JAMES BOLLING

NETWORKED & MULTIMODAL COMP (ENGL149 001 2152)
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Overall indicators

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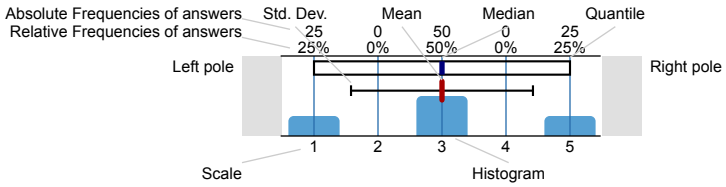

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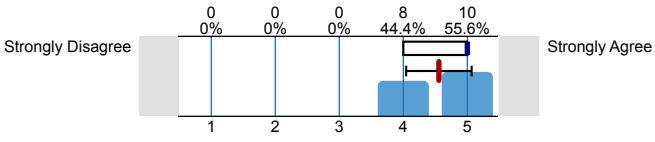

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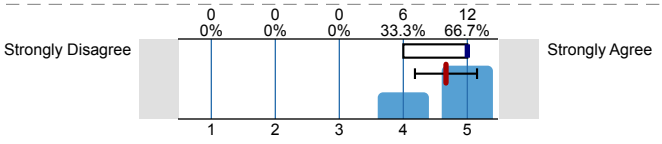

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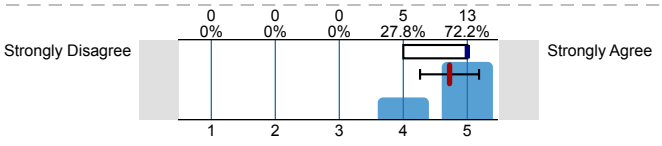

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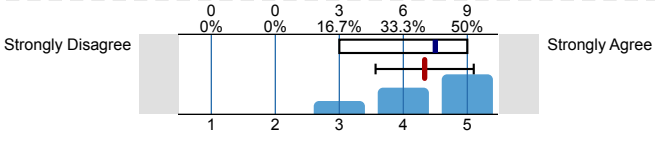

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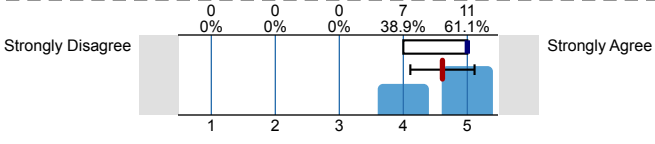

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Comments on overall assessment of this course.

- A fantastic and fun way to intellectually challenge students to create compositional work through a vast form of mediums.
- Definitely the most academically unique course I've taken at UNC. Every day was a new challenge. But Bolling teaches and treats you in a way that is empowering, helping you believe in yourself and the work you are doing.
- Favorite course I've taken at Carolina by far. It was different from a lot of classes before, and Professor Bolling did a fantastic job teaching the subject matter.
- Honestly, Ben made the course worth taking. Sure, the subject matter was relatively interesting, from a distanced perspective, but Ben really took the time and effort to present the material in a fun and interesting way. Our class had very little exams or quizes, and was largely project-based, which I found to be closer to 'real-world' scenarios, and more enjoyable. He took the time to demonstrate how to use professional software in his class, and just did a really good job of making the class the best one I've had this semester, and certainly a favorite
- It was awesome.
- Loved this class. I really enjoyed the incorporation of comics and the class discussions we had first and foremost, but I also liked how we had open class discussions about all the texts that were read in the class. Since this is a project-based class, I like how the final portfolio allows for adjusting and editing projects we had done earlier in the class. Plus, I enjoy how you're a great teacher while also having a chill classroom.
- Teacher was very enthusiastic about the material and also very knowledgable. He also graded my work fairly and provided good feedback. Overall I had a great experience and I would definitely recommend this class and also take another class with the instructor
- This class provided the opportunity to apply practical skills to an interesting subject matter.
- This course was different and maybe unconventional but I learned a lot. I received a very well rounded education during this course. I was engaged about the subject matter and it challenged me to think critically about about the topics.
- This course was one of my favorite classes that I have ever taken at UNC. I learned so many skills in technology, networking, and marketing that I will take with me on future endeavors. Ben Bolling is a fantastic professor who really knows how to connect with his students and teach complicated material in a fun, engaging way. If I could take this class again, I would because it was an incredible experience. I loved every assignment, text, and discussion we had. Batman was a great vehicle for teaching complex skills and ideas.
- This course was structured differently than I would have imagined going in, but was thoroughly engaging and was able to convey what could have easily been a rather dry subject in a way that was interesting, new, and exciting.
- This was one of my favorite classes this semester, I never even picked up a comic book previous to this course, but the professor made it fun and engaging. I enjoyed having the wide variety of projects and group projects.

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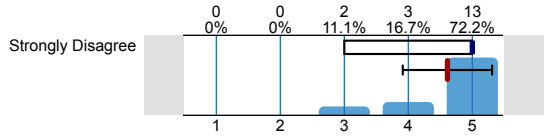

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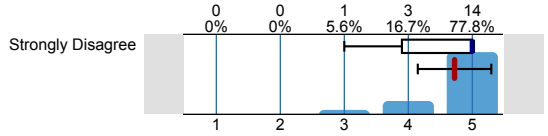

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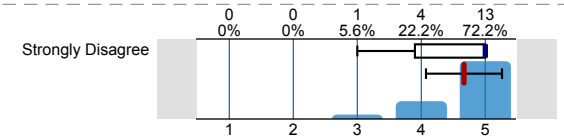

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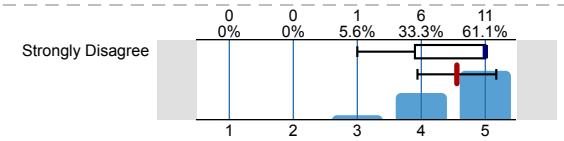

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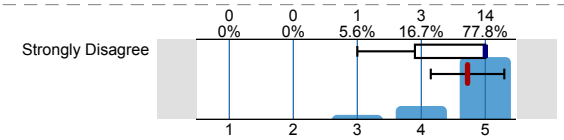

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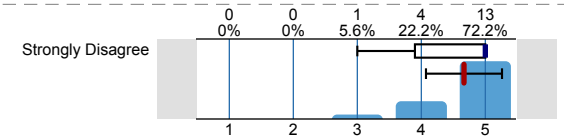

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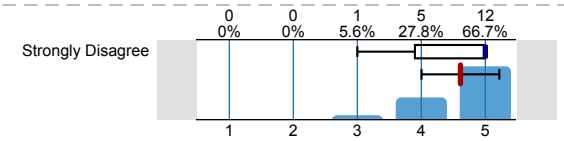

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Other Information

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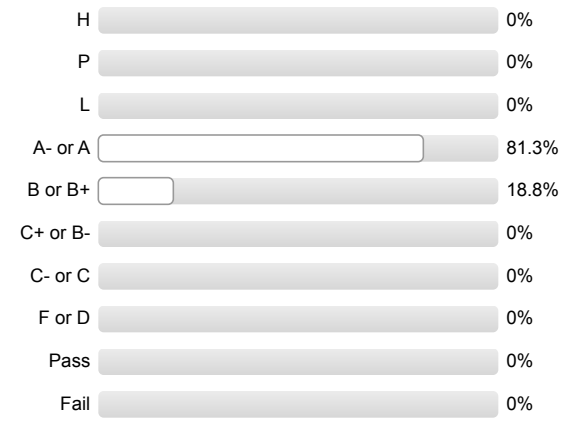

Is this a required course for you?

COURSE: texts, requirements and standards, organization, emphasis, etc. Did you find the material interesting or valuable?

- Comics yaas
- I found it interesting
- I found the course material very interesting. It was something that I was unfamiliar with but I learned a lot during this semester. The skills I learned in the class are very valuable and I will use these newly learned skill in future course and after I graduate.
- I found the material enjoyable and useful. Some, like the Batman texts, were not inherently useful but were fun to read and engage in cultural/social questions with. Works like Save the Cat were fascinating in the lessons that they taught that were extremely applicable later on, in business and in life. The texts also made me question format in the conveyance of ideas, and encouraged me to think critically about what format I present a text in.
- I think for various assignments such as writing a beat sheet, the books were helpful, but other than that I feel like I gained more from class lectures and discussions than I did from actual assignments.
- I thought that all the texts required for class were valuable because they all helped you for analysis. The comic books were also good ones to read, very interesting.
- Marginally. We read some comic books, which I didn't really enjoy, but it made sense in the context of the class, so he wasn't haphazardly assigning a comic book with no justification behind it. At the same time, the articles we did read were too wordy and deep for me to connect with
- The materials were all very interesting and had a specific place in the coursework
- The materials were both interesting and valuable expressions of what we were learning.
- The texts were diverse and engaging, and the class had a reasonable schedule.
- Yeah
- Yes
- Yes the material was perhaps the best part of the class. Very interesting and kept me engaged throughout the duration of the course.
- Yes the reading material was extremely interesting.
- Yes, I never knew much about comics, but now I have a wonderful understanding and want to learn more about them. I didn't think I was a Batman person. Now maybe I am...
- Yes. The batman texts assigned were both enjoyable to read and great examples of alternate forms of literature.

WRITTEN WORK: Did the instructor assign both papers and examinations that enabled you to demonstrate your knowledge of the material? Did the course help you improve your writing skills?

- I definitely think the instructor did a great job at applying what we have learned into every assignment. It was a building block process.
- Not necessarily, but writing and designing for social media and marketing avenues was more "real worldly" applicable in my opinion
- Oh absolutely our knowledge of the material was tested through papers and projects and examinations.
- The assignments did not help me improve my writing skills, but I was able to improve with other software like and mediums. I was also able to improve my rhetoric through this course.
- The class did not require much written work, but instead allowed us to respond to the course through a variety of applicable media, such as videos, podcasts, and marketing pitches.
- The instructor had us complete a series of individual and group projects that better taught us the material and was more useful to the goals of the class overall. Papers and tests would have been far less effective than the projects we were assigned.
- The opportunity to reflect on our work was very useful in finding out ways we could improve.
- The written work was secondary to the multimodal work (videos, podcasts, etc)
- This developed my multimodal composition skills
- Yep, and yep!
- Yes, at the final project we had to write an overall reflection of our work and or project.
- Yes, the assigned materials helped improve my writing skills and so did the feedback that I received.
- Yes, the instructor assigned various writing assignments and projects that enhanced my creative tools.
- kinda
- no papers or exams, mostly media projects teaching software use

CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT: daily organization, atmosphere, effective use of scheduled class time, etc. What would you have liked to do more of? Less of?

- Everything about the environment was great!
- I enjoyed our roundtable discussions
- I enjoyed the way it was set up already and wouldn't have really changed anything.
- I liked how classes were organized in a generally casual but organized way. However, lectures could trail on a little long and feel redundant. I particularly like classes that were more discussion based. Lecturing was engaging, just could run on.
- I really liked our open ended discussions such as when we would just discuss our thoughts on the Batman theme and mythos rather than going over reading. I feel like with those open ended discussions there is no right or wrong answer and students are more likely to participate and give their opinion.
- Less group projects
- Loved the conversations about texts we read. Didn't really like the discussion about signifiers/symbols etc...., as we didn't really talk about it except for a single instance.
- No complaints.
- Perfect as is.
- The class was very enjoyable to attend, although workshops were sometimes a bit dull. It was easy to participate in class because of the comfortable environment.
- The classroom environment was fantastic. I enjoyed coming to this class.
- The instructor was very punctual and go through lots of course material in class. The environment was very engaging and he was also very enthusiastic which made me enjoy the class so much more.
- This was a great team atmosphere class environment that kept me engaged and focused during class.
- Very organized, cared about subject matter and students.
- We did a great job with class structure and using the given time wisely. Through the workshops, Ben engaged us with new tactics to create and design our own work on a subject that is globally enjoyed in Batman.
- talk about comics
- very organized, used class time well

TEACHER: teacher-student rapport, speaking ability, availability, etc. What particular recommendations would you make, if any?

- Ben was a fantastic orator, bringing in energy and captivating us with new ideas and intellectual discussion on everything ranging from social media to the newest Batman comics and movies.
- Continue what you are doing. I thought Professor Bolling was a phenomenal professor and was extremely helpful. Plus, his teaching style was fun, informative and engaging.
- Fantastic teacher! Gets his points across well and encourages participation, which other students are happy to do. No recommendations because it was an awesome class!
- He really did a good job of getting to know each of us and responded to everything in a professional manner.
- I liked how he was chatty and genial with the students, laid back without trying to be the "cool teacher". Genuinely interested in what students had to say, and had smart things to talk about.
- Keep doing what you're doing.
- N/A
- Our instructor was always clear about his expectations and available to answer questions when necessary. He was very engaging and allowed us agency to make the class more applicable.
- Rapport was great, speaking ability was great, availability was great.
- Teacher was one of my favorite professors this year. He kept me engaged in a class that I didn't think I would be interested in.
- The instructor also was got back to quickly by email and answered my questions well and with great attention to detail
- The instructor was great at working with students one on one. He was not only helpful during class but also during office hours. I think I would just allow more of a mix of lectures (with how-to-do stuff) and discussions. Overall though, the class was one of the best I've had at Carolina.
- was available outside of class and had good relationship with students

Profile

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Name of the course: (Name of the survey) NETWORKED & MULTIMODAL COMP

Values used in the profile line: Mean

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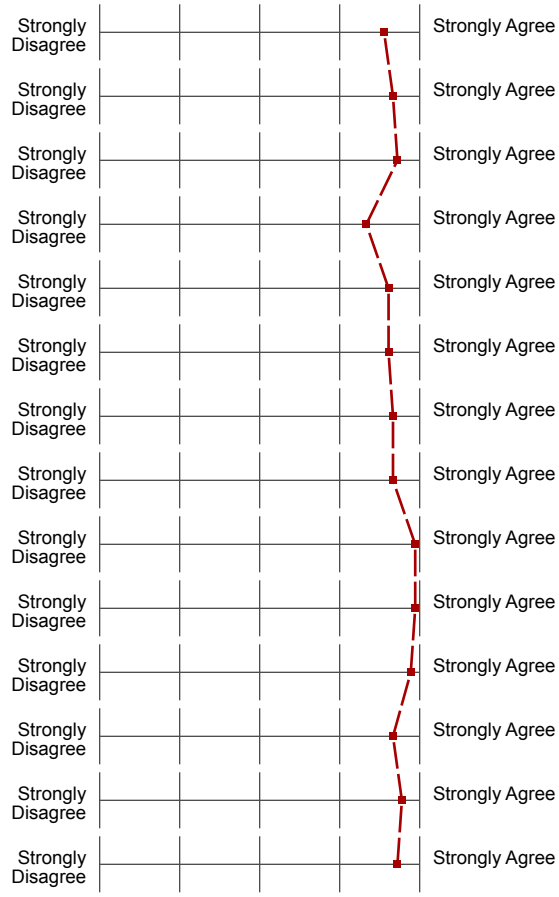

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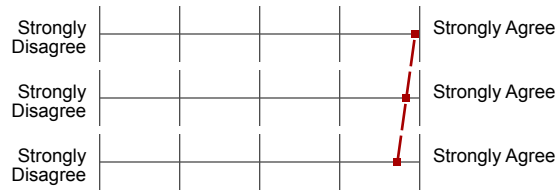

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