

Project Title: **Vanderbilt University Course and Teaching Evaluations**Course Audience: **29**
Responses Received: **11**
Response Ratio: **37.93 %**

Report Comments

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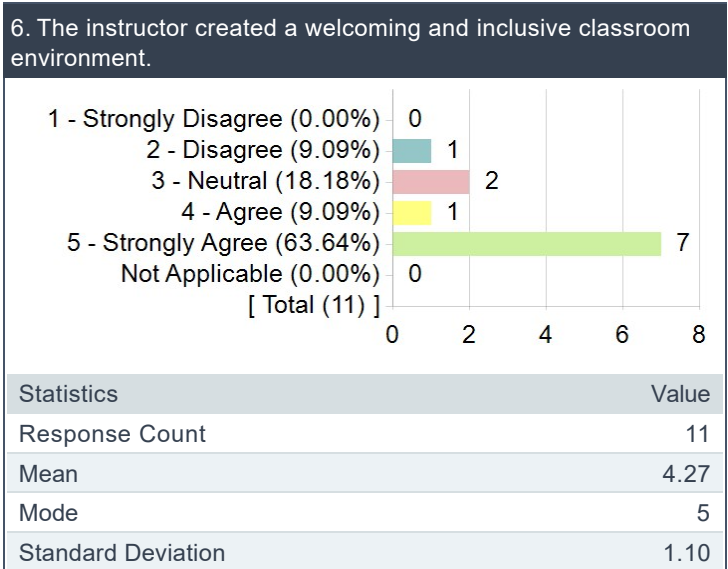
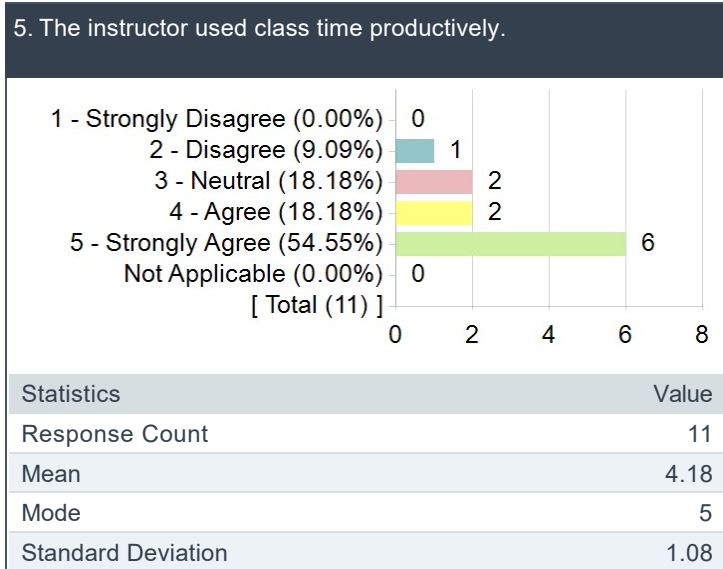
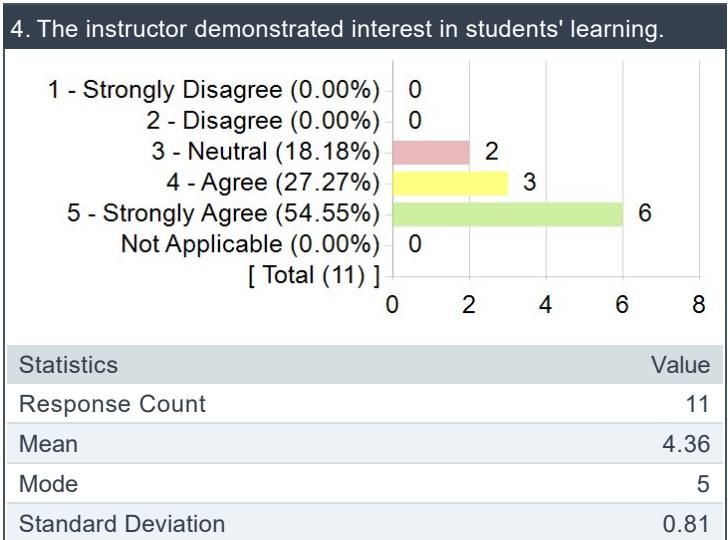
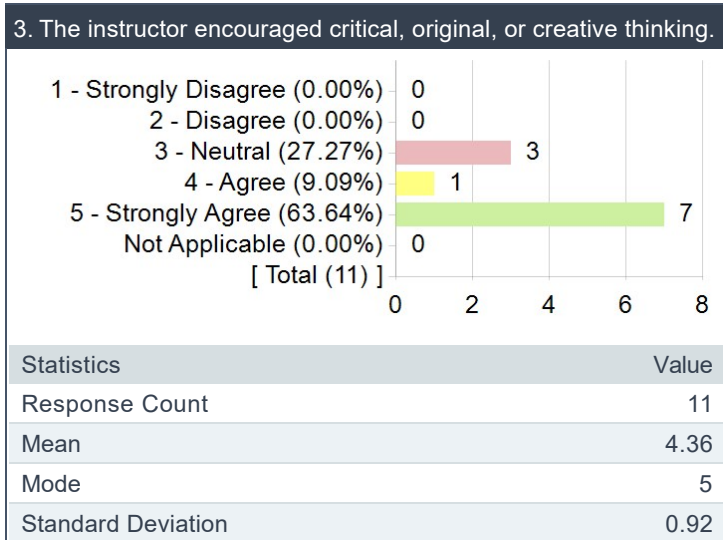
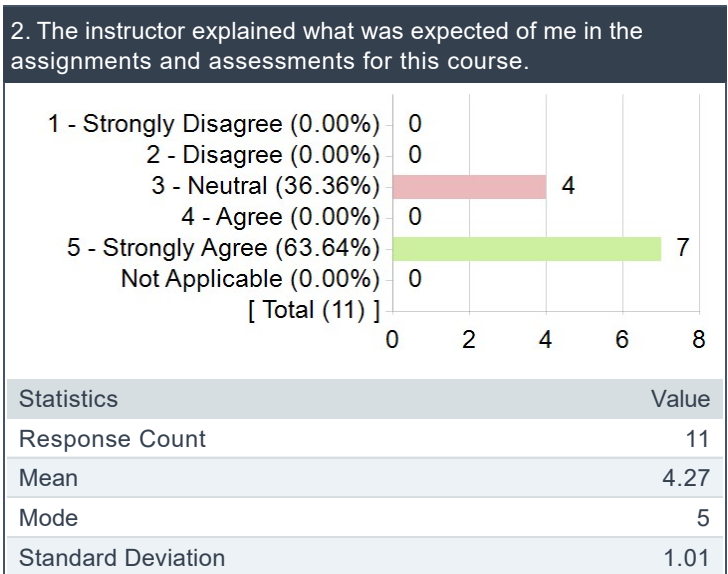
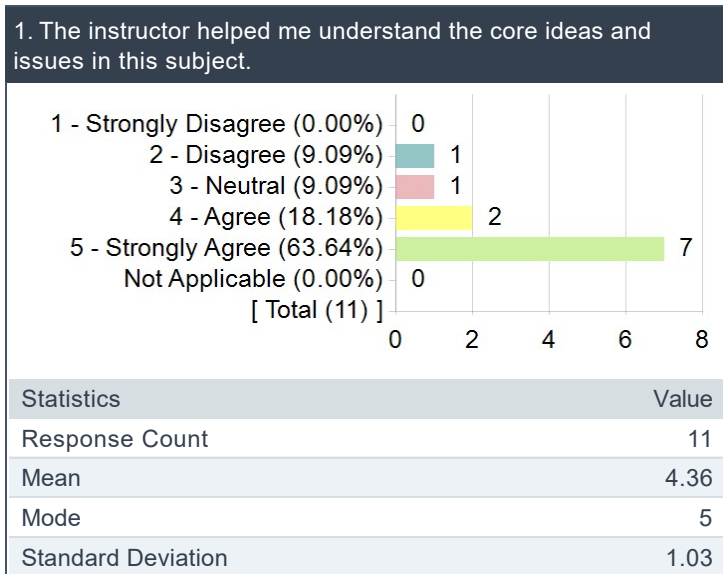
Questions about the Instructor (Kevin Leach):

Question	This Class Section		Department (CS)		School (CCC)	
	Mean	Standard Deviation	Mean	Standard Deviation	Mean	Standard Deviation
The instructor helped me understand the core ideas and issues in this subject.	4.36	1.03	4.40	0.87	4.38	0.87
The instructor explained what was expected of me in the assignments and assessments for this course.	4.27	1.01	4.48	0.81	4.48	0.79
The instructor encouraged critical, original, or creative thinking.	4.36	0.92	4.40	0.87	4.38	0.86
The instructor demonstrated interest in students' learning.	4.36	0.81	4.50	0.81	4.49	0.81
The instructor used class time productively.	4.18	1.08	4.41	0.90	4.42	0.89
The instructor created a welcoming and inclusive classroom environment.	4.27	1.10	4.53	0.79	4.52	0.79
Overall, the instructor (Kevin Leach) was:	4.18	1.08	4.30	0.90	4.29	0.90

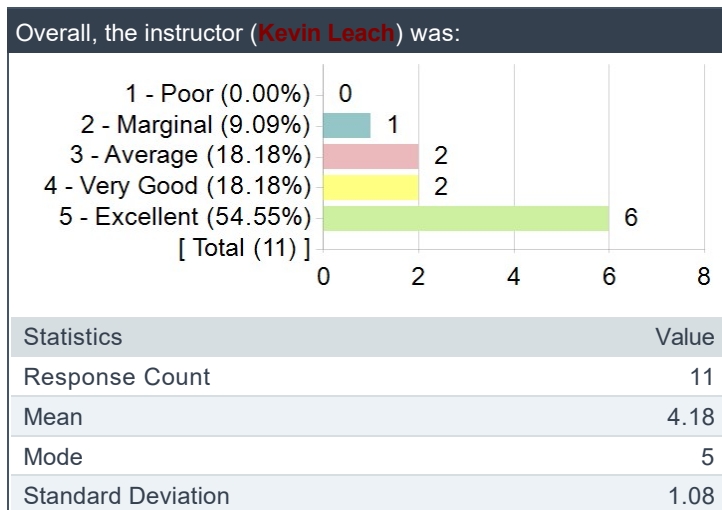
Questions about this Course (CS 4288, 5288 02):

Question	This Class Section		Department (CS)		School (CCC)	
	Mean	Standard Deviation	Mean	Standard Deviation	Mean	Standard Deviation
This course helped me appreciate the significance of the subject matter.	4.18	1.08	4.30	0.95	4.29	0.95
The components of the course, such as class activities, assessments, and assignments, were consistent with the course goals.	4.18	1.17	4.41	0.84	4.42	0.83
The feedback I received during the course was helpful.	3.82	1.25	4.20	0.98	4.19	0.98
I felt comfortable asking questions in this course.	4.36	0.92	4.38	0.87	4.36	0.88
This course helped me consider connections between course material and other areas of my personal, academic, or professional life.	4.45	0.82	4.26	0.96	4.26	0.96
Overall, the course (CS 4288, 5288 02) was:	3.82	0.98	3.99	0.99	3.97	0.99
Compared to other classes, the amount I learned in this course was:	4.00	1.00	3.69	1.01	3.66	1.01
Compared to requirements in other classes, the workload assigned in this class was:	4.18	0.87	3.51	0.97	3.49	0.96

Please respond to the following questions about the instructor (**Kevin Leach**).

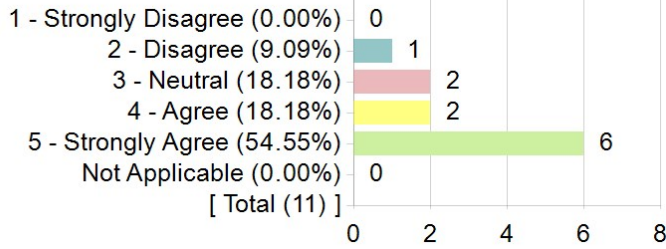


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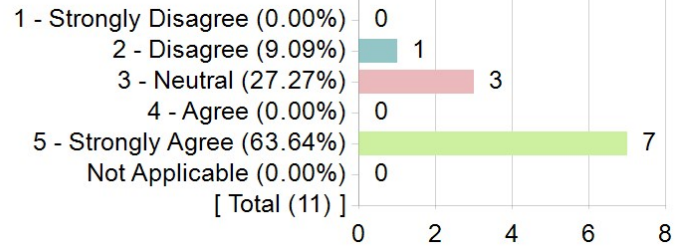
Questions About This Course (CS 4288, 5288 02):

1. This course helped me appreciate the significance of the subject matter.



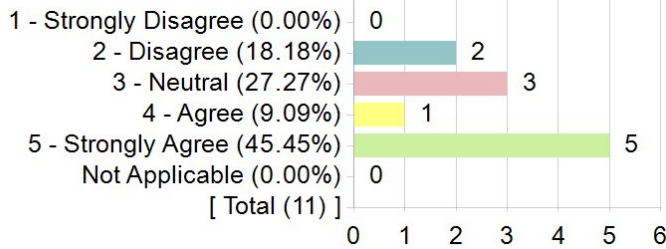
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Mean	4.18
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	1.08

2. The components of the course, such as class activities, assessments, and assignments, were consistent with the course goals.



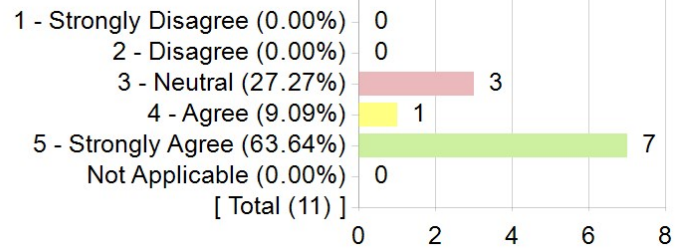
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3. The feedback I received during the course was helpful.



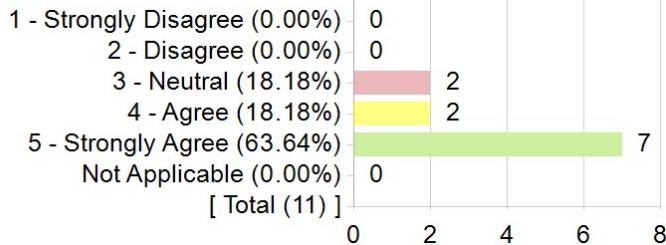
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Standard Deviation	1.25

4. I felt comfortable asking questions in this course.



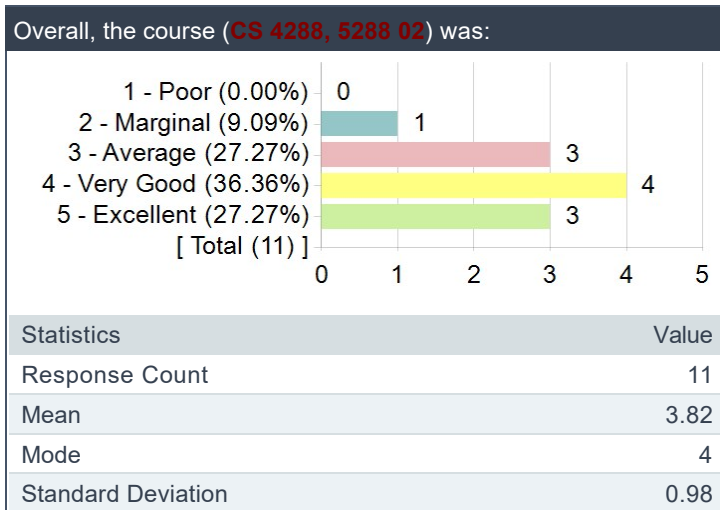
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Standard Deviation	0.92

5. This course helped me consider connections between course material and other areas of my personal, academic, or professional life.

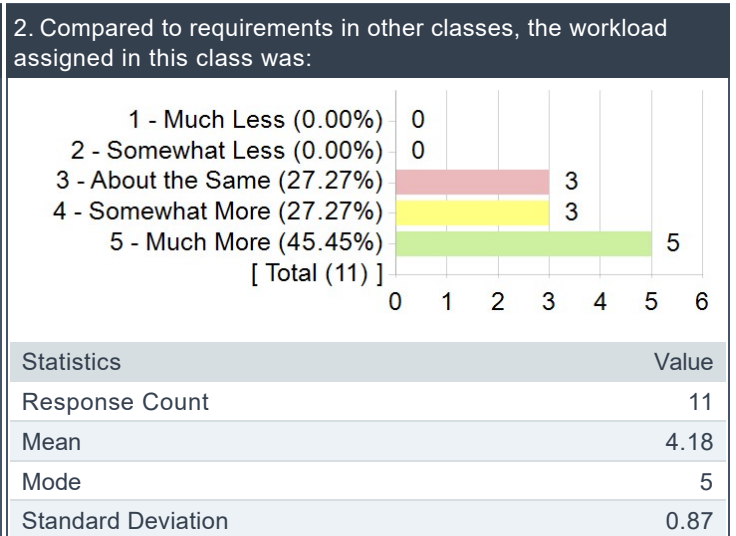
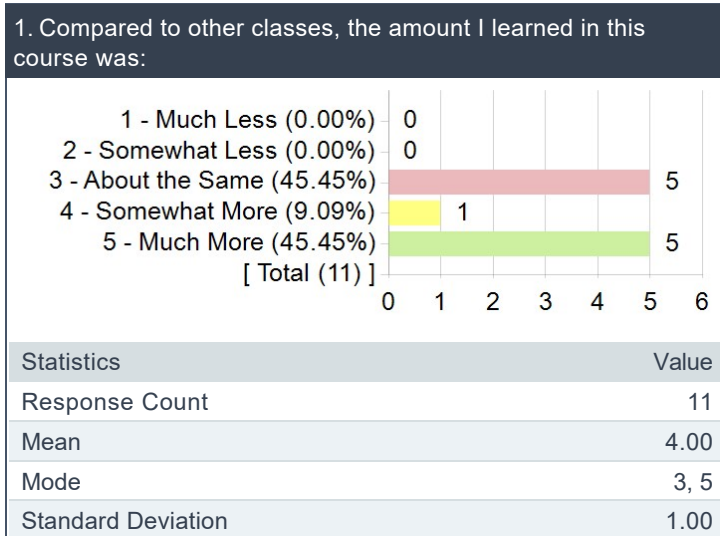


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Mean	4.45
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.82

Overall the course was:



Questions About This Course (CS 4288, 5288 02):



What elements of the course (CS 4288, 5288 02) most contributed to your learning?

Comments
Projects. Especially last two. It was fun and got hands dirty which helped me with learning.
the homework
I believe the projects helped me learn the concepts of the course much better. The specification for the assignment was very clear (especially the first few projects) and told me all the necessary information to complete the project on my own.
It was mostly lectures with the topics that are most important.
Talking through problems with the professor
In class walk throughs of examples

What improvements to the course (CS 4288, 5288 02) would you recommend?

Comments
This class is second to only Compiler class in my favorite class list in Vandy. Even though I am not a big enjoyer of webs system design, Dr. Leach made experience truly interesting, both with projects and lectures. The projects were awesome, but so were the topics of lectures (even tho it was webs stuff) and Dr. Leach who tried to make lectures fun and educational. I felt comfortable with asking any question which came to my mind, and I did not need any extra motivation to attend the class (cough cough compared to many other classes).
having more in class coding with the differnt material
Although the projects contributed a lot to my learning, I felt that they took an extremely long time to complete. I'm assuming this is somewhat intentional, but it really was difficult to balance this with other classes, even when I was starting early and utilizing all resources.
One other piece of feedback I have is to give us more feedback. I don't like the fact that even after a project is due, we can't see what test cases we fail. This essentially leaves us with no feedback for the entire course on our code. To this day, I still don't know what I did wrong in previous projects. I understand that part of the purpose of this course is to improve our own skills in testing the code that we write, but when we fail to do so after the assignment is over, I believe we should be told what we didn't consider so that we can carry that forward into the future.
There was a lot of lectures on all the topics, but I feel like talking or diving deep into how the assignments specifically use these topics together would have been helpful for understanding these concepts better in the real world as well.
Interactive presentations, or brief worksheets/puzzles related to class concepts? Something to be more involved with the lectures.
Spend a little more time teaching basic implementation of code for websites