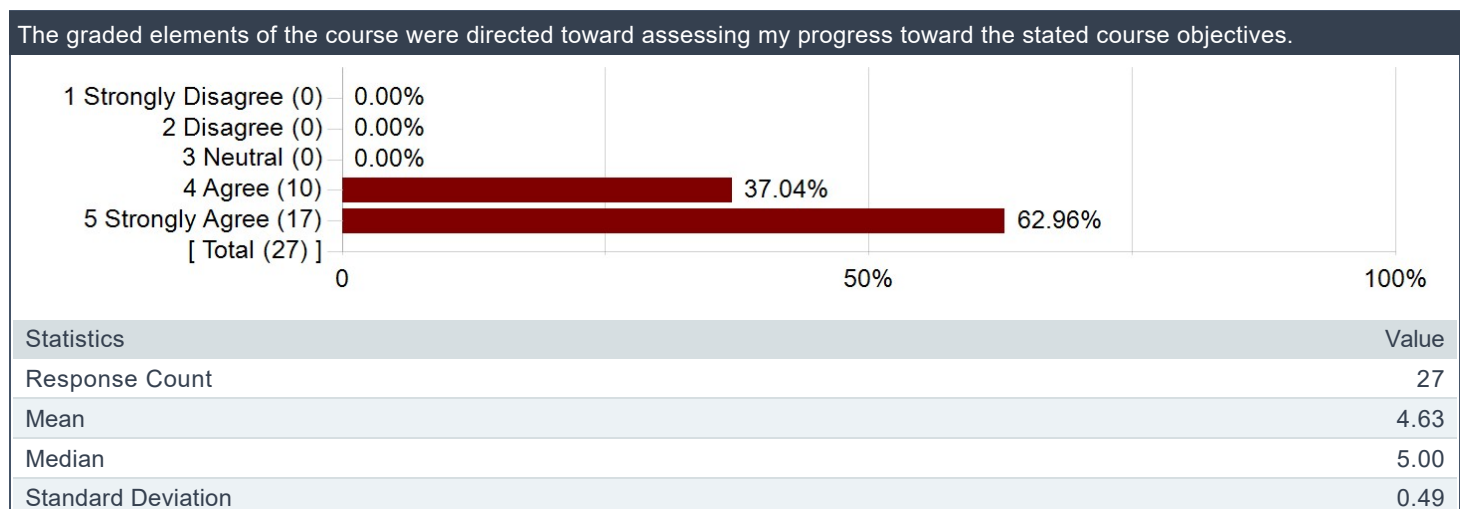
The learning objectives of the course were clear and I understood how to achieve them.



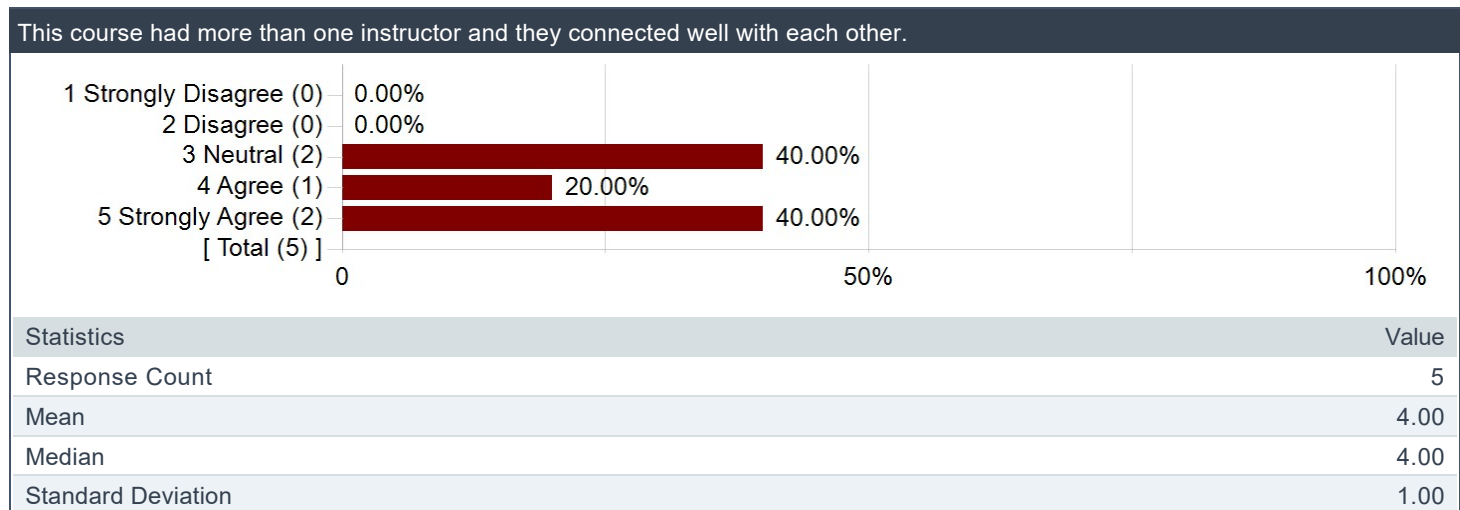
The course helped me to make important progress toward the stated objectives.



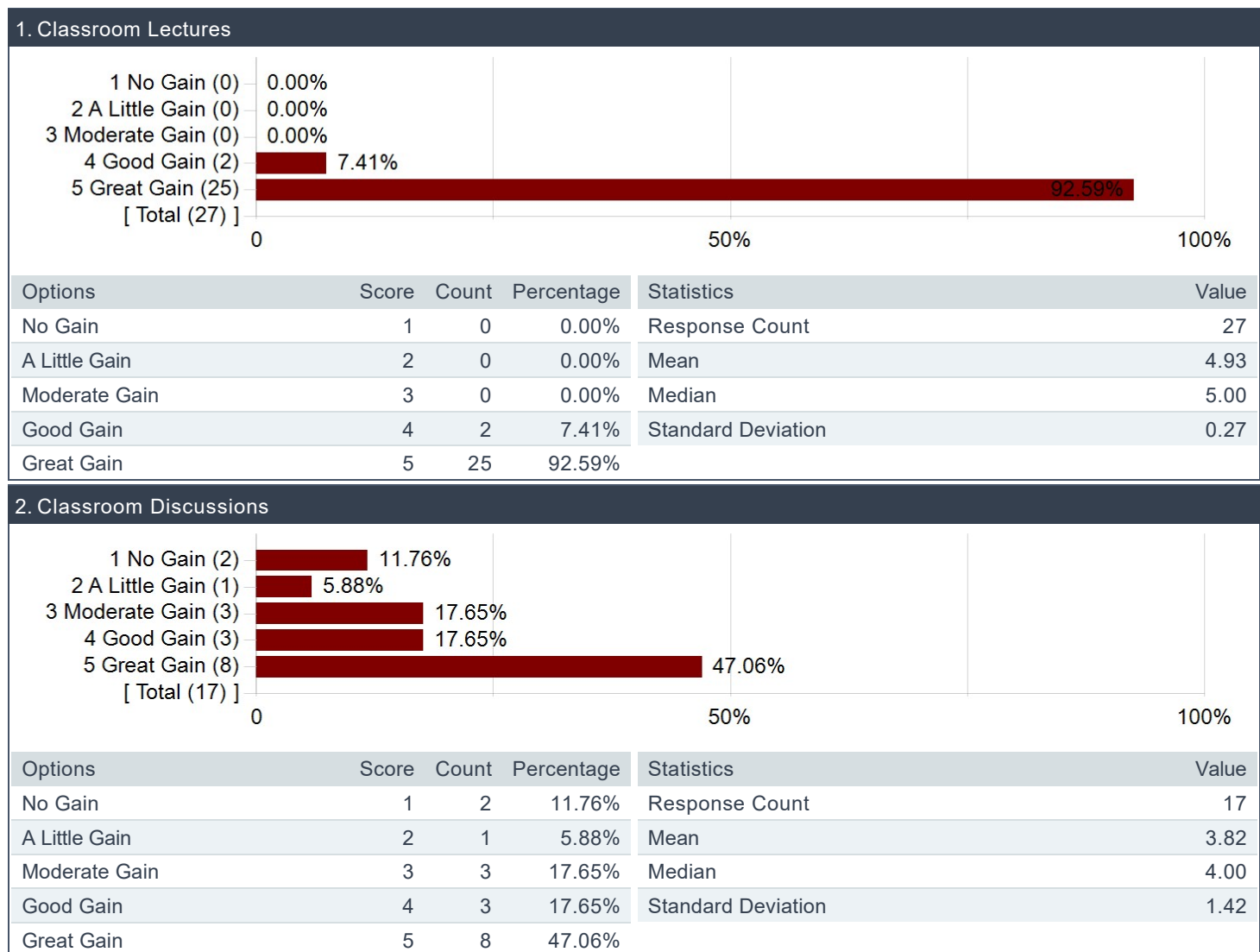
The graded elements of the course were directed toward assessing my progress toward the stated course objectives.



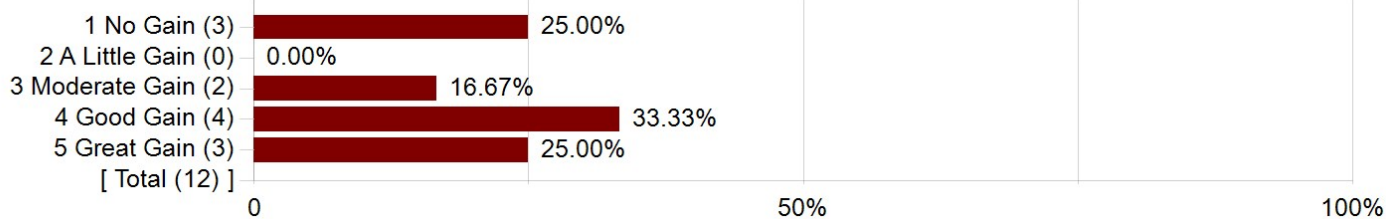
This course had more than one instructor and they connected well with each other.



How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

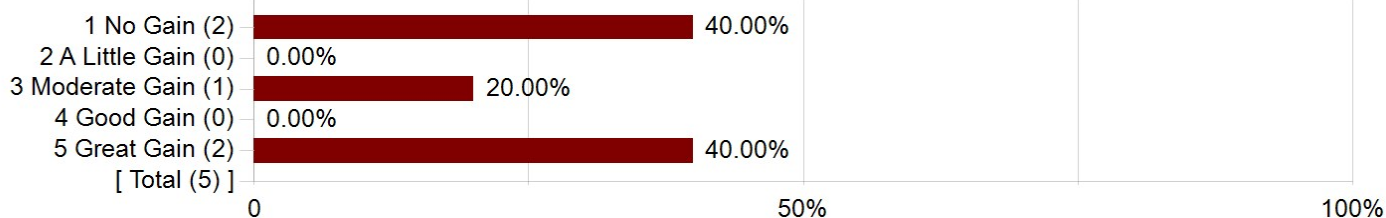


3. Assigned Readings



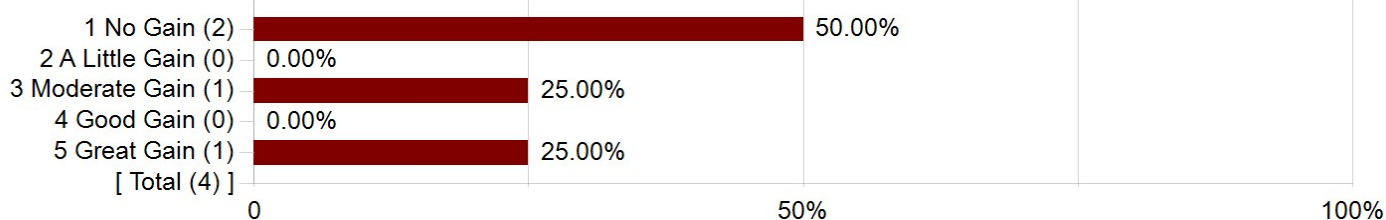
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Great Gain	5	3	25.00%		

4. Homework Exercises



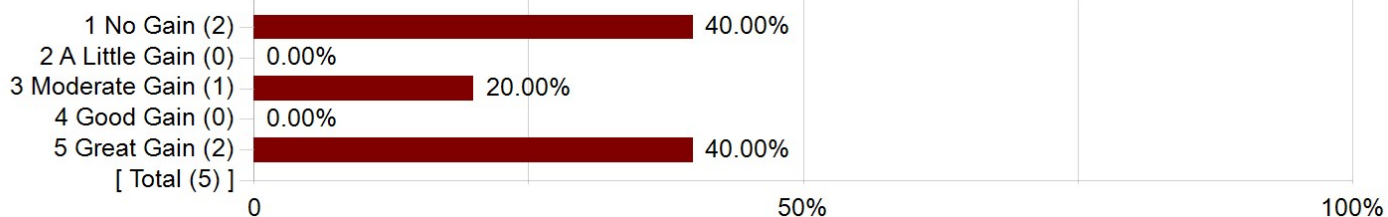
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Moderate Gain	3	1	20.00%	Median	3.00
Good Gain	4	0	0.00%	Standard Deviation	2.00
Great Gain	5	2	40.00%		

5. Lab Experiences



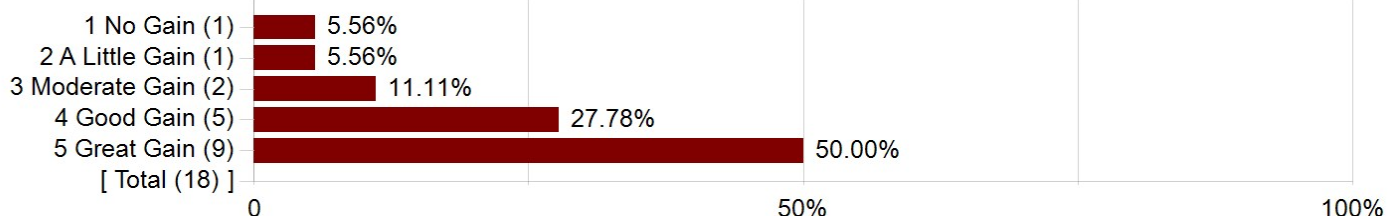
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Moderate Gain	3	1	25.00%	Median	2.00
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Great Gain	5	1	25.00%		

6. Discussion Sessions



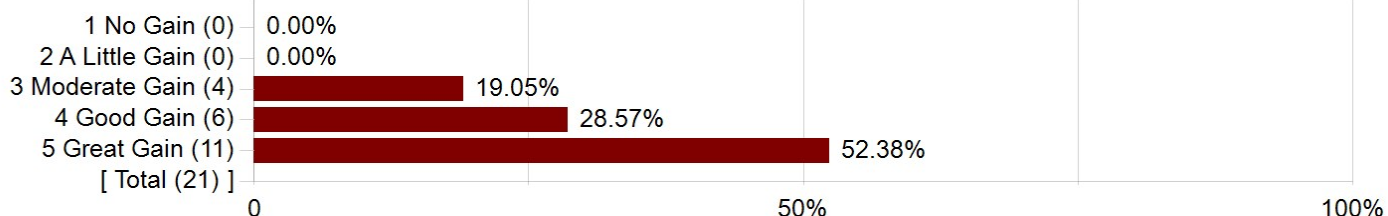
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Great Gain	5	2	40.00%		

7. Review Sessions



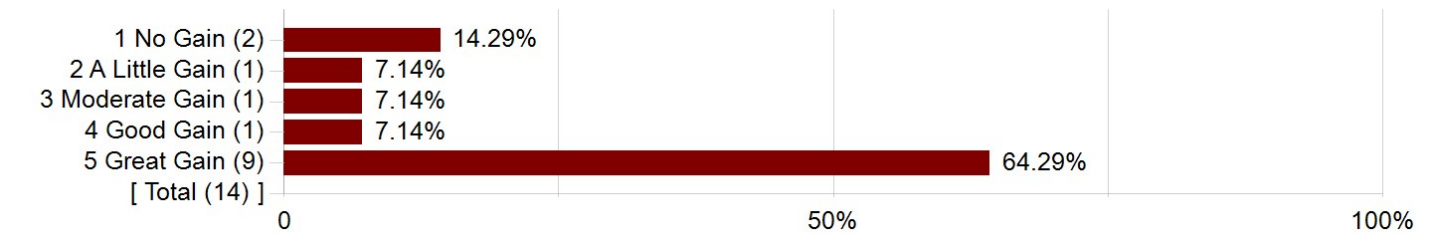
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A Little Gain	2	1	5.56%	Mean	4.11
Moderate Gain	3	2	11.11%	Median	4.50
Good Gain	4	5	27.78%	Standard Deviation	1.18
Great Gain	5	9	50.00%		

8. Interactions with Other Students



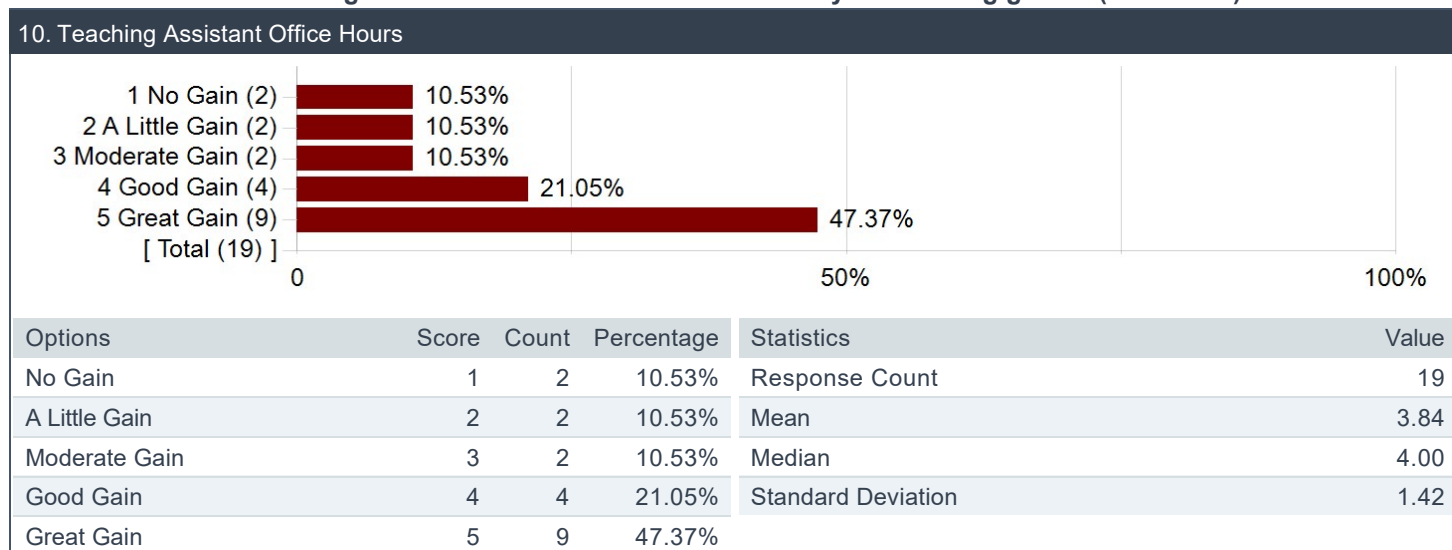
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Moderate Gain	3	4	19.05%	Median	5.00
Good Gain	4	6	28.57%	Standard Deviation	0.80
Great Gain	5	11	52.38%		

9. Faculty Office Hours



Options	Score	Count	Percentage	Statistics	Value
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A Little Gain	2	1	7.14%	Mean	4.00
Moderate Gain	3	1	7.14%	Median	5.00
Good Gain	4	1	7.14%	Standard Deviation	1.57
Great Gain	5	9	64.29%		

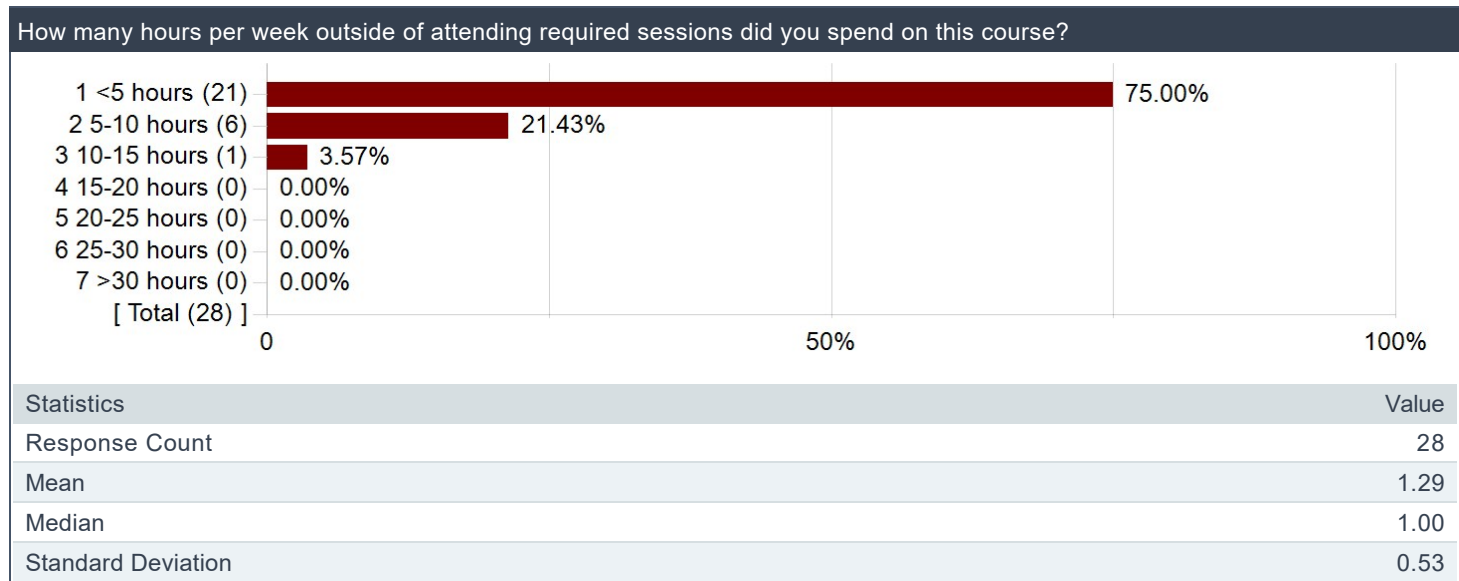
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains? (continued)



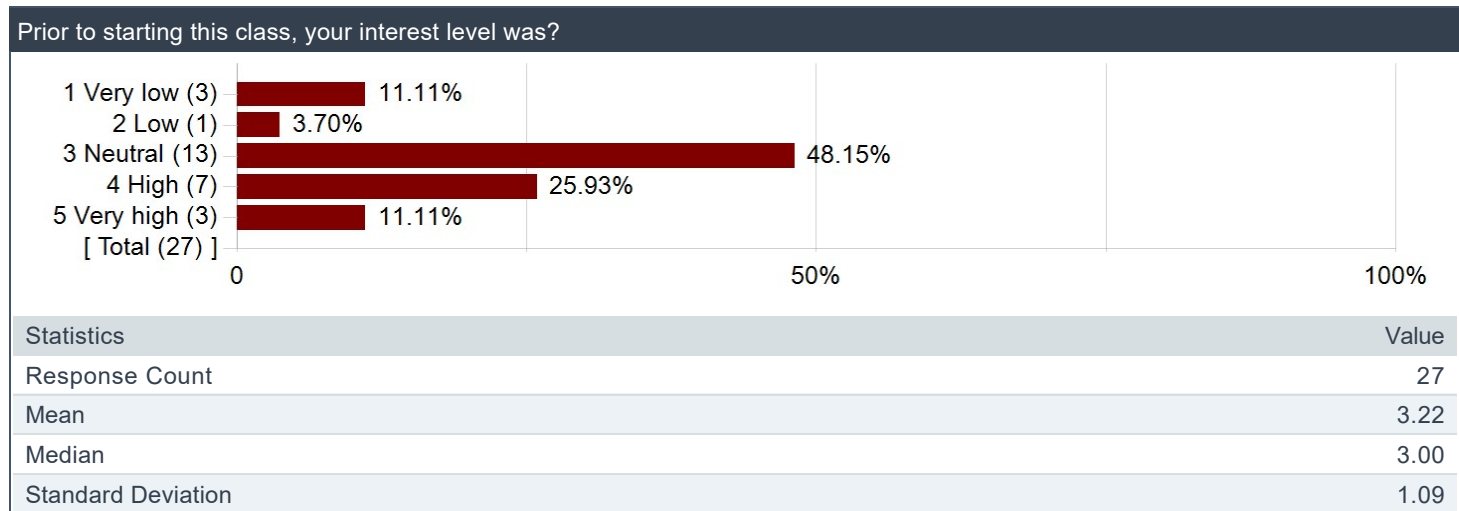
What was the most important thing (to you) that you learned in this course? What aspect of the material is still unclear for you, that you wish you could have learned better?

Comments
The most important thing I learned is how important insects actually are to our ecosystems and survival. Nothing is unclear.
Insects are involved in so many parts of our everyday lives. They can provide us with helpful information such as how long a corpse has been exposed or the country of origin for an imported good. I wish we could've learned more about insects, but there are only 9 weeks to learn material. It would be cool if there were another class that builds off of this material!
Great for providing a framework for knowledge of insects for someone who didn't know much going in.
learning about forensic entomology was super interesting! still a little bit unclear on compound eye structures
The most important thing I learned was about fig wasp mating. That stuff is crazy. Insect mating on the whole makes me feel lucky to be human. Anyway I think I could have learned the details of insect vision a bit better.
All about bugs! Cool to learn as an Econ major
This course cleared up a lot of misconceptions I had about insects and helped me learn about how big of a variety of insects there is and their habits.
How to think about insect interactions
all about bugs (literally covers so many different topics) -> also for next question only spent 1-2 hrs every 3 weeks its so easy
Going to lectures was the most imporant
I found that the most exciting things to learn about were social interactions between insects and unique interactions between species. I found that the aphid-ant relationship and the the yucca moth-yucca plant dynamics are great examples of this.
Forensic/Medical entomology felt the most relevant to me. I wish I learned it a bit better as well.
All things insects! Evolutionary history, habits, life, reproduction, death, spread of disease.
n/a

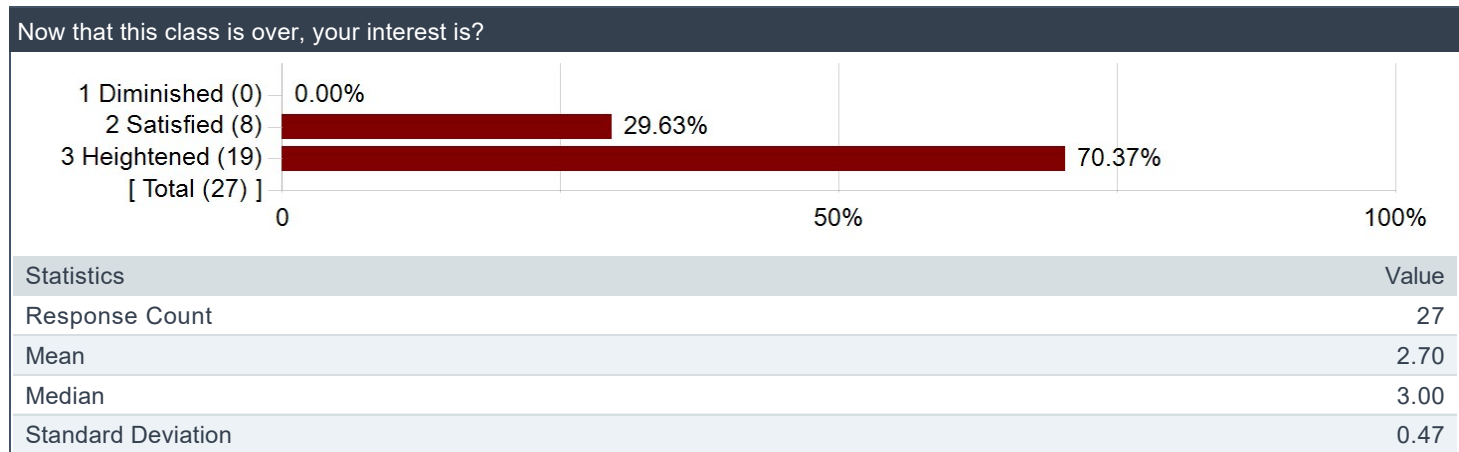
How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?



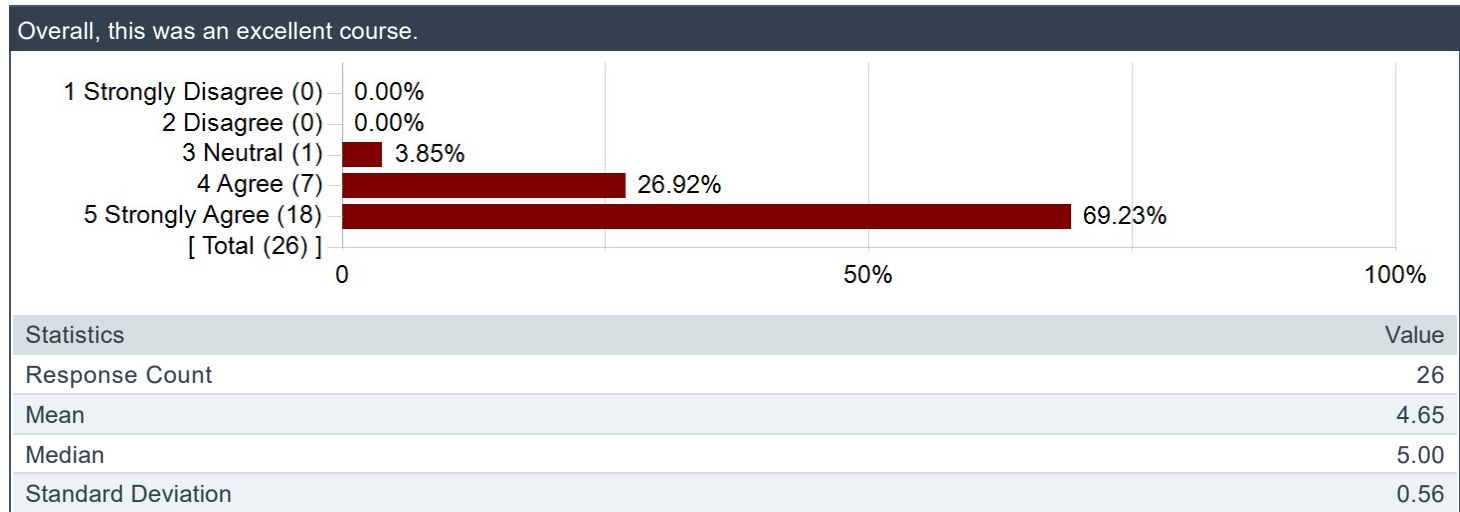
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



Now that this class is over, your interest is?



Overall, this was an excellent course.



Please share any advice you have for students who are considering taking the course.

Comments
For a bio topics, take the class! It is very interesting and there's no textbook readings/homework. The only work I did for the class was studying and I just made flashcards and memorized them, which took me about 4+ hours. Nothing crazy
TAKE THIS CLASS.
Very manageable course load, having good memorization skills is a plus
not a lot of outside work but do be prepared for quizzes
Insects is great! One of the best classes I've taken at UChicago!
Not too hard — quizzes were graded sort of harshly (it seemed like the TAs were looking for very specific wording in the answers) but no real homework, readings, or out of lecture stuff to do. Mostly entailed cramming for a few hours the night before/morning of a quiz
Work-wise not a super difficult course (although you do need to review/do some memorizing to do well on the quizzes, which are most of the grade), but lectures are honestly very enjoyable and I learned a lot, and the content is really interesting.
It's totally worth it. It's Cool Bug Facts: The Class. So many surprising things to know about bugs, I would definitely recommend this to anyone who needs to take bio topics or, if you have space for a fun elective, this would be perfect
Managable for nonbio majors, primarily memorization / actually learning about the insects and plants which is cool! Attend all lectures
This is a great bio topic to take to fulfill the core if you are not a STEM person
Take it
Make sure you go to lecture consistently, things that are stressed in lectures will pop up on the quizzes!
Pay attention to the lectures, especially anything that isn't on the slides. Larsen often goes on rants that contain material not directly on the slides.
If you're looking for an "easy" bio topic, this one doesn't really fit the bill. You basically just go to lectures and then every 3 weeks you have a quiz, but there are no study guides for the quiz and you have very little time to actually complete the quiz in class. It's just kind of exhausting so unless you have an interest in insects I don't really recommend it as a topic.
Study for the quizzes! You really want to have a 92 average on the quizzes! The final ended up being optional so it's important to not slack off early and then have to make up your grade later.
Not too hard – all it is is learning material
Go to lectures, or watch the recordings, and take notes on everything. Everything he says is fair game for the tests.