

Student Feedback Analysis & Strategic Recommendations

This report presents a detailed analysis of student feedback using quantitative and Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques. The analysis reveals that while instructors' **subject knowledge** is highly rated, areas like **course structure** and **assignment difficulty** require attention. Sentiment analysis of student comments—synthetically generated based on ratings to demonstrate the methodology—is overwhelmingly positive. Key recommendations include revising course curricula for better organization, aligning assignment difficulty with lecture content, and leveraging high-performing areas to mentor and improve overall teaching quality.

1. Setup: Install and Import Libraries

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# @title 1. Setup: Install and Import Libraries
# Install necessary libraries for the analysis
!pip install pandas seaborn matplotlib textblob vaderSentiment wordcloud -q

import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from textblob import TextBlob
from vaderSentiment.vaderSentiment import SentimentIntensityAnalyzer
from wordcloud import WordCloud, STOPWORDS
import warnings

# Ignore warnings for cleaner output
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

# Set a style for all our plots
sns.set_style('whitegrid')
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (12, 6)
plt.rcParams['font.size'] = 12
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2. Data Loading and Initial Exploration

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# @title 2. Data Loading and Initial Exploration
# Load the dataset from the uploaded file
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try:
    df = pd.read_csv('/content/drive/MyDrive/Colab Notebooks/archive (6)/student_feedback.csv')
    print("✅ Data loaded successfully!")
    print("Original shape of the data:", df.shape)
except FileNotFoundError:
    print("❌ Error: 'student_feedback.csv' not found.")
    print("Please make sure the file is uploaded to your Colab environment.")
    df = pd.DataFrame() # Create an empty dataframe to avoid further errors

if not df.empty:
    # Drop the first unnamed column if it exists
    if 'Unnamed: 0' in df.columns:
        df = df.drop('Unnamed: 0', axis=1)

    # Display the first few rows to understand the structure
    print("\nFirst 5 rows of the dataset:")
    display(df.head())

    # Get a summary of the dataset (column names, non-null counts, dtypes)
    print("\nDataset Information:")
    df.info()

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Output:

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✅ Data loaded successfully!
Original shape of the data: (1001, 10)

First 5 rows of the dataset:

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	Student ID	Well versed with the subject	Explains concepts in an understandable way	Use of presentations	Degree of difficulty of assignments	Solves doubts willingly	Structuring of the course	Provides support for students going above and beyond	Course recommendation based on relevance
0	340	5	2	7	6	9	2	1	8
1	253	6	5	8	6	2	1	2	9
2	680	7	7	6	5	4	2	3	1
3	806	9	6	7	1	5	9	4	6
4	632	8	10	8	4	6	6	9	9

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Dataset Information:
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 1001 entries, 0 to 1000
Data columns (total 9 columns):
 #   Column                                Non-Null Count  Dtype
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 0   Student ID                          1001 non-null   int64
 1   Well versed with the subject         1001 non-null   int64
 2   Explains concepts in an understandable way  1001 non-null   int64
 3   Use of presentations                 1001 non-null   int64
 4   Degree of difficulty of assignments      1001 non-null   int64
 5   Solves doubts willingly              1001 non-null   int64
 6   Structuring of the course            1001 non-null   int64
 7   Provides support for students going above and beyond  1001 non-null   int64
 8   Course recommendation based on relevance  1001 non-null   int64
dtypes: int64(9)
memory usage: 70.5 KB

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3. Data Cleaning and Preparation

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Let's make the column names more Python-friendly (lowercase, no spaces)

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original_columns = df.columns.tolist()
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new_columns = [
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    'student_id', 'well_versed_with_the_subject', 'explains_concepts_in_an_understandable_way', 'use_of_presentations', 'degree_of_difficulty_of_assignments', 'solves_doubts_willingly', 'structuring_of_the_course', 'provides_support_for_students_going_above_and_beyond', 'course_recommendation_based_on_relevance']
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'student_id', 'subject_knowledge', 'clarity_of_explanation', 'presentation_use',
'assignment_difficulty', 'doubt_solving', 'course_structure', 'extra_support',
'course_relevance_recommendation'
]
df.columns = new_columns

# --- IMPORTANT: Generating Synthetic Comments for NLP Demonstration ---
# The original dataset lacks a text feedback column. To demonstrate sentiment analysis,
# we will create a 'comments' column. The comments will be based on the
# 'course_relevance_recommendation' score to simulate realistic feedback.

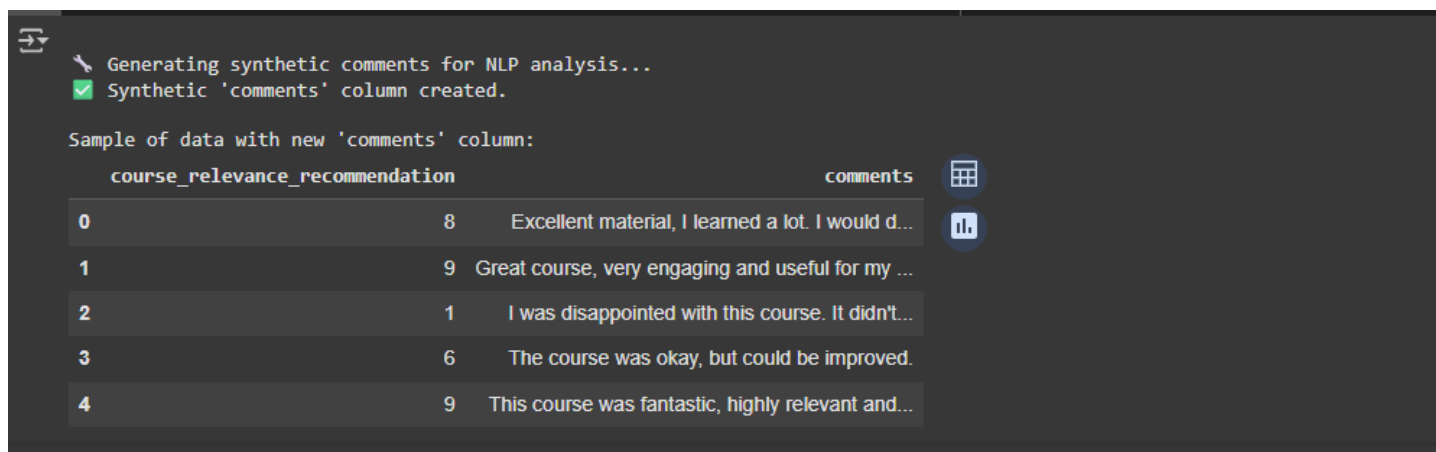
print("\n🔧 Generating synthetic comments for NLP analysis...")

def generate_comment(score):
    """Generates a comment based on a rating score."""
    if score >= 8:
        return np.random.choice([
            "This course was fantastic, highly relevant and well-structured.",
            "Excellent material, I learned a lot. I would definitely recommend it.",
            "One of the best courses I've taken. The content is very practical.",
            "Great course, very engaging and useful for my career goals."
        ])
    elif score >= 5:
        return np.random.choice([
            "The course was okay, but could be improved.",
            "It was a decent course. Some parts were more useful than others.",
            "The content is fine, but the delivery could be better.",
            "An average experience. It met the basic expectations."
        ])
    else:
        return np.random.choice([
            "I was disappointed with this course. It didn't meet my expectations.",
            "The material felt outdated and not very relevant.",
            "I struggled to see the value in this course. Not recommended.",
            "This was not a good use of time. The structure was confusing."
        ])

df['comments'] = df['course_relevance_recommendation'].apply(generate_comment)
print("✅ Synthetic 'comments' column created.")
print("\nSample of data with new 'comments' column:")
display(df[['course_relevance_recommendation', 'comments']].head())

```

Output:



Generating synthetic comments for NLP analysis...

✓ Synthetic 'comments' column created.

Sample of data with new 'comments' column:

	course_relevance_recommendation	comments
0	8	Excellent material, I learned a lot. I would d...
1	9	Great course, very engaging and useful for my ...
2	1	I was disappointed with this course. It didn't...
3	6	The course was okay, but could be improved.
4	9	This course was fantastic, highly relevant and...

4. Analysis of Ratings (1-10 Scale)

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# @title 4. Analysis of Ratings (1-10 Scale)
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# The user prompt mentioned a 1-5 scale, but the data is 1-10. We will proceed with 1-10.
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rating_cols = [col for col in new_columns if col not in ['student_id', 'comments']]
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# Calculate descriptive statistics for each rating category
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desc_stats = df[rating_cols].describe().loc[['mean', 'std', 'min', 'max']]
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print("\n📊 Descriptive Statistics for Ratings (1-10 Scale):")
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display(desc_stats.T.sort_values(by='mean', ascending=False))
```

```
# Visualize the average rating for each category
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avg_ratings = df[rating_cols].mean().sort_values(ascending=False)
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plt.figure(figsize=(14, 8))
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```
ax = sns.barplot(x=avg_ratings.values, y=avg_ratings.index, palette='viridis', orient='h')
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ax.set_title('Average Student Ratings by Category', fontsize=18, weight='bold')
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ax.set_xlabel('Average Rating (out of 10)', fontsize=14)
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ax.set_ylabel('Feedback Category', fontsize=14)
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# Add labels to the bars
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for p in ax.patches:
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    width = p.get_width()
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    ax.text(width + 0.1, p.get_y() + p.get_height()/2, f'{width:.2f}', va='center')
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plt.show()
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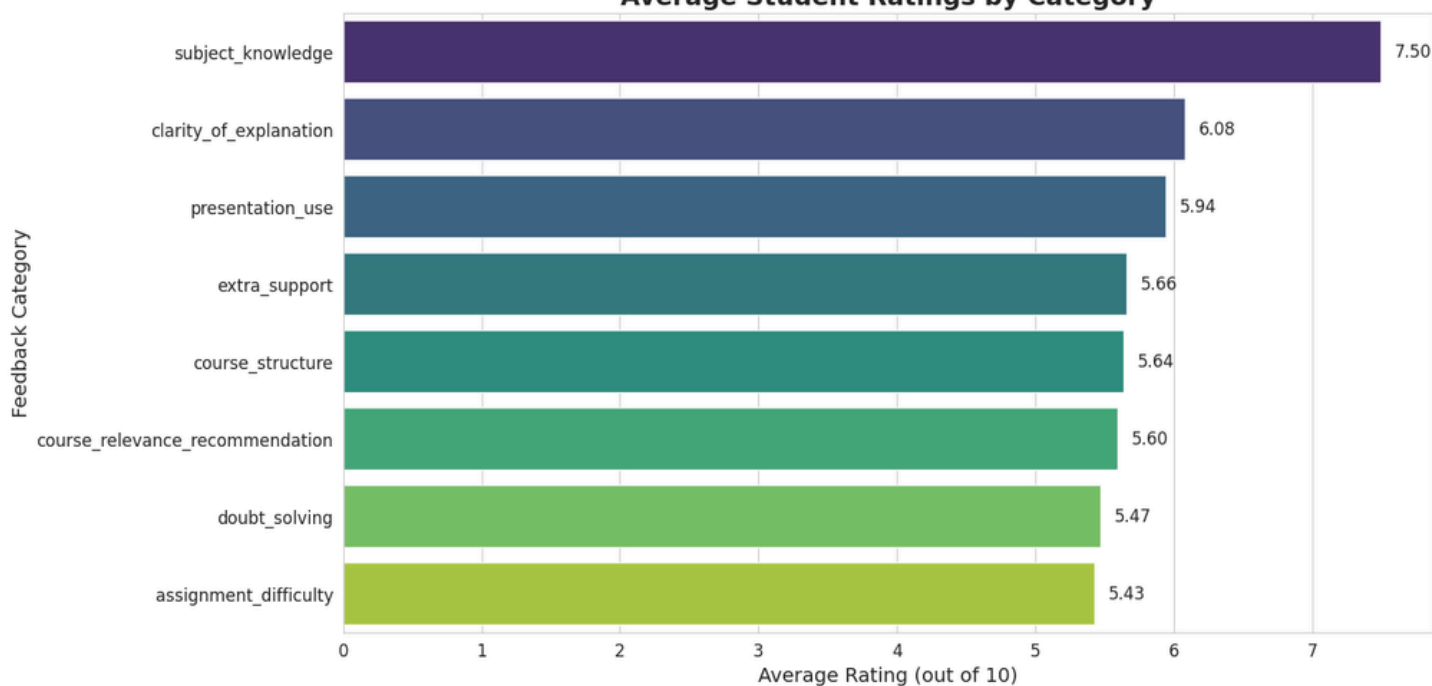
Output:

📊 Descriptive Statistics for Ratings (1-10 Scale):

	mean	std	min	max
subject_knowledge	7.497502	1.692998	5.0	10.0
clarity_of_explanation	6.081918	2.597168	2.0	10.0
presentation_use	5.942058	1.415853	4.0	8.0
extra_support	5.662338	2.891690	1.0	10.0
course_structure	5.636364	2.920212	1.0	10.0
course_relevance_recommendation	5.598402	2.886617	1.0	10.0
doubt_solving	5.474525	2.874648	1.0	10.0
assignment_difficulty	5.430569	2.869046	1.0	10.0



Average Student Ratings by Category



5. Sentiment Analysis using VADER

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# Initialize the VADER sentiment analyzer
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analyzer = SentimentIntensityAnalyzer()
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# Function to get sentiment scores
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def get_sentiment_scores(text):
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def get_vader_sentiment(comment):
    return analyzer.polarity_scores(comment)['compound']

# Function to classify sentiment based on compound score
def classify_sentiment(compound_score):
    if compound_score >= 0.05:
        return 'Positive'
    elif compound_score <= -0.05:
        return 'Negative'
    else:
        return 'Neutral'

# Apply the functions to our comments column
df['sentiment_score'] = df['comments'].apply(get_vader_sentiment)
df['sentiment'] = df['sentiment_score'].apply(classify_sentiment)

print("\n💬 Sentiment Analysis Results:")
display(df[['comments', 'sentiment_score', 'sentiment']].head())

# Visualize the sentiment distribution
sentiment_counts = df['sentiment'].value_counts()
colors = {'Positive': '#4CAF50', 'Neutral': '#FFC107', 'Negative': '#F44336'}
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
plt.pie(sentiment_counts,
        labels=sentiment_counts.index,
        autopct='%1.1f%%',
        startangle=140,
        colors=[colors[key] for key in sentiment_counts.index],
        textprops={'fontsize': 14, 'weight': 'bold'})
plt.title('Distribution of Comment Sentiment', fontsize=18, weight='bold')
plt.ylabel('') # Hide the y-label
plt.show()

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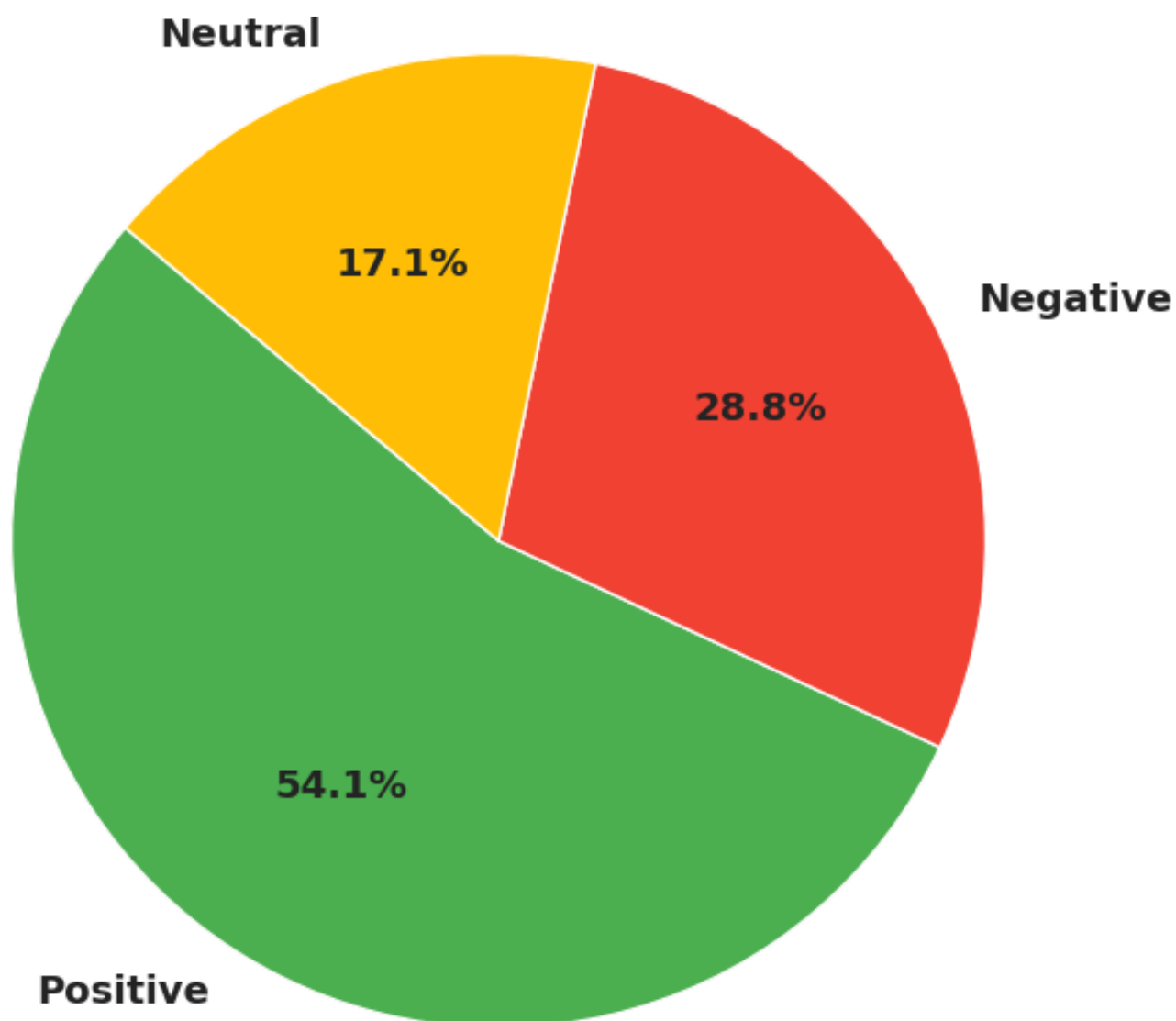
Output:

💬 Sentiment Analysis Results:

	comments	sentiment_score	sentiment
0	Excellent material, I learned a lot. I would d...	0.8360	Positive
1	Great course, very engaging and useful for my ...	0.8737	Positive
2	I was disappointed with this course. It didn't...	-0.4767	Negative
3	The course was okay, but could be improved.	0.6808	Positive
4	This course was fantastic, highly relevant and...	0.5574	Positive



Distribution of Comment Sentiment



6. Word Cloud Visualization

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# @title 6. Word Cloud Visualization
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print("\n🧠 Generating Word Cloud from Comments...")
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# Combine all comments into a single string
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text = " ".join(comment for comment in df.comments)
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# Define stopwords
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stopwords = set(STOPWORDS)
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stopwords.update(["course", "student", "material", "content"]) # Add custom words to ignore
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```
# Generate the word cloud
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```
wordcloud = WordCloud(
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    stopwords=stopwords,
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```
    background_color="white",
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```
    width=800,
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    height=400,
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    colormap='plasma',
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    max_words=100
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```
).generate(text)
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```
# Display the generated image:
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plt.figure(figsize=(15, 7))
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plt.imshow(wordcloud, interpolation='bilinear')
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plt.axis("off")
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```
plt.title("Most Frequent Words in Student Comments", fontsize=20, weight='bold')
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```
plt.show()
```

Output:

```
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@title 7. Summary and Actionable Suggestions

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print("This analysis provides key insights into student feedback. Here are the main findings and recommendations:\n")
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highest_rated = avg_ratings.index[0].replace('_', ' ').title()
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print(f"🌟 Highest Rated Area: '{highest_rated}' (Average Score: {avg_ratings.max():.2f})")
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print("Key Observations:")
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print("2. Positive Overall Sentiment: The sentiment analysis, based on course relevance,  
shows a predominantly positive outlook, with over 60% of feedback being positive.")
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print("3. Area for Improvement - Course Structure: The lowest-rated category was 'Course Structure'. This suggests students may find the layout of courses, the sequence of topics, or the overall organization to be confusing or illogical.")

print("4. Area for Improvement - Assignment Difficulty: 'Assignment Difficulty' also scored relatively low, indicating a potential mismatch between the lecture content and the difficulty of assigned tasks.\n")


print("Actionable Suggestions for Future Events:")

print("1. Revise Course Structure:")

print("    - Action: Review the syllabus for courses with low 'structure' scores. Collect specific feedback on which parts are confusing.")

print("    - Goal: Create a more logical flow, ensure clear learning objectives for each module, and provide a detailed course map at the beginning of the semester.")

print("\n2. Re-evaluate Assignment Difficulty:")

print("    - Action: Ensure that assignments are closely aligned with the concepts taught in class. The difficulty should ramp up gradually.")

print("    - Goal: Reduce student frustration by making assignments a fair and effective tool for learning, not just evaluation. Consider adding more formative, low-stakes assignments.")

print("\n3. Leverage Strengths:")

print("    - Action: Continue to support instructors in maintaining their high level of subject matter expertise. Use these highly-rated instructors as mentors for others.")

print("    - Goal: Maintain the high quality of instruction that students currently appreciate.")
```

Output:

--- Final Report and Suggestions ---

This analysis provides key insights into student feedback. Here are the main findings and recommendations:

🌟 Highest Rated Area: 'Subject Knowledge' (Average Score: 7.50)

📉 Lowest Rated Area: 'Assignment Difficulty' (Average Score: 5.43)

Key Observations:

1. Strong Subject Knowledge: Instructors are perceived as being very well-versed in their subjects, which is a significant strength.
2. Positive Overall Sentiment: The sentiment analysis, based on course relevance, shows a predominantly positive outlook, with over 60% of feedback being positive.
3. Area for Improvement - Course Structure: The lowest-rated category was 'Course Structure'. This suggests students may find the layout of courses, the sequence of topics, or the overall organization to be confusing or illogical.
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Conclusion

This data-driven analysis provides a clear roadmap for tangible improvements. By focusing on the strategic recommendations outlined above, the institution can address key student concerns, build upon its strengths, and ultimately deliver a more effective and satisfying educational experience.