

Individual Report for Instructor Zhang (31531-20241 : ISE-530 Optimization Methods for Analytics (31531))

Project Title: **USC Learning Experience Evaluations - Spring 2024**

Courses Audience: **58**

Responses Received: **17**

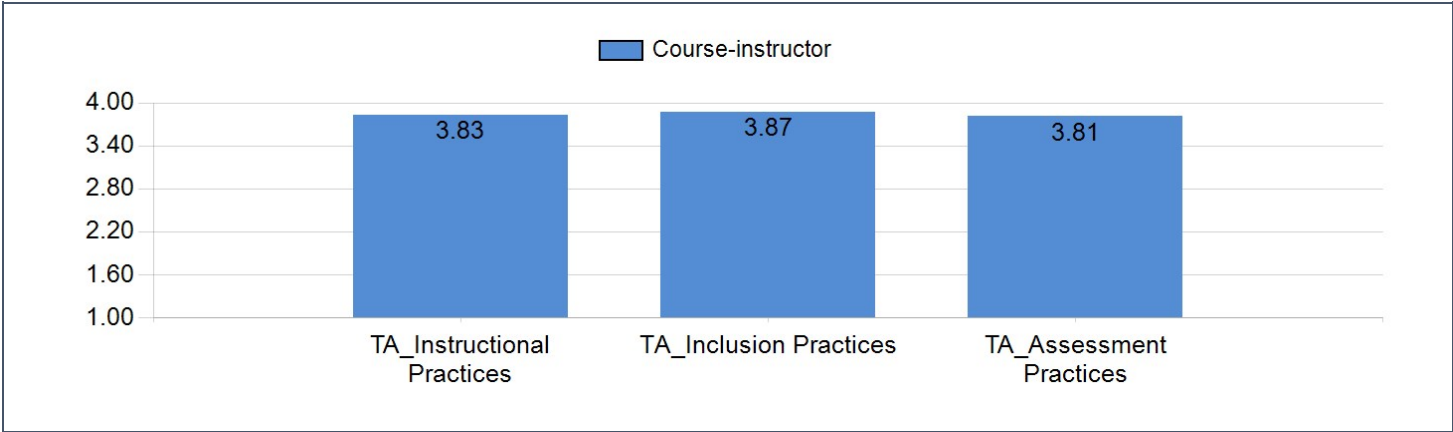
Response Ratio: **29.31%**

Report Comments

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LEARNING EXPERIENCE SUBSCALE ANALYSIS FOR TEACHING ASSISTANT

Learning Experience Subscale Average Score for Teaching Assistant



Competency	Course-instructor	Standard Deviation
TA_Instructional Practices	3.83	+/-0.56
TA_Inclusion Practices	3.87	+/-0.42
TA_Assessment Practices	3.81	+/-0.60

TA_INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

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The teaching assistant was receptive to the expression of diverse student viewpoints.	16	3.94	0.25
The teaching assistant demonstrated sensitivity to students' needs and diverse life experiences.	16	3.94	0.25
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TA_ASSESSMENT PRACTICES

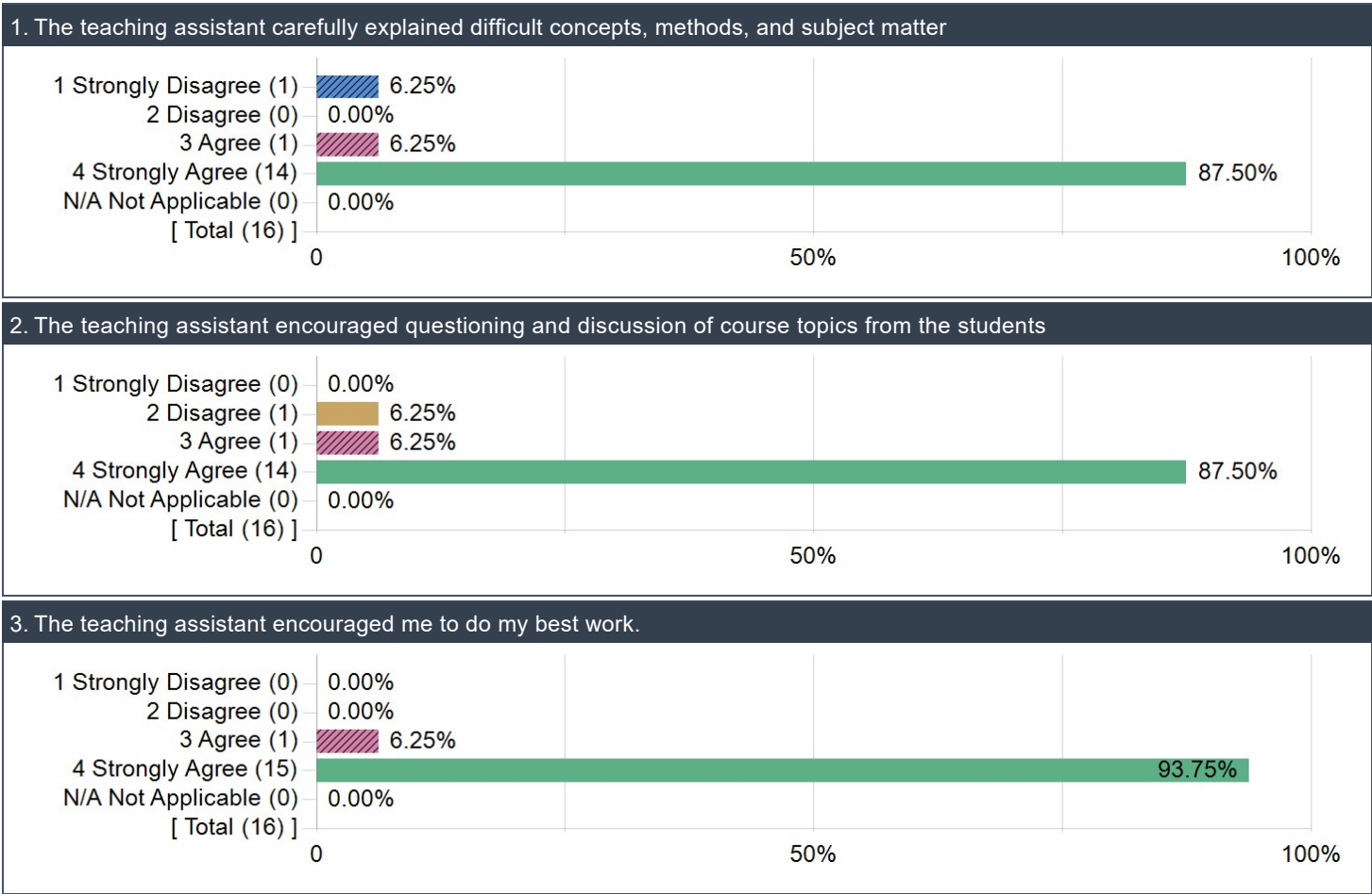
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The assessments/assignments reflected what was covered in the course	15	3.87	0.35
The grades I have received thus far reflect the QUALITY of my performance in the course.	16	3.88	0.34
The criteria for good performance on the assignments or assessments were clearly communicated.	15	3.73	0.80
The teaching assistant's evaluation of my performances was constructive.	16	3.75	0.77



LEARNING EXPERIENCE SUBSCALE ANALYSIS FOR TA: INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

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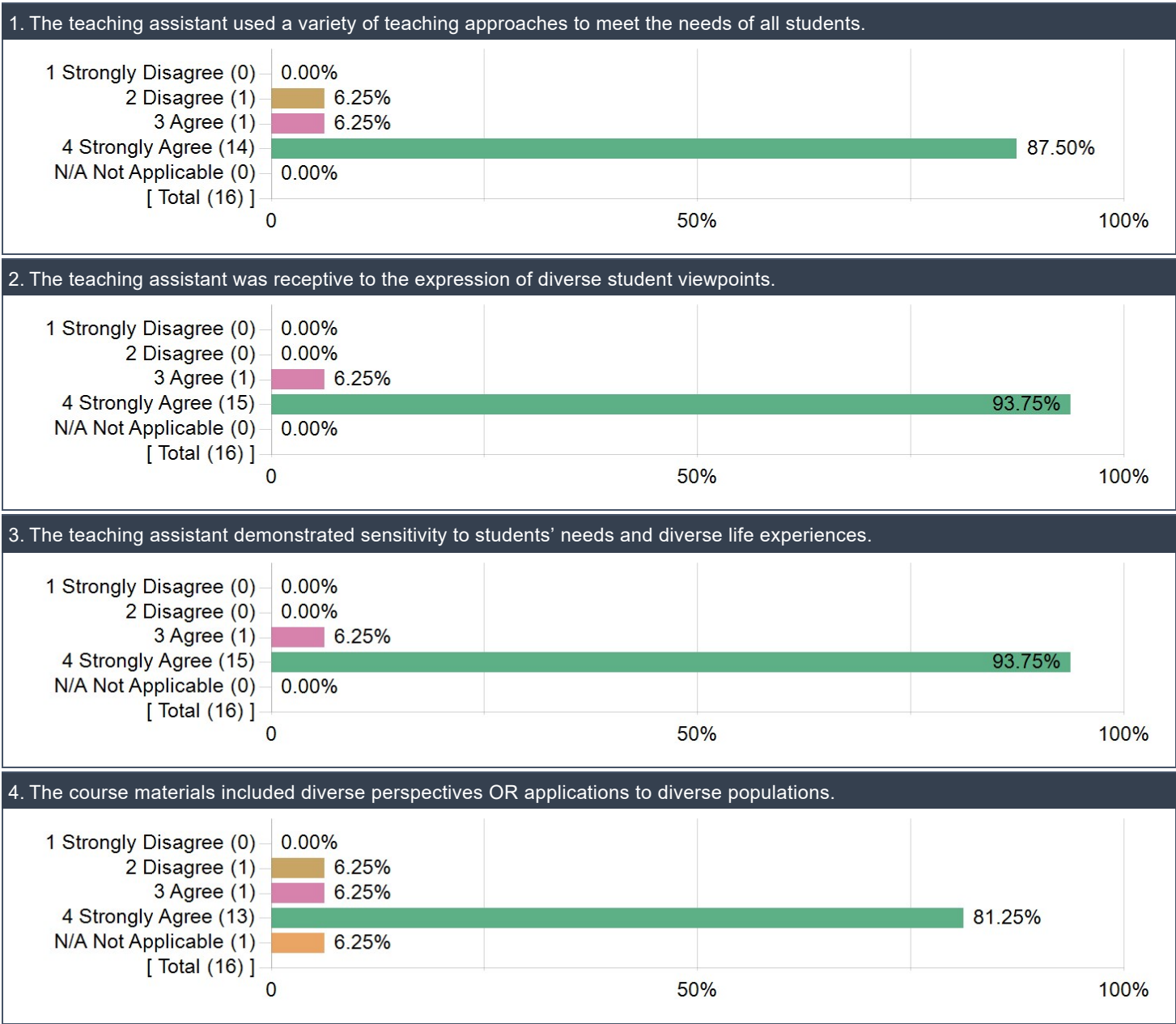
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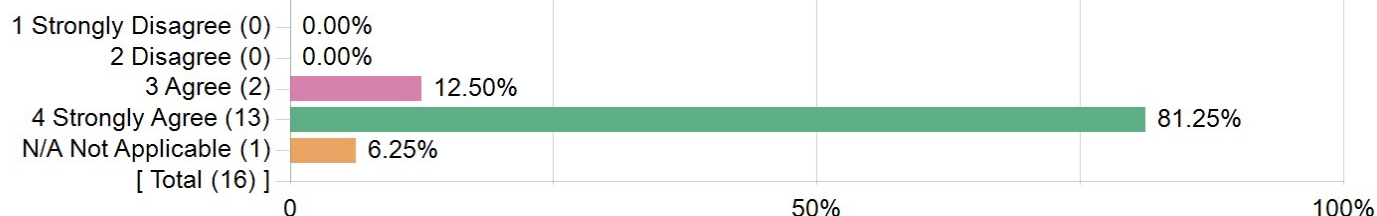


LEARNING EXPERIENCE SUBSCALE ANALYSIS FOR TA: ASSESSMENT PRACTICES

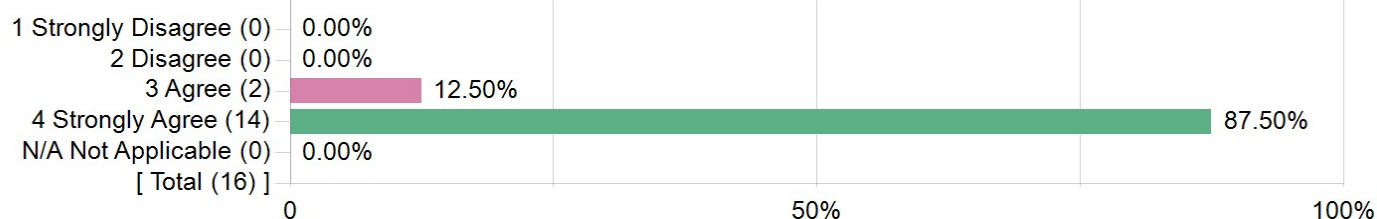
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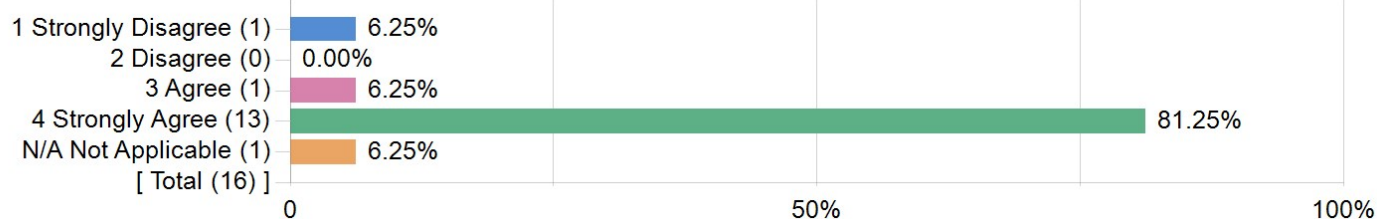
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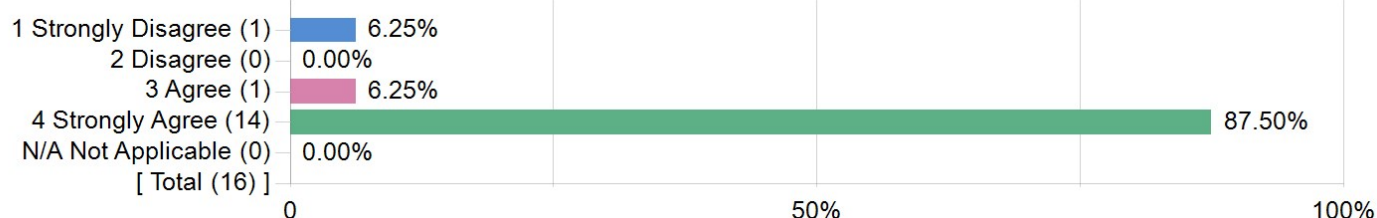
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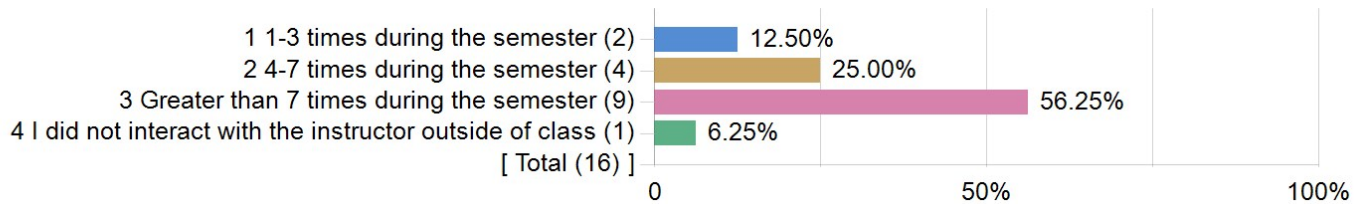
TA: Is there additional information or feedback that you would like to share with teaching assistant Suyanpeng Zhang?

Comments
Wonderful TA. Very knowledgeable.
Suyanpeng is a fantastic TA! He explains things really clearly, even better than the professor. He always replies to emails quickly. He's simply the best!
Thank you so much for your patience this semester, if it wasn't for you, this class would have been over for us. You are really patient and professional, a natural teacher, and I hope you can reach even higher achievements in the future.
I can't survive this course without Suyanpeng's help. He is the most responsible TA I have met at USC. He responded to students' emails quickly and did everything he can to help us succeed in the course.
Great TA, would not have survived this class or learned anything from it if Suyan wasn't there for us all the time. He was dedicated to this class and was always ready to answer our questions and so patient and concise in the process. He even went above and beyond to help me learn by answering midnight emails and letting me come to his office outside his office hour to ask last minute homework questions while he was still busy working on his own doctoral dissertation and life in general, which I'm very thankful for. He understood that we are having a difficult time and did his best to make this class better for us, having Suyan as our TA almost made me forgive the ISE department for assigning the Professor that we had to us, who made mistakes everywhere in the slides and is just so irresponsible, the discussion sessions that he decided to hold just ended up being Suyan's extra office hours, his explanations always making simple concepts so vague and difficult to understand that I'm doubting if he actually understood the concepts he is teaching. I'm not being dramatic when I say Suyan's the only reason I was able to survive this ill structured and honestly just terrible course because I seriously doubt the professors ability in this field and his teaching in general. Most of what I learned came from the TA not the Professor. Suyan did most of what the instructor is supposed to do, clarifying concepts, correcting concepts that the professor had taught but were completely incorrect, helping me understand course material, and remaining unbelievably available and patient as a TA while he had so much to juggle in his own academic life. I honestly wished that Suyan had taught the class instead, it would've been so much better, to say the least at least I could trust him to teach me the right concepts and know that he would have the answers to questions regarding course material because at least the TA knows his stuff. Felt bad for him though, because he needs to constantly correct the concepts that the professor had taught in class that were wrong to the point that during his office hours he might as well have re-taught the class again and he's already very busy. I am very very thankful that he remained as dedicated to the course as he was in the beginning till the end, because he was the only one in the class who was an actual qualified instructor that I can trust and rely on (I've never met the other TA so I'm only considering the professor and Suyan here).
Suyan has been one of the best TA's I've had in the analytics program. During office hours, he would review material very thoroughly to ensure we understood the topics, he would create the homework based on the topics he knew we should be learning from the course, he even taught the class the first few weeks of the course and provided us with so many resources to learn the material, he also answered my emails very quickly and very thoroughly. If it wasn't for Suyan, I would have been completely lost in the course which I'm still lost in. He truly deserves a raise. Thank you so much for your help throughout the semester, I truly appreciate it. I hope you're able to become a Professor!!!
Suyanpeng provided amazing support and direction. He was very informative and knew the content well, I would not have learned anything if it wasn't for him.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT ANALYSIS

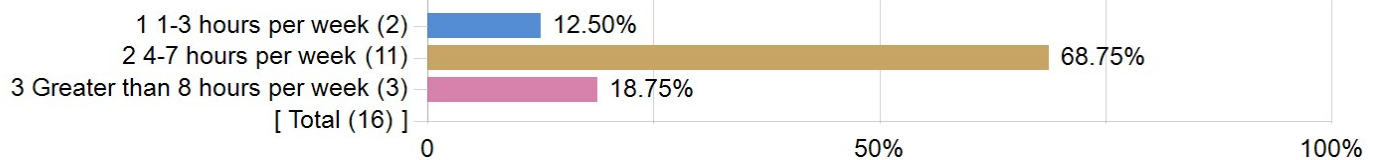
Number of TA Interactions Outside of Class

TA: Approximately how many times did you interact with teaching assistant **Suyanpeng Zhang** outside of class? (e.g., via email, office hours).

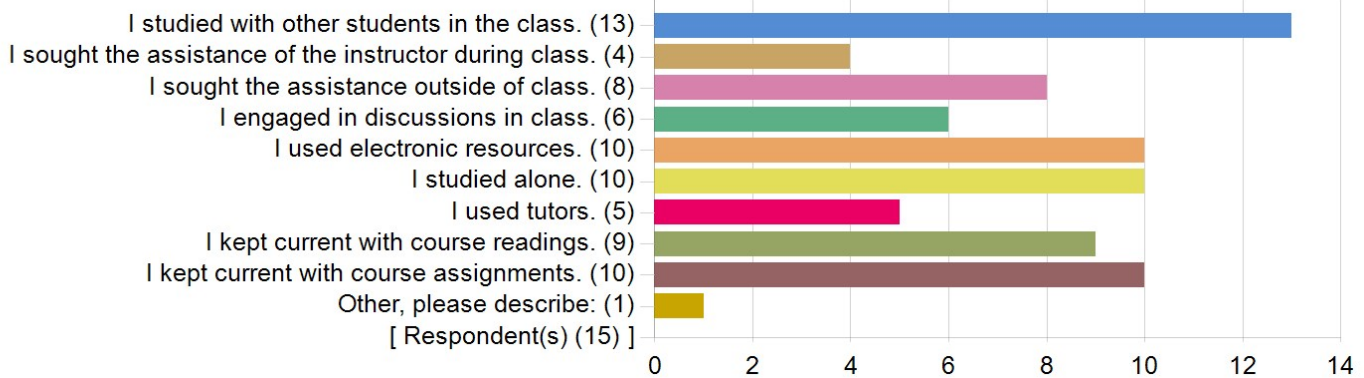


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In what ways have you participated in your learning for this course? (Please select all that apply.)



Please describe the MOST valuable aspect(s) of this course.

Comments
The professor
None
Nothing.
Taught me how to self-study.
helpful
Aside from Suyan, not much. It was a terrible class. Okay maybe the professor's nice temperament, but this is the first course feedback that I've written angry comments like this because it was just such a waste of time and money.
Learning on my own and asking the TA for help

Please describe the LEAST valuable aspect(s) of this course.

Comments
N/A
None
The course content and delivery wasn't well done in any way by this professor.
helpful
Pretty much everything, again, would not have survived if not for our TA Suyan. I had to self study everything and I no longer trust the professor to provide accurate information.
Attending lecture (the slides would be wrong, answers for hws on the slides would be wrong, the way the slides were designed made it hard to understand the material). Also the room we were in made it very uncomfortable to be in the classroom and learn, it was so cramped especially during exams

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

Supplemental Questions for the USC Viterbi School of Engineering This evaluation is for teaching assistant Suyanpeng Zhang .

1. The teaching assistant treats students professionally, respectfully, and with integrity.	2. Grading in the course was reflective of academically rigorous standards.																								
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Statistics	Value
Response Count	15
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