THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

SOSC 12600 91 - Self, Culture, and Society III - Instructor(s) Tal Arbel

Project Title: **Summer Course Feedback - Summer 2024**
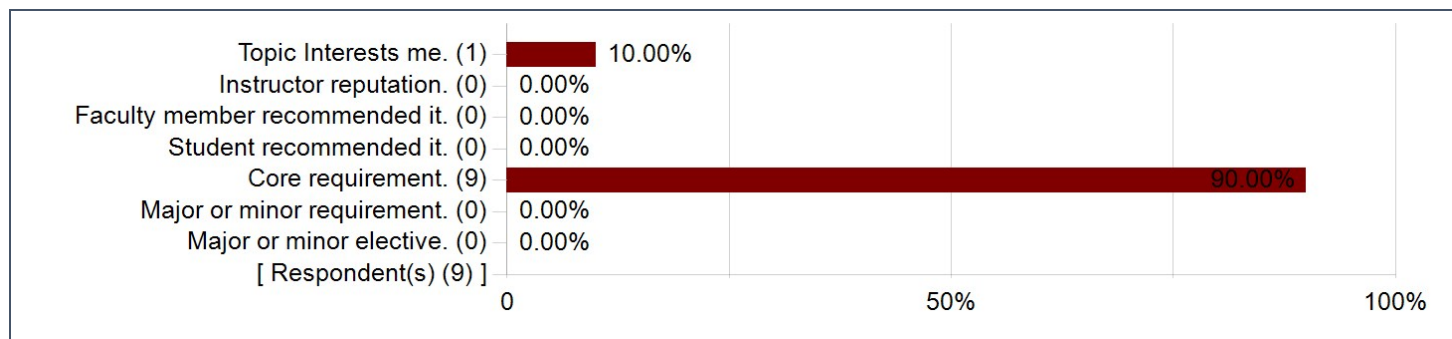
Number Enrolled: **19**
Number of Responses: **10**

Report Comments

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Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)

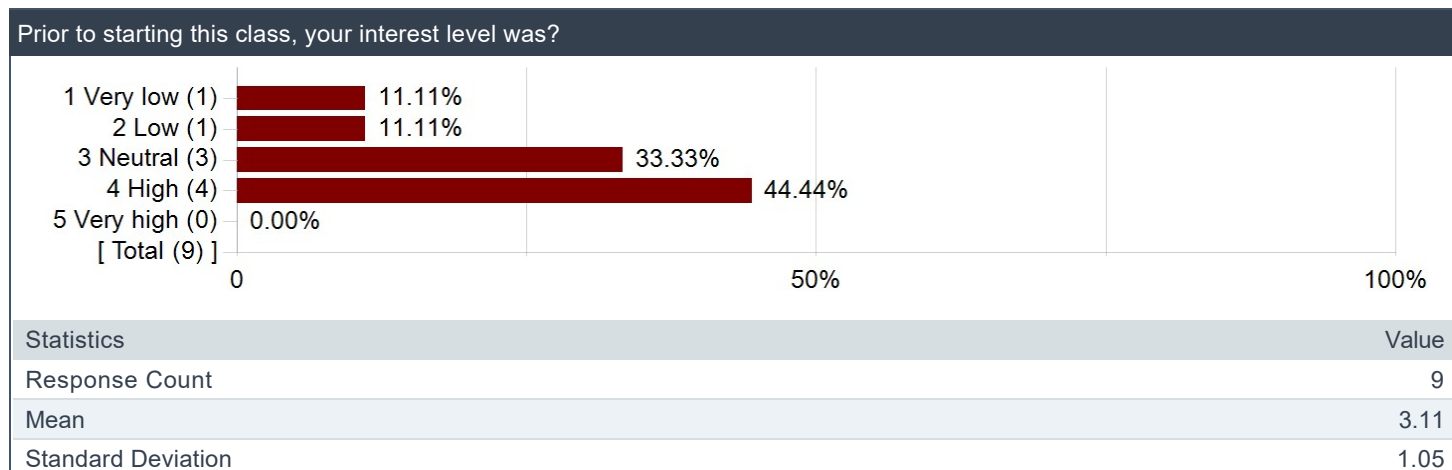| Option	Percentage
Topic Interests me. (1)	10.00%
Instructor reputation. (0)	0.00%
Faculty member recommended it. (0)	0.00%
Student recommended it. (0)	0.00%
Core requirement. (9)	90.00%
Major or minor requirement. (0)	0.00%
Major or minor elective. (0)	0.00%
[Respondent(s) (9)]	

What are the most important things that you learned in this course? Please reflect on the knowledge and skills you gained.
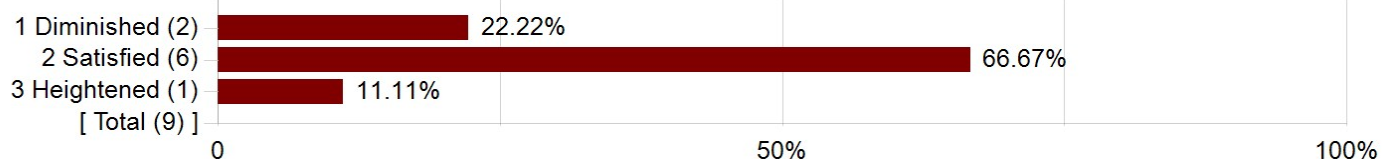
Comments
Kuhn's "Structure of Scientific Revolutions", Foucault's "A History of Sexuality", Said's "Orientalism"
How to think about the relationship between knowledge and power, how this relationship shows up in numerous texts about varied topics
The complexity of power and how a lot of the things we take for granted are actually constructs of our society.
texts of foucault, kuhn, said
Really interesting topics covered. Especially liked foucault.
Read Kuhn, Foucault, Said; learned generally about relativism v. positivism and how cultural expectations shape society
Kuhn, Foucault, Said and their beliefs

Describe how aspects of this course (lectures, discussions, labs, assignments, etc.) contributed to your learning.

Comments
Taking notes while doing the readings, Prof. Arbel's lectures and discussions contributed primarily to my learning.
The discussions allowed me to gain new insights from my peers into the topics that I read about in this class.
lectures, discussion posts
Discussions were good.
Discussions were helpful but often redundant/too slow.
The most interesting aspects of this course were the books read and the discussions.
Remote—instructor led discussions.

Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?

Option	Percentage
1 Very low (1)	11.11%
2 Low (1)	11.11%
3 Neutral (3)	33.33%
4 High (4)	44.44%
5 Very high (0)	0.00%
[Total (9)]	

Statistics	Value
Response Count	9
Mean	3.11
Standard Deviation	1.05

Now that this class is over, your interest is?

1 Diminished (2)	22.22%
2 Satisfied (6)	66.67%
3 Heightened (1)	11.11%
[Total (9)]	

Statistics	Value
Response Count	9
Mean	1.89
Mode	2
Standard Deviation	0.60

The Instructor(s) . . .

1. Organized the course clearly.

1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (0)	0.00%
3 Neutral (1)	11.11%
4 Agree (6)	66.67%
5 Strongly Agree (2)	22.22%
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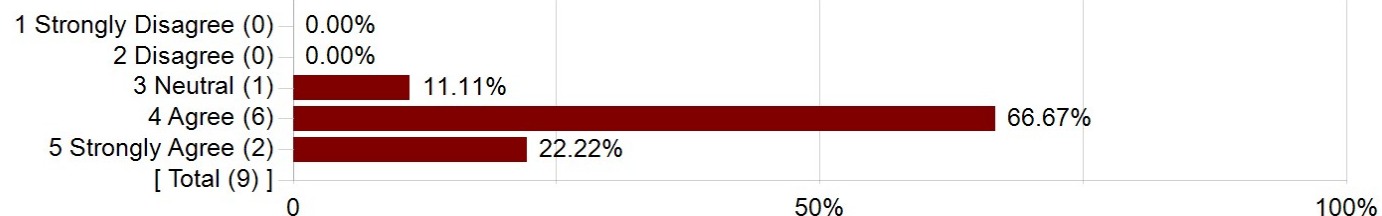
Statistics	Value
Response Count	9
Mean	4.11
Median	4.00
Standard Deviation	0.60

2. Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.

1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (0)	0.00%
3 Neutral (0)	0.00%
4 Agree (5)	55.56%
5 Strongly Agree (4)	44.44%
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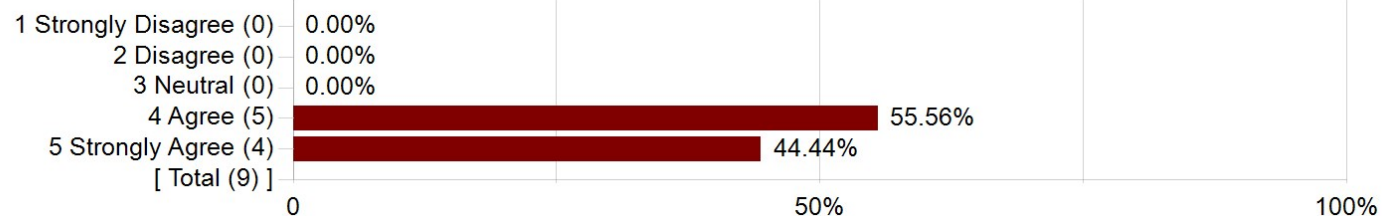
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Response Count	9
Mean	4.44
Median	4.00
Standard Deviation	0.53

3. Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.

1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (0)	0.00%
3 Neutral (0)	0.00%
4 Agree (4)	44.44%
5 Strongly Agree (5)	55.56%
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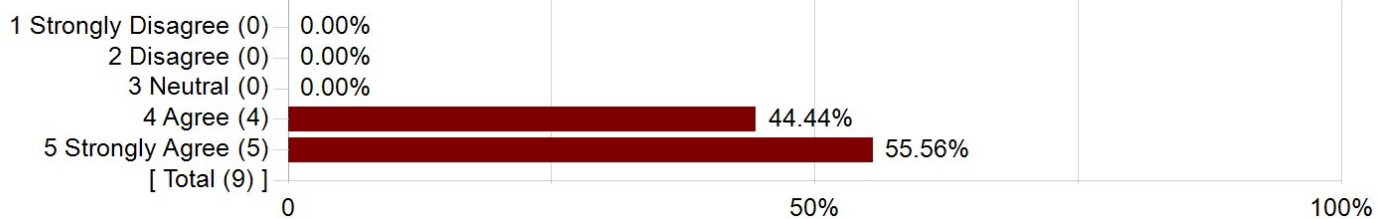
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Response Count	9
Mean	4.56
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.53

4. Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.

1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (0)	0.00%
3 Neutral (1)	12.50%
4 Agree (5)	62.50%
5 Strongly Agree (2)	25.00%
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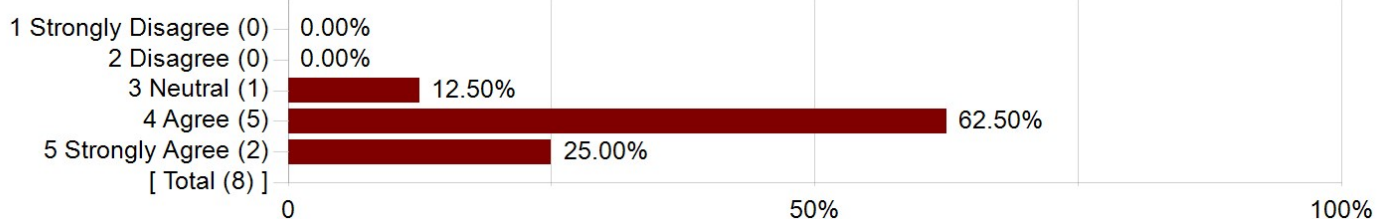
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Response Count	8
Mean	4.13
Median	4.00
Standard Deviation	0.64

5. Challenged you to learn.

1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (0)	0.00%
3 Neutral (2)	22.22%
4 Agree (2)	22.22%
5 Strongly Agree (5)	55.56%
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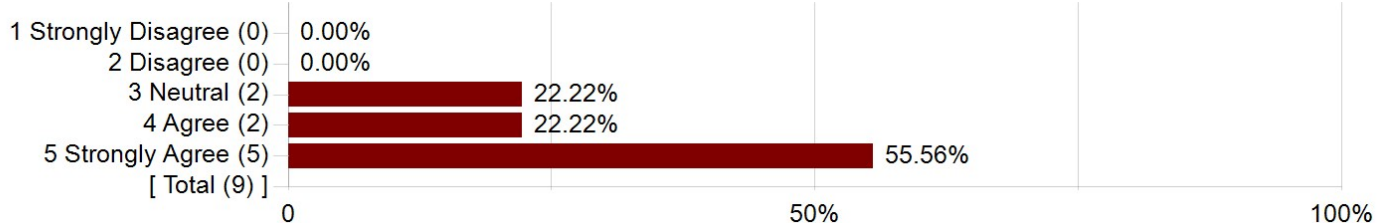
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Response Count	9
Mean	4.33
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.87

6. Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.

Response	Percentage
1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (1)	11.11%
3 Neutral (1)	11.11%
4 Agree (2)	22.22%
5 Strongly Agree (5)	55.56%
[Total (9)]	
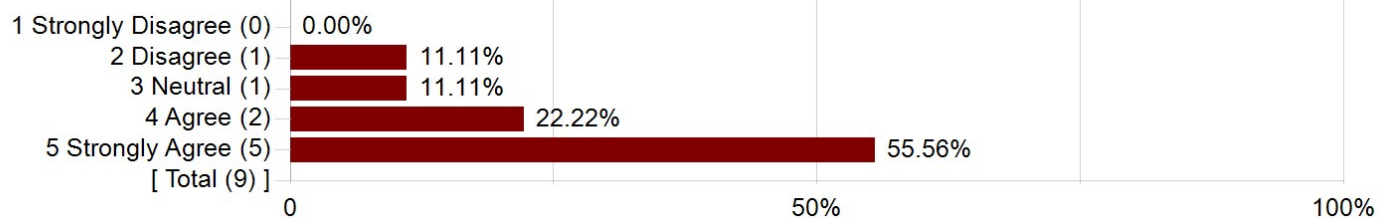
Statistics	Value
Response Count	9
Mean	4.22
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	1.09

7. Was available and helpful outside of class.

Response	Percentage
1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (1)	12.50%
3 Neutral (1)	12.50%
4 Agree (3)	37.50%
5 Strongly Agree (3)	37.50%
[Total (8)]	
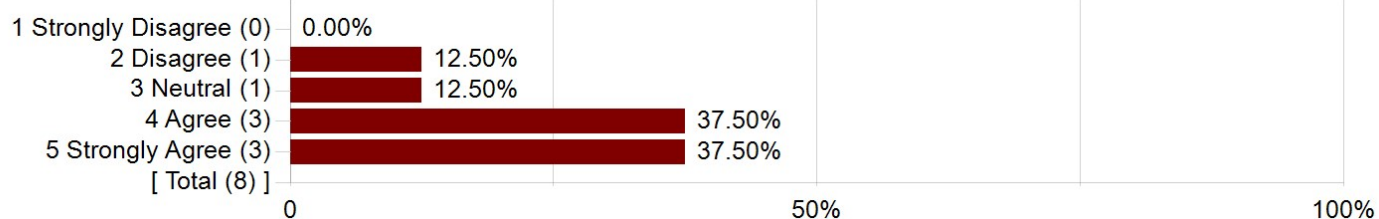
Statistics	Value
Response Count	8
Mean	4.00
Median	4.00
Standard Deviation	1.07

8. Motivated you to think independently.

Response	Percentage
1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (0)	0.00%
3 Neutral (0)	0.00%
4 Agree (6)	66.67%
5 Strongly Agree (3)	33.33%
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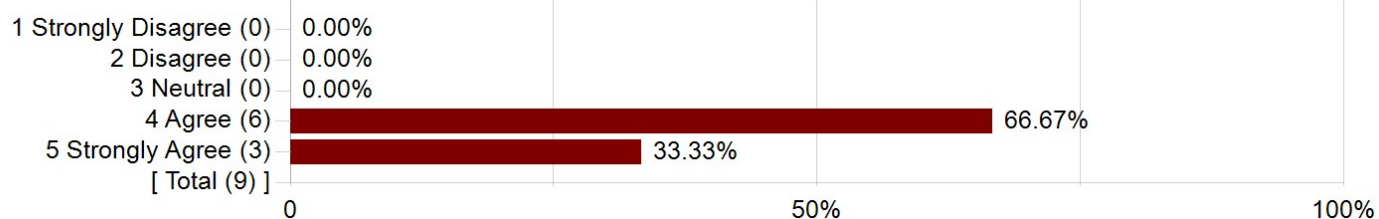
Statistics	Value
Response Count	9
Mean	4.33
Median	4.00
Standard Deviation	0.50

9. Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.

Response	Percentage
1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (0)	0.00%
3 Neutral (0)	0.00%
4 Agree (5)	55.56%
5 Strongly Agree (4)	44.44%
[Total (9)]	
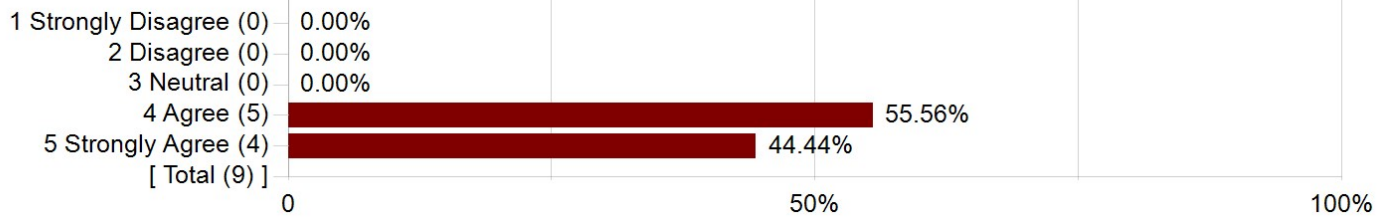
Statistics	Value
Response Count	9
Mean	4.44
Median	4.00
Standard Deviation	0.53

The Instructor(s) . . . (continued)

10. Overall, the instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.

1 Strongly Disagree (0)		0.00%
2 Disagree (0)		0.00%
3 Neutral (1)		11.11%
4 Agree (4)		44.44%
5 Strongly Agree (4)		44.44%
[Total (9)]		

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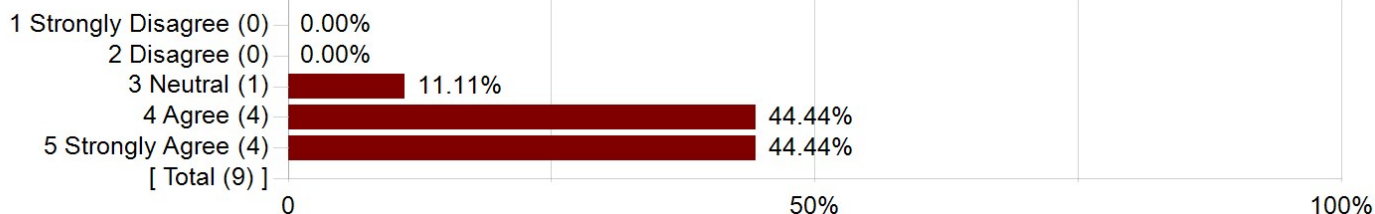
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Response Count	9
Mean	4.33
Median	4.00
Standard Deviation	0.71

What aspect of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

Comments
The class discussions were very helpful to understand as a class the difficult concepts we were reading about.
discussions
The way she led discussions.
Professor's slideshows were very helpful.
Asking questions during discussions that helped guide answers.
Professor Arbel was excellent. The online, condensed format was challenging for all, but she did a wonderful job in presenting this material in an appropriate manner

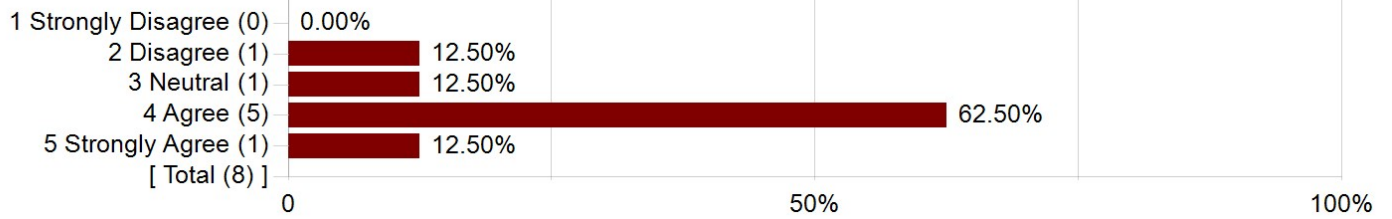## What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Maybe stick more to the schedule so there is time to discuss well each text.
Not really sure, i think it is always easier to learn in an in–person environment, but obviously the conditions for this course made that impossible.
Increase the pace of discussions a little bit and put more time into the more complex ideas rather than giving more of an overview
N / A
Nothing. They ran a great course

Please include the name of the TA/CA/Intern you are evaluating. What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning? What could the TA modify to help you learn more? Please include any additional feedback for the TA/CA/Intern.

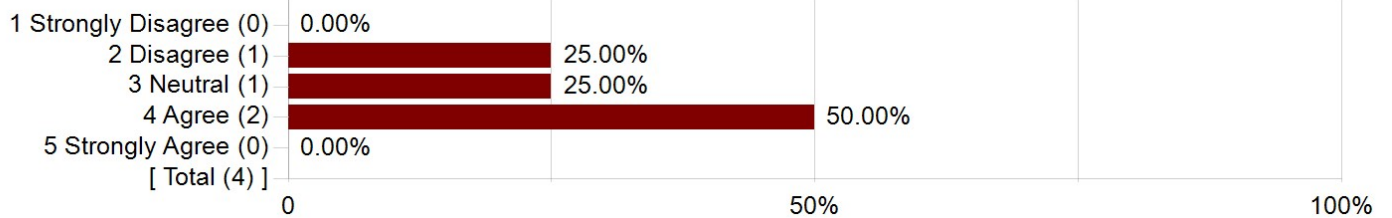| Comments |
|---|
| Mahtab Mahmoudi |
| Mahtab Mahmoudi |
| Mahtab Mahmoudi. She had good contributions in discussions that were very clarifying on the subject. |
| Mahtab |
| Mahtab Mahmoudi. long–winded. unprofessional in their non–participation (camera off) during class discussions |

The TA/CA or Intern . . .

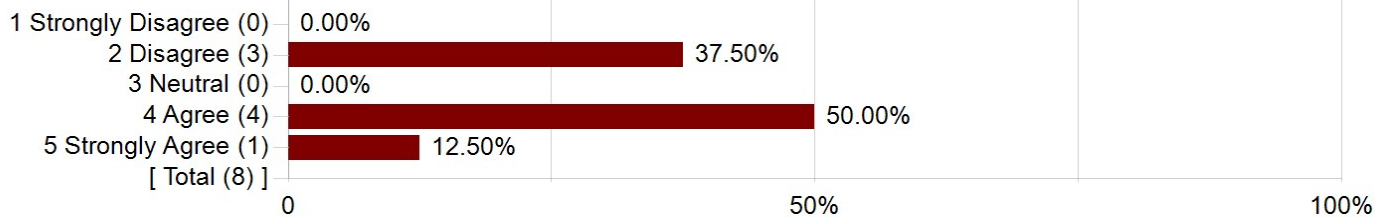## 1. Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.

1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (1)	12.50%
3 Neutral (1)	12.50%
4 Agree (5)	62.50%
5 Strongly Agree (1)	12.50%
[Total (8)]	

Statistics	Value
Response Count	8
Mean	3.75
Standard Deviation	0.89

2. Gave you useful feedback on your work.

1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (1)	25.00%
3 Neutral (1)	25.00%
4 Agree (2)	50.00%
5 Strongly Agree (0)	0.00%
[Total (4)]	

Statistics	Value
Response Count	4
Mean	3.25
Standard Deviation	0.96

3. Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.

1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (3)	37.50%
3 Neutral (0)	0.00%
4 Agree (4)	50.00%
5 Strongly Agree (1)	12.50%
[Total (8)]	

Statistics	Value
Response Count	8
Mean	3.38
Standard Deviation	1.19

4. Challenged you to learn.

1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (2)	25.00%
3 Neutral (0)	0.00%
4 Agree (5)	62.50%
5 Strongly Agree (1)	12.50%
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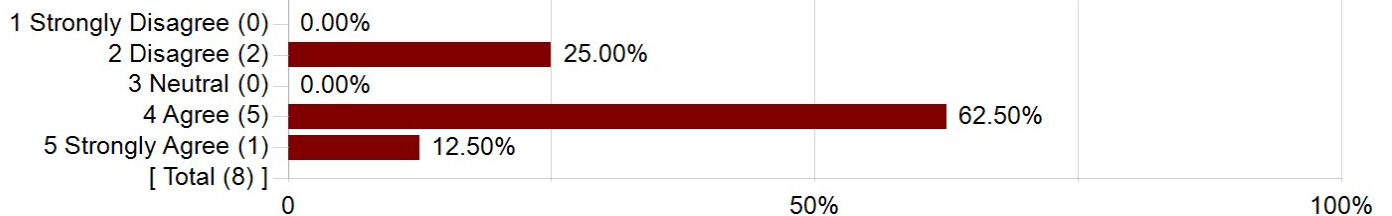
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Mean	3.63
Standard Deviation	1.06

5. Helped you succeed in the class.

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1 Strongly Disagree (0)    0.00%
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         3 Neutral (1)     ████ 12.50%
          4 Agree (4)      ████████████████ 50.00%
  5 Strongly Agree (1)     ████ 12.50%
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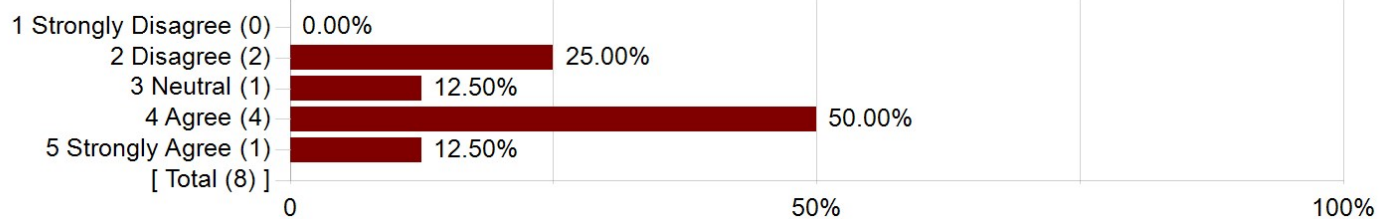
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Mean	3.50
Standard Deviation	1.07

6. Was available and helpful outside of class.

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1 Strongly Disagree (0)    0.00%
        2 Disagree (1)     █████ 14.29%
         3 Neutral (0)     0.00%
          4 Agree (4)      ███████████████████ 57.14%
  5 Strongly Agree (2)     █████████ 28.57%
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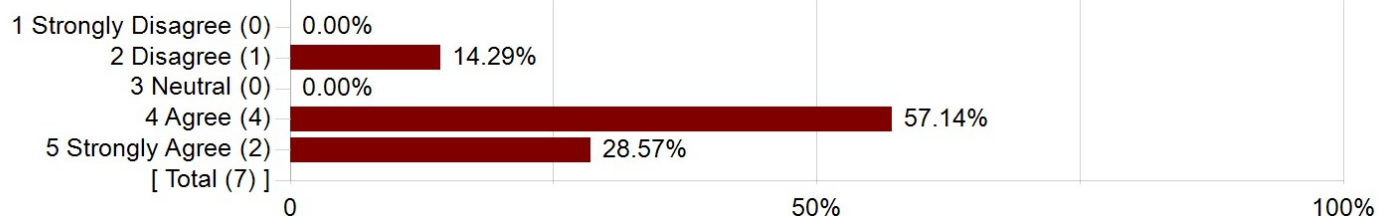
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Mean	4.00
Standard Deviation	1.00

7. Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.

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1 Strongly Disagree (1)    ████ 12.50%
        2 Disagree (2)     ████████ 25.00%
         3 Neutral (0)     0.00%
          4 Agree (4)      ████████████████ 50.00%
  5 Strongly Agree (1)     ████ 12.50%
         [ Total (8) ]
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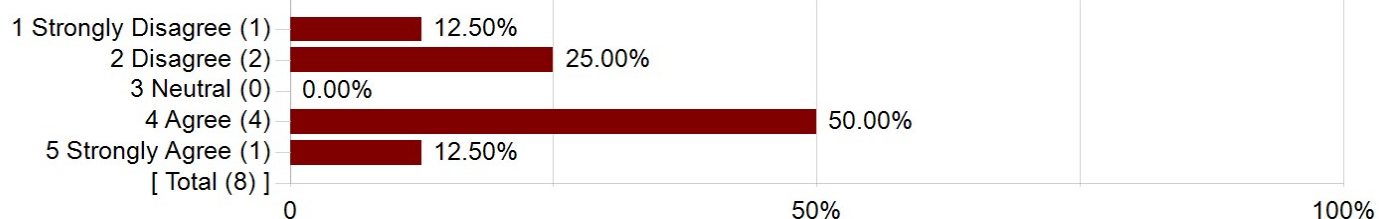
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