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Carrano, Dominic (EL ENG 120 LEC 001 SIGNALS AND SYSTEMS (EVAL FOR GSI)) - Fall 2018

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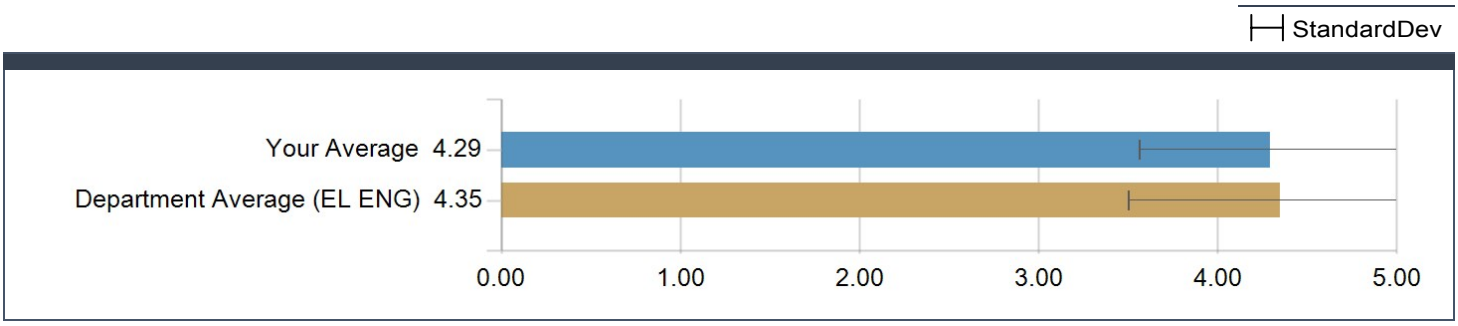
Instructor Ratings

Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate the overall effectiveness of this graduate student instructor?



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1-Least Effective	0	0.00%
2	3	4.84%
3	1	1.61%
4	33	53.23%
5-Most Effective	25	40.32%
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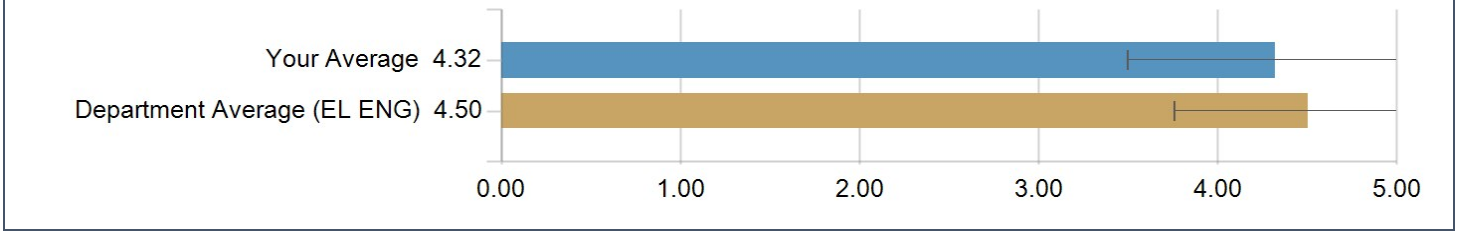
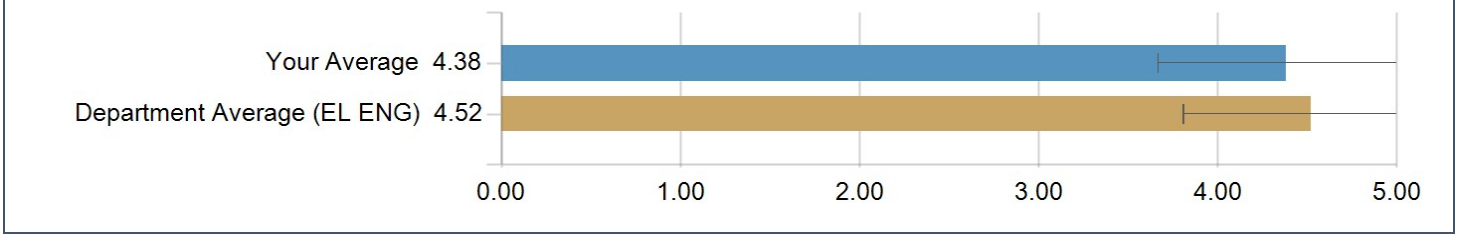
Response Count		62
Mean		4.29
Median		4.00
Standard Deviation		0.73

GSI Ratings

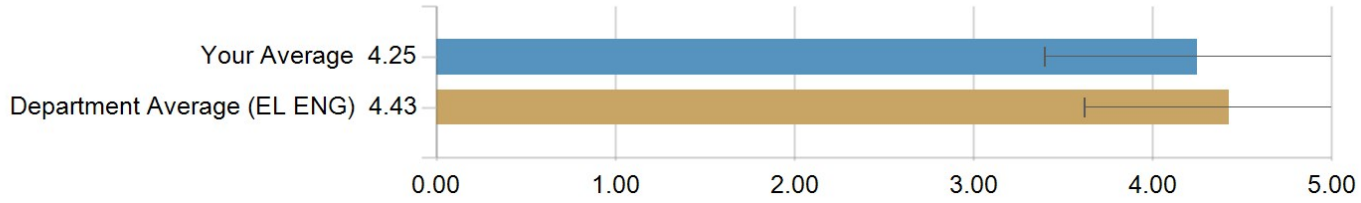
1. Helpful in understanding course material



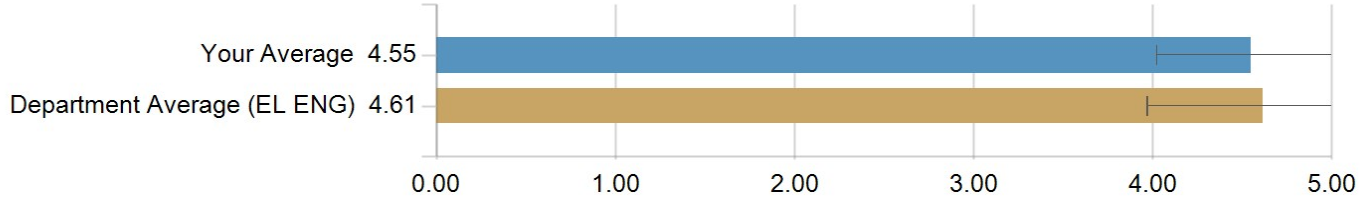
2. Is well prepared



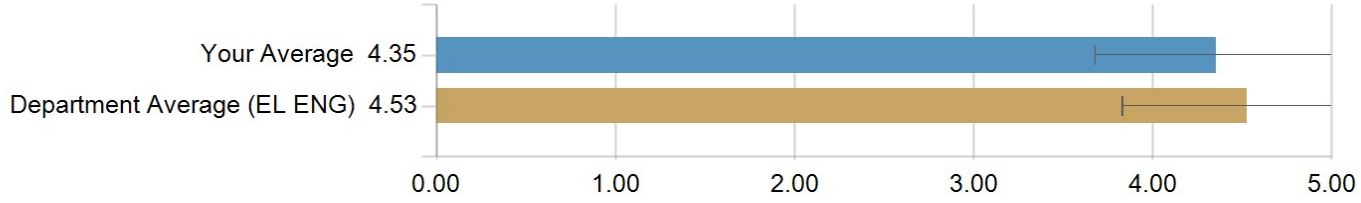
3. Communicates ideas effectively



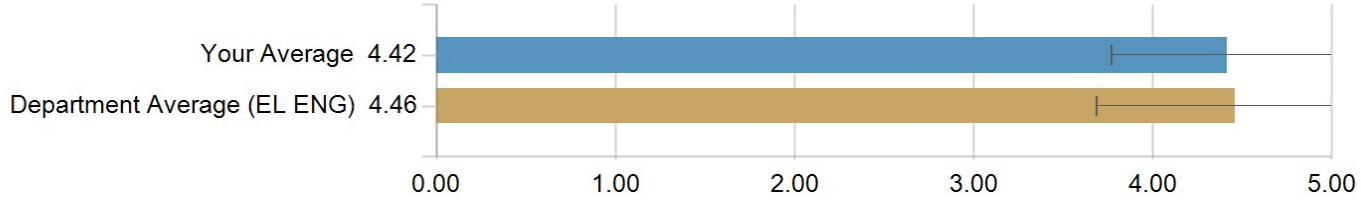
4. Appears to have a good knowledge of the subject matter



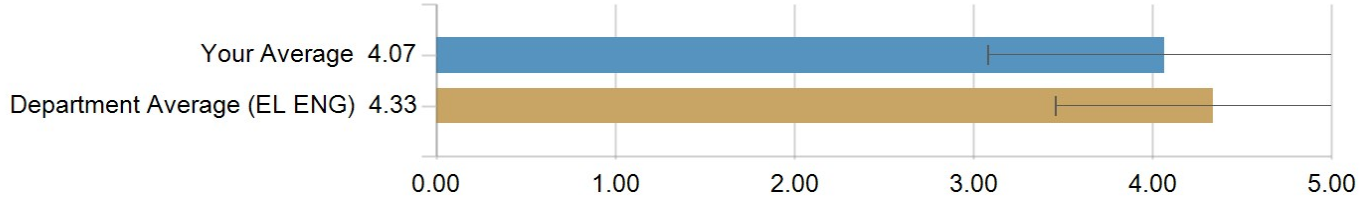
5. Answers questions accurately



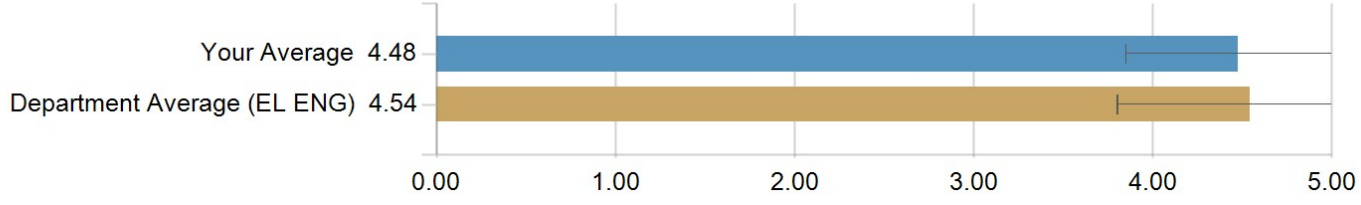
6. Encourages questions and/or classroom discussion



7. Is aware when students are having difficulty



8. Is accessible during office hours



1. Helpful in understanding course material		
Options	Count	Percentage
1-Strongly Disagree	1	1.61%
Disagree	1	1.61%
Neutral	5	8.06%
Agree	25	40.32%
5-Strongly Agree	30	48.39%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		62
Mean		4.32
Median		4.00
Standard Deviation		0.83

2. Is well prepared		
Options	Count	Percentage
1-Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%
Disagree	1	1.67%
Neutral	5	8.33%
Agree	24	40.00%
5-Strongly Agree	30	50.00%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		60
Mean		4.38
Median		4.50
Standard Deviation		0.72

3. Communicates ideas effectively		
Options	Count	Percentage
1-Strongly Disagree	1	1.64%
Disagree	2	3.28%
Neutral	4	6.56%
Agree	28	45.90%
5-Strongly Agree	26	42.62%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		61
Mean		4.25
Median		4.00
Standard Deviation		0.85

4. Appears to have a good knowledge of the subject matter		
Options	Count	Percentage
1-Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%
Disagree	0	0.00%
Neutral	1	1.61%
Agree	26	41.94%
5-Strongly Agree	35	56.45%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		62
Mean		4.55
Median		5.00
Standard Deviation		0.53

5. Answers questions accurately		
Options	Count	Percentage
1-Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%
Disagree	1	1.61%
Neutral	4	6.45%
Agree	29	46.77%
5-Strongly Agree	28	45.16%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		62
Mean		4.35
Median		4.00
Standard Deviation		0.68

6. Encourages questions and/or classroom discussion		
Options	Count	Percentage
1-Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%
Disagree	0	0.00%
Neutral	5	8.33%
Agree	25	41.67%
5-Strongly Agree	30	50.00%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		60
Mean		4.42
Median		4.50
Standard Deviation		0.65

7. Is aware when students are having difficulty		
Options	Count	Percentage
1-Strongly Disagree	1	1.67%
Disagree	4	6.67%
Neutral	9	15.00%
Agree	22	36.67%
5-Strongly Agree	24	40.00%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		60
Mean		4.07
Median		4.00
Standard Deviation		0.99

8. Is accessible during office hours		
Options	Count	Percentage
1-Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%
Disagree	0	0.00%
Neutral	3	7.14%
Agree	16	38.10%
5-Strongly Agree	23	54.76%
Statistics		Value
Response Count		42
Mean		4.48
Median		5.00
Standard Deviation		0.63

Open Ended Questions

Instructor

Please provide comments or suggestions about the GSI

Comments
Really puts a lot of effort into being a TA and is a great person!
Very willing to answer questions, and if he didn't know the answer, he always tried to point us to where we could find it.
Seems to really like the course material and likes to motivate with applications as well. Good TA
I only had 1–2 discussions taught by Dominic but they were enjoyable and informative, and his in–depth responses on Piazza were much appreciated.
The piazza posts were extremely helpful to clear some of the topics up.
I went to only two discussions, both at the beginning of the semester, and forgot who my GSIs were. Sorry!
Great python visualizations for Discussion.
I think that Dominic is a very good GSI. He is very knowledgable about the material and he goes out of his way to help students understand the material. For one, he made a cool demo for the discussion section of frequency drift. Second, after his discussion section, he would answer questions for sometimes up to thirty minutes outside the discussion room. I would say that one place he may improve is in the speed with which he answers some of his questions during discussions. He is clearly very knowledgable and sometimes in his explanations skips some steps that someone who was learning the material (like me) may not be able to complete as quickly.
I only interacted with Dominic during discussion, but I was happy with that experience and I felt he was effective (though perhaps not tremendously so) in his teaching effectiveness
You're one of the better GSIs on course staff, honestly, so what I'm saying next doesn't apply to you. Also ty for piazza help. Most members of course staff seemed really apathetic and honestly didn't know what they were talking about when I worked with them in discussions or office hours. A lot of the discussions I just left more confused, especially the ones on convolutions and sampling. It seemed like most of the GSIs had never taught before, and during discussion were basically reading from the worksheet and just writing the solutions on the board rather than teaching us. Office hours were also useless besides Babak's, mostly because (I think) he didn't give you all HW solutions before the OH. I'm really dissatisfied with my EE120 experience, and this is definitely the last EE course I will ever take.
Sometimes, the GSI would not understand that some students are really struggling to understand some fundamental concepts, but this GSI definitely knew what he was talking about.
I always went to the same discussion time slot so I didn't see Dominic in person too many times, but I was always excited when he taught one of my discussions because I thought he was extremely effective and really good at communicating information. I wish more of my TAs were like Dominic!
They appear helpful
I think he could improve on time management skills. It is clear that he can do the problems, but board organization and intuition behind the problem is a bit lacking imo.
Well–organized, clear, and helpful in understanding course concepts.
Good overall but there was one discussion on convolutions which was unfortunately unnecessarily confusing.
Only taught a few sections, was pretty good, passionate about material
I really appreciated Dominic's long and helpful Piazza answers. I know they must have taken some time to write out, and I appreciate that.
Dominick has been very helpful throughout the semester. During discussion he explained the material clearly and thoroughly and did a good job managing the time we had. He has also been very active on piazza and provided some very helpful supplemental material (Ipython notebooks) that helped develop my understanding. Overall Dominick did a great job this semester. I did not interact with Dominick during office hours so I cannot comment on that subject.
The ipython notebook demonstrations were very interesting and helpful.
One of the smartest GSI I've ever seen. Glad to have him in 120 class. I feel like I did not see him in discussion as much. Hope he can hold more discussions and possibly slow down the pace a little bit.
Not always well prepared, but generally the recitation sections are useful.
Dominic comes across as dismissive. I did not mesh well with his teaching style.