

Instructor Course Feedback for MATH 5050-001 Stoch Proc, Simultn II Spring 2021 (Firas Rassoul-Agha)

Project Title: Student Course Feedback

Courses Audience: **13**Responses Received: **5**Response Ratio: **38.5**%

Report Comments

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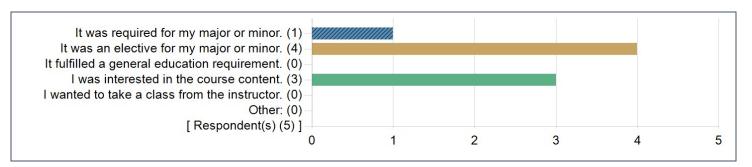
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Student Demographics

Why did you enroll in this course?

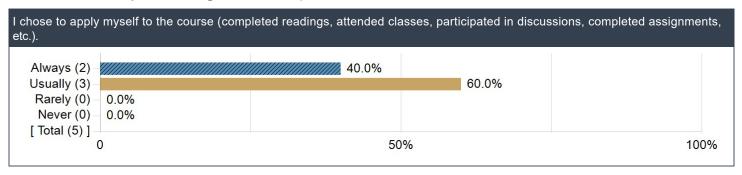


Please explain:

Comments

I was choosing between this elective course and another elective for my MSTAT program, and ultimately kept this course because the instructor was fantastic, and the content was enjoyable.

I chose to apply myself to the course (completed readings, attended classes, participated in discussions, completed assignments, etc.).



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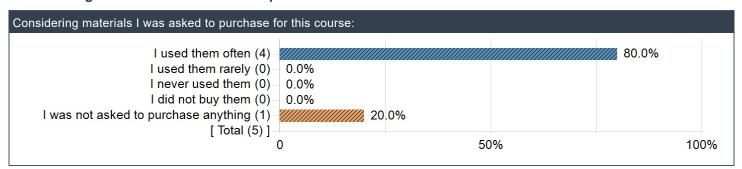
Comments

The course was excellent, unfortunately this semester was difficult due to matters out side the class room.

A couple of simulation activities were left incomplete because I ran out of time to finish them, and I didn't read in the textbook as much as I usually do, as working from home during COVID makes it difficult to concentrate on reading.

Course Materials

Considering materials I was asked to purchase for this course:



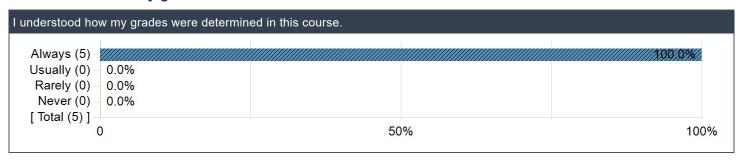
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Comments

I could have used them more often than I did, but I definitely did use them.

Grades

I understood how my grades were determined in this course.



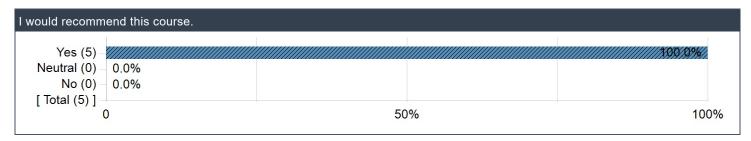
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It was very clear what the grading rubric was for this class, but Firas has been generous which I appreciate.

Recommend Course & Instructor

I would recommend this course.



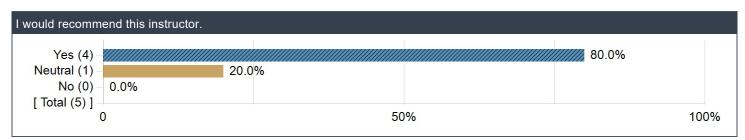
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Incredibly interesting material!

The content is fascinating, with lots of applications, and I feel the simulation programming skills I gained are valuable.

I would recommend this instructor.



Please explain:

Comments

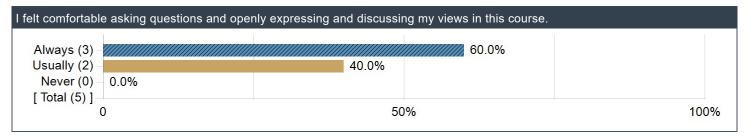
Teaches very well in a way where all the stuff makes sense. He is also always going above and beyond to make sure someone understands the material if they ask.

Excellent Professor. Gave great intuition for the material and was very willing to go the extra mile in helping students!

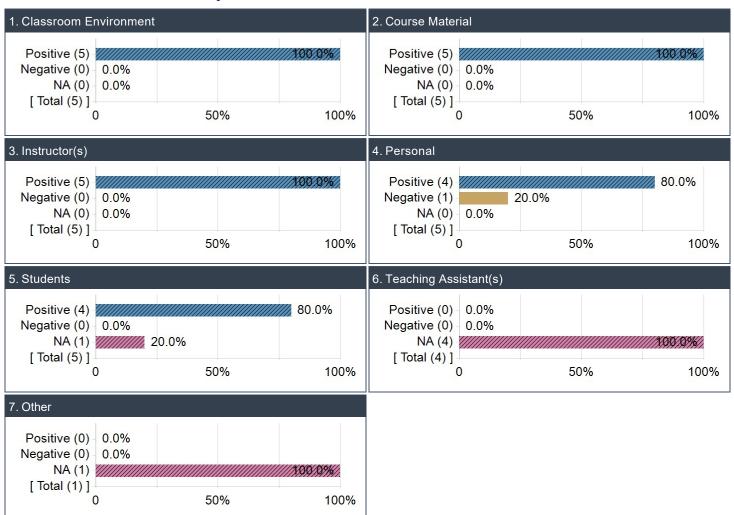
This instructor has very strong skills in instructional delivery, particularly as pertains to explaining concepts in terms of fundamental principles, and connecting concepts logically. He was also very available with almost immediate feedback when contacted by email, and his use of Piazza for out of class discussion of student questions was very helpful. I learned a lot from reading other students' questions and the instructor's answers on Piazza. I really enjoyed taking this class from this instructor.

Asking Questions and Discussing Views

I felt comfortable asking questions and openly expressing and discussing my views in this course.



Which of these contributed to your answer?



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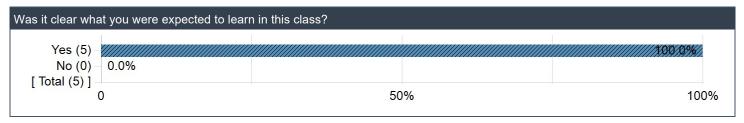
Comments

The one thing I wasn't too big of a fan of is the time—crunched exams. The exams are much harder than the homework which is always scary for a 50 minute exam. Although, Firas does make it up by being very generous with the grading. Other than that, I thoroughly enjoyed this course and it is one of my favorite courses I've taken ever.

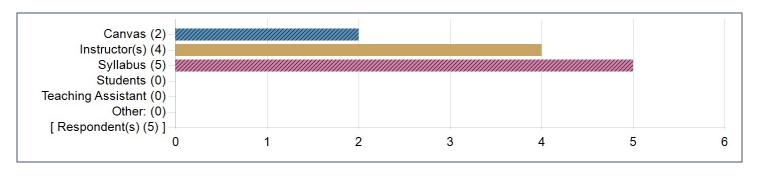
Sometimes knowing that the instructor was going to be editing his videos to remove student questions to protect privacy and make videos public made me less likely to ask questions, because I didn't want him to have more editing work. It would have been nice to be encouraged more to ask questions – more frequent question breaks maybe, and not just at the beginning and at the end of the discussion. But I was always treated respectfully when I did ask questions.

Learning Objectives

Was it clear what you were expected to learn in this class?

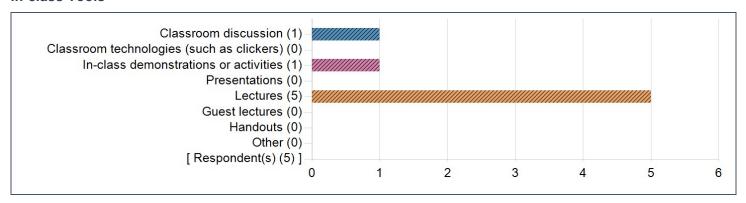


If yes, how did you know this?

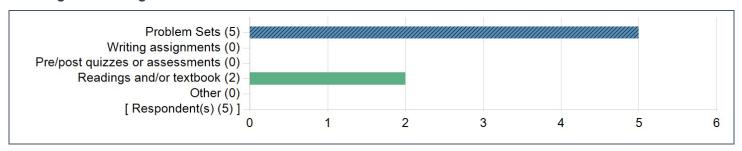


Which of these were used in the course and helped you learn?

In-class Tools



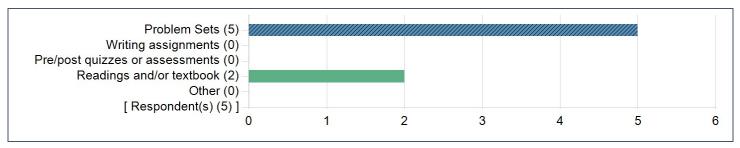
Readings and Assignments



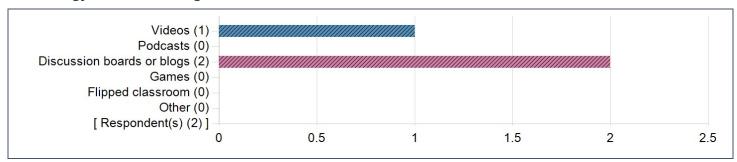
Experiential Learning



Readings and Assignments



Technology-Based Learning



Please explain:

Comments

Piazza was used for out–of–class discussion. Assignment were not just problem sets, but involved programming simulation assignments, which were enriching.

Additional Comments

Is there anything else you would like this instructor to know?

Comments

I wish I could have devoted more time to the class, it was overall a great experience!

Really enjoyable class. Thank you!