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THE AMERICAN NOVEL
ENGL347 951 Fall 2016

No. of responses = 15/18 (Response Rate:83.33%)



Overall indicators

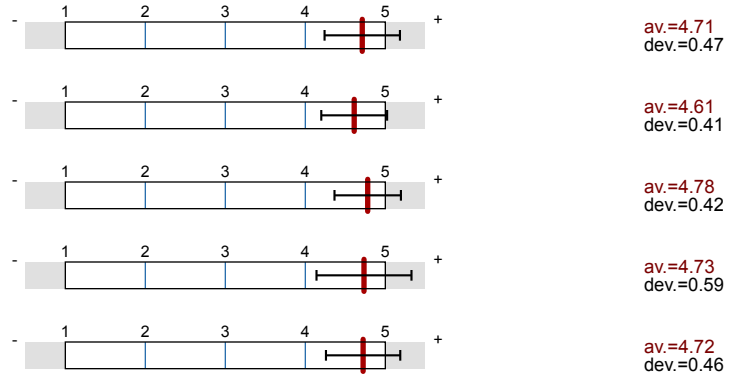
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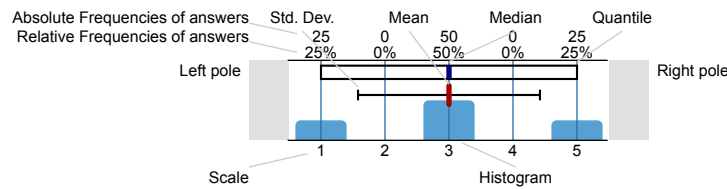
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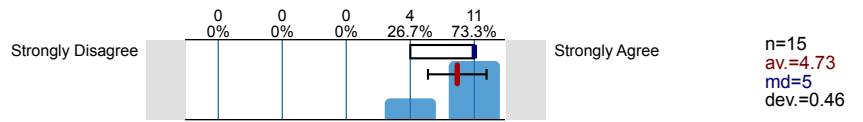
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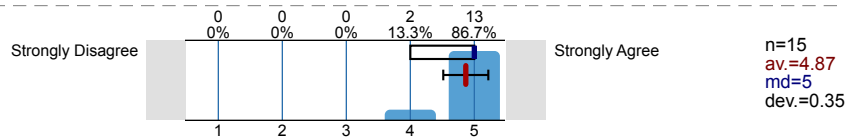
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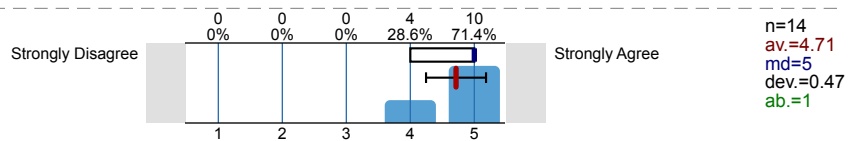
The course challenged me to think deeply about the subject matter.



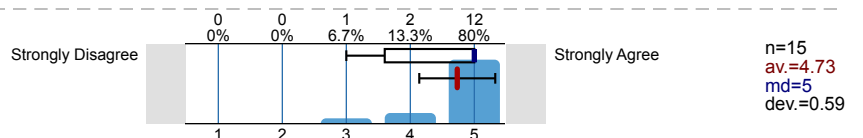
The instructor clearly communicated what was expected of me in this class.



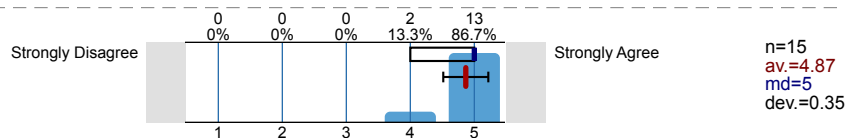
I was able to get individual help when I needed it.



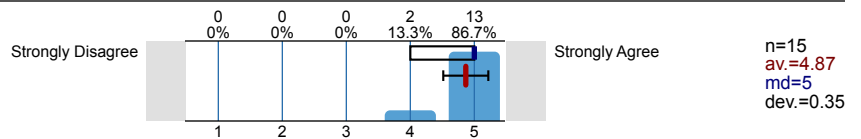
The course material (e.g., coursepack, website, texts) helped me better understand the subject matter.



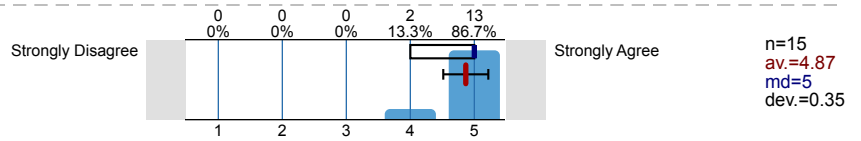
The course assignments helped me better understand the subject matter.



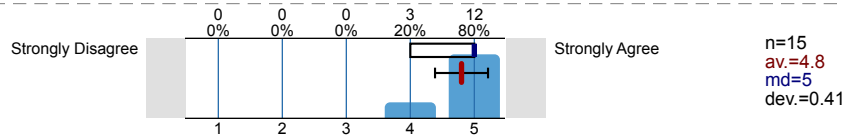
The instructor evaluated my work fairly.



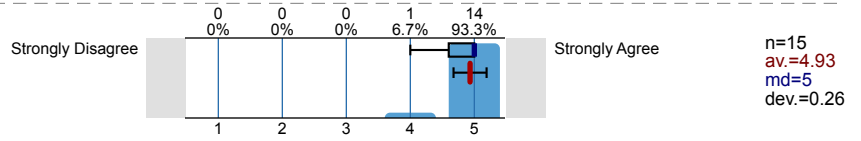
The instructor showed concern about whether students learned the material.



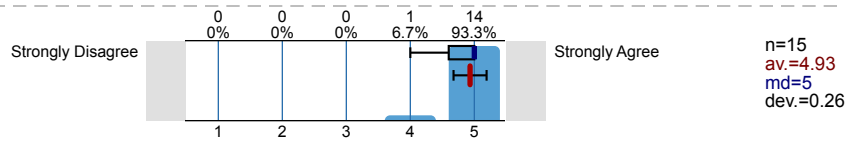
The instructor expressed ideas clearly.



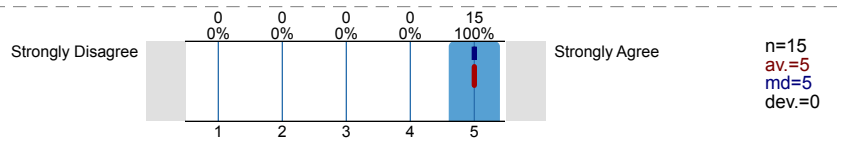
The instructor showed enthusiasm for the subject matter.



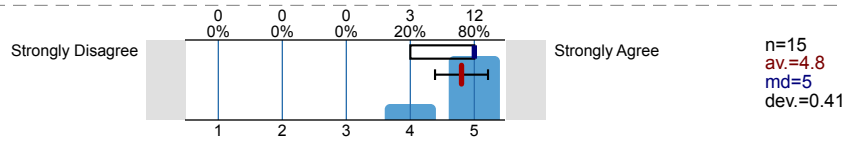
The instructor showed enthusiasm for teaching the class.



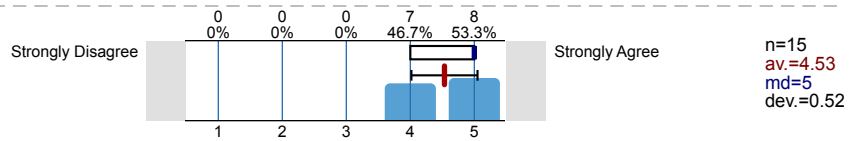
The instructor treated all students with respect.



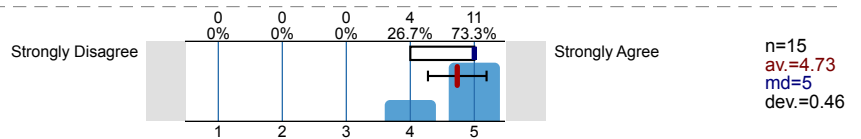
The instructional techniques engaged me with the subject matter.



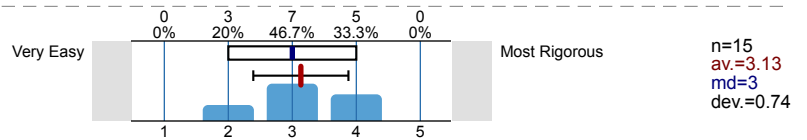
The instructor provided me with helpful feedback on my performance.



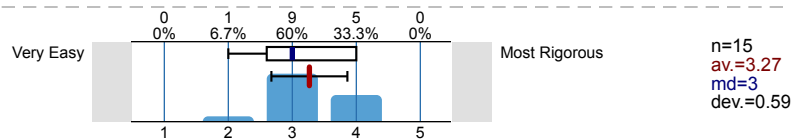
This course was very exciting to me intellectually.



Rate the grading standards of this course compared with others you have taken at UNC.

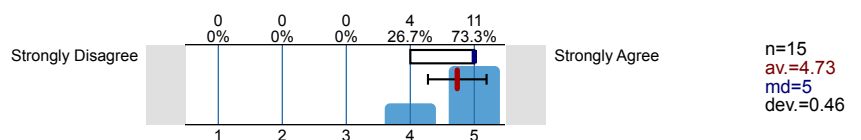


Rate the workload required in this course compared with others you have taken at UNC.

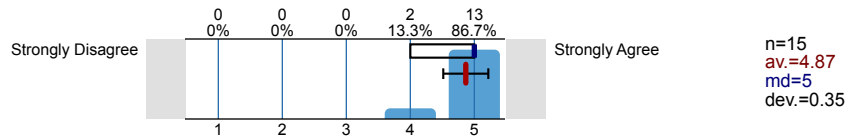


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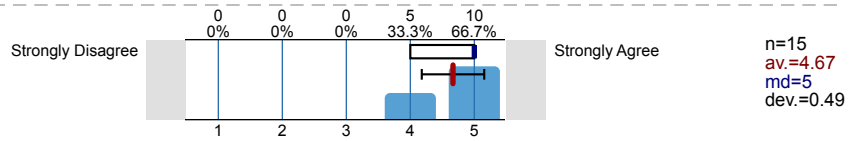
Overall, this course was excellent.



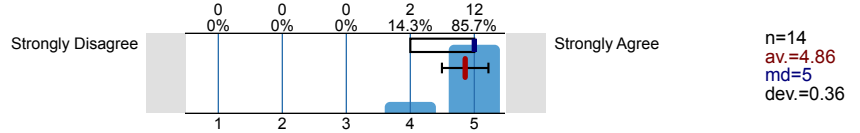
Overall, this instructor was an effective teacher.



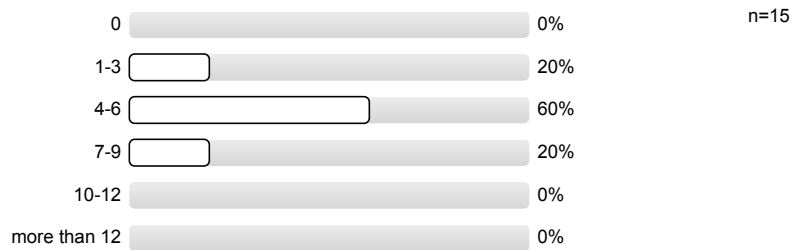
Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.



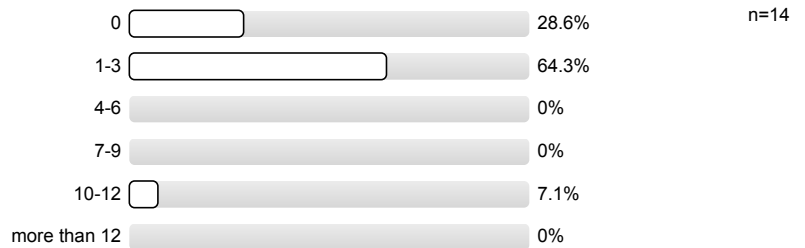
The instructor held class meetings consistent with the official schedule published for this course.



Please estimate the average number of hours per week that you spent outside of class on work related to this course.



About how many times this semester have you met with the instructor outside of class?



Comments on overall assessment of this course.

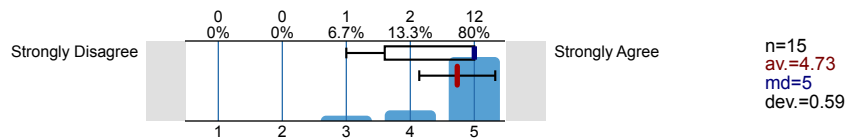
- Dr. Bolling has been a wonderful, engaging, and inclusive instructor. He truly put his students and their education first and it was clear to me for day one that I was going to have a good experience in my class, helping me to feel excited about reading the texts, engaging in discussion, and feeling that I knew what was expected of me and my work and input was valued. Could not have asked for a better instructor.
- Dr. Bolling is an excellent instructor. Not only did I receive a comprehensive perspective of American literature, but the class itself was a lot of fun. Dr. Bolling assigned great novels (including my favorite) and led the class in a academically enriching, yet laid-back environment. Class was an environment in which I was really comfortable in providing insight. I really enjoyed this class and its instructor and I look forward to having Dr. Bolling again.
- Fascinating discussions. I feel like an expert on each of our texts, particularly the last three (Faulkner, Erdrich, and Morrison)
- I really cannot say enough good things about Dr. Bolling. He is easily one of my favorite professors at UNC and I've been here for four years so I've had a number of professors. He is incredibly enthusiastic and passionate about his topic, reasonable in his workload, and caring about his students. I wish I could take another course with him, but I've been singing his praises to my friends all semester so hopefully they'll have him in the future. Dr. Bolling is one of UNC's hidden gems and I'm so thankful I was able to experience one of his classes.
- Mr. Bolling has the unique ability to conjured excitement in students who might not otherwise be too enthused over certain. He got me to love and appreciate two books in particular which I had read in academic settings previously but had never fully appreciated.
- The course was riveting, thanks to Dr. Bolling. He has a penchant for inspiring excitement in his students and offers valuable insight into graded work. The class was amazing and I would take it again in a heartbeat had I known he was teaching it. I came out with a better understanding and appreciation for the American novel and perhaps even with a new outlook on the idea of history.
- The course was very informative for me, as a freshman majoring in a math and science field. Professor Bolling helped me to break many

of my preconceived notions of reading and invited me to think of literature in a new light. Class conversation really helped dissect the contents of each individual novels we read and the novels were all provocative and enjoyable, even if one in particular caused me quite a bit of mental pain while reading. Professor Bolling was extremely kind and helpful in the times when I sought help outside of class. I attribute the vast majority of my success in the class to his aid.

- The professor was very knowledgeable and passionate about the subject matter. I believe this made a huge difference in the way that I viewed the class since I'm not an English major.
- The teacher was very involved and really cared about if the students understood the material. He was very open to ideas as well and always welcomed everyone's voice in the class. He was very organized. He also gave really great feedback on assignments. The only critique I can think of would be that he sometimes graded assignments late. This was understandable, though. (It was never extremely late). Overall, this was a great course and Mr.Bolling was a great teacher.
- This class was so great! I really appreciated the conversations we had in here, and I was so relieved to see a syllabus with diversity!! I have a few suggestions going forward- sometimes I worry that you push your own interpretations of the text a bit too strongly. I think it's very effective for lit teachers to give their ideas equal weight with the students' and allow the discussion to feel like more of a back-and-forth. I think your interpretations are really fascinating, but I think you maybe could have presented them a bit more in line with the discussion rather than as a separate section all about your ideas specifically. Also, if you're going to read passages aloud in class, get students to read them out! This can allow some quieter people to participate without necessarily feeling vulnerable about their ideas! (I know it's hard though because we all have different editions of the text.)
- This was a great course and I've been extremely impressed (as a non English major) with the quality of the English faculty as a whole. Professor Bolling is a great teacher, and a really great guy. I learned a lot but also felt like I got to know Professor Bolling more and more as the course went on, which is a pretty rare, but very rewarding feeling.
- Very engaging and so fun I did not even realize I was learning most of the time

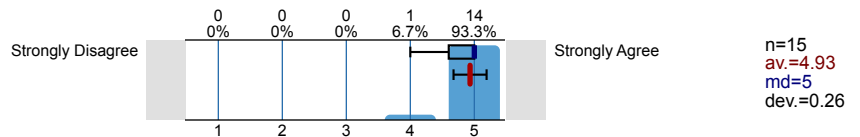
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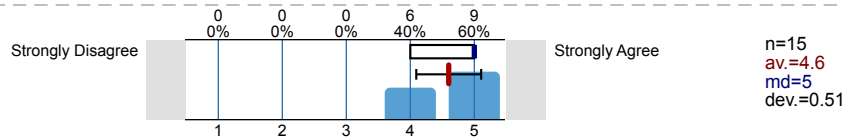


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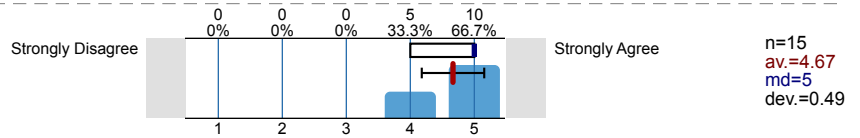
The instructor handled questions well.



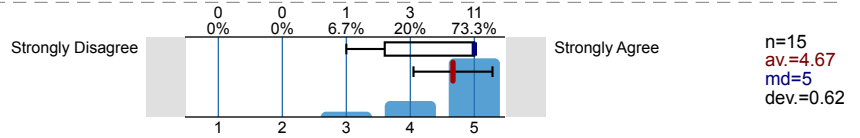
The instructor used examples that had relevance for me.



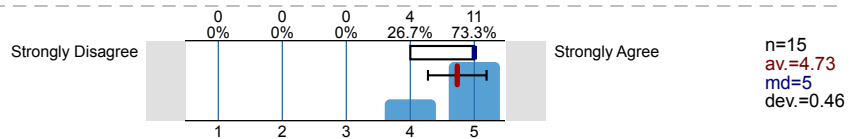
The instructor used class time well.



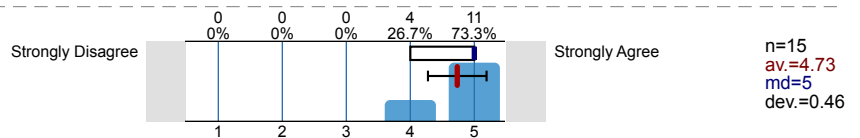
The instructor encouraged students to participate in this class.



This course was designed to keep me engaged in learning.

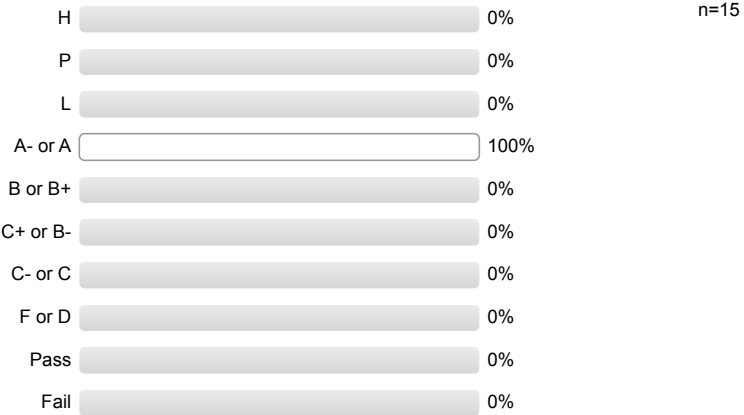


The workload was appropriate for what I gained from this class.



Other Information

What grade do you think you will get in this course?



Is this a required course for you?

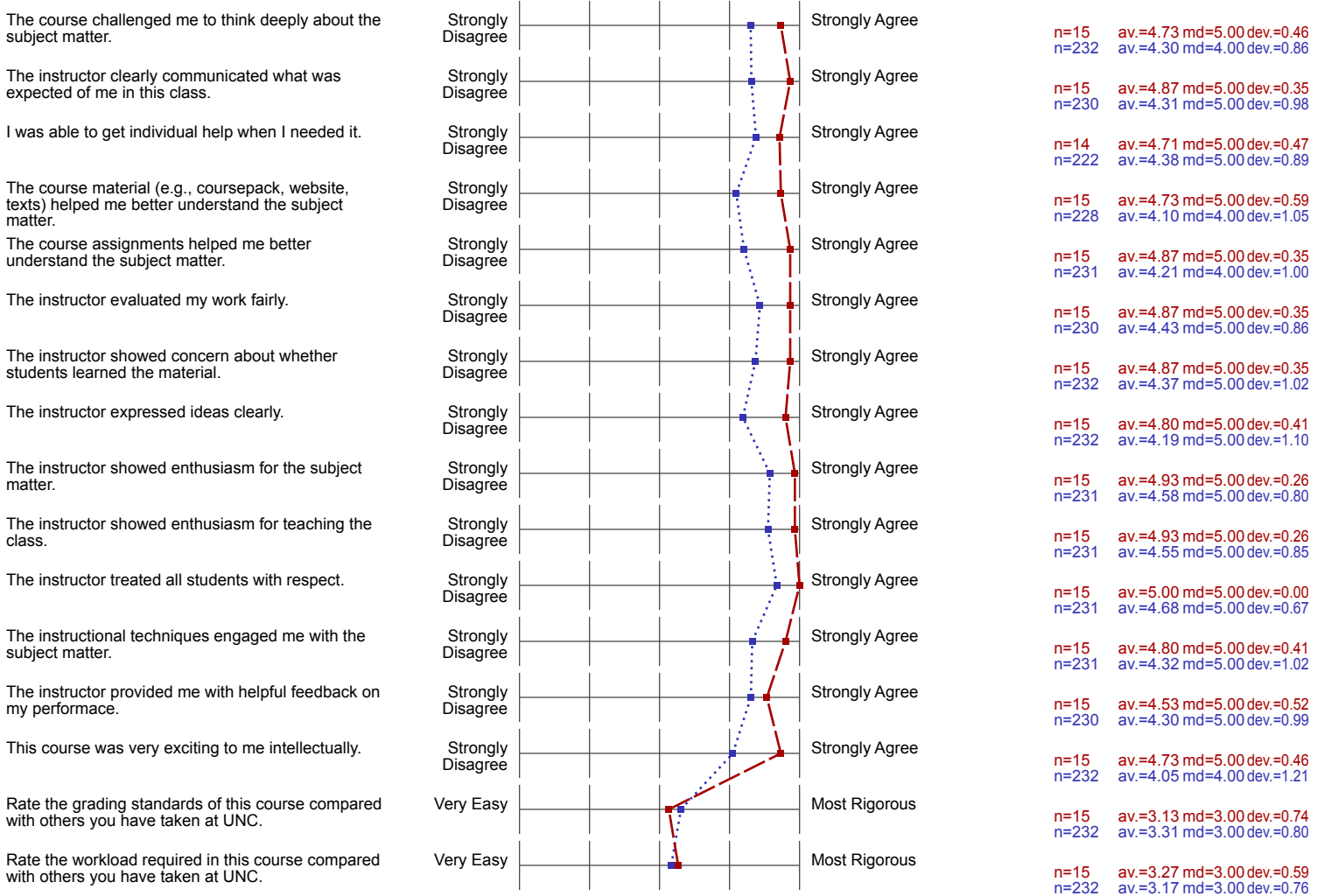


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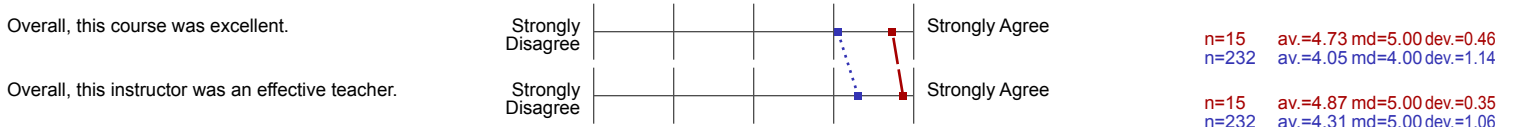
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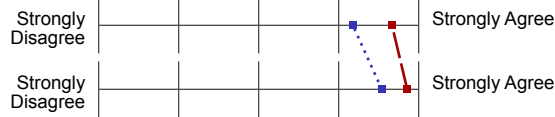
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Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.



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n=231 av.=4.18 md=5.00 dev.=1.07

The instructor held class meetings consistent with the official schedule published for this course.



n=14 av.=4.86 md=5.00 dev.=0.36
n=226 av.=4.54 md=5.00 dev.=0.72

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n=233 av.=3.92 md=4.00 dev.=1.19

Feedback to Students

The instructor handled questions well.



n=15 av.=4.93 md=5.00 dev.=0.26
n=232 av.=4.31 md=5.00 dev.=0.93

The instructor used examples that had relevance for me.



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The instructor used class time well.



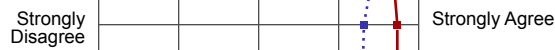
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The instructor encouraged students to participate in this class.



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