



Evaluation Report for POLS 222 A - United States Foreign Policy (81025) (Aaron Gold POLS Aaron_Gold_B00571757)

Project Title: **2023 – Advent Semester**

Courses Audience: **24**

Responses Received: **23**

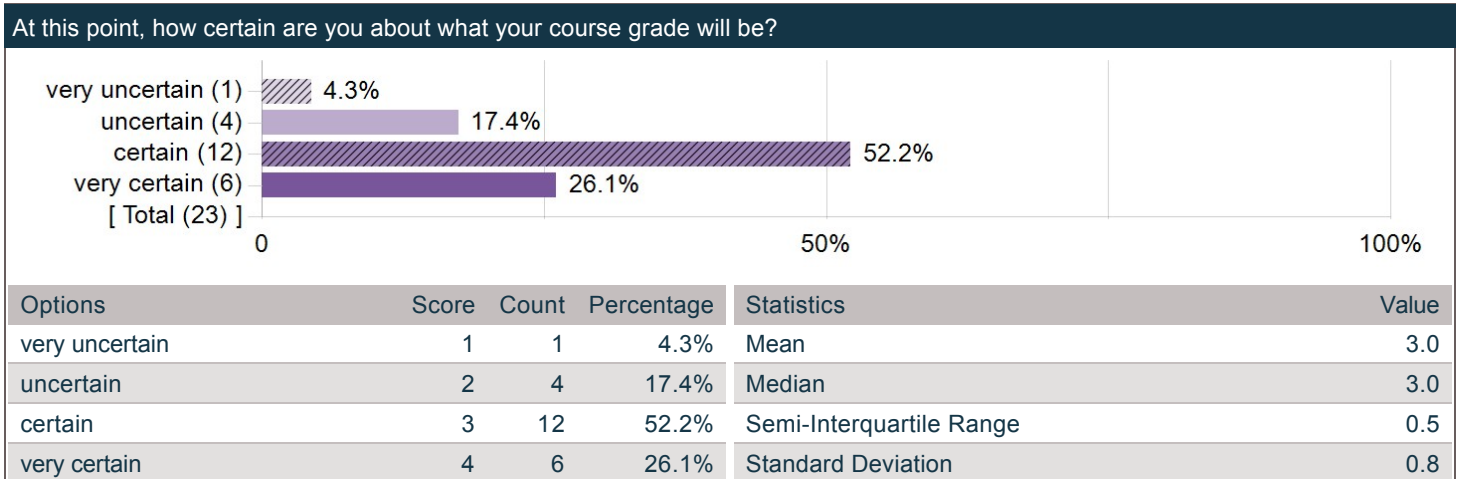
Response Ratio: **95.8%**

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

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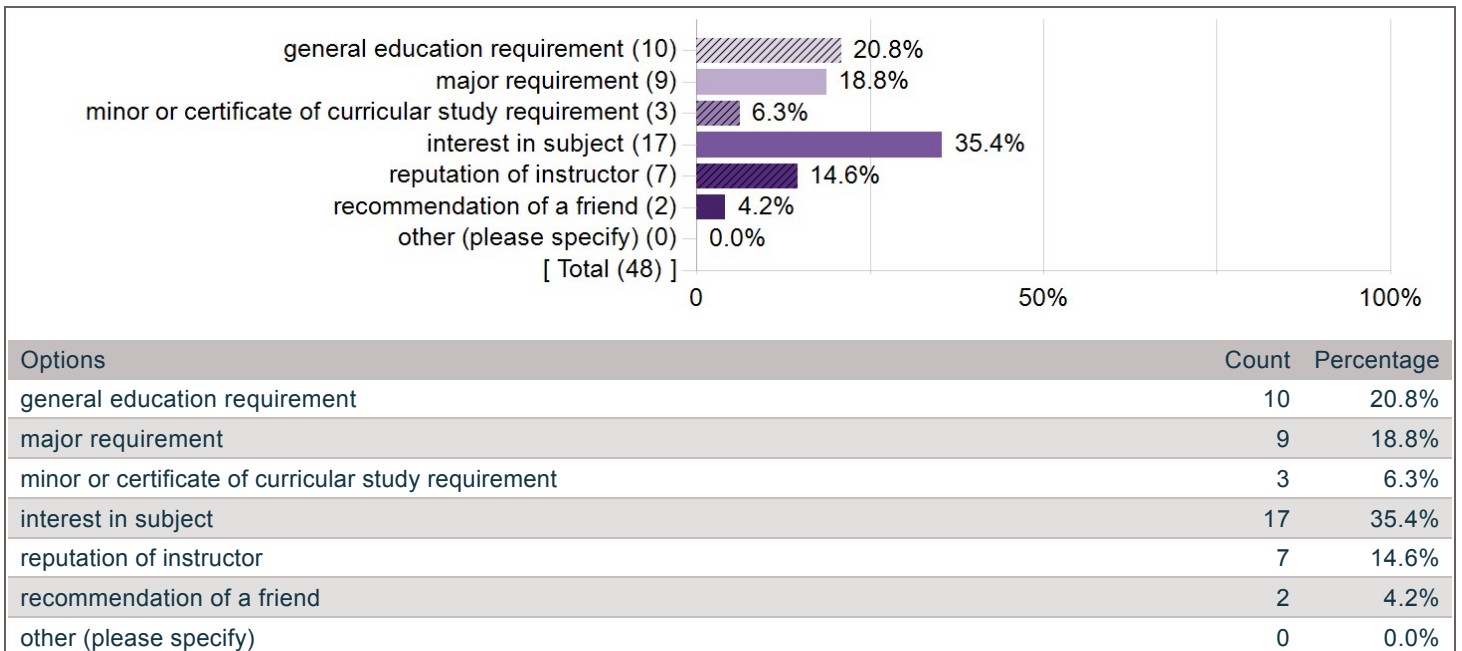
I. Background Information and Student Self-Evaluation

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

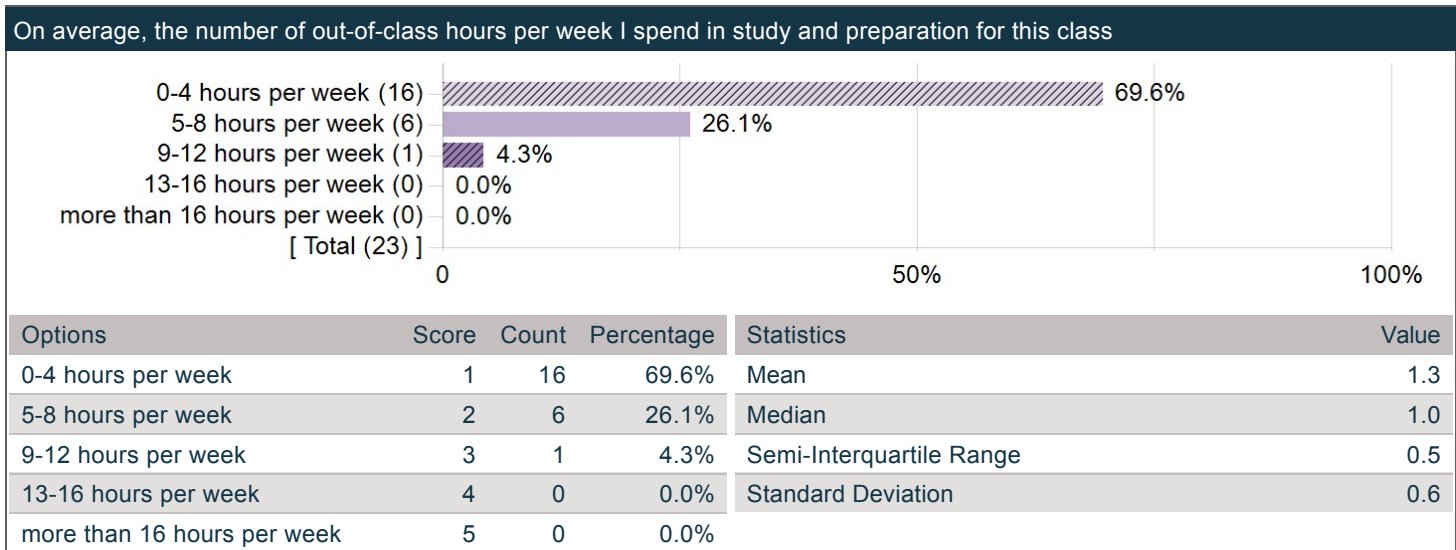


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Which of the following factors influenced you to take this course (select all that apply)?

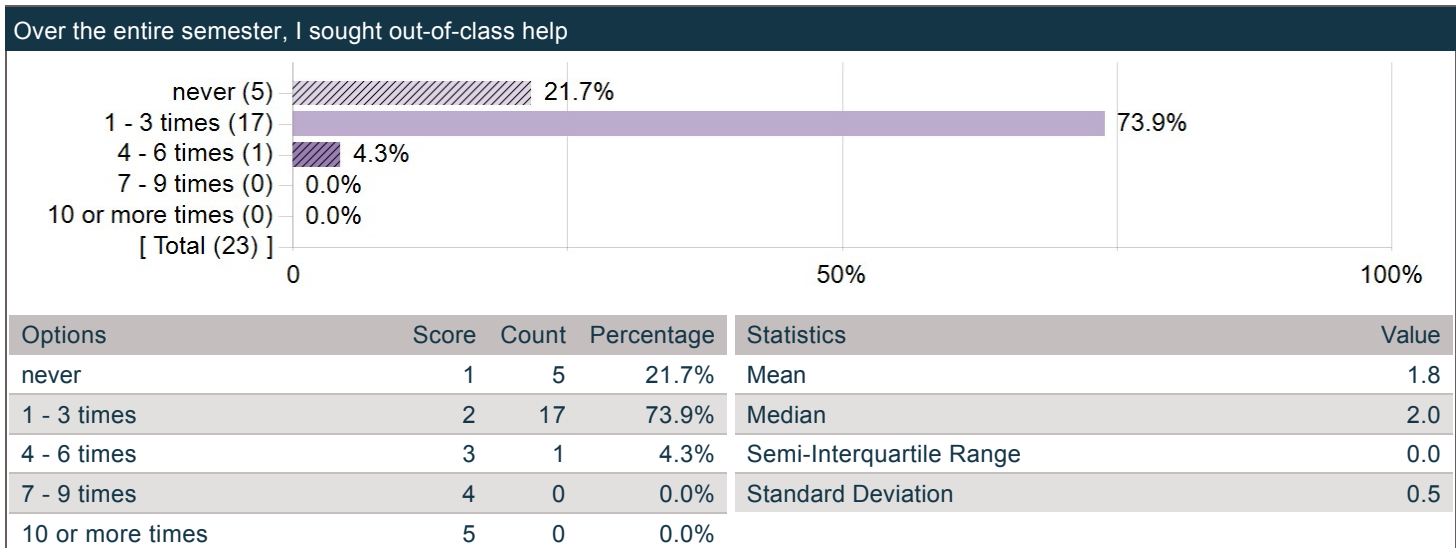


On average, the number of out-of-class hours per week I spend in study and preparation for this class



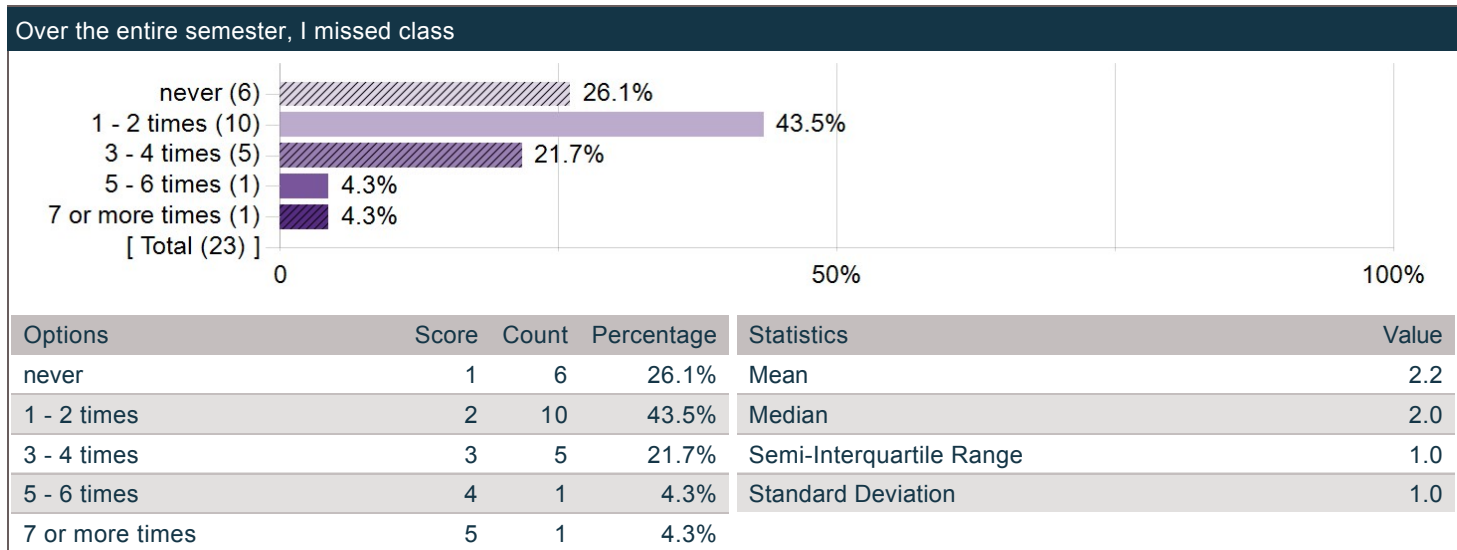
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	1.9	0.8	2.0	1.9	0.8	2.0	1.9	0.9	2.0	1.9	0.9	2.0

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?

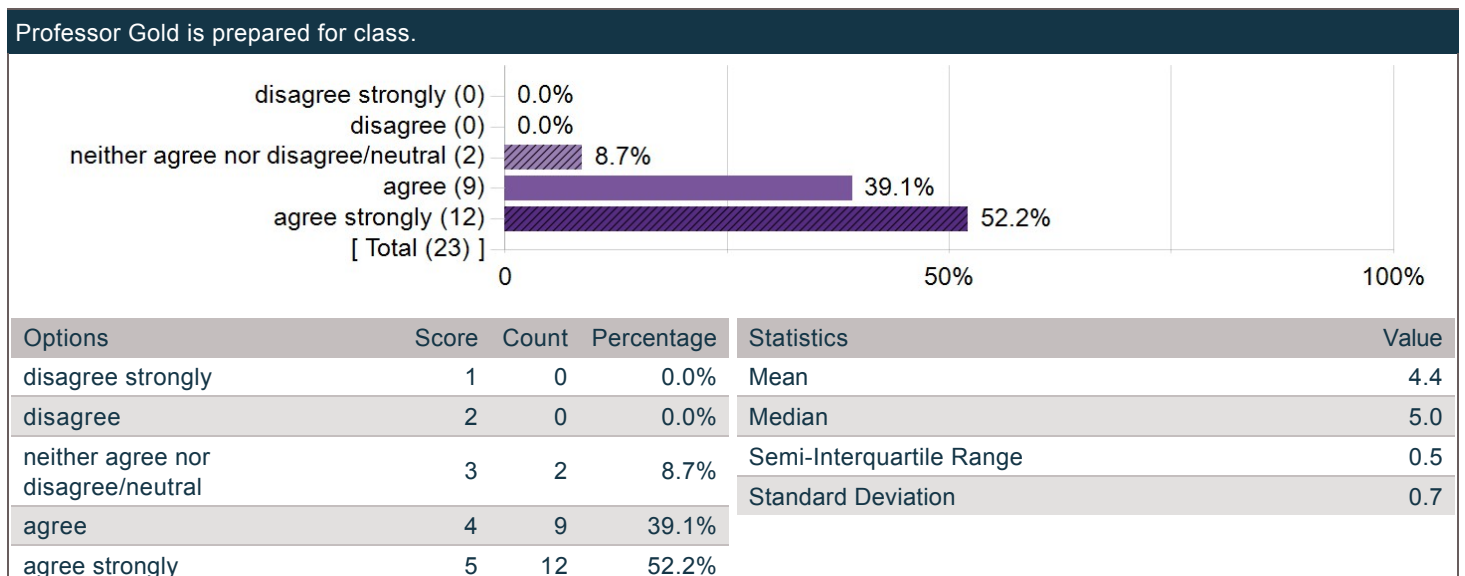
Comments
During our class activities I participated through giving a speech and speaking on a current event at the front of class.
I did all of the out of class assigned readings and payed attention during class
I would answer the professors question.
I contributed to conversation and group work.
My thoughts and presence.
I was prepared and ready for class everyday.
I asked good questions and participated in the Yalta Simulation.
Participated often due to my interest and the fascinating content.
discussions
I participated a lot especially in the final simulation
Active participation
I was present, I came prepared, I participated in lectures, and I worked diligently on assignments.
I participated in class by engaging in the material we learned.
I contributed current events for the class, engagement, and group work and discussion.
I contributed to class by completing all the readings and being active during class.
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Attention
Always being prepared and willing to participate in discussions during class.
I feel like I contributed a lot to this class. At the end of the semester, we did a simulation in which I played one of the critical roles. I think I brought an interesting perspective to the class, and though my peers were not always as willing to engage in the material, I found it incredibly interesting and found the chance to voice my opinions quite easily.
I was one of the most outspoken people in the class and always talked in discussions.
Helped out in the simulation.
Active participation in simulation and discussion
I contributed attentive and respectful behavior and participated when appropriate.

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

Comments
This class helped me further understand American policy and how world events throughout the past century have caused us as a nation to stand a particular way when it comes to foreign policy.
More background knowledge and understanding about foreign policy and relations.
This class solidified that I am sure that I want to major in political science.
I learned a lot more about what it takes to decide politics.
There's so much that goes into USFP.
I will use the concepts we learned in future classes.
Perspective and different methods of foreign policy approaches
The class helped me figure out what a politics class even is and created a passion around it for me.
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I understand a lot more why countries make the decisions that they do when interacting with each other
How we as a country behave with other international states in regards to policy making and involvement.
I will now pay more attention to the ways various international machinations affect our foreign policy.
Changed my approach to the world I now think of foreign policy and affaires differently.
I see the United States much differently in relation to other countries especially during post WWII re construction. I do not see the US as powerful as I once thought and realized the importance of close collaboration and compromise.
The communication skills I learned in this class will change my approach to the discipline and the world.
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My knowledge
New understandings of what foreign policy means.
I think from this class I learned a lot about why the approach to certain political situations are the way that they are. I feel I now have a deeper understanding of the way international relations work which is really useful in a real-world setting.
I had no idea about the workings of united states foreign policy and why decisions were made and now I have a much better understanding. I also never took into consideration the foreign policy approaches of presidential candidates and now I will
It made me realize how much really goes into foreign policy and made me gain a new respect for people in that line of work.
How to theorize about subjects.
I can now observe foreign policy actions around the world with much more familiarity and understanding.

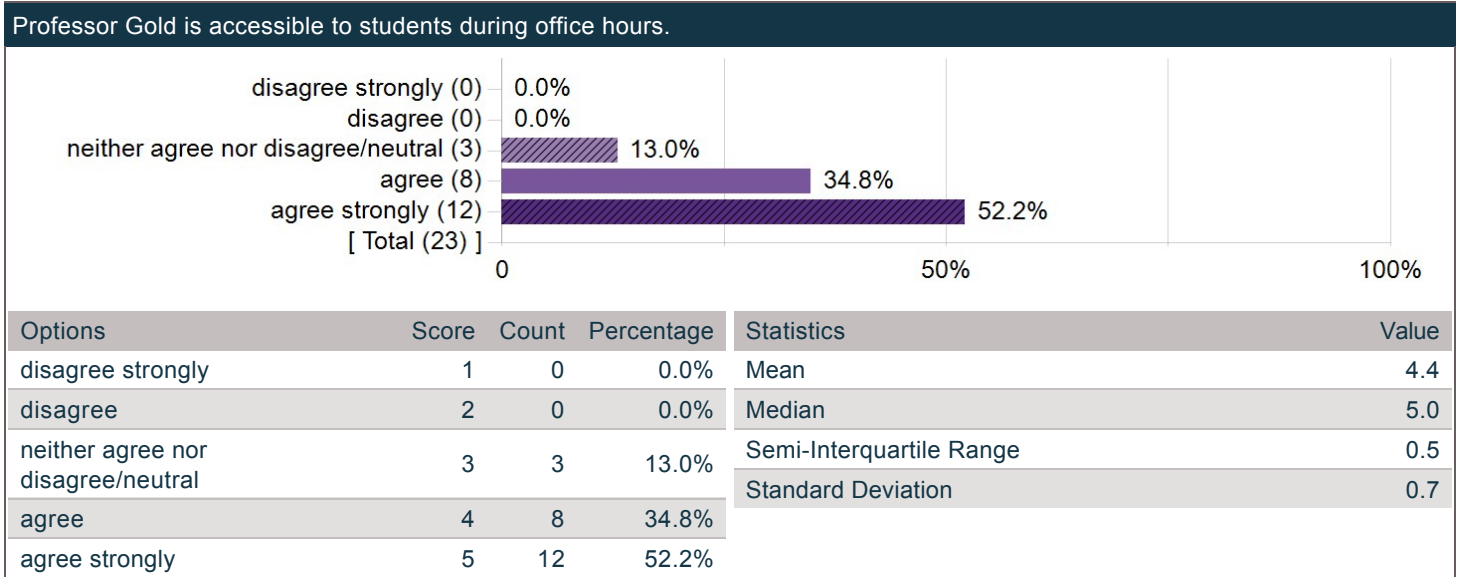
II. Evaluation of the Course and Professor

Professor Gold is prepared for class.



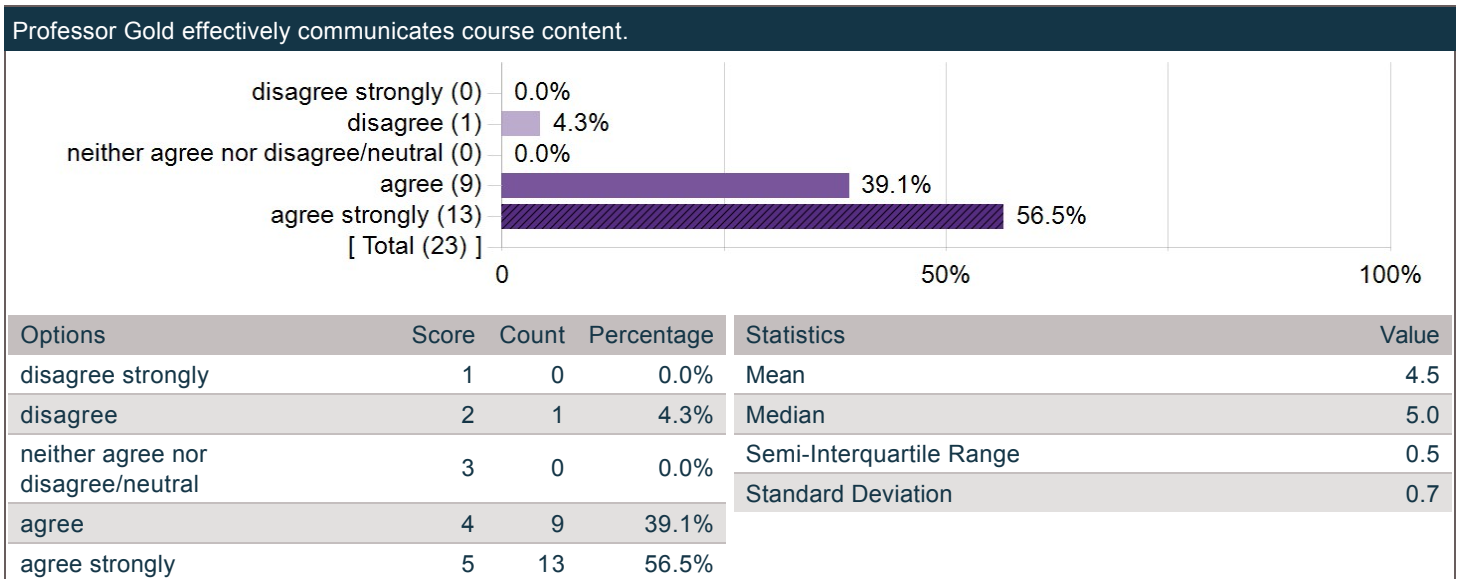
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Professor Gold is accessible to students during office hours.



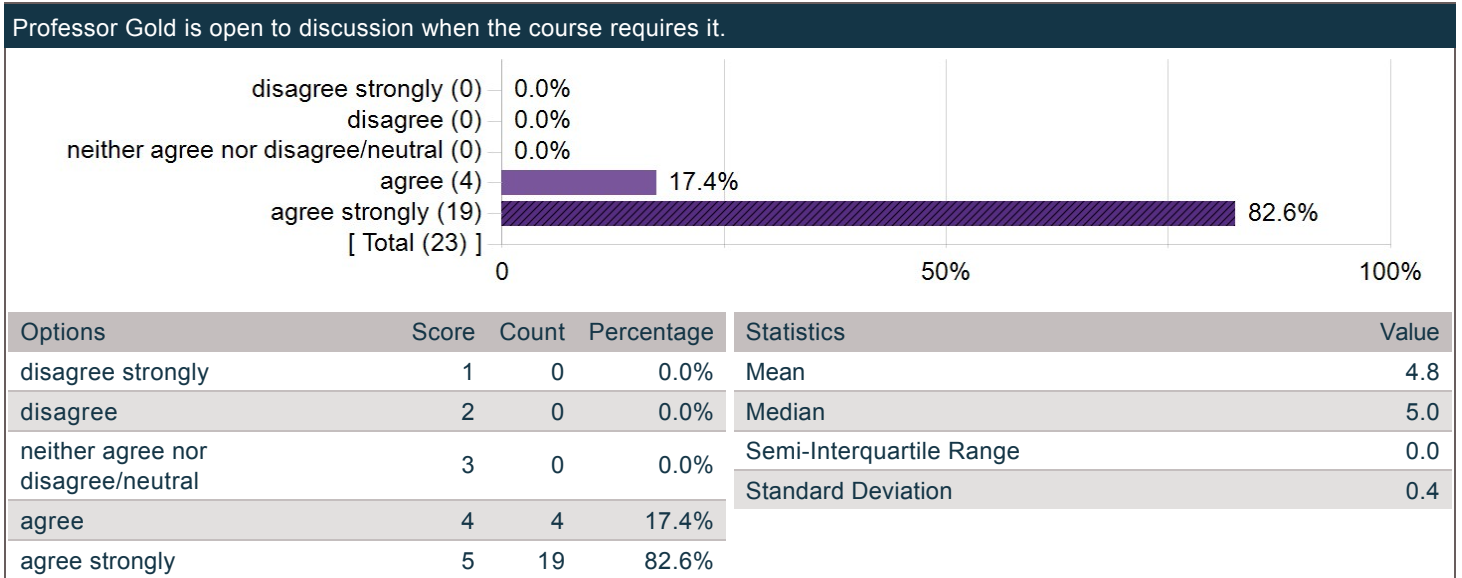
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Professor Gold effectively communicates course content.



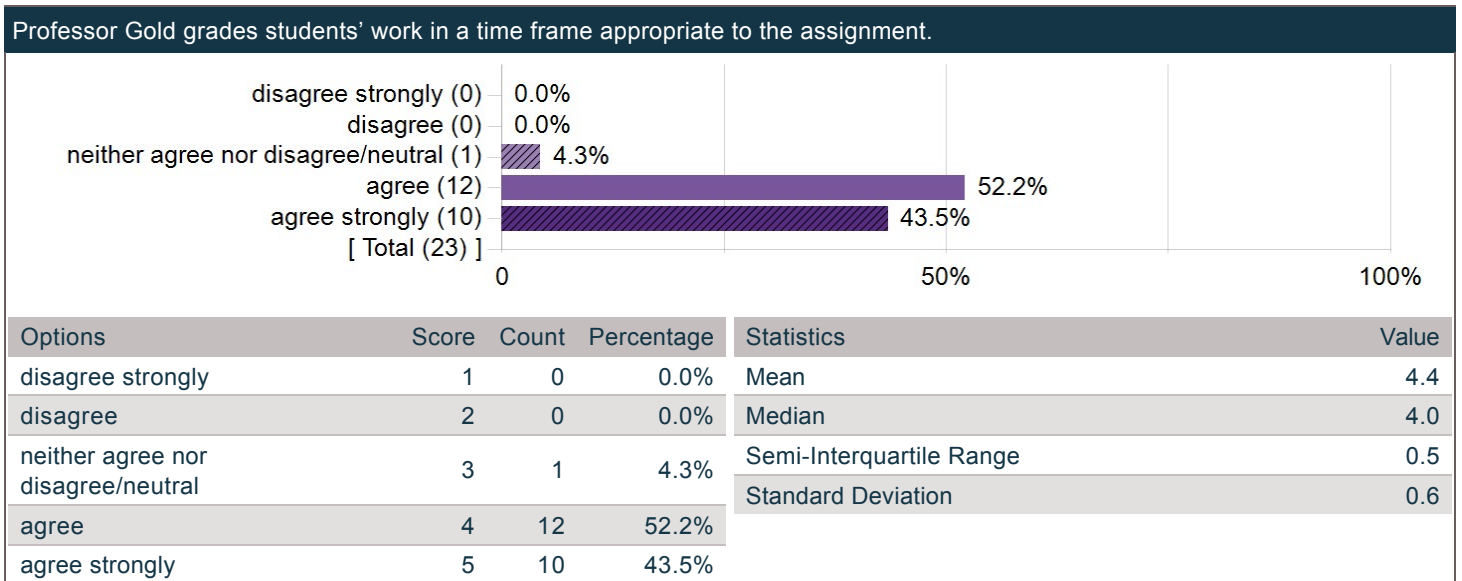
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Professor Gold is open to discussion when the course requires it.



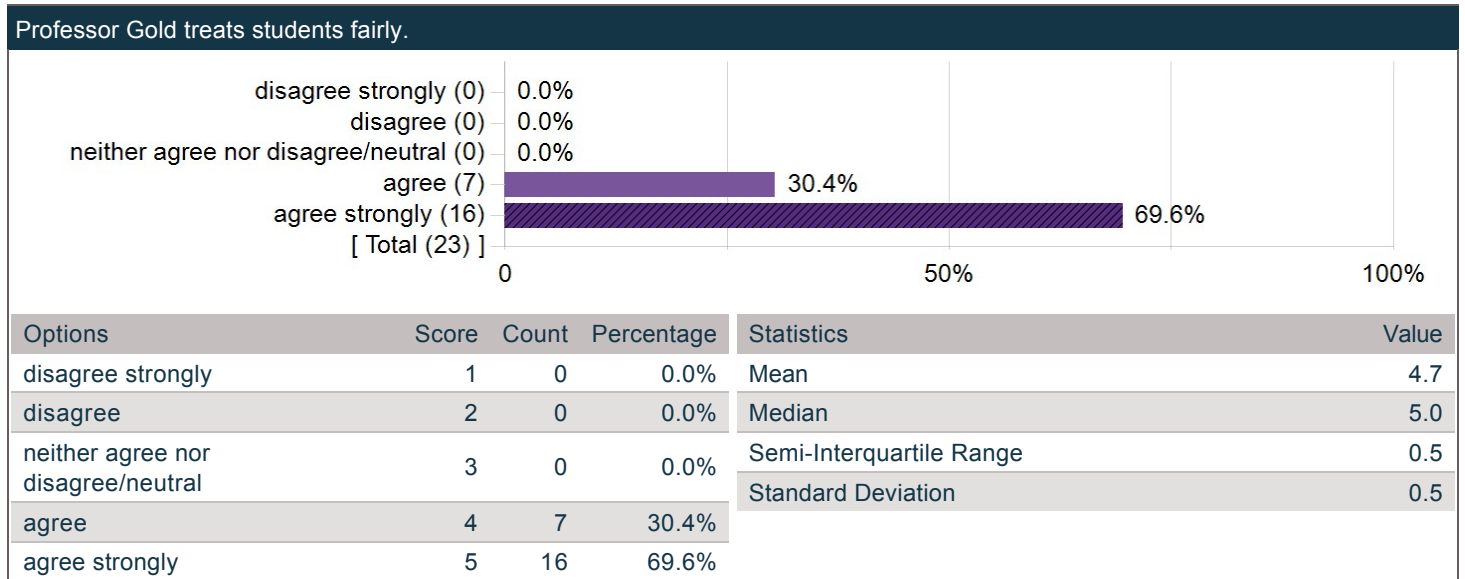
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Professor Gold grades students' work in a time frame appropriate to the assignment.



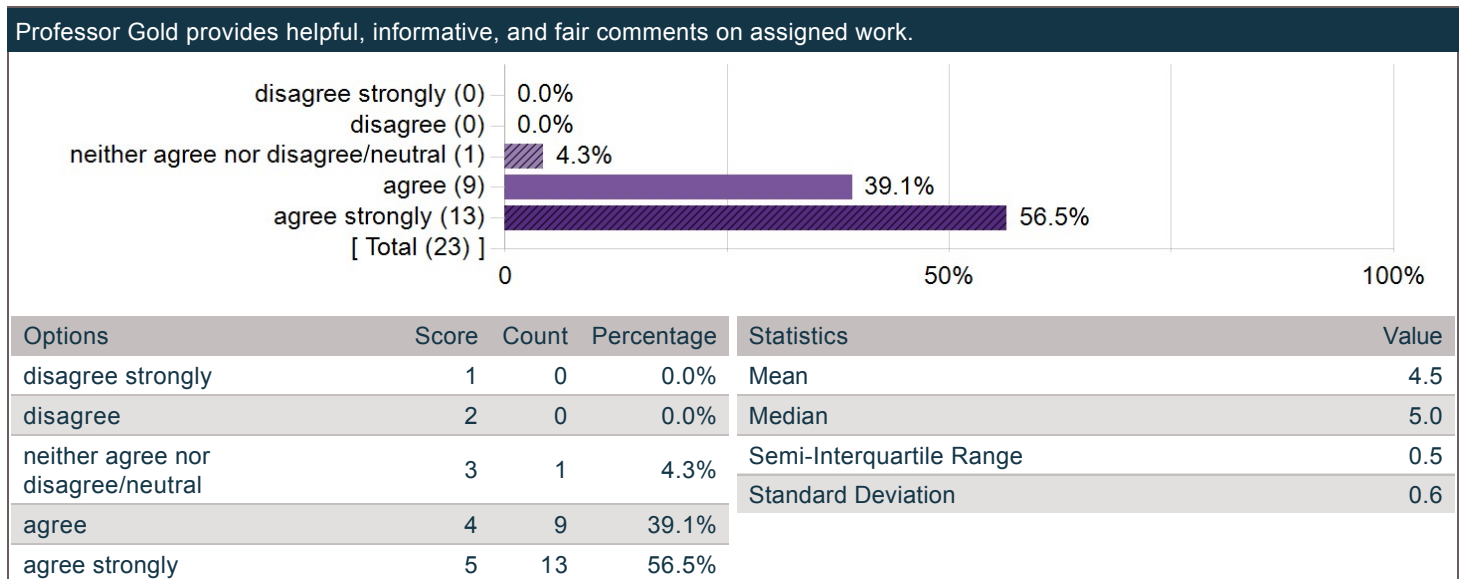
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Professor Gold treats students fairly.



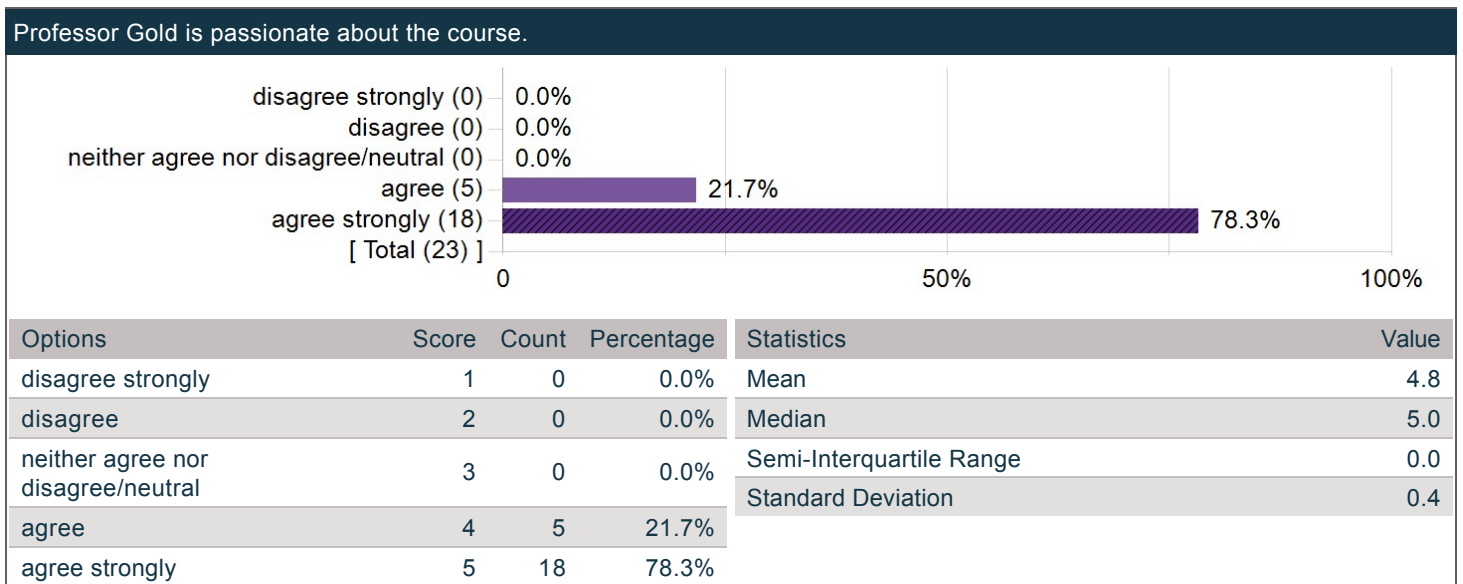
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Professor Gold provides helpful, informative, and fair comments on assigned work.



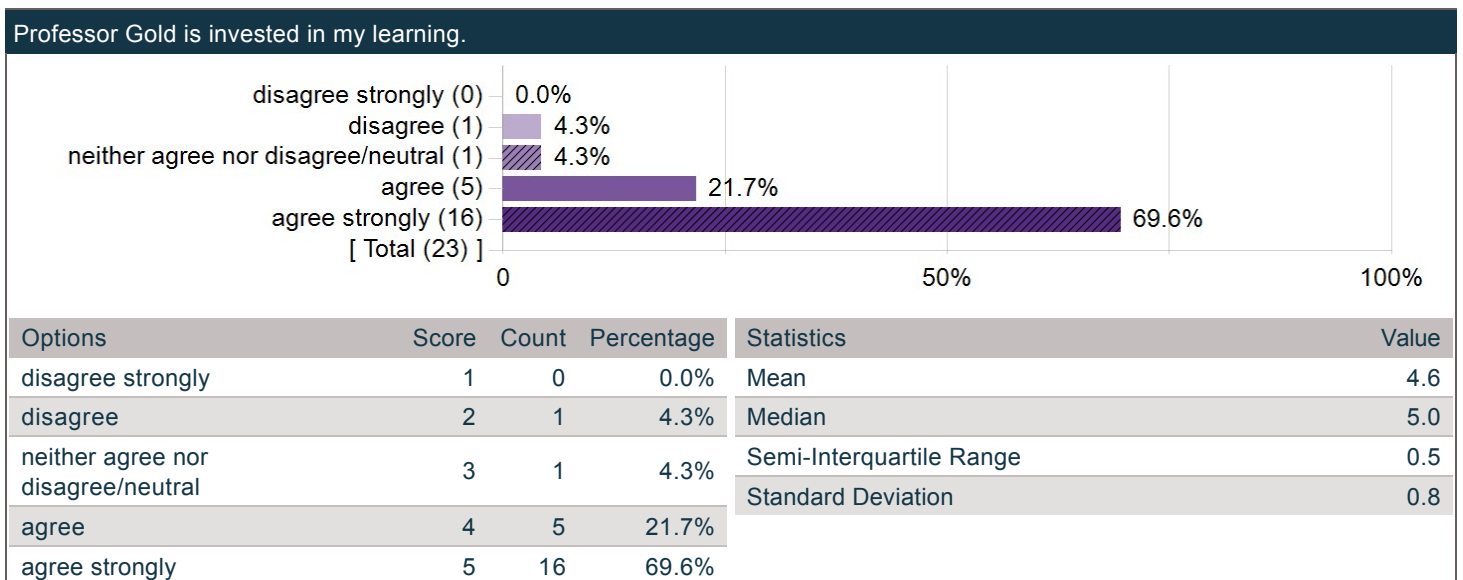
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Professor Gold is passionate about the course.



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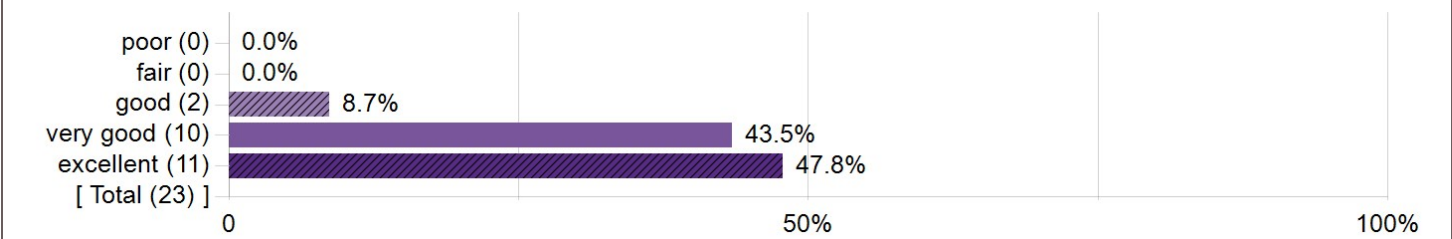
Professor Gold is invested in my learning.



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Options	Score	Count	Percentage	Statistics	Value
poor	1	0	0.0%	Mean	4.4
fair	2	0	0.0%	Median	4.0
good	3	2	8.7%	Semi-Interquartile Range	0.5
very good	4	10	43.5%	Standard Deviation	0.7
excellent	5	11	47.8%		

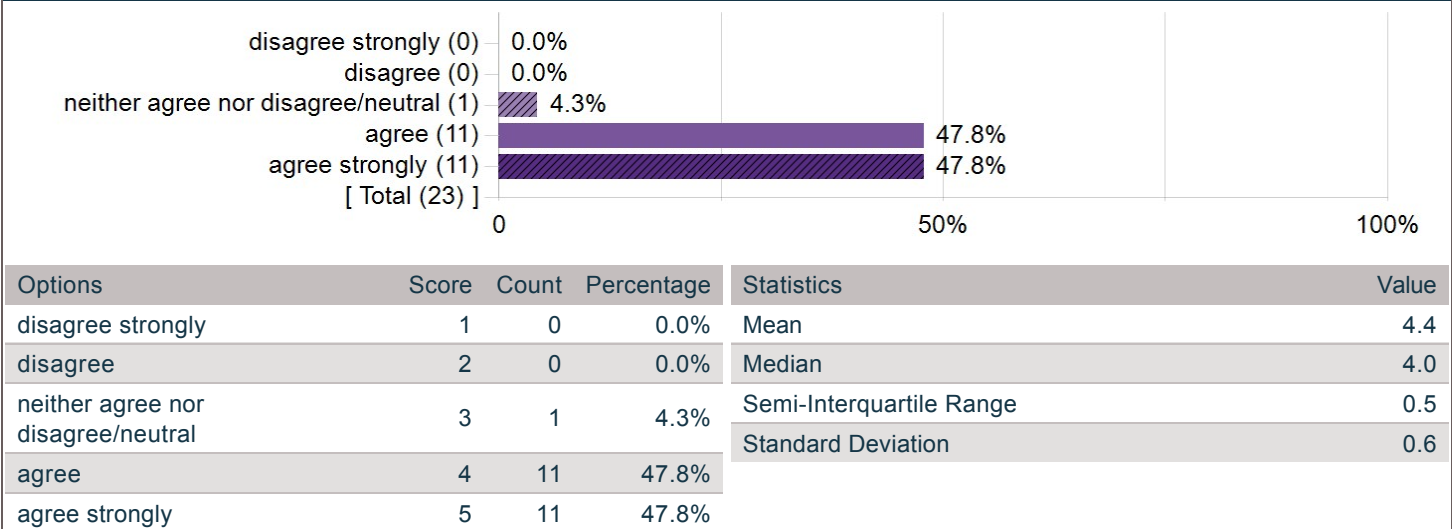
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Please explain why you rated the quality of Professor Gold's instruction in this course as you did. (Paraphrased)

Comments
This course became very exciting and something I looked forward to as individual class effort and participation was required through speeches and class debates.
He was always well prepared for class, chose interesting course material, and had true passion for the subject.
The class was very interesting as we covered a variety of topics. We also explored a bunch of in class activities like lectures, individual work, and group projects. This kept the class interesting.
Professor Gold was very lenient with due dates and was very understanding when I couldn't make it to class. He was very invested in our simulation and enjoyed what he taught.
Prof. Good is cool. He takes the time to cater to every student's strengths.
Professor Gold was always prepared and ran a solid class. I enjoyed taking his course.
Dr. Gold is the most passionate professor I've had this semester. He really cares about his course and the students. He constantly found new ways to make learning fun.
Nothing at all bad to say. The class was ver enjoyable.
I found him to be understanding and accommodating.
He has a lot of passion for the subject and genuinely listens to his students
He is my favorite professor because of his knowledge of the subject at hand. He is able to answer every question with extensive information. He makes sure that we understand topics thoroughly rather than just moving on with the weeks. He is an amazing professor.
He was prepared and invested in both the course concepts and in our learning.
He was an excellent teacher that was passionate about the material and really expressed hit passion in his class. Made me want to learn more and go deeper in U.S. politics and foreign policy.
I found the quality to be excellent because Professor Gold is flexible and understanding to students individual needs and explains assignments well, and also gave us plenty of information and resources to go off of for each assignment.
Professor Gold cares a lot about his students and is very passionate about teaching. He is very knowledgeable about politics.
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It was good, I learned a lot
Dr. Gold is always very accommodating to students needs, and also provides clear instructions for students to succeed in class.
Dr. Gold always came into class incredibly enthusiastic and excited to discuss with the class whatever topic was at hand that day. He was always willing to interact with students and was flexible when needed. I think he was very straightforward with his rubric and when you were engaged and did the work that was required, it was a very enjoyable class.
I think Professor Gold is excellent in his teaching style and helps us to learn in unconventional ways. The simulation we did in class was one of the best learning experiences I have ever had and I hope he continues to do them. I like that we started the class with content and then were able to implement that content into the simulation instead of just taking a quiz on it.
He made the class interesting and different from other classes which got students involved.
Great professor, passionate about course and students, his passion comes across in his lessons.
I think Professor Gold was very knowledgeable about the course material and organized very informative exercises. I think some more structured lecture would have been helpful early in the year.

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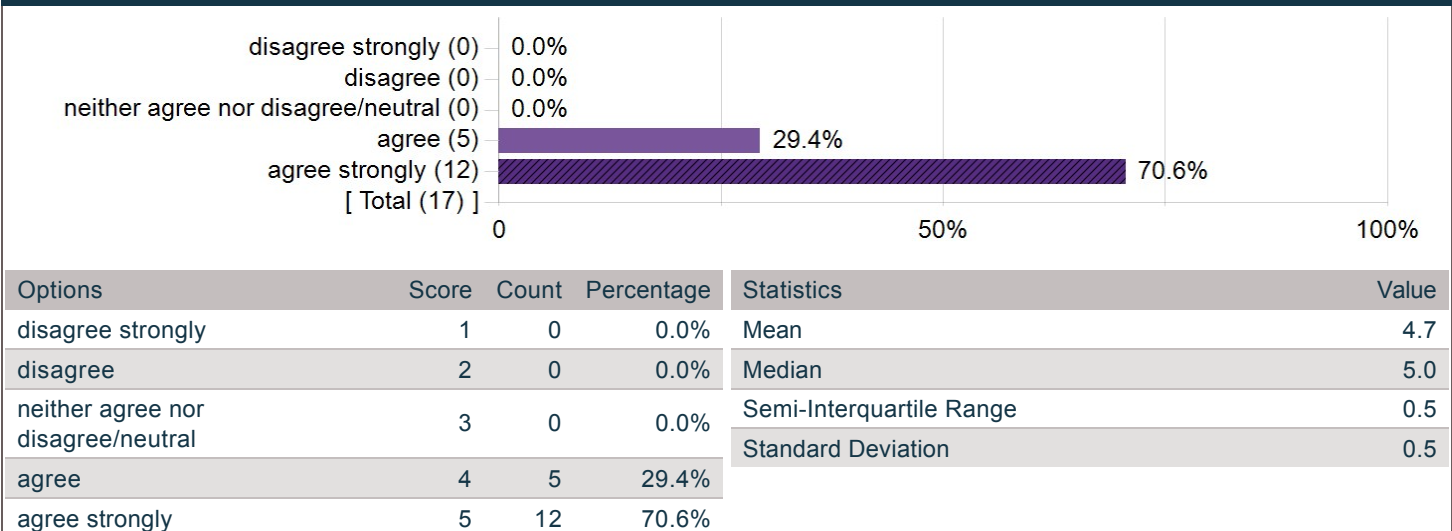
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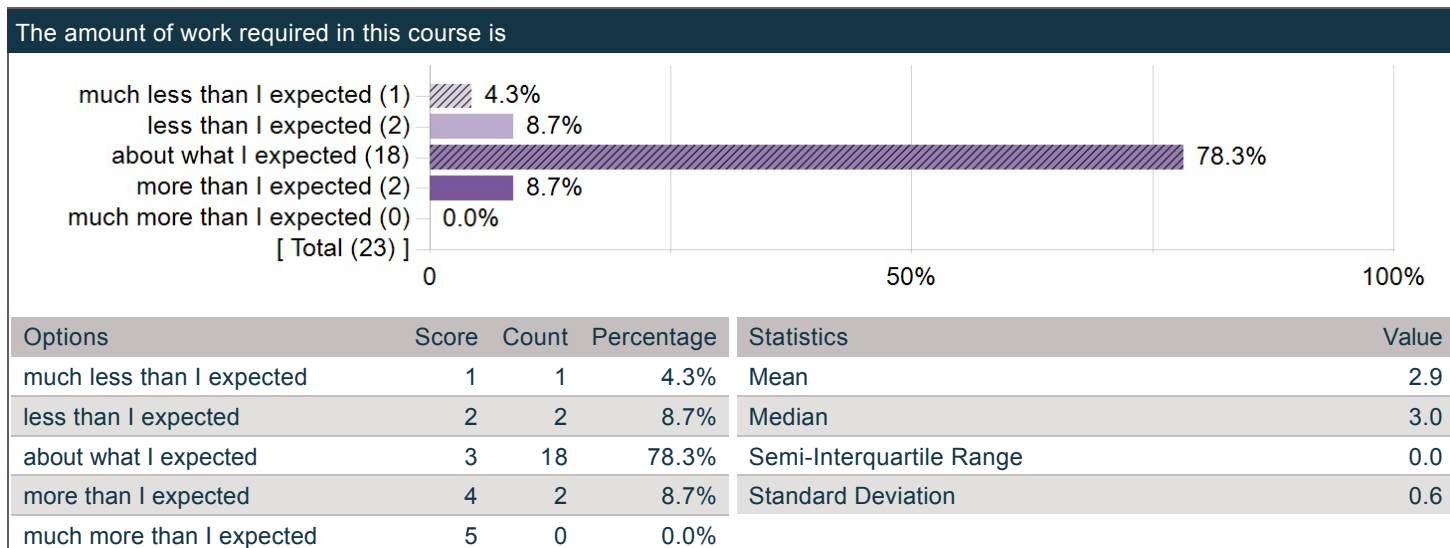
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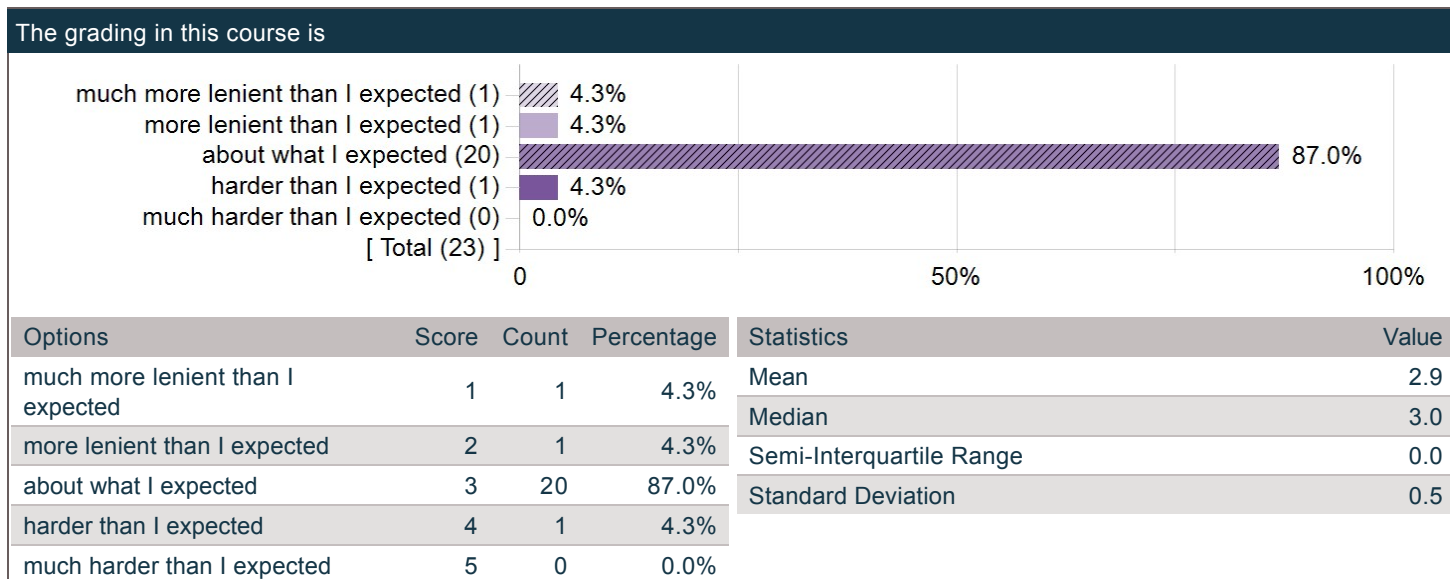
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The amount of work required in this course is



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The grading in this course is



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What do you appreciate most about this course?

Comments
The professors enthusiasm and creativity when it comes to teaching.
How understanding Professor Gold is
I liked the historical and the current parts of it.
I appreciate Professor Gold's classroom attitude and enjoyment of the content.
the pacing
I liked learning about international relations
Participation means a lot in this class and it is easy to get involved
I loved our current events as a way to stay up to date.
understanding and accommodating
I loved the simulation and feel like it really contributed to my understanding of the subject
The work is understandable and not too much (no busy work). He prefers we actually understand a topic rather than testing or assign a lot of work.
I appreciate the way the earlier section of the course gave words to the course concepts.
That we got to learn more about the politics of WWII and the Cuban missile crisis. It was fun learning about the different political models and explaining the use for each during the Cuban missile crisis.
I appreciate the ability to see from multiple countries perspectives/ how different styles of leadership affect a nation.
I appreciated the simulation the most in this course.
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The interactions
Dr. Gold is always willing to accommodate to students needs and his instructions are clear.
The effort made to get the students engaged with U.S. Foreign Policy.
The simulation and its non-traditional way of teaching us,
It was a fun and entertaining class that made you think outside the box.
Interactive nature and course load
I appreciate the real world applications of the material.

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

Comments
N/A
I would make some changes to the way that the simulation is structured
Nothing, I really enjoyed the course!
I would suggest Dr. Gold be a little more strict. Towards the end of the semester, it seemed people weren't taking his class seriously.
scheduling of the simulation
I would add a longer simulation it was fun.
Nothing
I would not change anything.
nothing
nothing
N/A
I would shorten the simulation.
Nothing.
I would make where to find instructions for each assignment/ content more clear
I would not change anything about the course.
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N/A
More time for the simulation in the second half of the semester.
Probably a more straightforward homework to in-class connection, but all in all it was very enjoyable.
The only reason I did not select excellent is because I felt like the email response times could have been quicker.
Nothing
Nothing
I would have some more structured lectures early in the semester.