



Instructor Course Feedback for MATH 5040-001 Stoch Proc, Simultn I Fall 2023 (Firas Rassoul-Agha)

Project Title: **Student Course Feedback**

Courses Audience: **33**

Responses Received: **14**

Response Ratio: **42.4%**

Report Comments

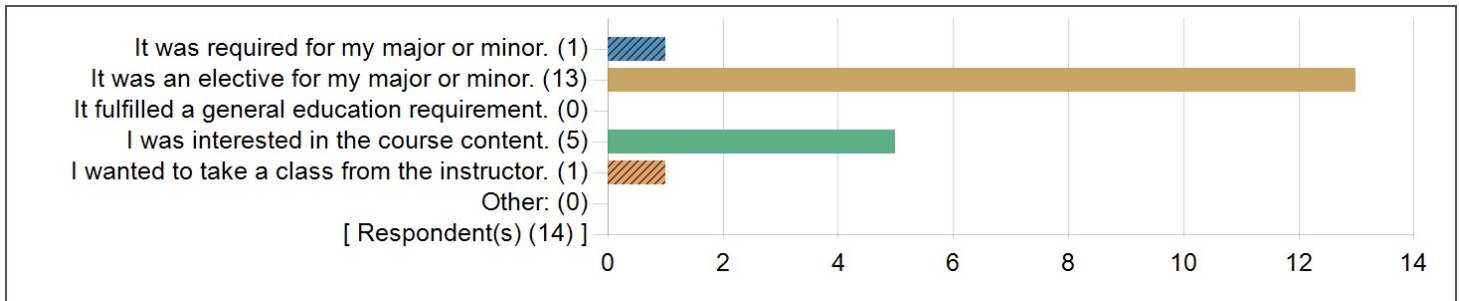
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Student Demographics

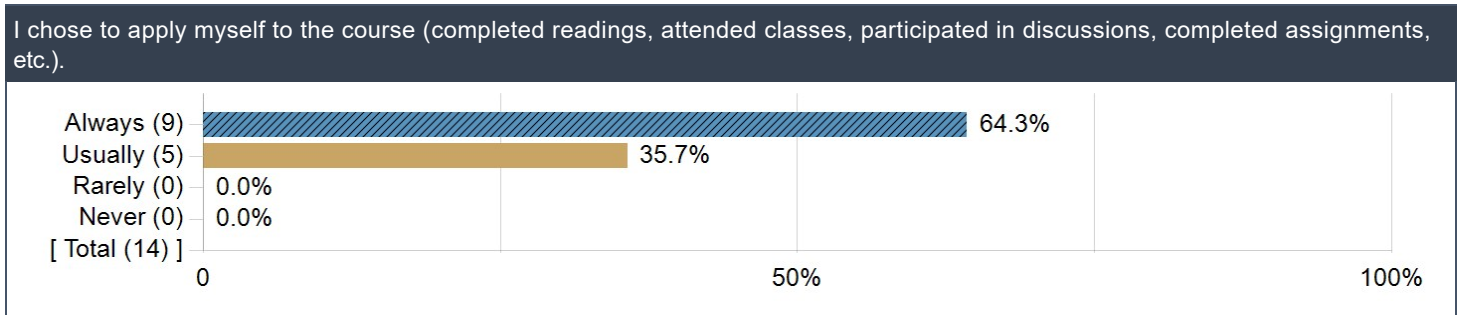
Why did you enroll in this course?



Please explain:

Comments
 For the statistics math degree and for the data science degree, this course counts as an elective

I chose to apply myself to the course (completed readings, attended classes, participated in discussions, completed assignments, etc.).

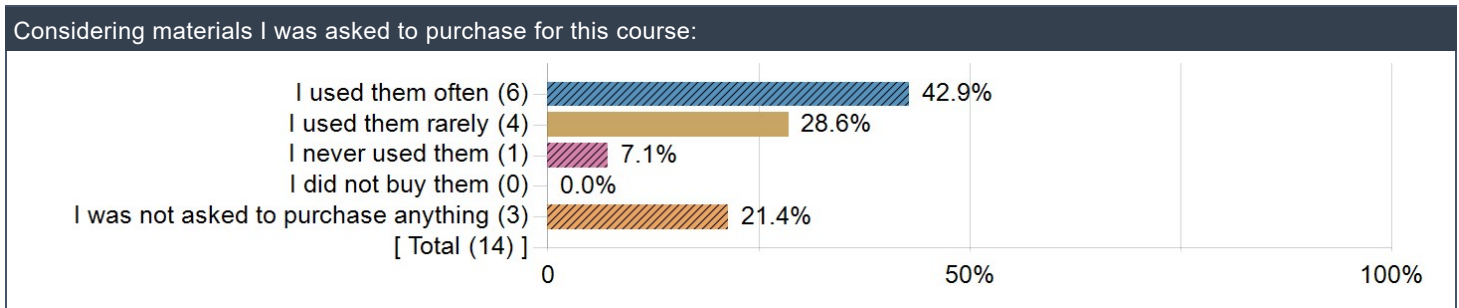


Please explain:

Comments
 I was interested in the subject, not attending class or participating would be a waste
 Attended most classes

Course Materials

Considering materials I was asked to purchase for this course:

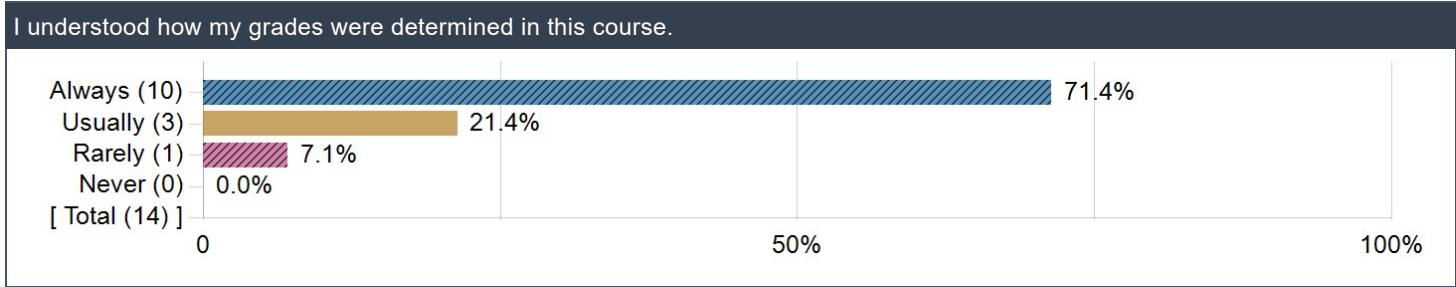


Please explain:

Comments
The textbook was an easy read that provided extra context to concepts from lecture
Used the textbook quite a bit

Grades

I understood how my grades were determined in this course.

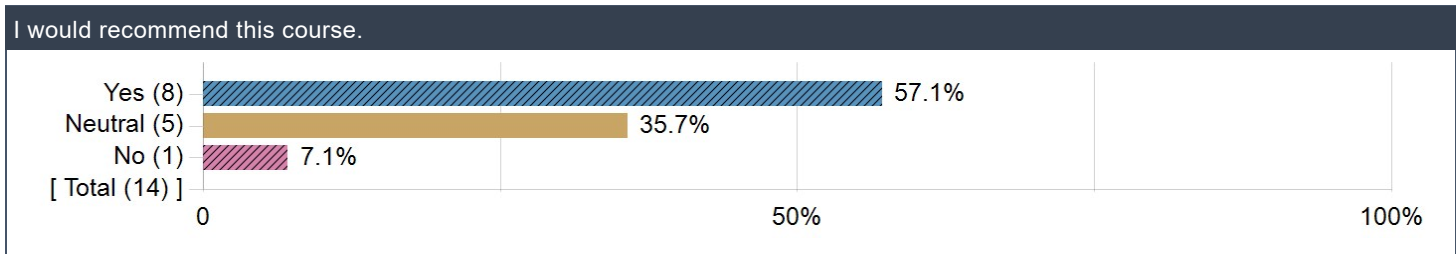


Please explain:

Comments
Grading was always thoroughly explained to us in the event it deviated from the syllabus

Recommend Course & Instructor

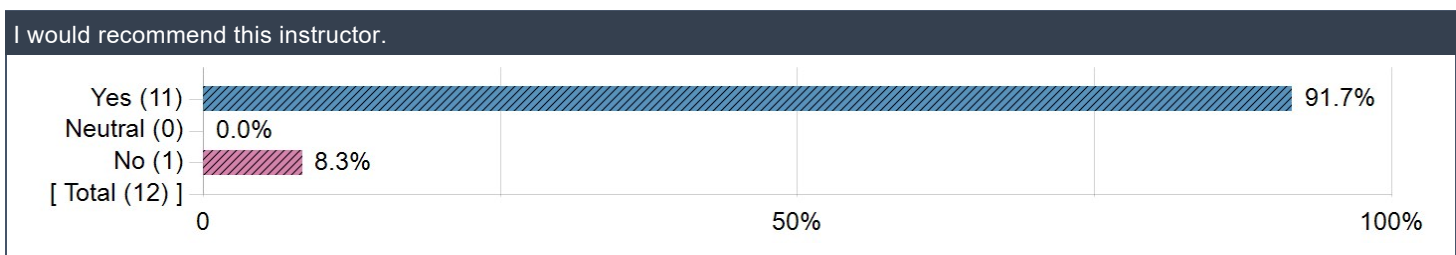
I would recommend this course.



Please explain:

Comments
It's a tough course, and even if math comes easy, you must apply yourself and stay on top of the material. You must attend lectures and ask questions.
I think this course provides a good balance of theory and practical use for jobs in robotics, AI, and ML
This was a fun course and I learned a lot. But was super challenging for just an elective.

I would recommend this instructor.

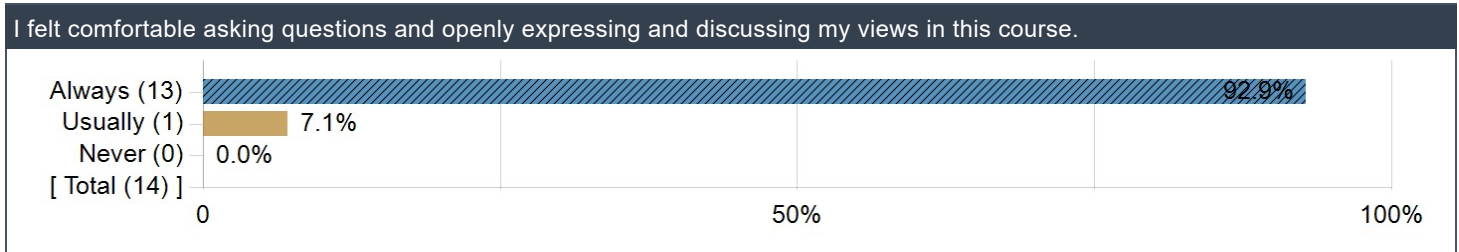


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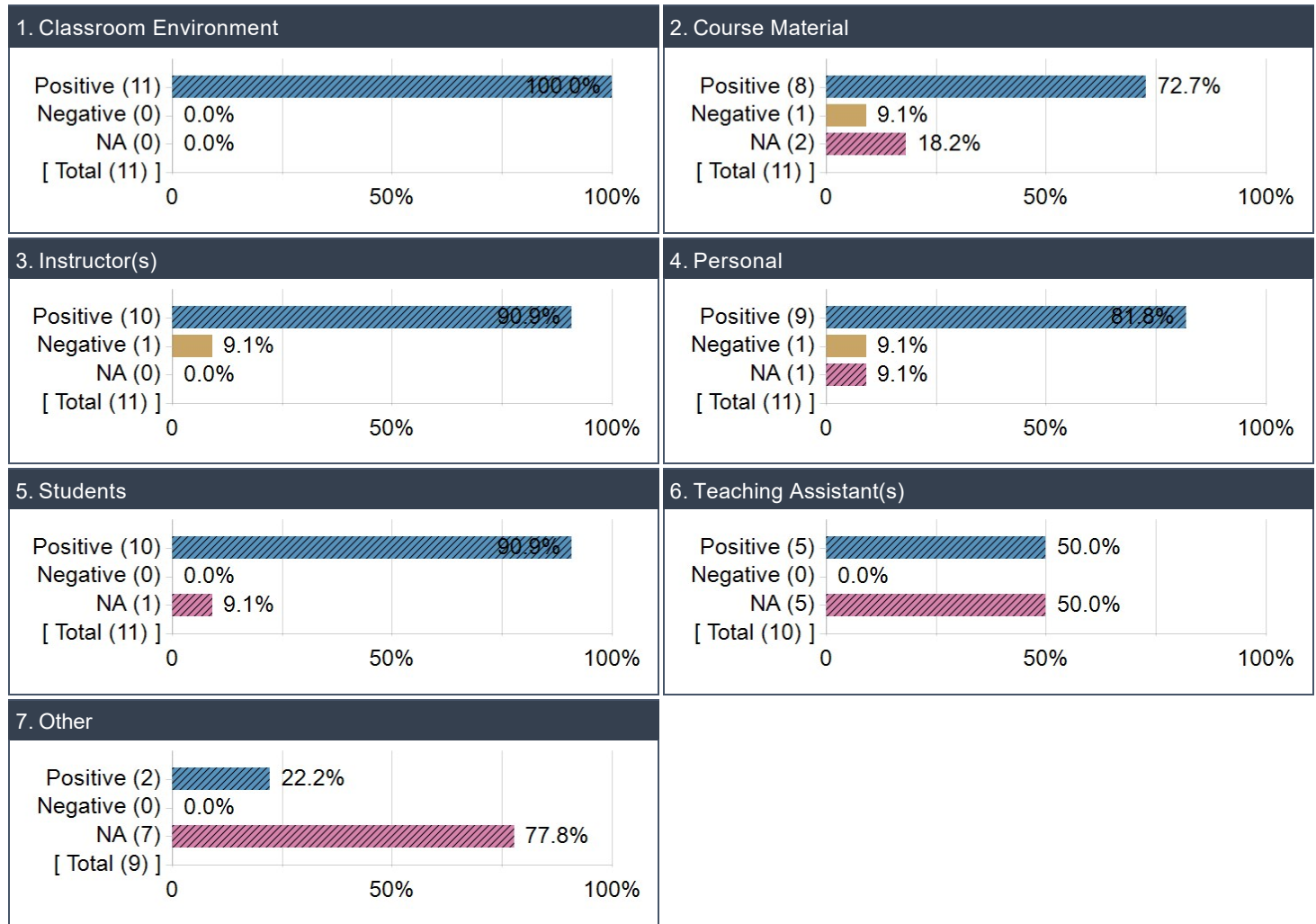
Comments
Good at explaining the materials.
Firas is extremely knowledgeable and can explain the material in a multitude of ways. He wants to help you to succeed as long as you are applying yourself and asking for his help. I really enjoyed him as my professor.
Professor Rassoul–Agha was a fantastic lecturer who made each class enjoyable due to his high energy
Great professor and he was always available for questions. Always willing to help students understand course material.
He is very passionate when teaching
I think Firas is a great guy, but his weighting of 3 exams to be worth 75% of the total grade is strange to me. He wants us to understand the concepts, I can tell. But when 5 questions are worth 75% of your grade, it is a strange situation to be in (very stressful).
Firas was amazing! He does really well on explaining super advanced concepts in a simple concrete way. He maybe over explains things sometimes. It was VERY helpful when he went over example problems in class. I feel I learned the most from those.

Asking Questions and Discussing Views

I felt comfortable asking questions and openly expressing and discussing my views in this course.



Which of these contributed to your answer?

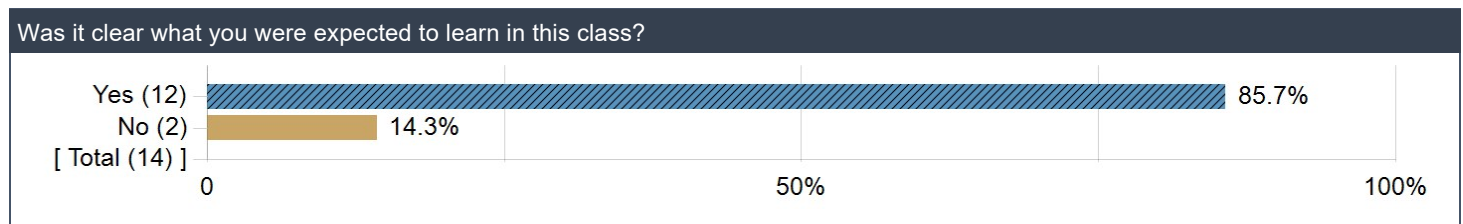


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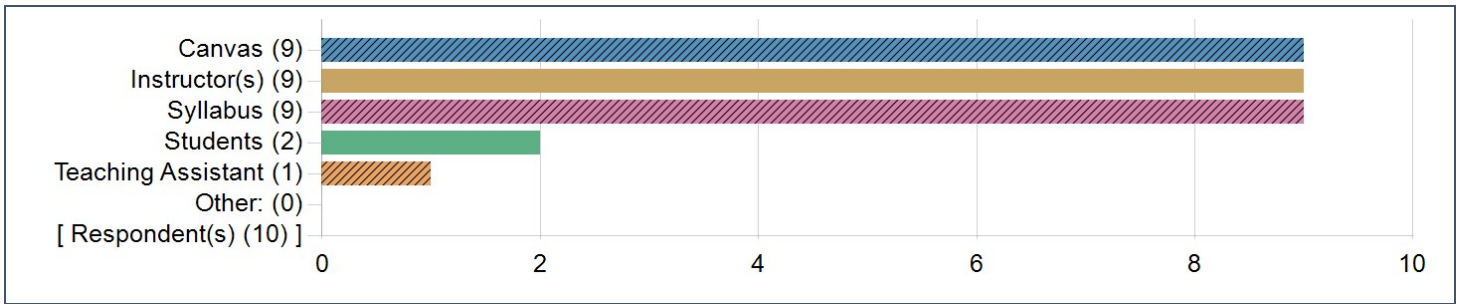
Comments
 I always felt comfortable in class
 Firas was very open to answering even the simplest questions and didn't make you feel dumb for asking them.

Learning Objectives

Was it clear what you were expected to learn in this class?



If yes, how did you know this?

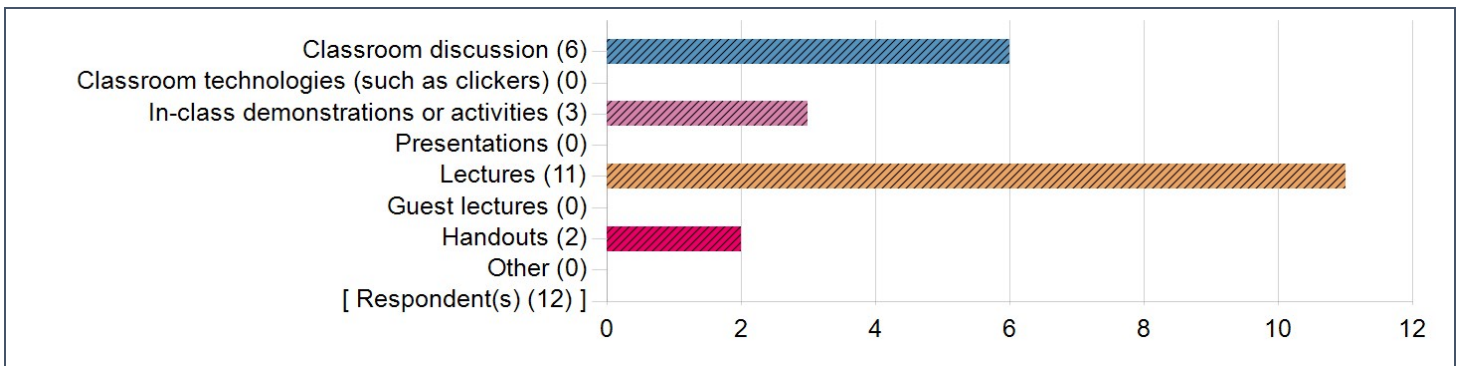


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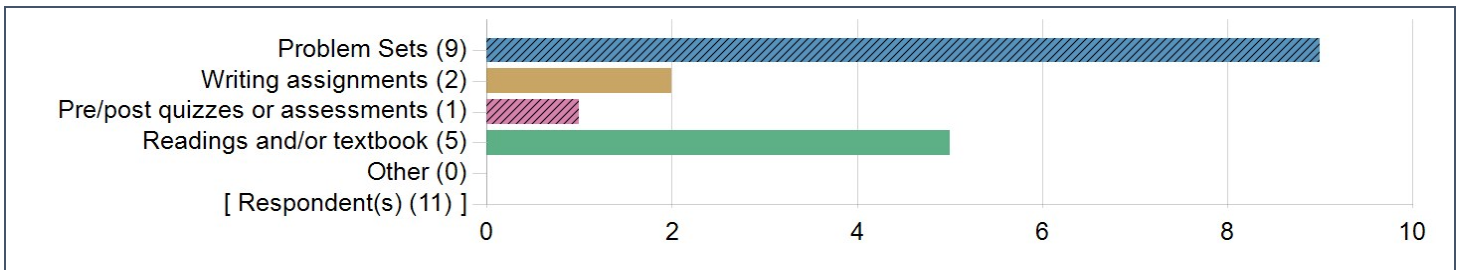
Comments
Not clearly laid out in syllabus but also the lectures would wander
Learning goals were in the syllabus and often we were informed during class too
The homework assignments were very much aligned to the lectures and were necessary in order to master the content we learned in class. But the homework problems were rarely similar to problems you would see on the exams.

Which of these were used in the course and helped you learn?

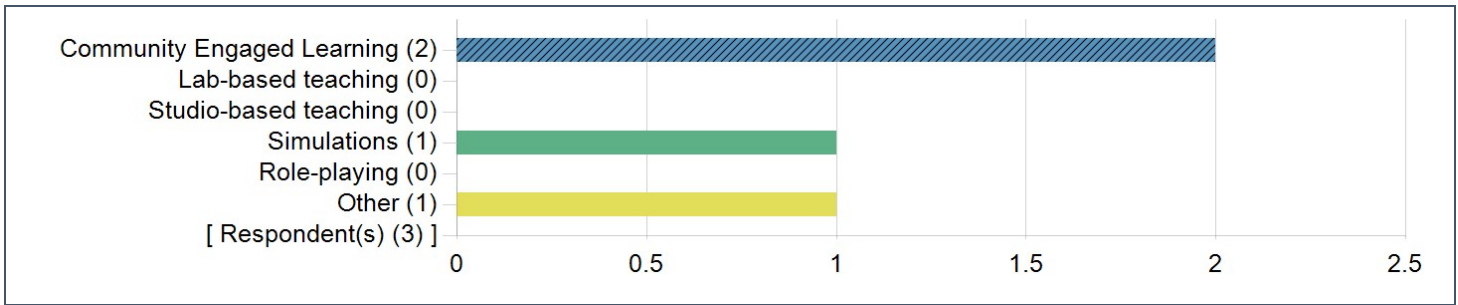
In-class Tools



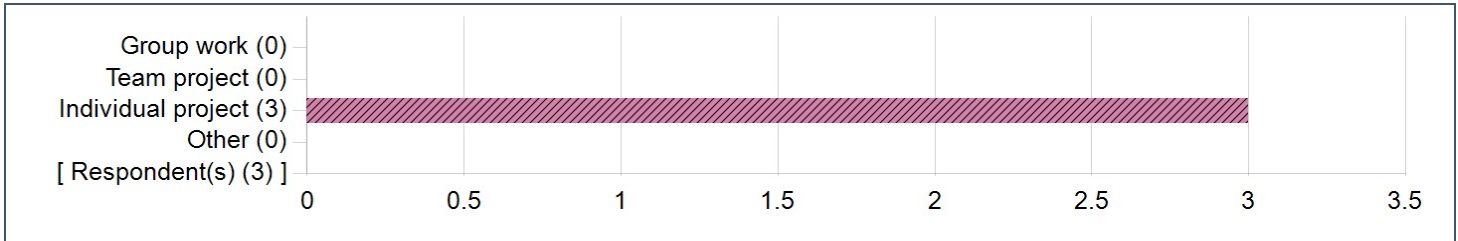
Readings and Assignments



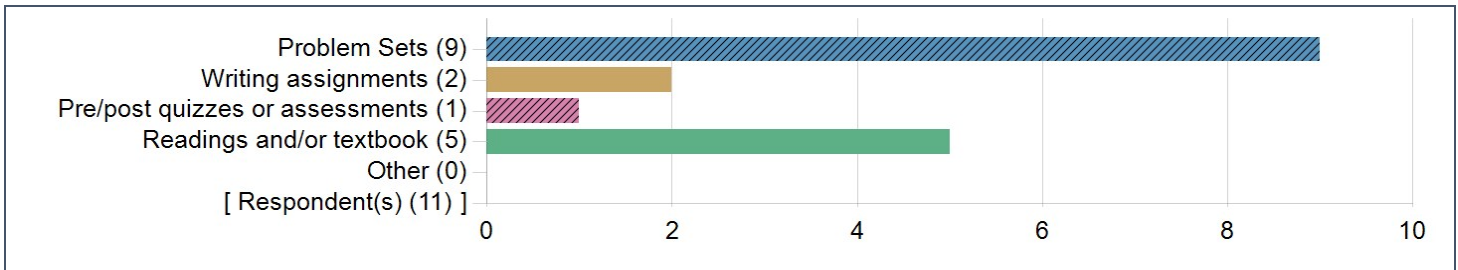
Experiential Learning



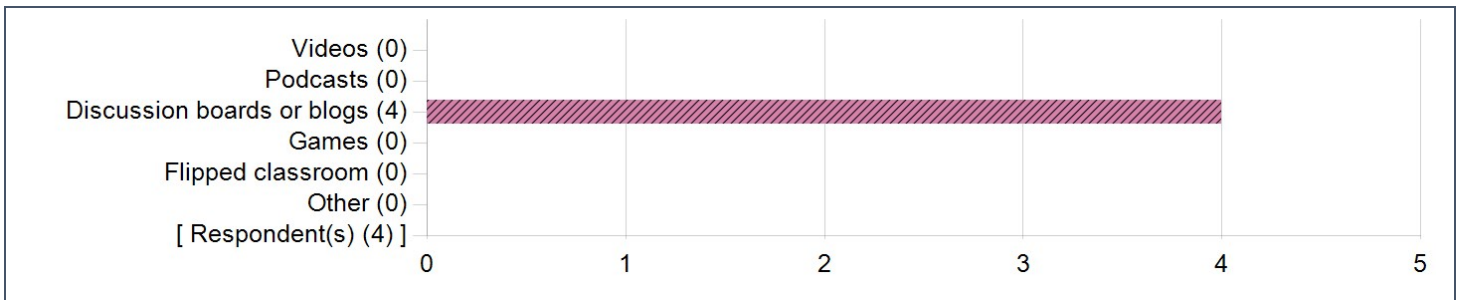
Student-based Projects



Readings and Assignments



Technology-Based Learning



Please explain:

Comments
 We only had lectures and assignments. It was a perfect use/balance for this course

Additional Comments

Is there anything else you would like this instructor to know?

Comments
I appreciate you teaching us. You're a kind and good instructor that inspires a good atmosphere for questions and learning without an air of judgement.
smartest professor
thank you
Thanks for being a fantastic professor this semester. I really enjoyed the energy you brought to lectures since it made me look forward to class
Your enthusiasm is infectious!
Firas was amazing! He was always willing to help and made his time available freely for students to come see him to get help