



# BIOS 13134 1 - It's Not Easy Being Green: An Introduction to Plant Biology - Instructor(s): Katelyn Butler

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Winter 2024**

Number Enrolled: **32**

Number of Responses: **15**

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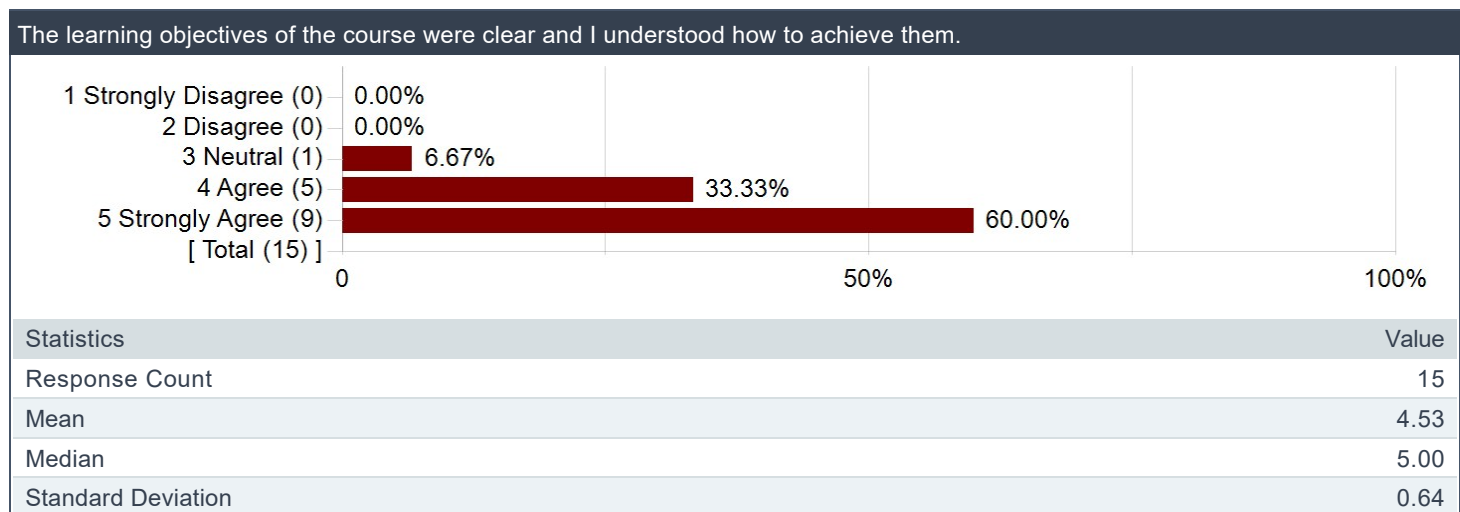
## Report Comments

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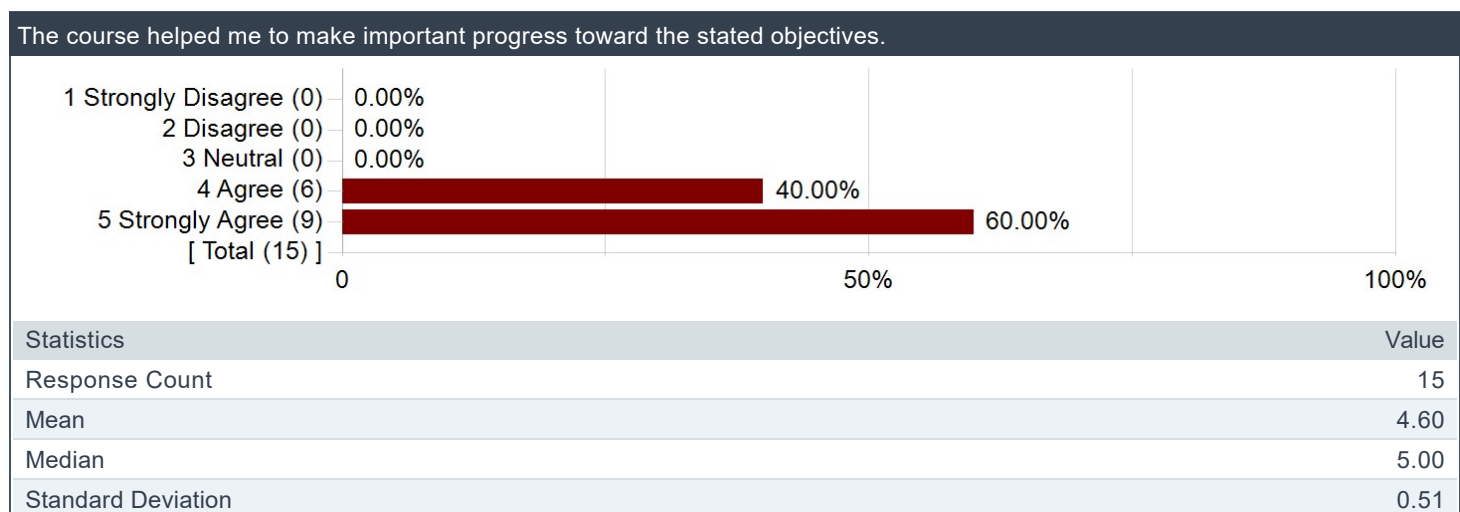
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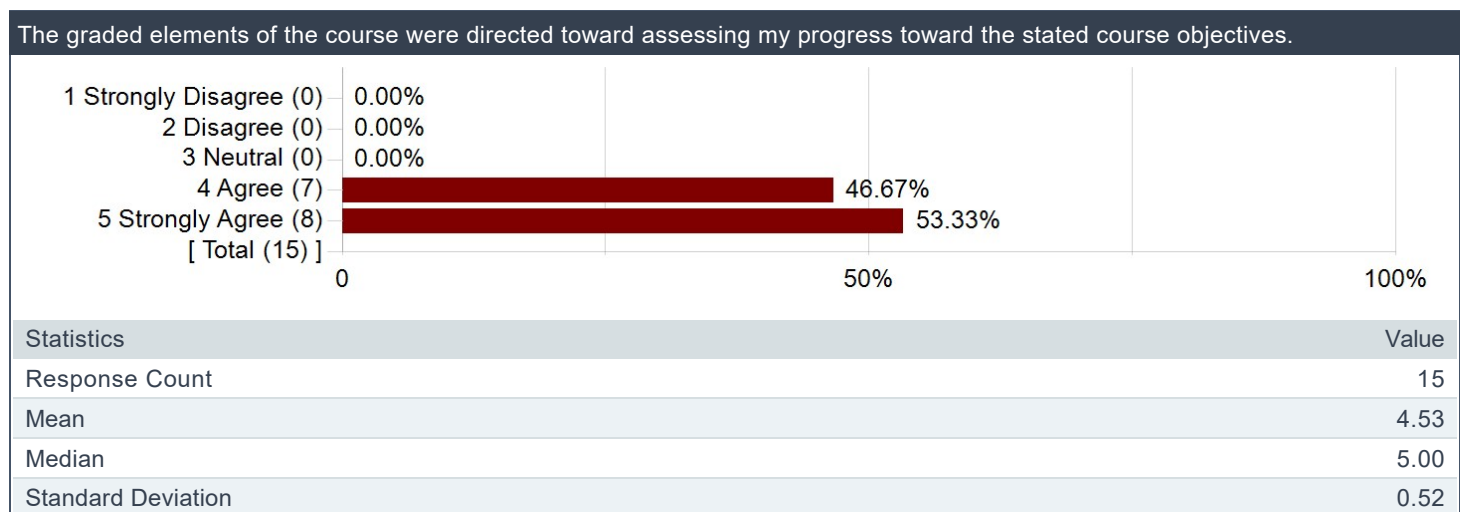
## The learning objectives of the course were clear and I understood how to achieve them.



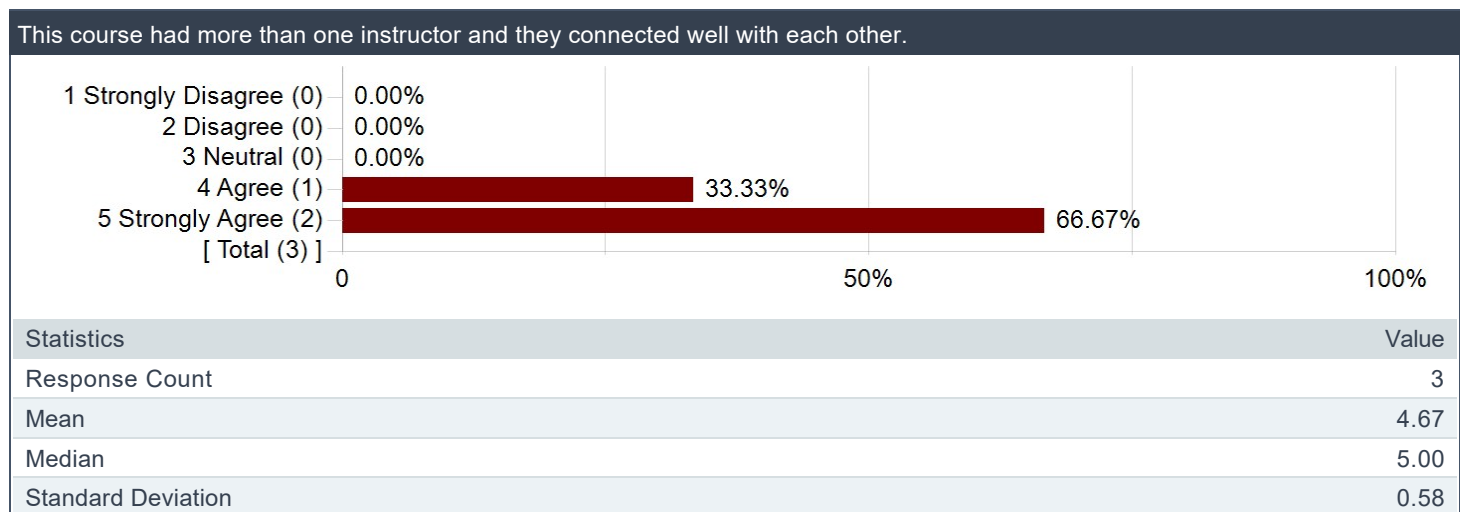
## The course helped me to make important progress toward the stated objectives.



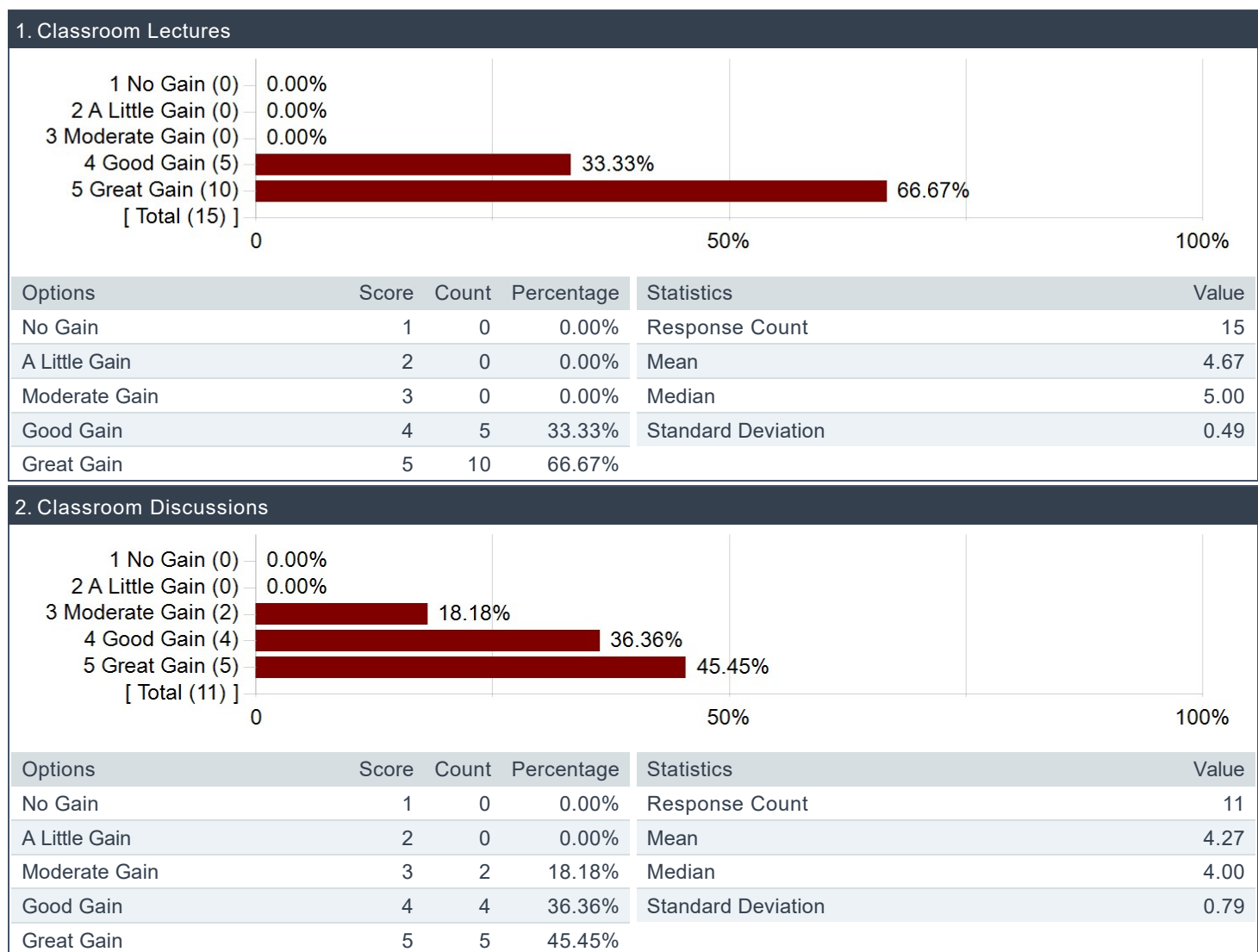
## The graded elements of the course were directed toward assessing my progress toward the stated course objectives.



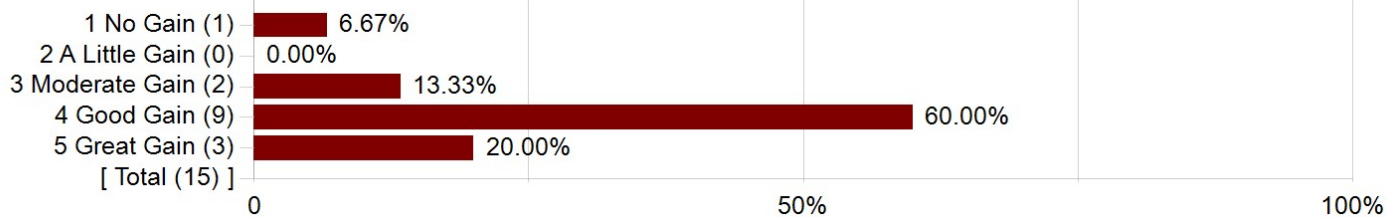
## This course had more than one instructor and they connected well with each other.



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

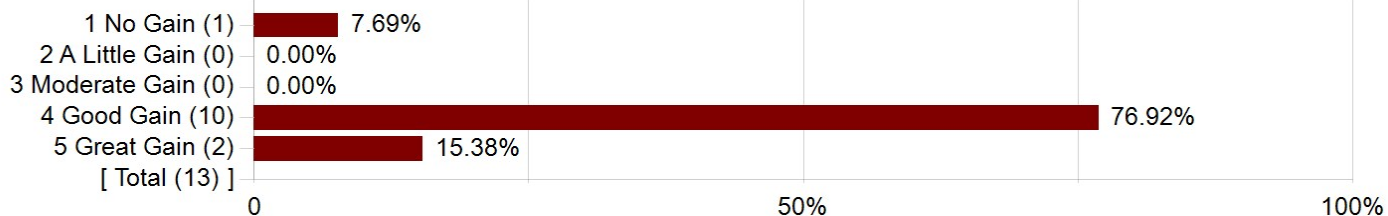


### 3. Assigned Readings



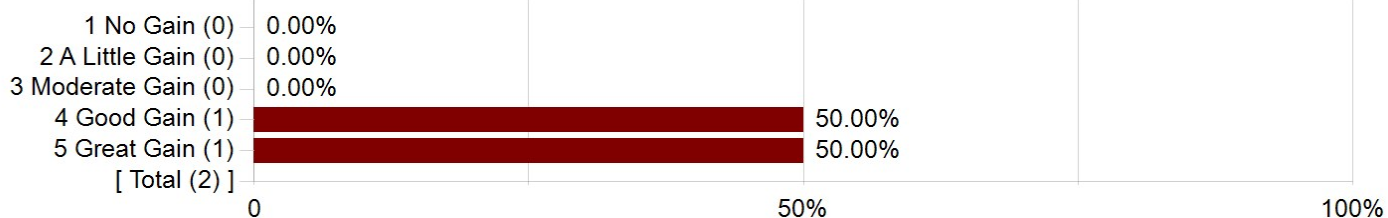
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Great Gain	5	3	20.00%		

### 4. Homework Exercises



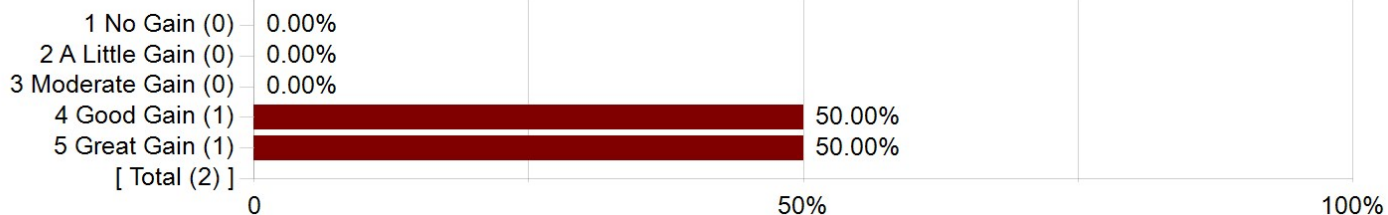
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### 5. Lab Experiences



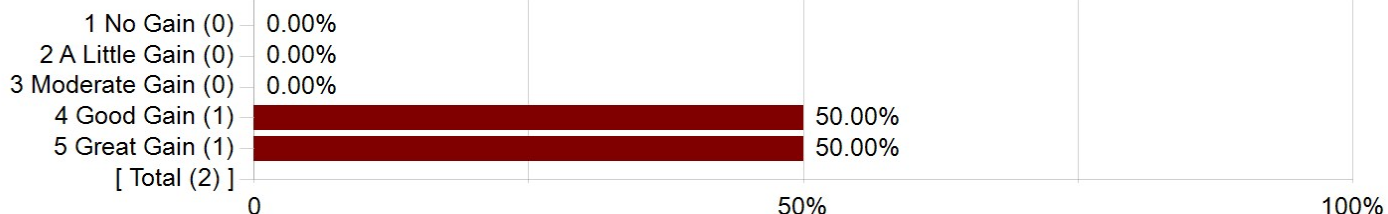
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Moderate Gain	3	0	0.00%	Median	4.50
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Great Gain	5	1	50.00%		

## 6. Discussion Sessions



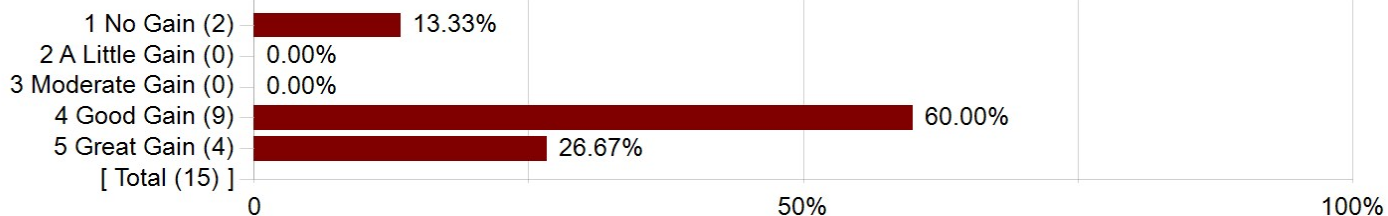
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## 7. Review Sessions



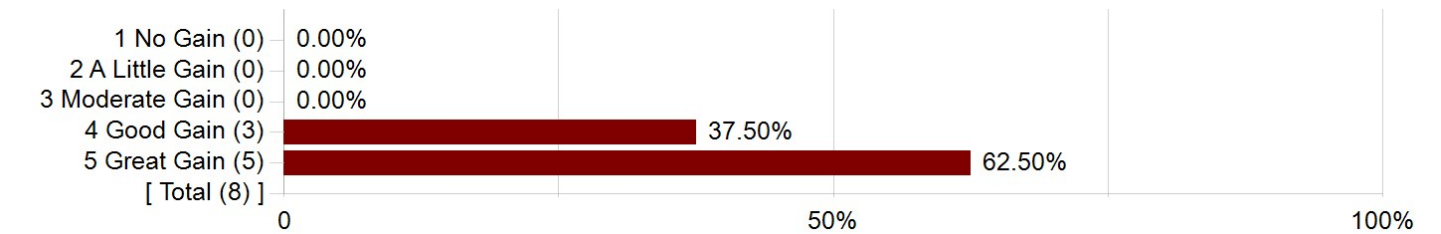
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Good Gain	4	1	50.00%	Standard Deviation	0.71
Great Gain	5	1	50.00%		

## 8. Interactions with Other Students



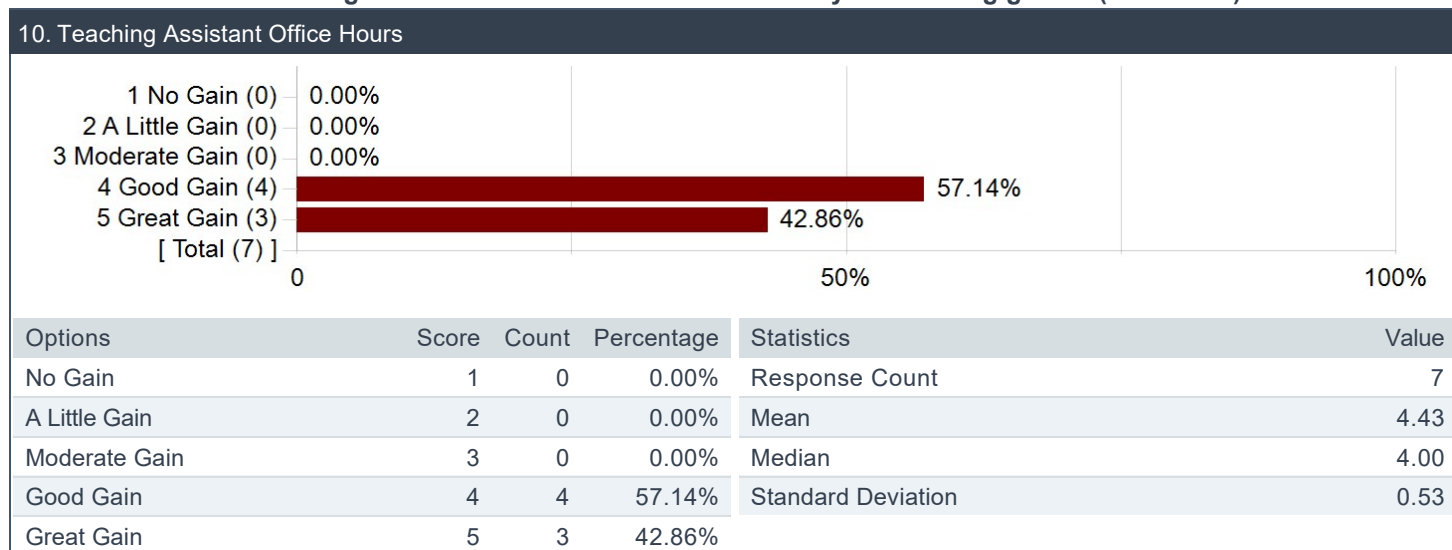
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Moderate Gain	3	0	0.00%	Median	4.00
Good Gain	4	9	60.00%	Standard Deviation	1.25
Great Gain	5	4	26.67%		

9. Faculty Office Hours



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A Little Gain	2	0	0.00%	Mean	4.63
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Good Gain	4	3	37.50%	Standard Deviation	0.52
Great Gain	5	5	62.50%		

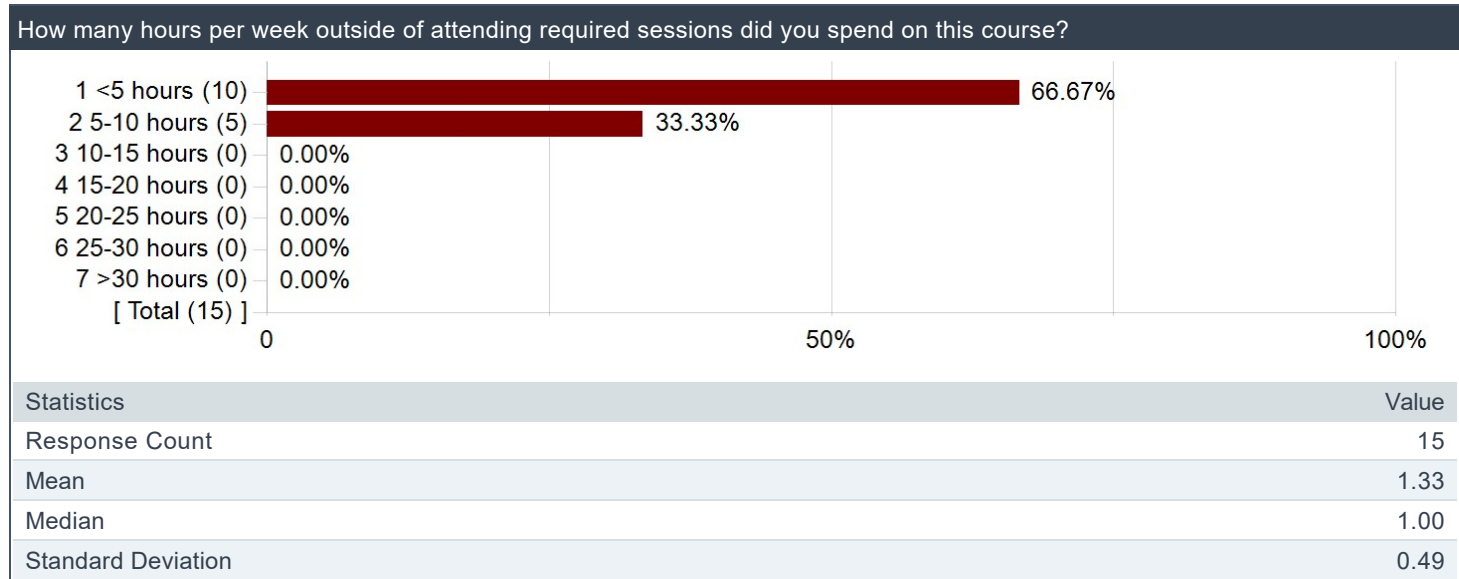
## How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains? (continued)



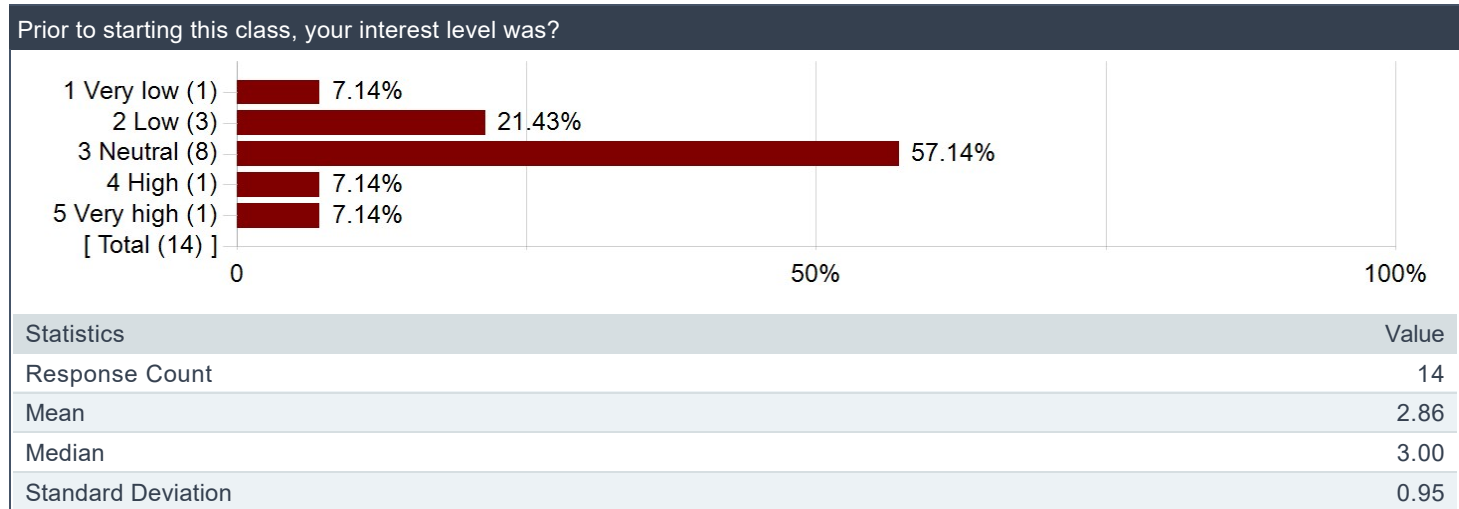
## What was the most important thing (to you) that you learned in this course? What aspect of the material is still unclear for you, that you wish you could have learned better?

Comments
I think the most important thing I learned was that plants are much more complicated than I initially thought. They communicate and defend themselves, even simple things I took for granted like roots growing downwards have a more complex system underlying them. I think we reached just the right amount of depth with the material!
While the weekly quizzes weren't the most fun, they did a good job of ensuring I had learned that week's material.
The intricacies of plant life
Photosynthesis, phylogenetic tree, carbon cycle, genetic editing, and what are plants in general
I learned about how plants evolved, function, and contribute to ecosystems, and that it is not easy being green. I thought plant genetics was the most interesting part of the course.
The complexity and importance of plants! After taking this class, I've realized how "underrated" they are — the processes they undertake, the ways they communicate with each other — so I'm glad I was able to learn more about them.
All about plants: photosynthesis, genetics, breeding, history, etc.
We learned a lot of basic biological facts about plants that surprised me, like how plants communicate with one another.

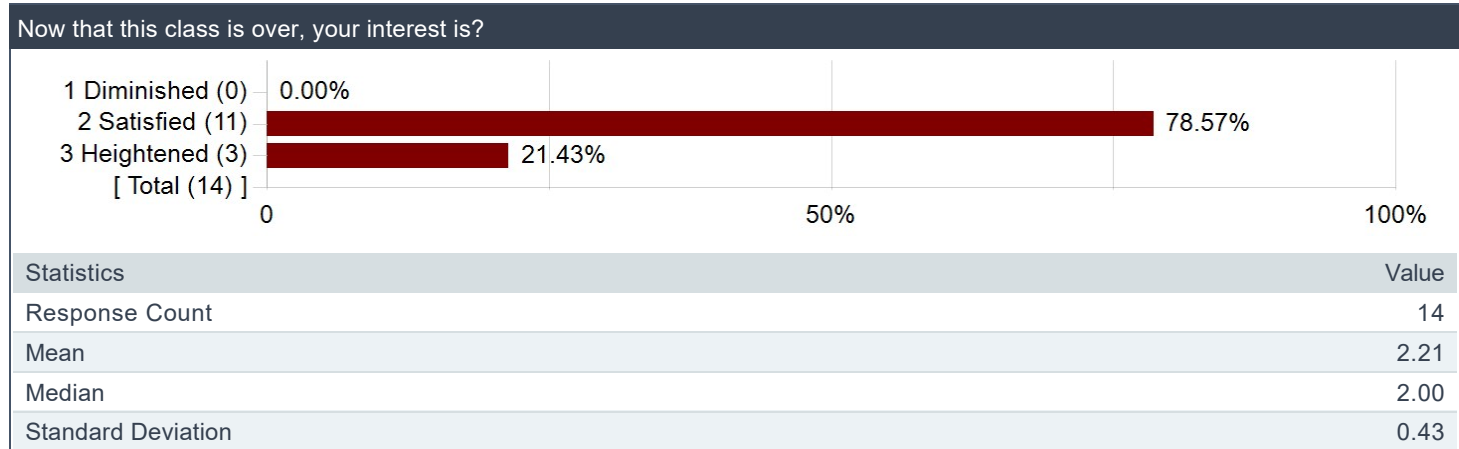
## How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?



## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?

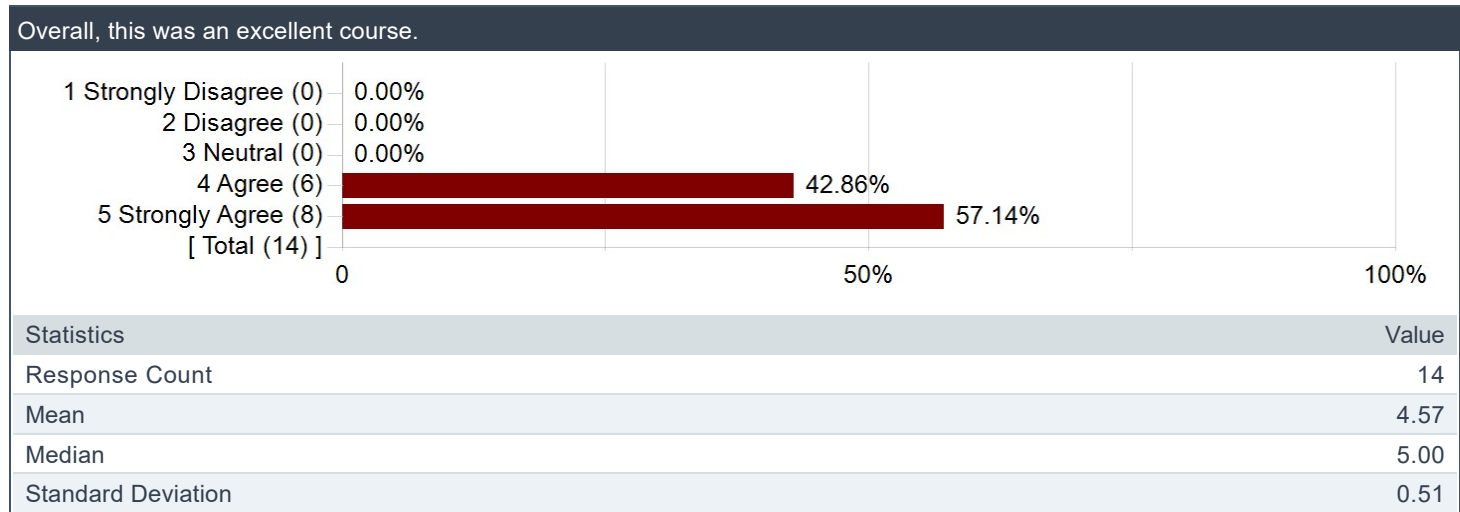


## Now that this class is over, your interest is?





## Overall, this was an excellent course.



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

Comments
If you want a bio topic class that will be fun, engaging, and not stressful take this course!! Professor Butler is very passionate and clear when teaching, honestly couldn't have asked for a better professor or bio topics course.
It's a fun course, and Dr. Butler is a wonderful instructor!
Honestly very straightforward and very digestible especially for people who science is not their greatest strength. Weekly quizzes were pretty chill and as long as you paid attention and reviewed lecture notes, you were fine. Biweekly assigned readings were also straightforward and not too hard, overall excellent course where I learned a lot about plants
Be prepared for the weekly quizzes – material from all over the week is covered
It is not difficult to grasp the concepts if you have a mild background in biology.
Actually try on the reading reflections! They may seem kind of silly at first, but I swear they help with understanding the stuff covered in class, which in turn helps a ton on the quizzes
If you want to take an easy class with no lab requirement, take this course.
Just make sure to put in the work and study for the weekly quizzes which are pretty short
Take it! It's a perfect bio core for non–majors, given how many assignments are writing–based, as opposed to dealing with the nitty–gritty science.