



SOSC 12400 93 - Self, Culture, and Society I - Instructor(s) Sarah Newman

Project Title: **Summer Course Feedback - Summer 2024**

Number Enrolled: **16**

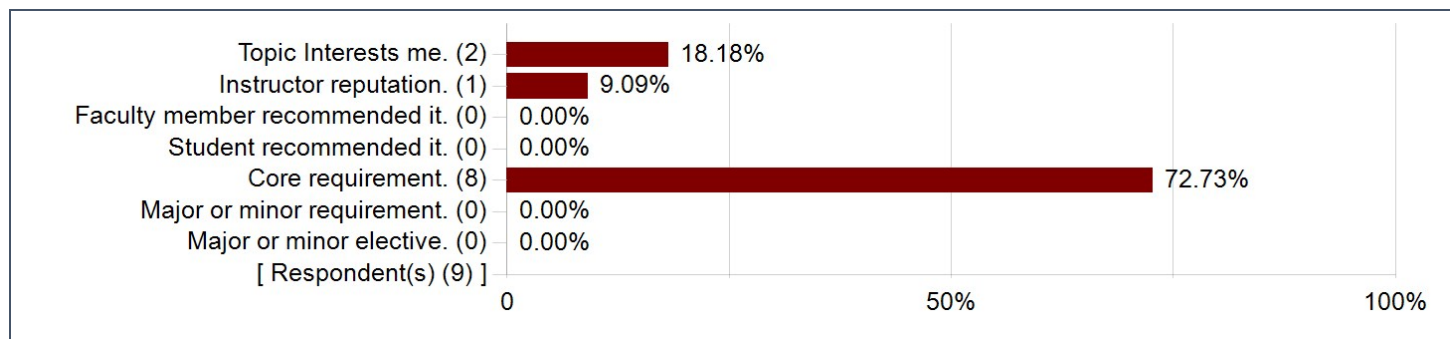
Number of Responses: **9**

Report Comments

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Creation Date: **Friday, October 11, 2024**

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



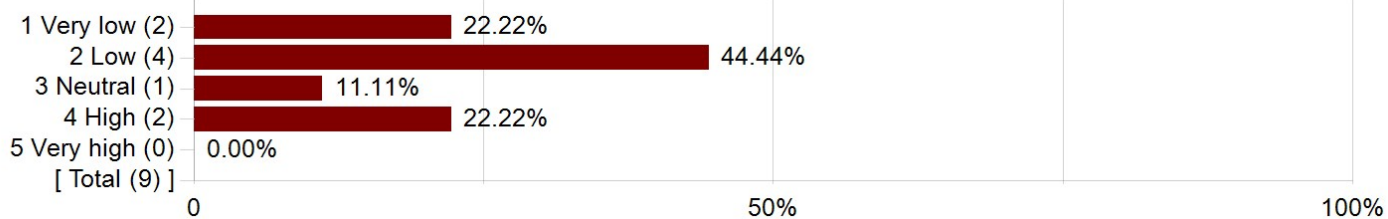
What are the most important things that you learned in this course? Please reflect on the knowledge and skills you gained.

Comments
I learned about the perspectives of Adam Smith, Karl Marx, and Max Weber.
I learned about economic theory from Smith, Marx, and Weber and how to analyze and understand these texts
reading comprehension and how to construct a good essay
good
Marx, Smith
How to interpret different views on similar subjects
Interesting overview
I learned about the workings of society, especially in regards to the economic system of capitalism, through authors such as Smith, Marx, and Weber.

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

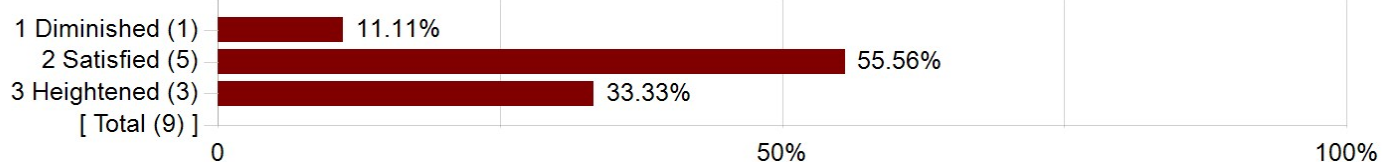
Comments
The discussions added to my learning a lot. The readings added to my learning a lot. The essays added to my learning very little.
Lectures were good but the class felt really long – which it was. 3.5 hours is a long time to pay attention, so breakout rooms and more engaging activities were good
discussion posts helped alot
good
Lectures were helpful
break-out rooms helped facilitate discussions
Thought lectures were good, but I think that the small groups didn't prompt as much discussion as I would've hoped. I liked the activities.
We had daily discussion posts to complete. I thought that was very helpful because it held me accountable, and let me see the common questions that the class had. We also had many mini breakout rooms, which allowed me to discuss the texts with my classmates. That was very enjoyable, because I got to see, and share, insights with my classmates.

Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



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Standard Deviation	1.12

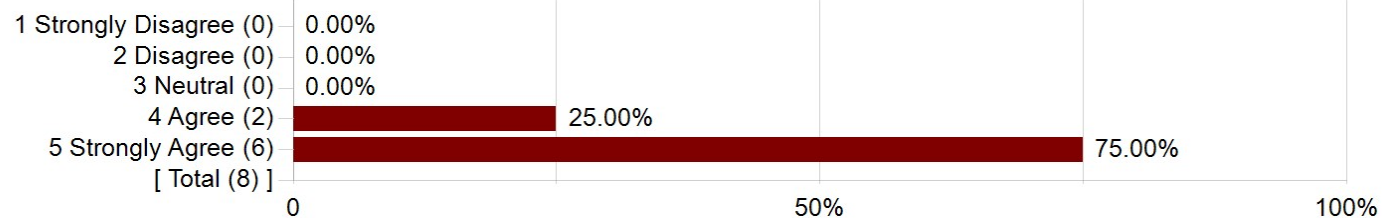
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



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Standard Deviation	0.67

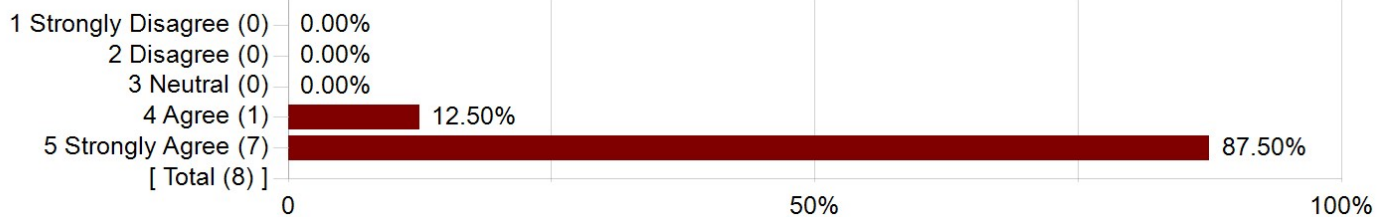
The Instructor(s) . . .

1. Organized the course clearly.



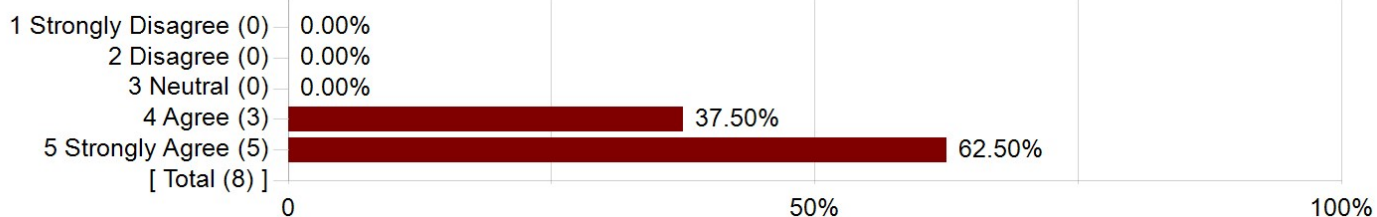
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Mean	4.75
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.46

2. Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.



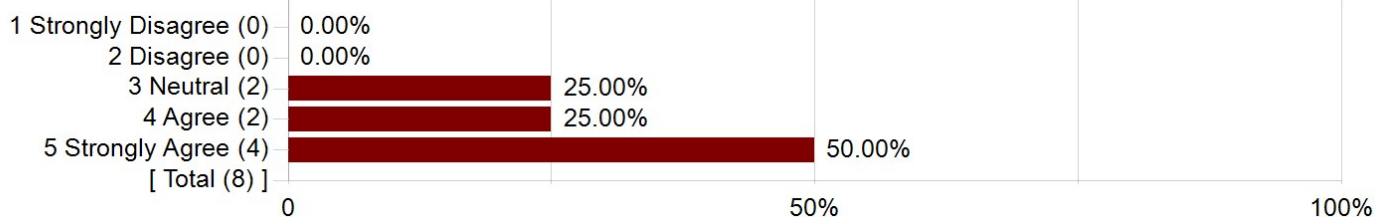
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Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.35

3. Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.



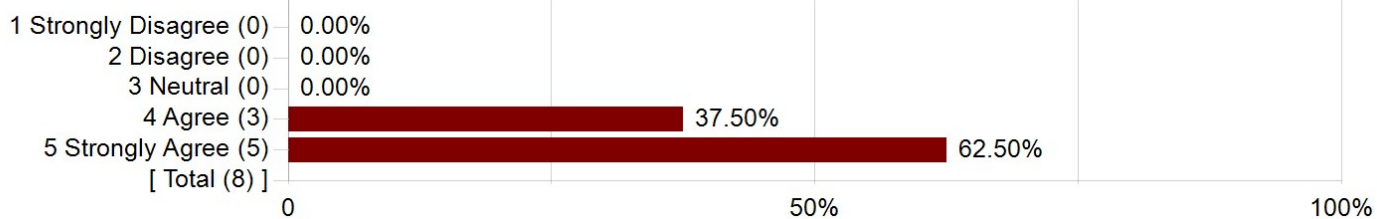
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Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.52

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



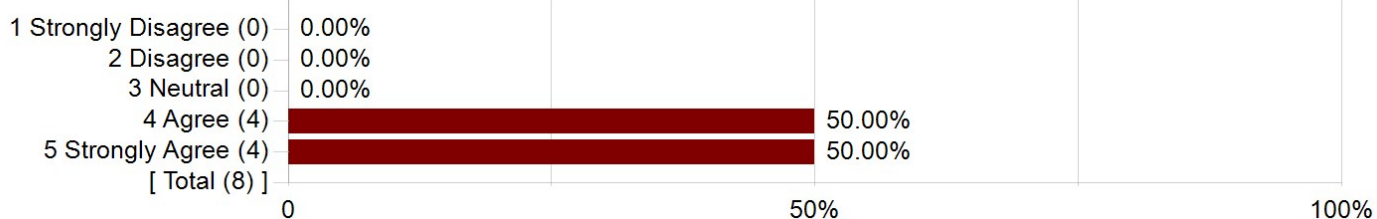
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Median	4.50
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5. Challenged you to learn.



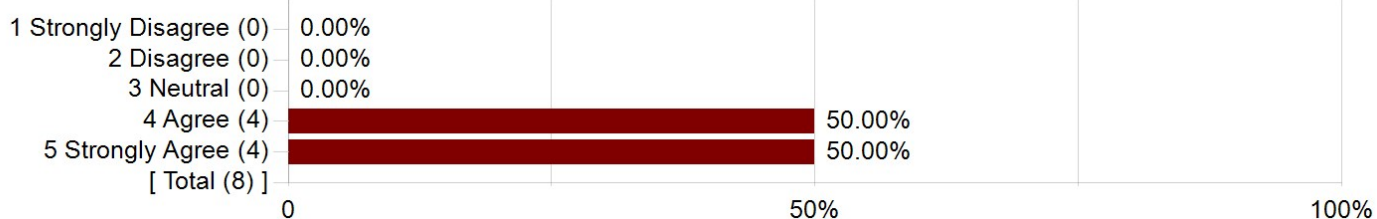
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6. Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.



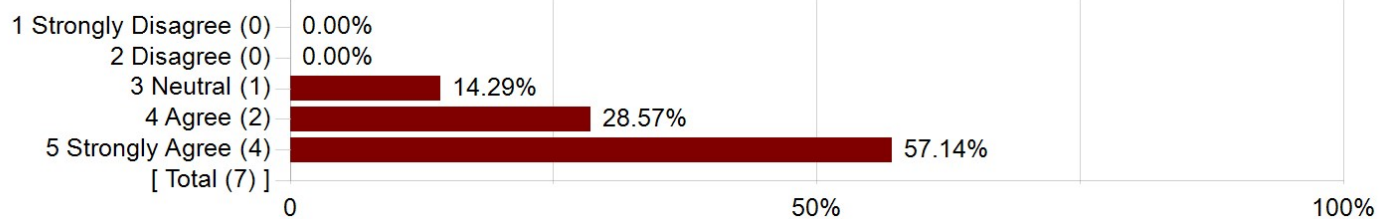
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Median	4.50
Standard Deviation	0.53

7. Was available and helpful outside of class.



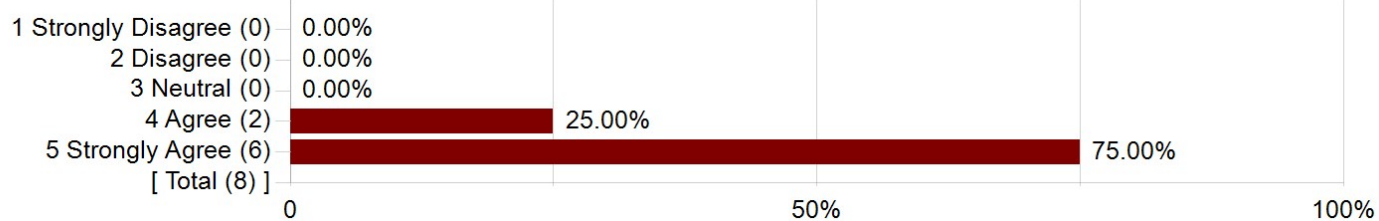
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8. Motivated you to think independently.



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Standard Deviation	0.79

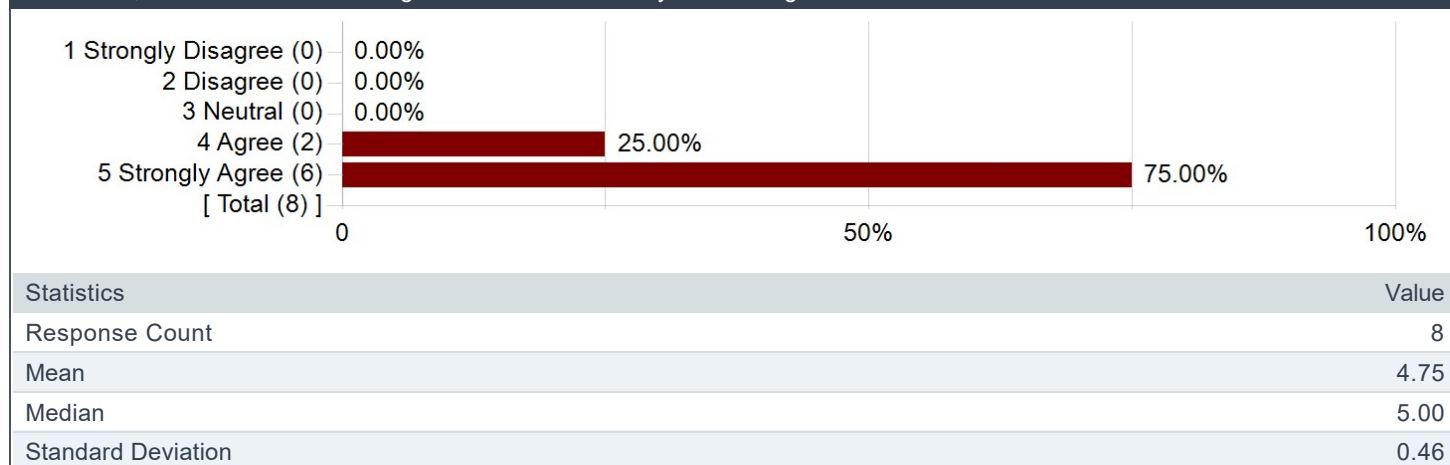
9. Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.



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Standard Deviation	0.46

The Instructor(s) . . . (continued)

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



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

Comments
The aspect of the instructor's teaching that contributed the most to my learning was by far her discussions. Professor Newman does a fantastic job of leading interesting, analytic discussions that balance her guidance of the text with challenging student perspectives. This teacher is very skilled in integrating her lectures, the readings, and student ideas! I was even more impressed that Professor Newman was able to do such a lovely job over Zoom.
I highly recommend that every student who gets the availability should take this professor's class. Also, if you are lucky enough to get a chance to work with Professor Newman, make sure to attend and participate in every single one of her discussions! You will learn a lot!
She's a great prof, really passionate about the course, really nice, and really great at picking up on the ideas you have and taking them and eloquently turning them into more meaningful points of discussion and thought. She leaves a lot of feedback, which I really appreciate, but that said, partway through the course her and the TA switched from leaving private responses to our discussion posts to public responses, and that made me want to become a bird and go live in the Galapagos. (Being able to read the prof/TAs responses to other people's posts was helpful though)
her asking questions
Lectures
Engaging questions
Probably lectures.
Her lectures. They were very helpful because this course, I feel, is less interpretive than what I am used to. So having the lecture allowed me to make sure that I was on track for understanding the material that was being presented in this course. I was also very engaged, just because of how invested she was in teaching the class. I actually really enjoyed this part.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
I wish that we had a partner to check our essays with, or examples of the kind of essays she wanted. Many of us hadn't written a social studies essay in several years, if not since high school, and it can be tricky to know what to do. I think she could improve this by providing several example essays and by adding some more details to the grading rubric she posted for essays.
nothing
Maybe just have free large group discussion a bit more. My new instructor runs the whole class like this and its surprisingly effective in getting people to talk.
Honestly, I don't think anything needs to change. She did a really great job in my eyes.

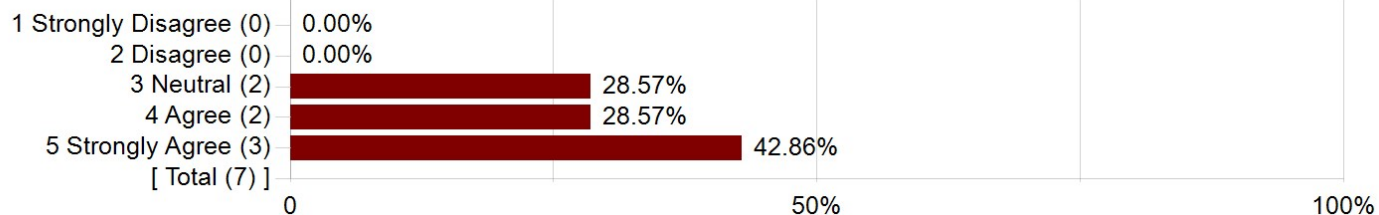
Please include the name of the TA/CA/Intern you are evaluating. What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning? What could the TA modify to help you learn more? Please include any additional feedback for the TA/CA/Intern.

Comments
<p>Name: Bek Erl</p> <p>This TA was very enthusiastic and kind. Bek did a great job of reading Zoom questions aloud from the student chat and being available for emailed questions from student. They could help us more by providing examples of high-quality SOSC essays for us to look at. I like how friendly and warm Bek was. They did a great job of fostering a welcome class environment.</p> <p>Bek Erl — They were super nice and understanding in office hours and through email communications. They were present and active in class, and would jump in during lecture to share a new point of view or a relevant quote from the text. Their feedback on essays and office hours were always helpful.</p> <p>Bek</p> <p>Bek Erl, super sweet and welcoming.</p> <p>Bek. Good! Very helpful and engaged</p>

The TA/CA or Intern . . .

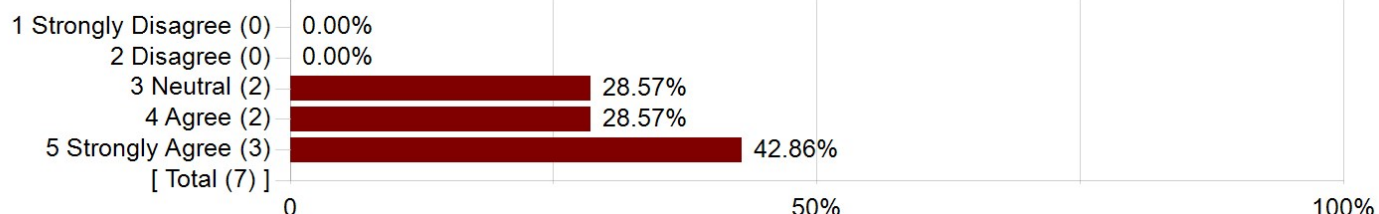
1. Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	
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2. Gave you useful feedback on your work.	
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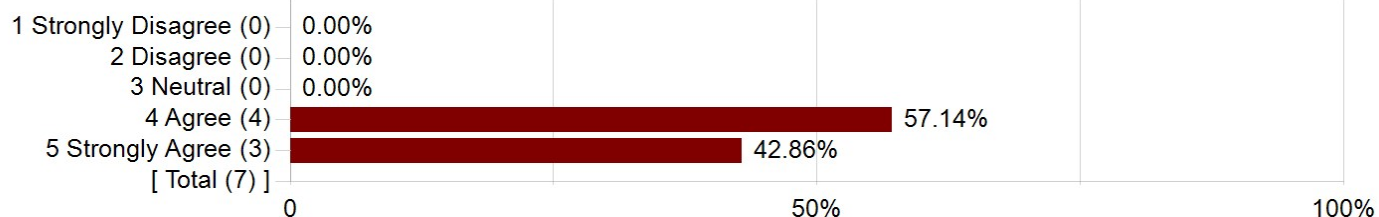
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Standard Deviation	0.90

4. Challenged you to learn.



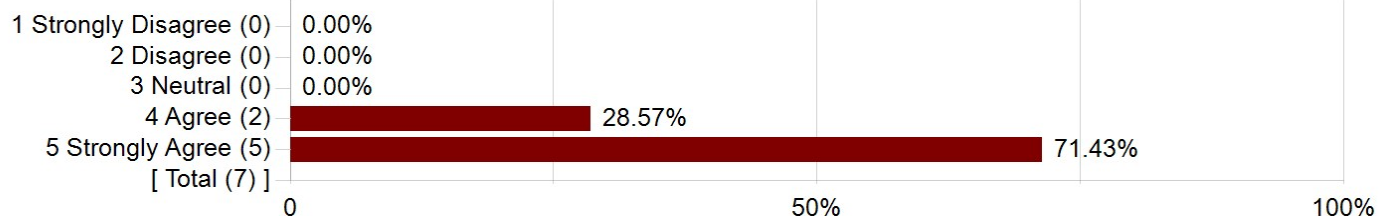
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5. Helped you succeed in the class.



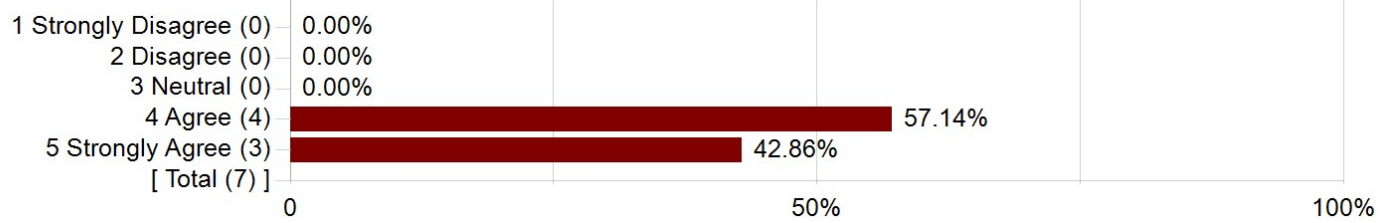
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6. Was available and helpful outside of class.



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Response Count	7
Mean	4.71
Standard Deviation	0.49

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



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