



Evaluation Report for POLS 103 A - Comparative Politics (81020) (Aaron Gold POLS Aaron_Gold_B00571757)

Project Title: **2023 – Advent Semester**

Courses Audience: **20**

Responses Received: **20**

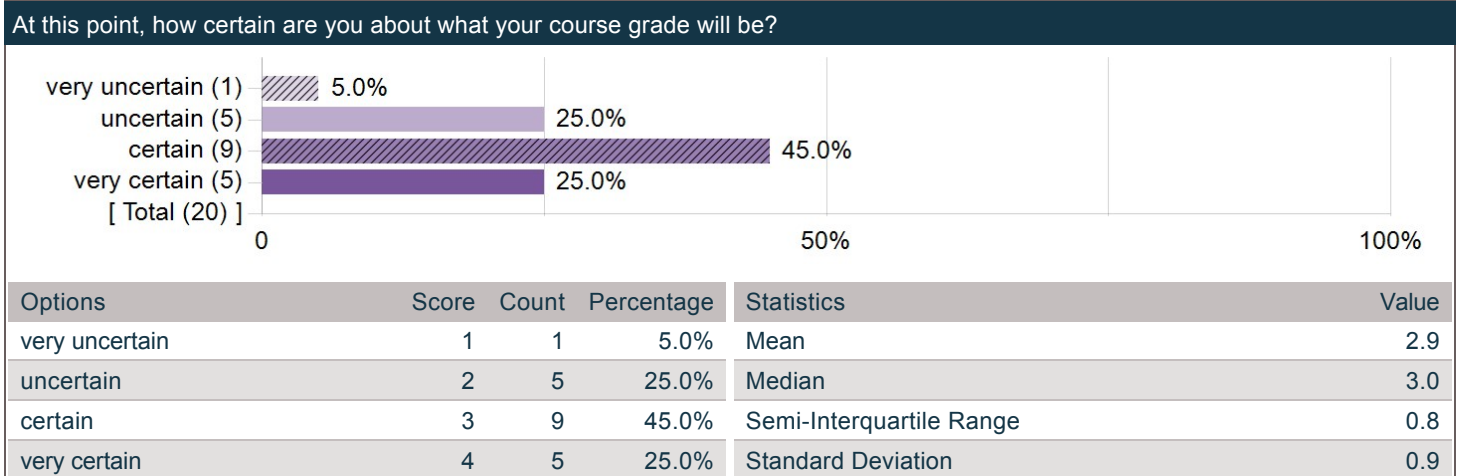
Response Ratio: **100%**

Creation Date: **Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

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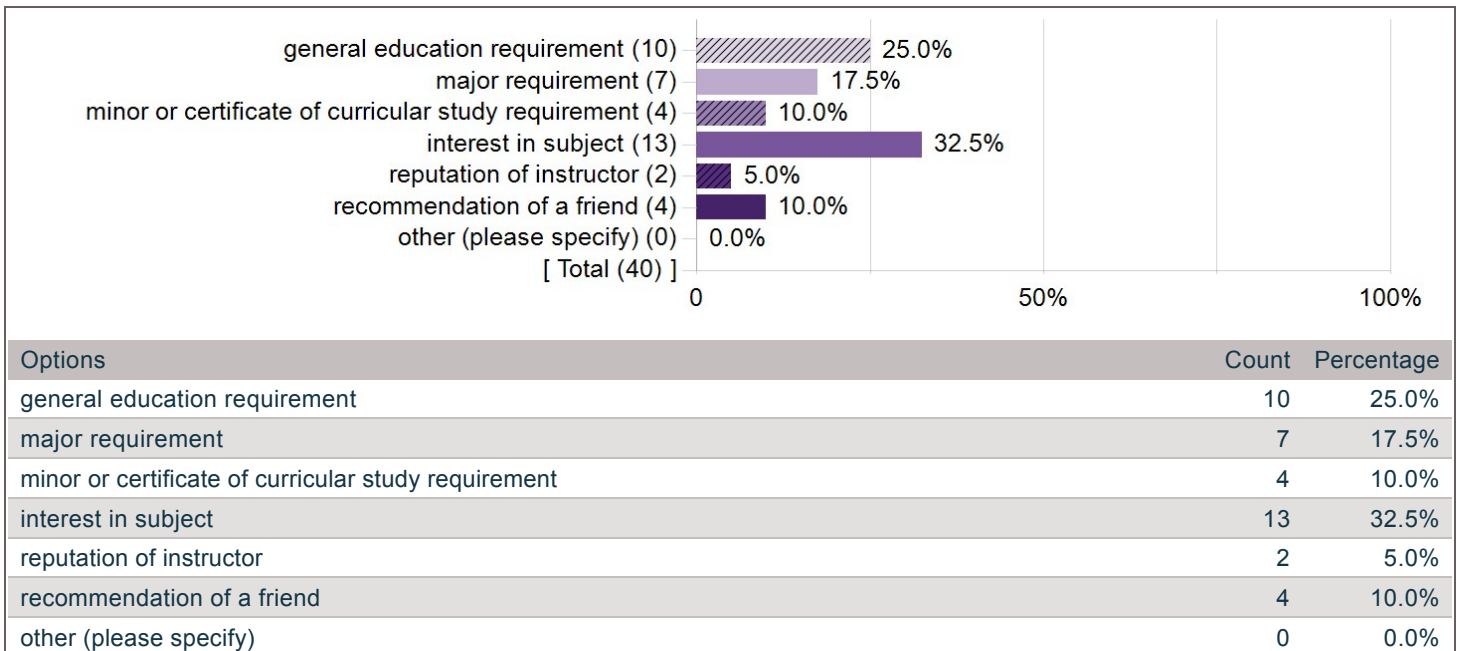
I. Background Information and Student Self-Evaluation

At this point, how certain are you about what your course grade will be?

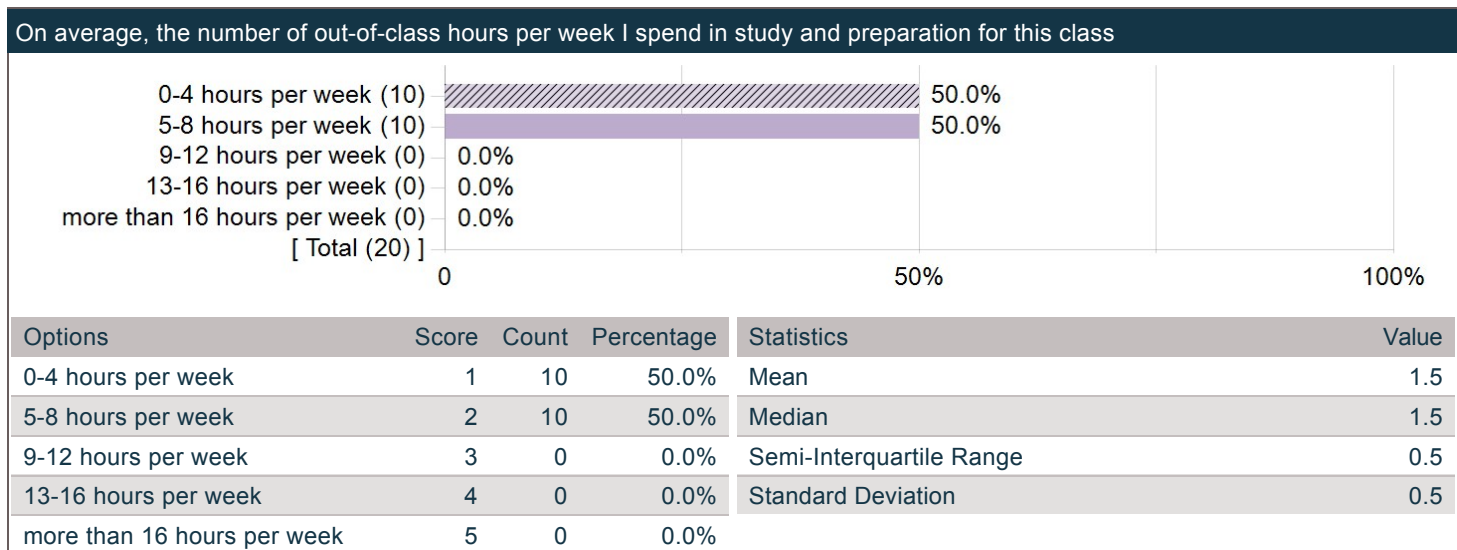


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	2.8	0.8	3.0	2.8	0.8	3.0	2.7	0.8	3.0	2.8	0.8	3.0

Which of the following factors influenced you to take this course (select all that apply)?

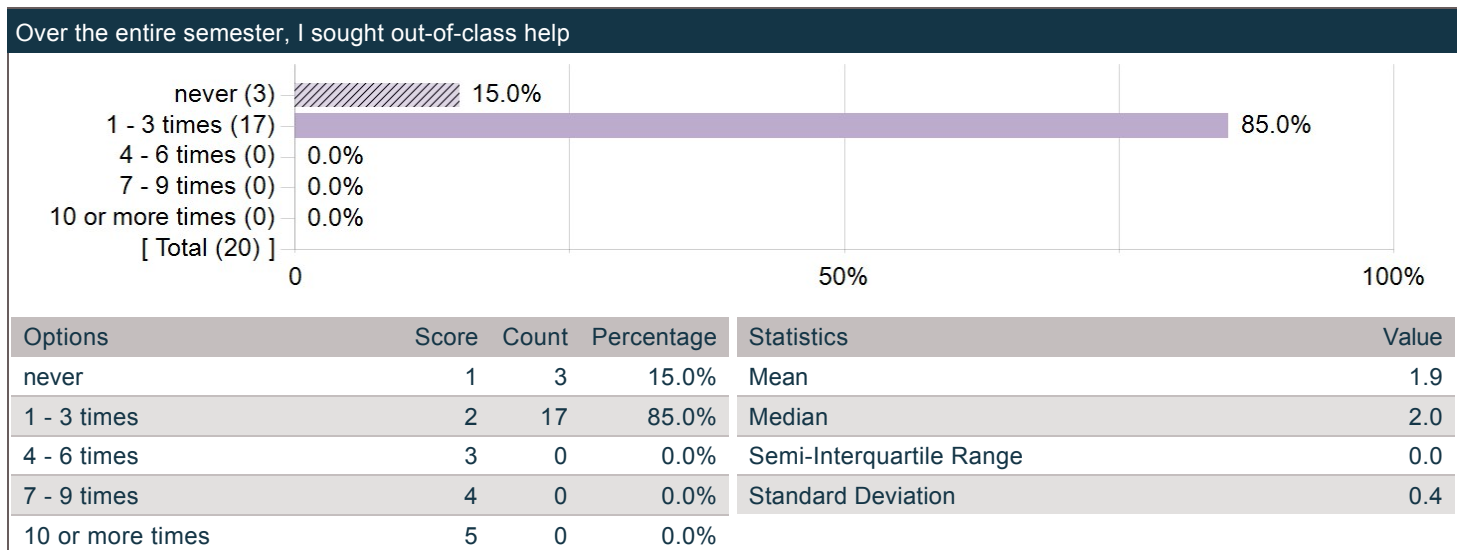


On average, the number of out-of-class hours per week I spend in study and preparation for this class



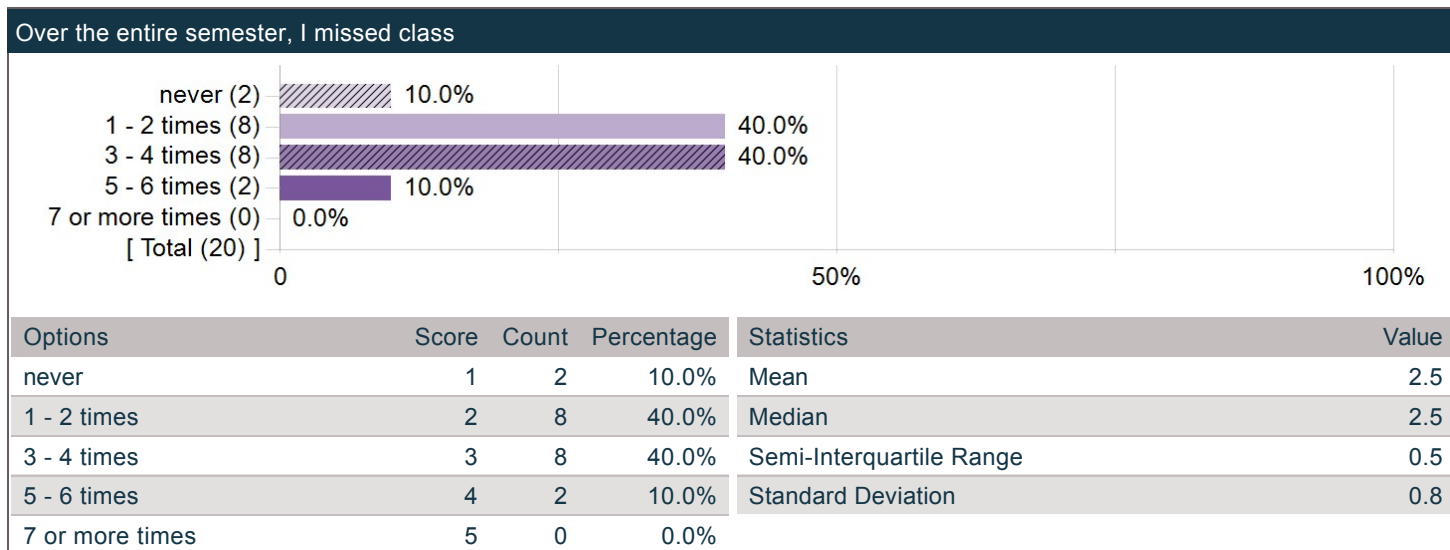
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	1.9	0.8	2.0	1.9	0.8	2.0	1.9	0.9	2.0	1.9	0.9	2.0

Over the entire semester, I sought out-of-class help



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Over the entire semester, I missed class



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What did you contribute to this class?

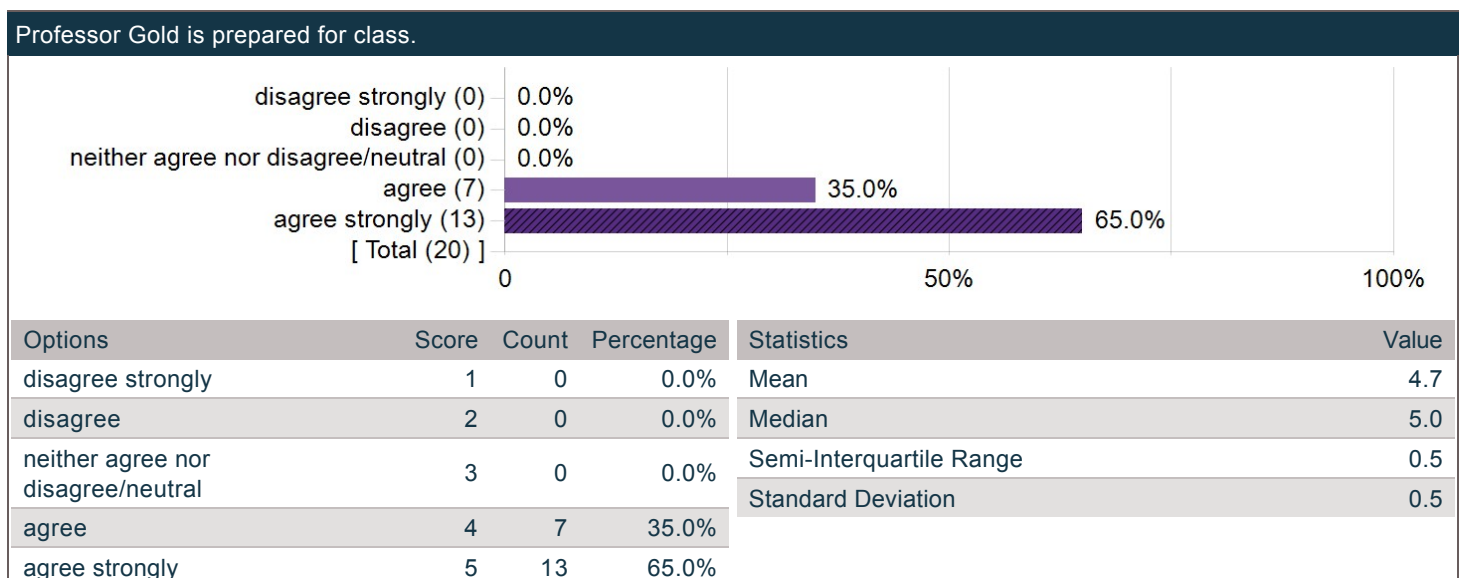
Comments
I attended class, actively listened, and took notes. I also participated in the class's small groups and simulations.
I shared my thoughts and ideas in group discussions and always came prepared having done the readings.
I did all my work and actively contributed
In class discussions.
I spoke in the group about the materials we covered in that class.
I contributed actively by participating in discussions, sharing insights, and collaborating with classmates to enhance our collective learning experience.
I helped peers in simulations
Offering another perspective about how does other country's government is.
During small group discussion I contributed to the conversation and sometimes would present our groups findings to the professor
I came prepared and knowledgeable on the topics
presence and input I
Active feedback when requested, in–discussion participation
I tried my best to contribute during class and peer group discussions and during all of the class simulations that we completed to model the governmental processes of different countries around the world.
Participation and leadership in class–wide activities, class discussions
I was always open in participating in class activities and speaking with my classmates about the topic.
I contributed an open mind and a willingness to put personal opinions aside to hear the Professor's insight on key topics in world politics.
taking notes, listening attentively , and participating in class
Answered questions and participated in class activities.
I participated in class discussions and helped peers with work when needed.
I answered questions

What from this class will change your approach to the subject, the discipline, or the world?

Comments
I believe that this class will change my approach to the world. We learned a lot about political systems, and I feel like now I am a more informed citizen.
I have a feeler understanding in how to compare and analyze political issues around the world.
I learned about the politics and policies around the world and how they affect each other
Professor Gold has helped give me a stronger understanding of world politics as a whole.
When you compare different polices in countries it gives you a new perspective on world politics.
This class in comparative politics has broadened my understanding, influencing how I perceive global political dynamics and shaping a more informed and nuanced perspective on the subject, the discipline, and the world.
I learned more about the world and politics, it made me more open minded to different perspectives.
Politics is not just about working on literatures to get qualitative datas but quantitative datas also plays a major role on how they release all these quantitive datas we have in social sciences.
This class has taught me the true power of the comparative method. Although I was skeptical at first, it is a very powerful tool that can be applied in many different situations.
I learned to explore issues from a global perspective not just from an American perspective.
The view on politics in differing counities
This class gave me a new outlook on politics and how board the field truly is. It gave me a better understanding of politics on a global scale.
This class has shown me just how diverse political systems are around the world. It has given me a new value for democracy, and I am now aware of the dangers of democratic backsliding.
Learned a lot about the world and how it functions politically both within different countries and in coalitions of countries
I believe I learned a good, basic foundations for politics that I'll be able to use and expand on in the future.
This class will expand my knowledge of politics on the global scale and the ability to compare world leaders and governments around the world.
A better understanding of the foundations of comparative politics and how different governments work.
I will approach world politics from a new perspective based on my knowledge of other countries
This class has provided me an important core understanding of comparative politics and my studies here have been complimented very well by my American Government course.
I know more about comparative politics than before

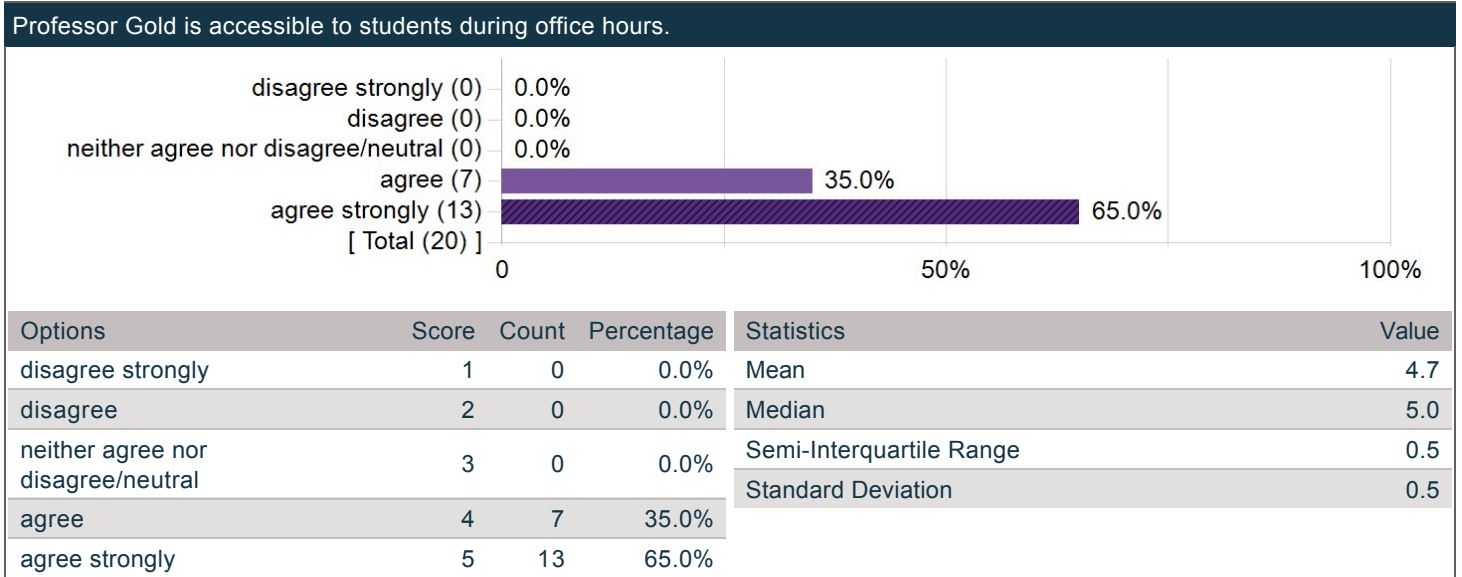
II. Evaluation of the Course and Professor

Professor Gold is prepared for class.



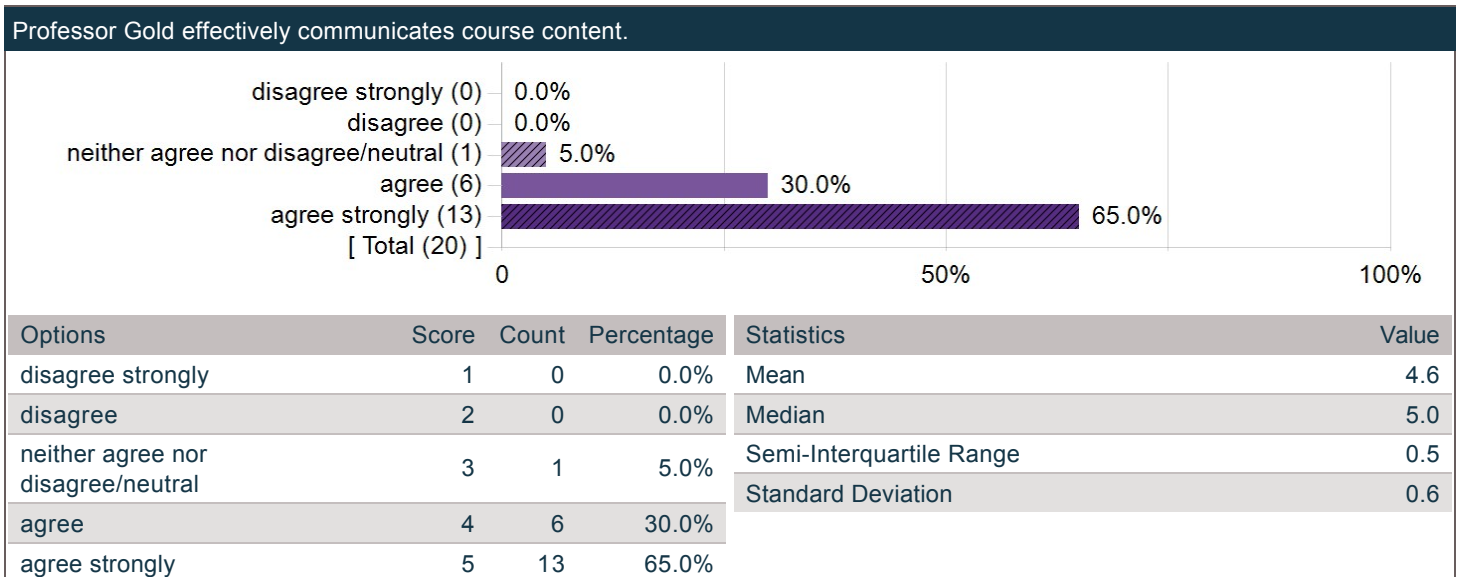
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Professor Gold is accessible to students during office hours.



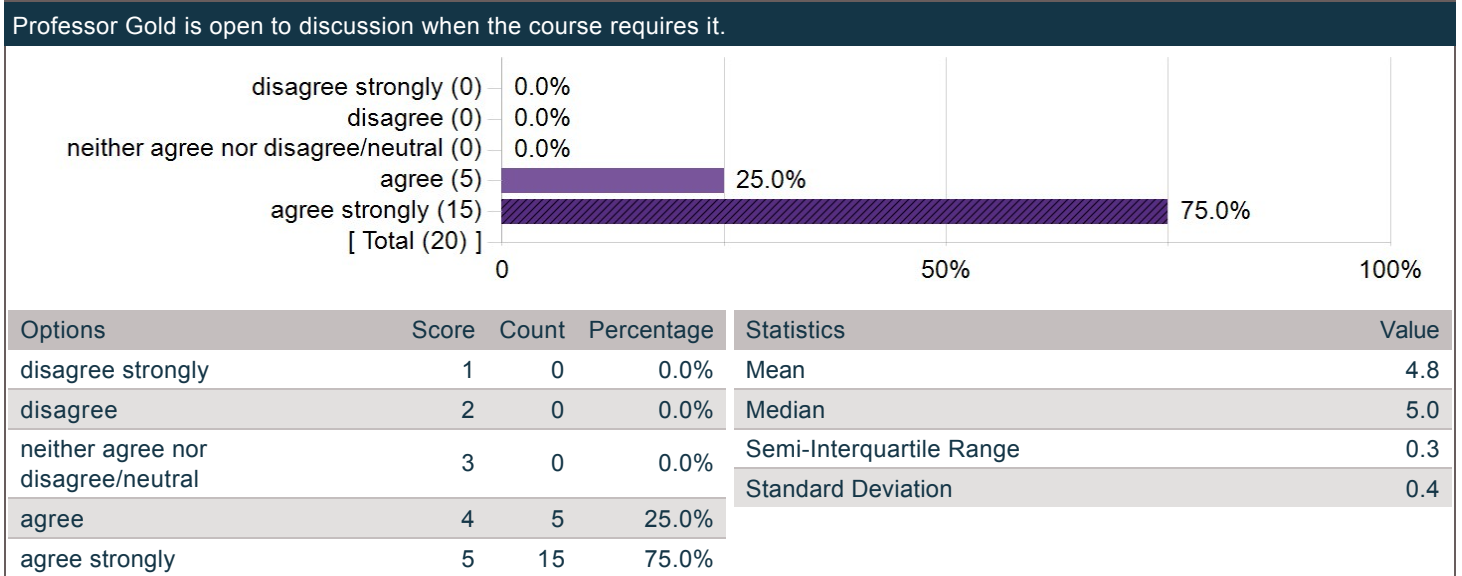
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Professor Gold effectively communicates course content.



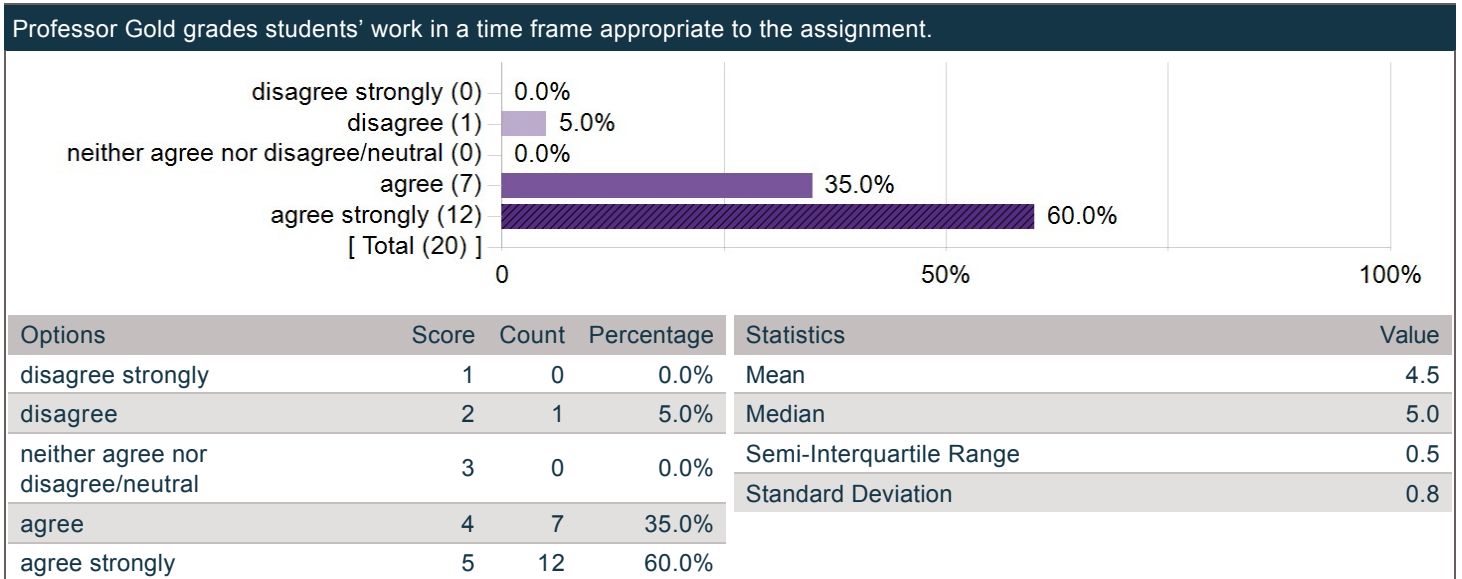
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Professor Gold is open to discussion when the course requires it.



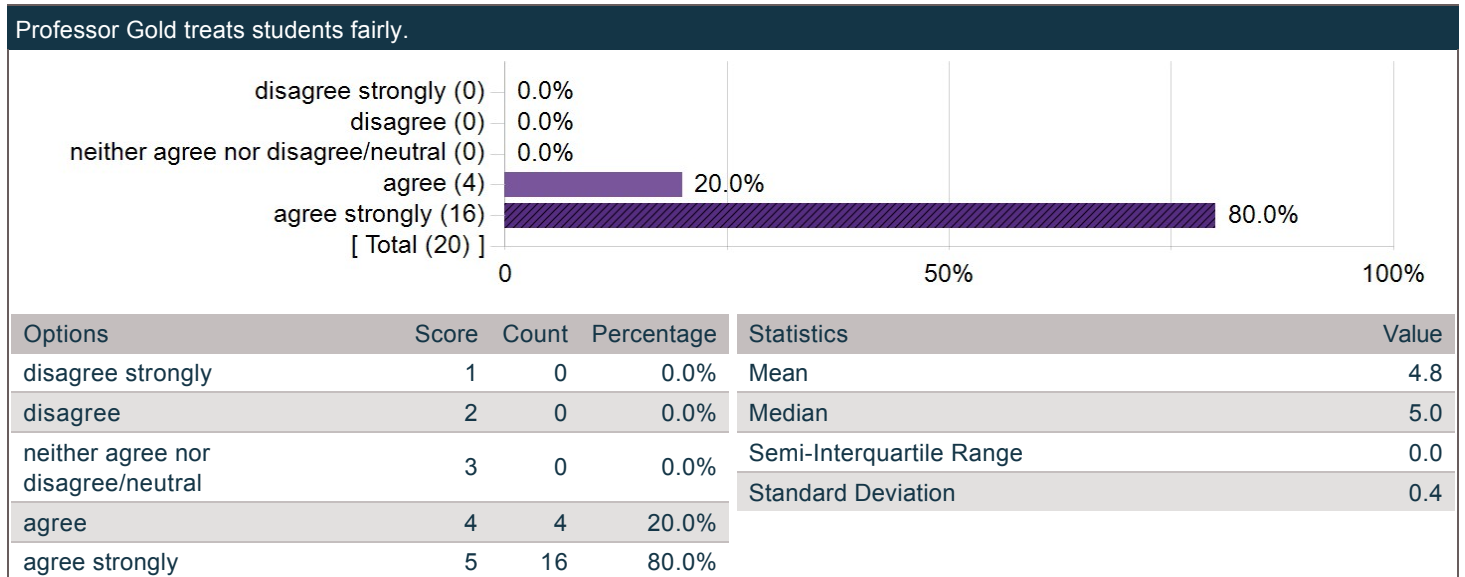
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	4.6	0.6	5.0	4.6	0.6	5.0	4.5	0.7	5.0	4.5	0.7	5.0

Professor Gold grades students' work in a time frame appropriate to the assignment.



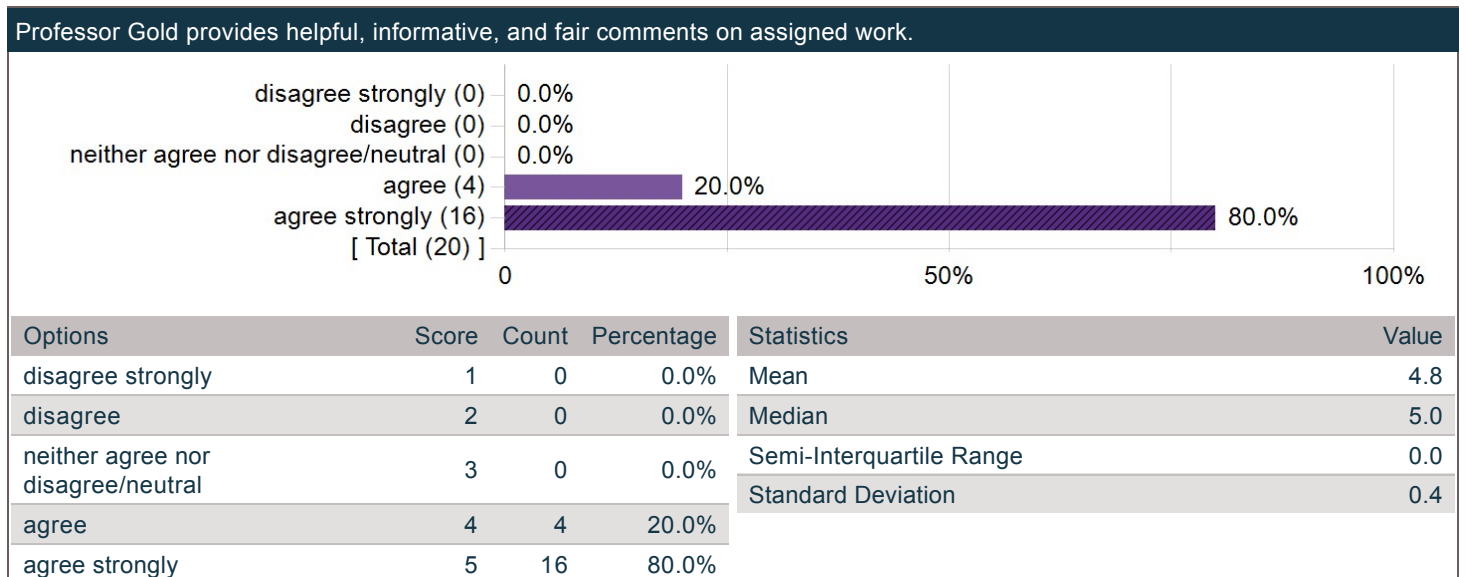
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Professor Gold treats students fairly.



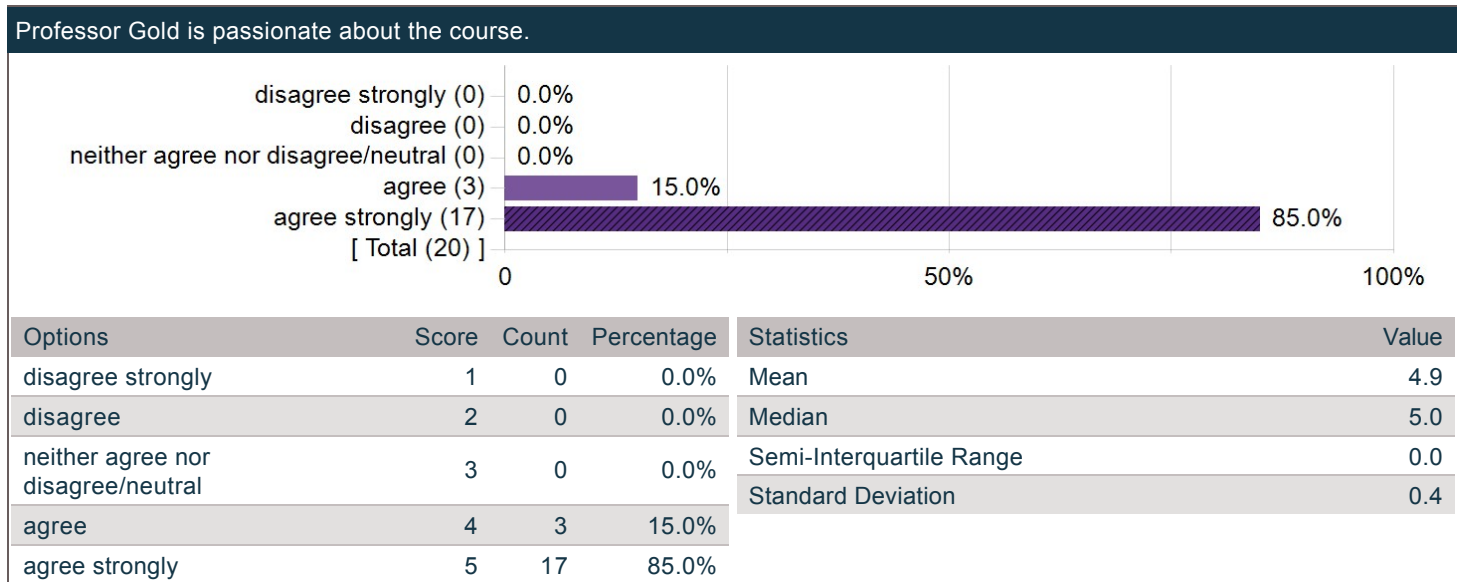
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Professor Gold provides helpful, informative, and fair comments on assigned work.



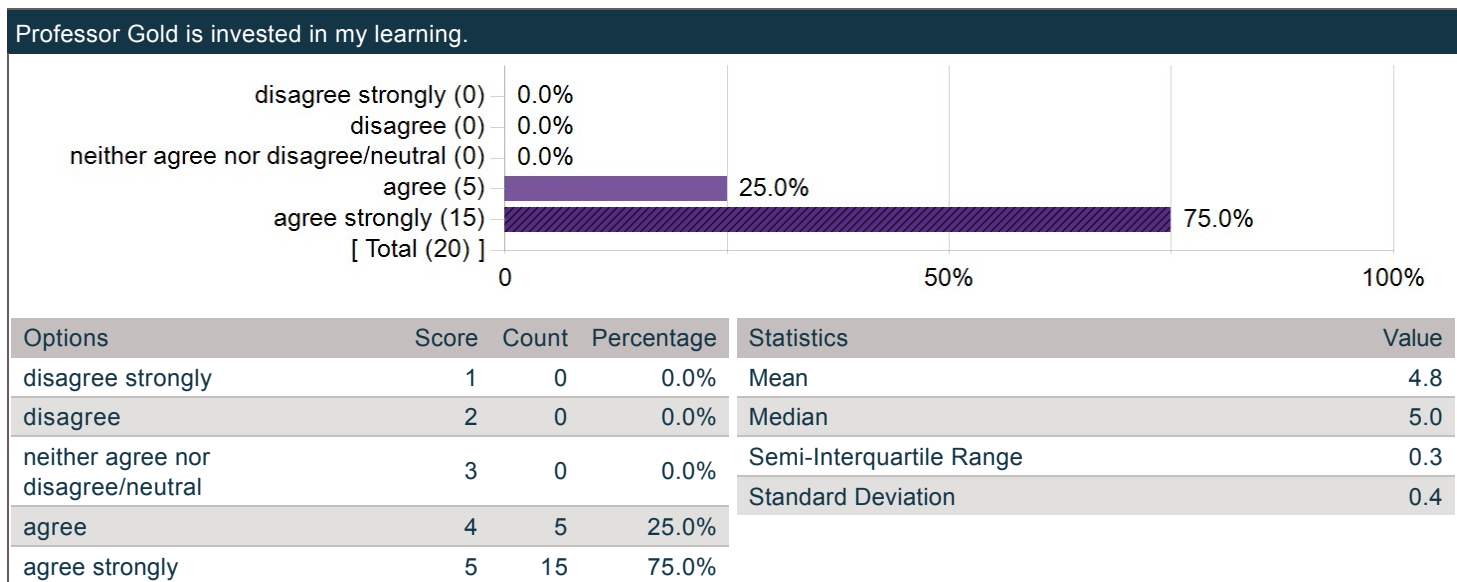
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Professor Gold is passionate about the course.



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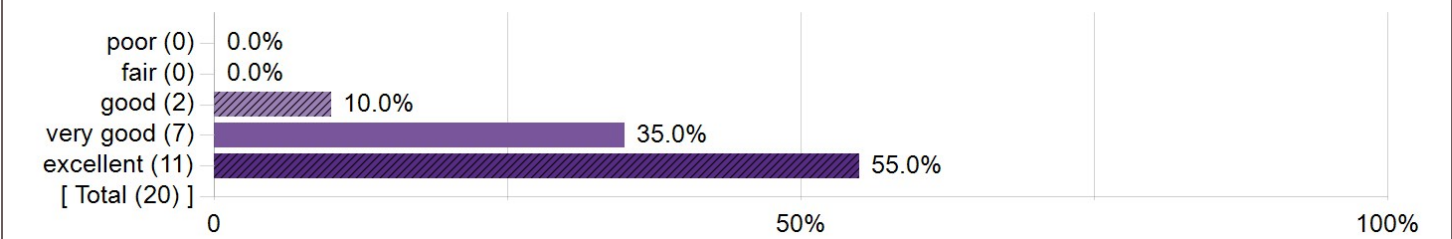
Professor Gold is invested in my learning.



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Options	Score	Count	Percentage	Statistics	Value
poor	1	0	0.0%	Mean	4.5
fair	2	0	0.0%	Median	5.0
good	3	2	10.0%	Semi-Interquartile Range	0.5
very good	4	7	35.0%	Standard Deviation	0.7
excellent	5	11	55.0%		

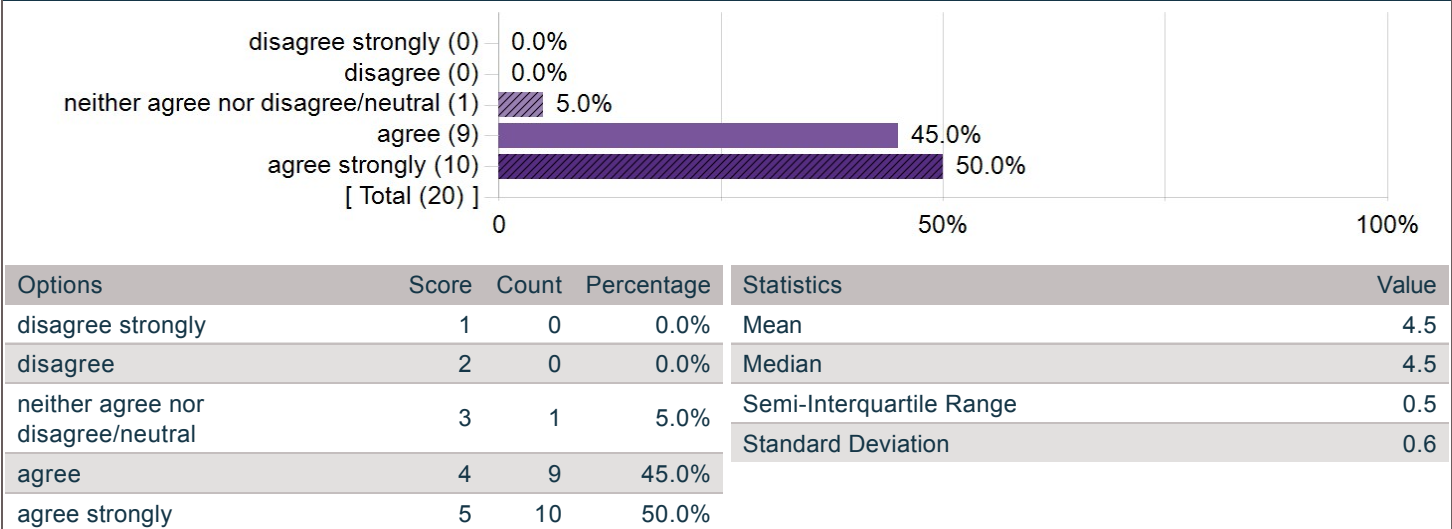
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Please explain why you rated the quality of Professor Gold's instruction in this course as you did. (Paraphrased)

Comments
Professor Gold is passionate about politics and he is very knowledgeable on the subject. Every question a student asked Professor Gold had an in-depth, very insightful answer.
He wanted each of us to be present, engaged, and succeed. He also always laid out instructions and expectations very clearly.
He was on time, passionate, and caring for the students. Found ways for everyone to participate and made sure we understood everything
He is very passionate about his class and makes it engaging. The workload was not overwhelming but helped me participate and understand the concepts better.
I have had Professor Gold's class before and I enjoy his classes. He knows the material very well because he works on it outside of school. He made class fun with groups and different exercises to do.
Professor Gold's instruction in this course was effective due to their clear explanations, engaging teaching style, and ability to connect complex concepts to real-world examples, fostering a conducive learning environment for students.
Professor Gold is has lots of experience with Comparative Politics, his instruction was clear which made the course less difficult. Gold is also very understanding and wants his students to succeed.
Class is very organized, the activities were engaging at the same time really help us digest our lessons
Professor Gold always knew what he expected out of his students, and stuck by it. That is something I cannot say for many professors, but he was always consistent. His teaching style is direct and lecture-y but he always tried to make the class more fun and hands on with simulations every once in a while. He truly listens to class feedback and that really shows in how he cares for us.
Professor Gold is very knowledgeable and passionate about the course topics and made each topic very easy to understand. He often uses examples that he relates back to his own research which makes class very personal and interesting. Professor Gold gives students ample class time to ask questions and receive meaningful help on assignments and group work as well.
He conveys what he is teaching well.
Professor Gold's approach to learning is formulated with students in mind. He is always informative, helpful, and flexible. You can tell during lecture he is passionate about his work and takes pride in his class.
Dr. Gold's instruction was very good due to the passion and new insight he brought to every class. He was extremely kind and understanding towards every student, and he even made his exams, tests, and papers extremely accessible to everyone by giving us ample instructions and study guides beforehand. In all, Dr. Gold made sure that we all gained knowledge from his class.
Great professor and seems like a great person as well. Comes to class every class section ready to teach and learn from his students' opinions. Is the most open professor to student feedback regarding the course that I have ever had. Incredibly flexible yet firm in teaching the material. Would certainly take his courses again in the future.
Professor Gold is a very nice, understanding man that cares about his students deeply,
Professor Gold is a master of the material he teaches and always provides great insight to current events and key political topics. There could be less words on the slides and presentations in class however.
He was always prepared and genuinely cared about the topics in class. I learned a lot and I think the topics discussed helped me understand the foundation governments more .
Professor Gold was always prepared and interested in the subject, providing his own thoughts and extensive knowledge about the subject.
Dr. Gold is a very fun and enjoyable professor. He is invested in his work and wants his students to succeed. Despite the many hardships I endured this semester, ranging from sickness to economic troubles, to a pretty rough car wreck, Dr. Gold worked with me tirelessly to ensure that I was still on top of my studies and gave me extensions and leeway when needed, which I found invaluable and touched me deeply. Even though I missed a lot of classes for appointments and other reasons, he never judged me and understood that life can get in the way sometimes. With his help and help from my peers, I still feel that I am on top of my studies in this class and will come out with a good grade, which was something that I was concerned about losing after all the challenges this semester threw at me. I truly thank Dr. Gold for his understanding and working with me when times got hard and I can't recommend him and his course enough.
He is very knowledgeable

The course materials (e.g., books, printed materials, videos, online sources, natural resources, lab materials) are well-chosen for this class.

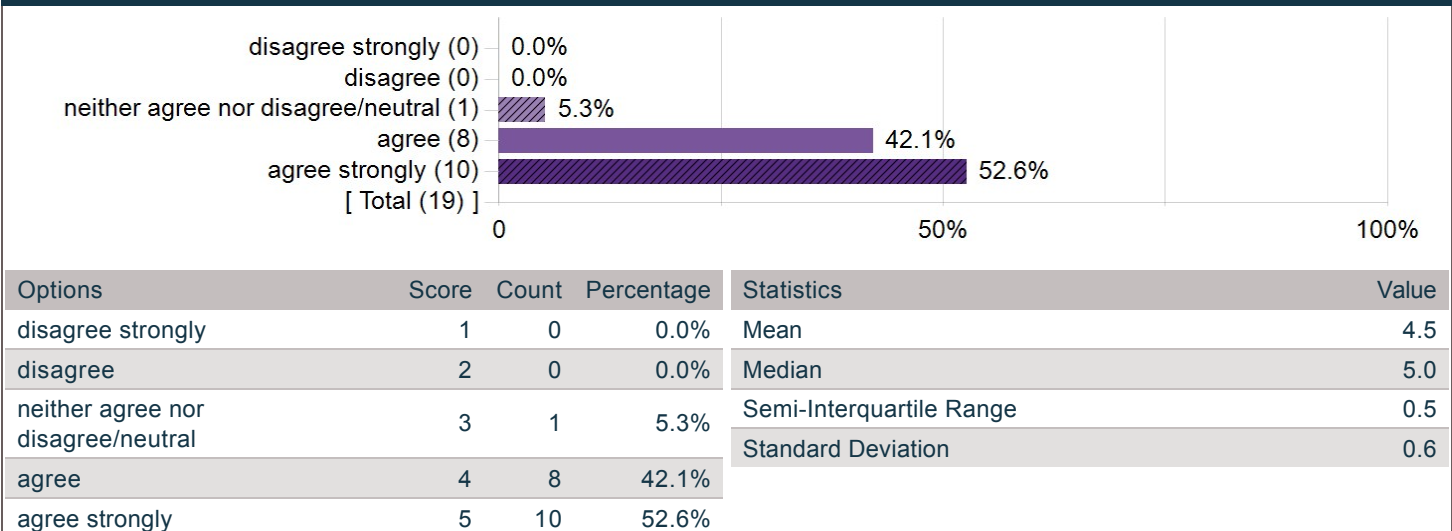
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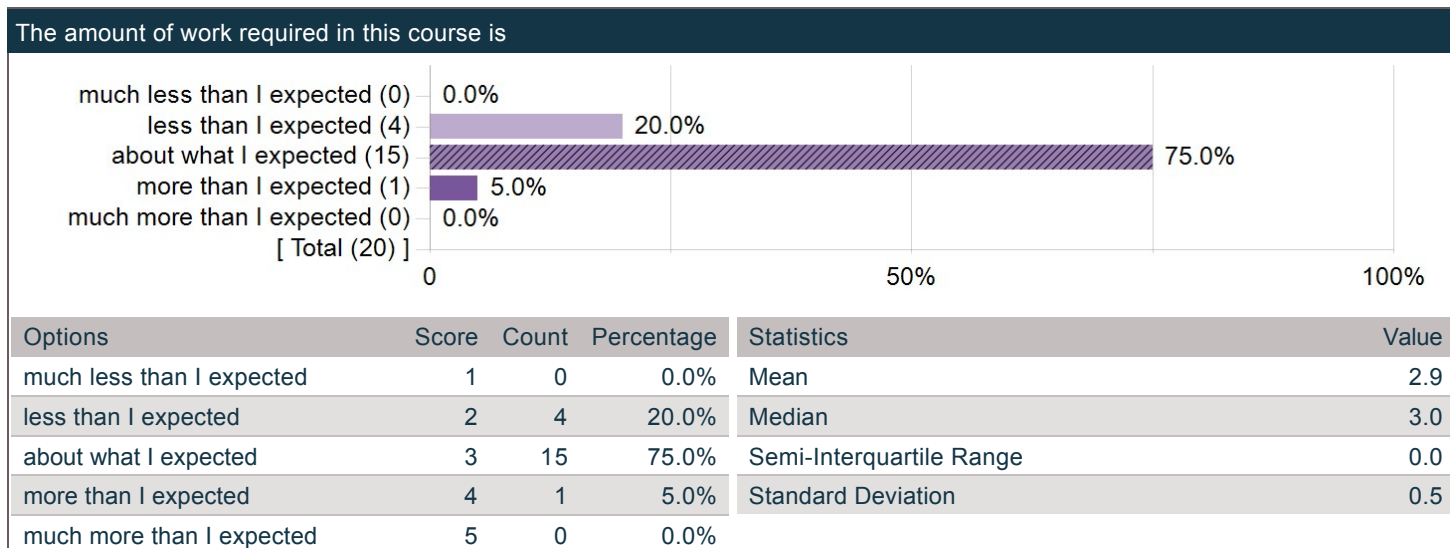
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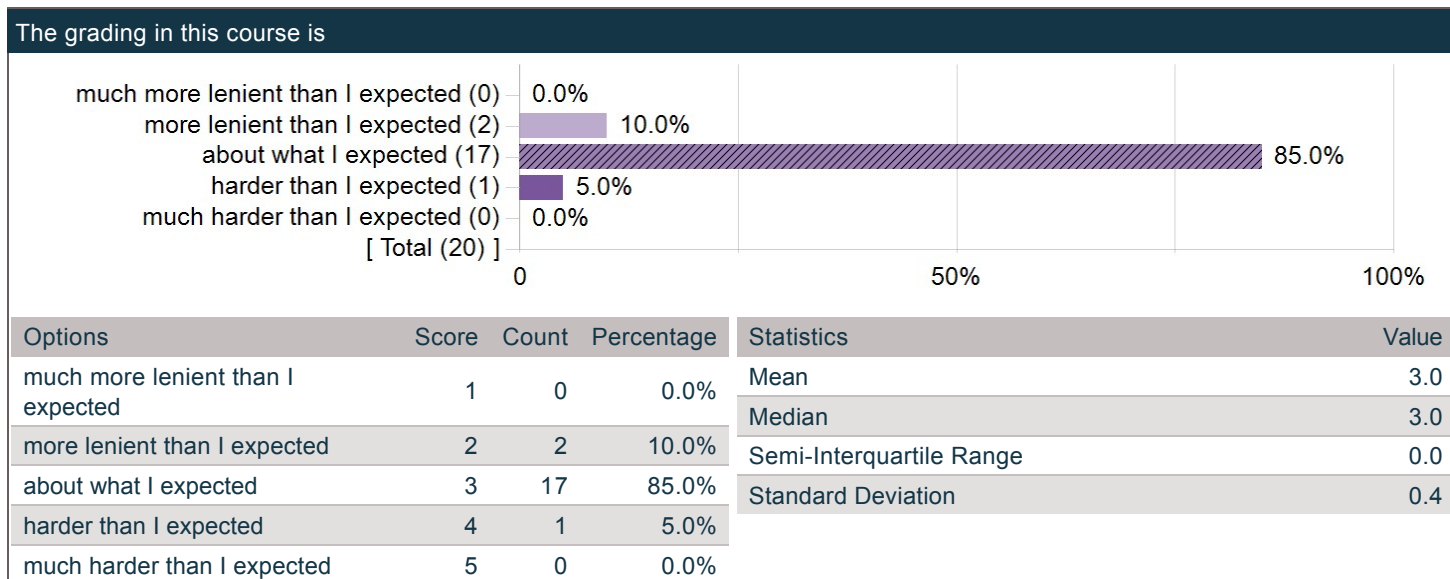
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The grading in this course is



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What do you appreciate most about this course?

Comments
Professor Gold's in-class workshops with our research papers. Also, I appreciated his simulations.
I appreciate how I got to learn a new method of political analysis.
The coursework was interesting
How much it taught me about politics and helped me form my worldview.
The perspective of a professional on the material. This course gave me a new outlook on world politics.
I appreciate the course's comprehensive approach, combining theoretical concepts with practical applications, which has significantly enriched my understanding and provided valuable insights into the subject matter.
I appreciated the exams and I enjoyed writing the final paper.
The professor really tries on finding something enjoying to practice in our class what does our lessons are.
I aoreciated Professor Golds attitude and willingness to cooperate with us as students,.
I appreciate that Professor Gold takes the time to discuss assignments and projects individually with students to make sure we are understanding his expectations and the course material.
My new understanding of politics.
The professor's willingness to make students different activities when he could tell students were bored without having actually received any complaints.
Being able to see different approaches to politics around the world.
Gave me a great global perspective and insight into different nations' histories and governments
I appreciated how understanding Professor Gold was. If you had something going on, were unable to come to class, needed help, etc. Professor Gold was more than willing to help in anyway he could.
I appreciate the feedback given on exams and papers that clearly outlines how to improve and do better on the next assessments.
How it applied to right now in our world and feeling more educated and knowledgeable.
Very solid entry level politics class
I appreciate the understanding that Dr. Gold has for his students having their own lives and other classes, too. He knows that his class is not the only one that matters and will happily work with students if they need more time for assignments or need help with a subject.
Simulations

If you could change one or more specific things about this course, what would they be?

Comments
I would not change anything .
I would have liked to receive a complete example paper to help model our final paper.
N/A
I can't think of anything I would change.
I would give Professor Gold a new computer because his computer now is messed up. It got in the way of our learning by turning off or not connecting to the projector in class.
I would suggest incorporating more interactive activities or group discussions to enhance student engagement and foster greater collaboration, providing a more dynamic and participatory learning experience.
Nothing
Following the syllabus because most of the semester I feel so lost on where we are.
Nothing!
I would require students to take the reading tests during each specific unit instead of allowing students to choose when they wanted to take them.
Nothing
I could make the ten quizzes assigned to be finished at the end of the semester due at times where the material has been recently covered.
I wouldn't change a thing :)
Would make the class have more discussion sections to debate topics related to course material
We would have a lot of readings to do for class that were sometimes super long so I would say maybe shorten the reading lengths.
I would change the powerpoints to include less worlds and definitions on each of the slides.
For me specifically when things are due at the end of the semester i put them off, so for the quizzes I put them off. I think have a scheduled quiz each week or even a recommended schedule would help students.
None
I would add more in-class activities. We had a class where the students formed a mock government and then argued points to get bills passed. This was hands down my favorite class period in this course this semester and also helped me to understand the material we were working on at the time in a much more meaningful way. More classes like this would be outstanding and I feel that students taking the class moving forward would enjoy it immensely.
Nothing