



# Report for HIST 213 - Topics in History (Jordan Taylor)

Project Title: **ISU Student Course Ratings – Spring 2019**

Survey Audience: **30**

Responses Received: **24**

Response Ratio: **80%**

## Subject Details

Subj_Code	HIST
Crse_Numb	213
Section Number	17
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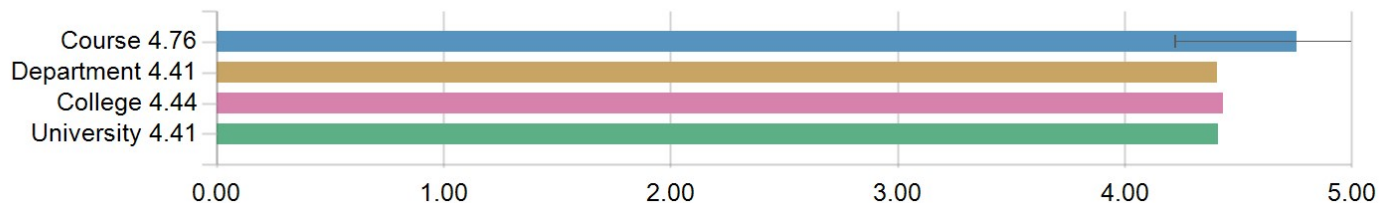
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## Instructor Rating Score Analysis

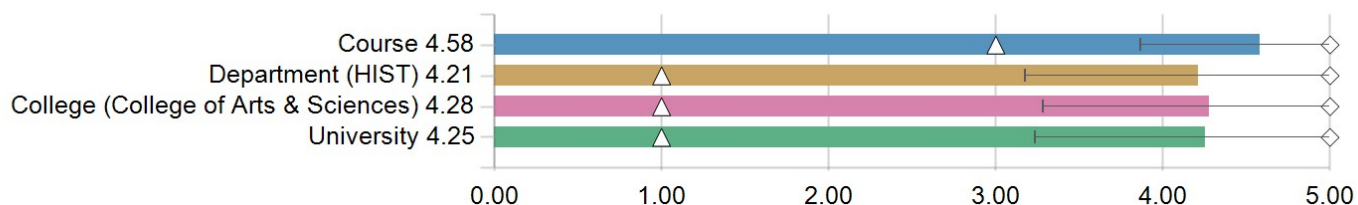
This section shows the overall instructor score, which is then broken down by question. Every individual course score is compared to that of the department, of the college and of the entire university.

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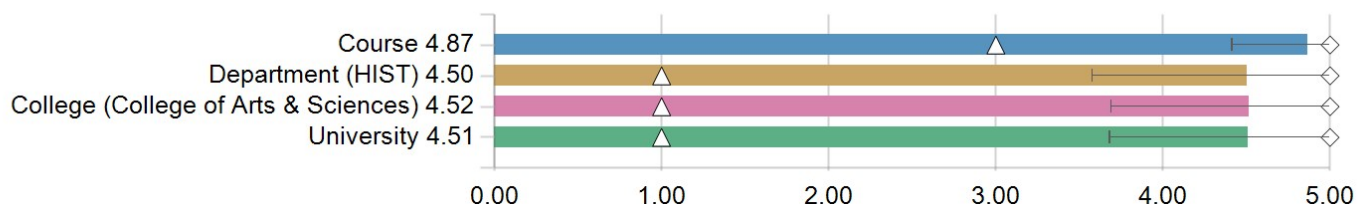
### Overall



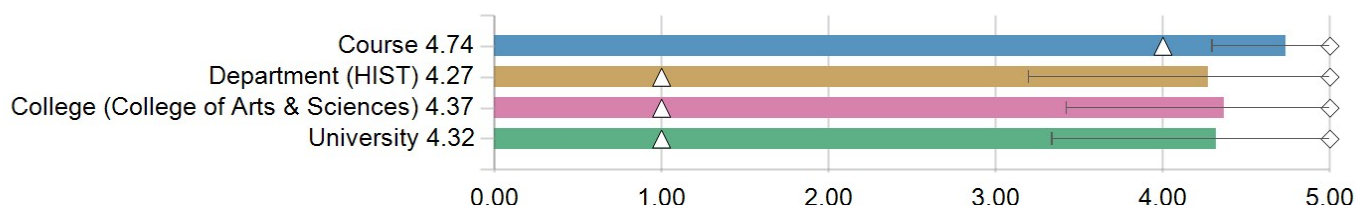
### 1. My instructor provided timely feedback on course work



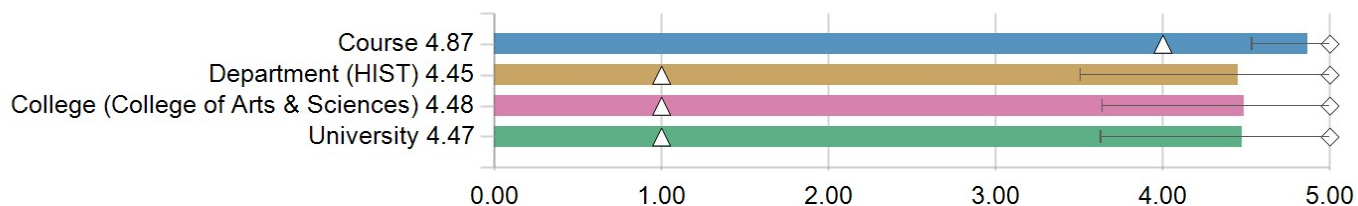
### 2. My instructor treated students with respect



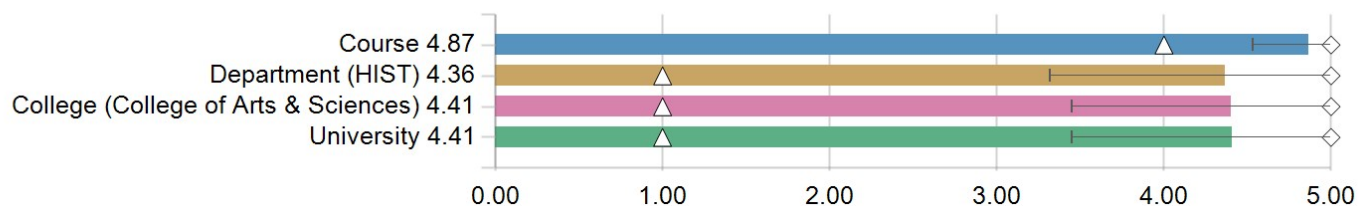
### 3. My instructor provided clear expectations of students



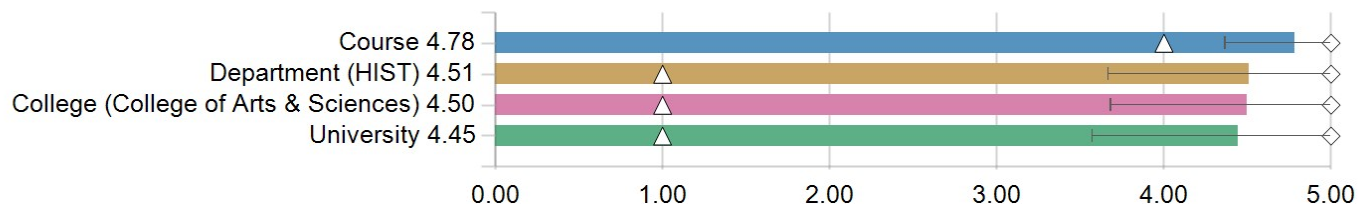
### 4. My instructor interacted positively with students



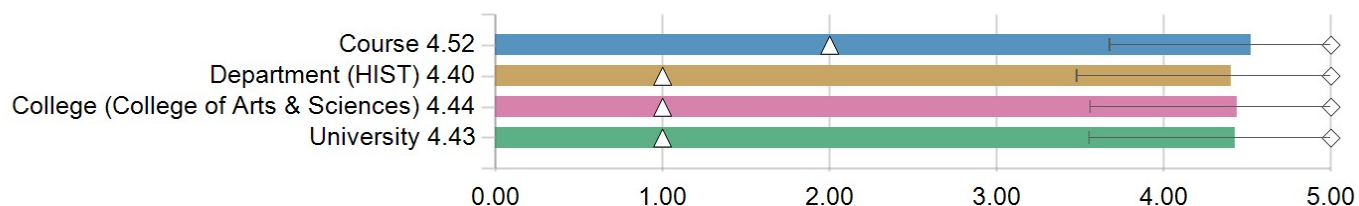
5. I believe I can approach my instructor for help



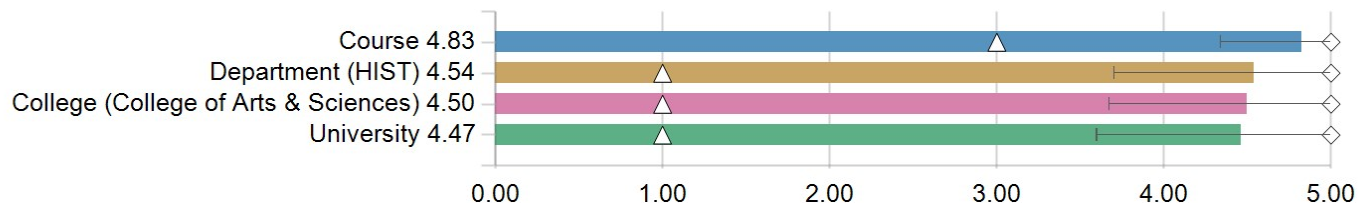
6. My instructor was prepared for the class



7. My instructor encouraged students to be engaged in the course



8. My instructor demonstrated enthusiasm for the course



## Instructor Response Distribution

	Resp	Course Avg.	Median	Dept. Avg.	Std. Dev.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My instructor provided timely feedback on course work	24	4.58	5.00	4.21	0.72	71%	17%	13%	0%	0%
My instructor treated students with respect	23	4.87	5.00	4.50	0.46	91%	4%	4%	0%	0%
My instructor provided clear expectations of students	23	4.74	5.00	4.27	0.45	74%	26%	0%	0%	0%
My instructor interacted positively with students	23	4.87	5.00	4.45	0.34	87%	13%	0%	0%	0%
I believe I can approach my instructor for help	23	4.87	5.00	4.36	0.34	87%	13%	0%	0%	0%
My instructor was prepared for the class	23	4.78	5.00	4.51	0.42	78%	22%	0%	0%	0%
My instructor encouraged students to be engaged in the course	23	4.52	5.00	4.40	0.85	70%	17%	9%	4%	0%
My instructor demonstrated enthusiasm for the course	23	4.83	5.00	4.54	0.49	87%	9%	4%	0%	0%

## History Department

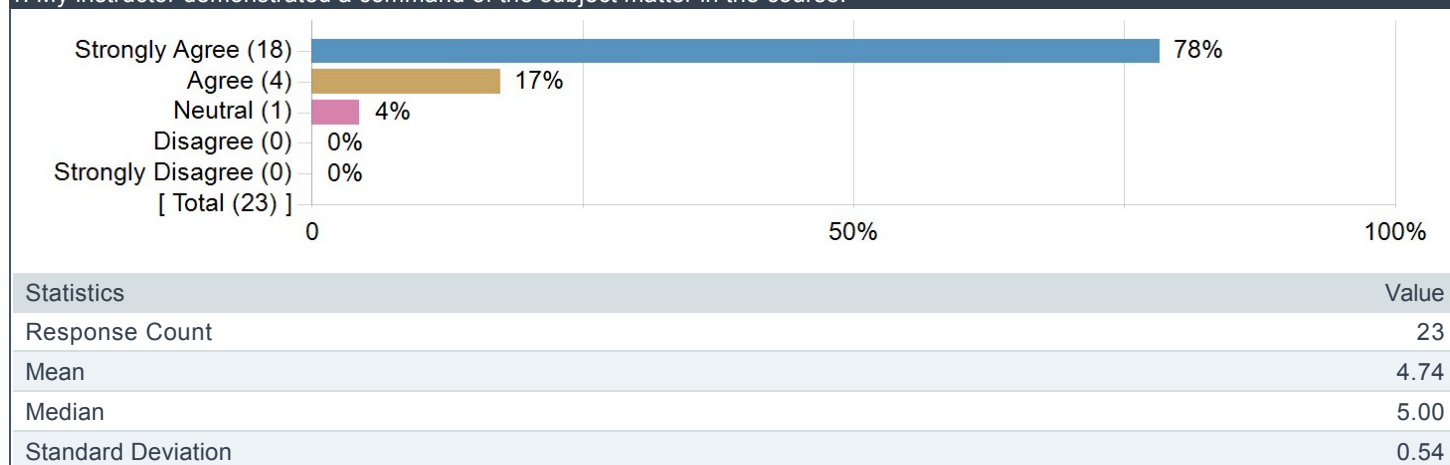
### Department Questions

#### Departmental Questions: Overall

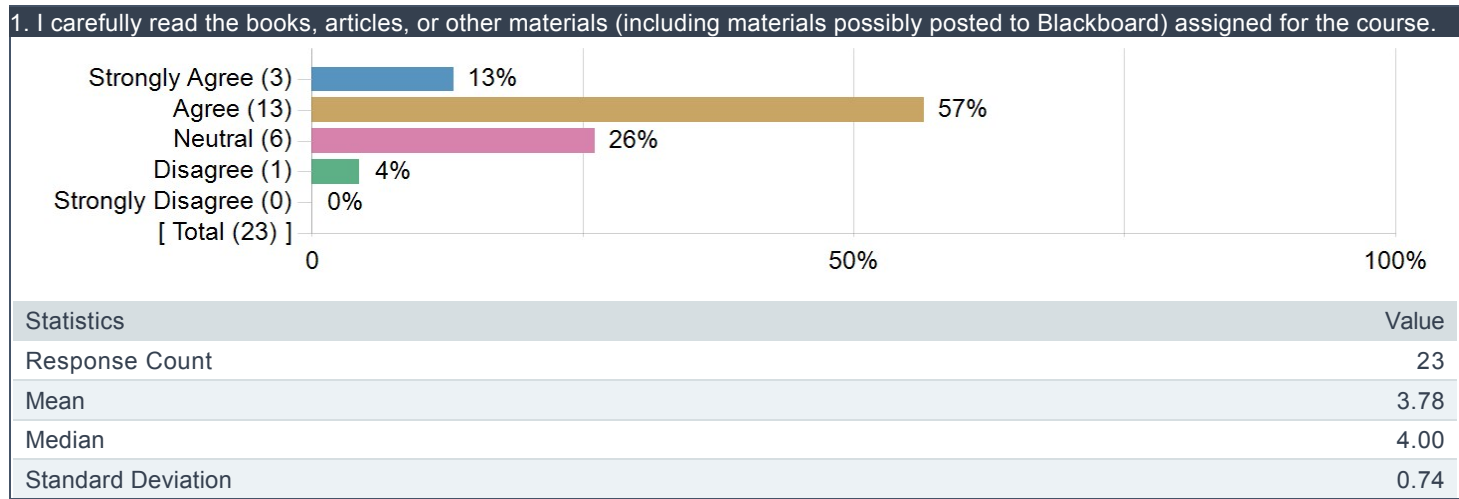
Question	Course					Department (HIST)				
	Response Count	Mean	Standard Deviation	Min	Max	Response Count	Mean	Standard Deviation	Min	Max
My instructor demonstrated a command of the subject matter in the course.	23	4.74	0.54	3.00	5.00	553	4.47	0.84	1.00	5.00
I carefully read the books, articles, or other materials (including materials possibly posted to Blackboard) assigned for the course.	23	3.78	0.74	2.00	5.00	556	4.00	0.99	1.00	5.00
While reading for the course I took notes on a regular basis.	23	3.52	1.04	1.00	5.00	556	3.85	1.12	1.00	5.00
I attended class all, or nearly all, of the time.	23	4.35	0.71	3.00	5.00	556	4.45	0.78	2.00	5.00
I took notes on a regular basis during class when my instructor was lecturing.	23	3.78	1.20	1.00	5.00	555	4.12	1.02	1.00	5.00
I completed written and other assignments on time.	22	4.73	0.46	4.00	5.00	556	4.56	0.76	1.00	5.00
My instructor encouraged me to consider the course material broadly, including its relevance to contemporary society and current issues.	23	4.57	0.59	3.00	5.00	554	4.36	0.92	1.00	5.00
I sought help from the instructor if I needed it.	22	4.45	0.74	3.00	5.00	554	4.20	0.97	1.00	5.00
Overall	-	4.24	0.89	-	-	-	4.25	-	-	-

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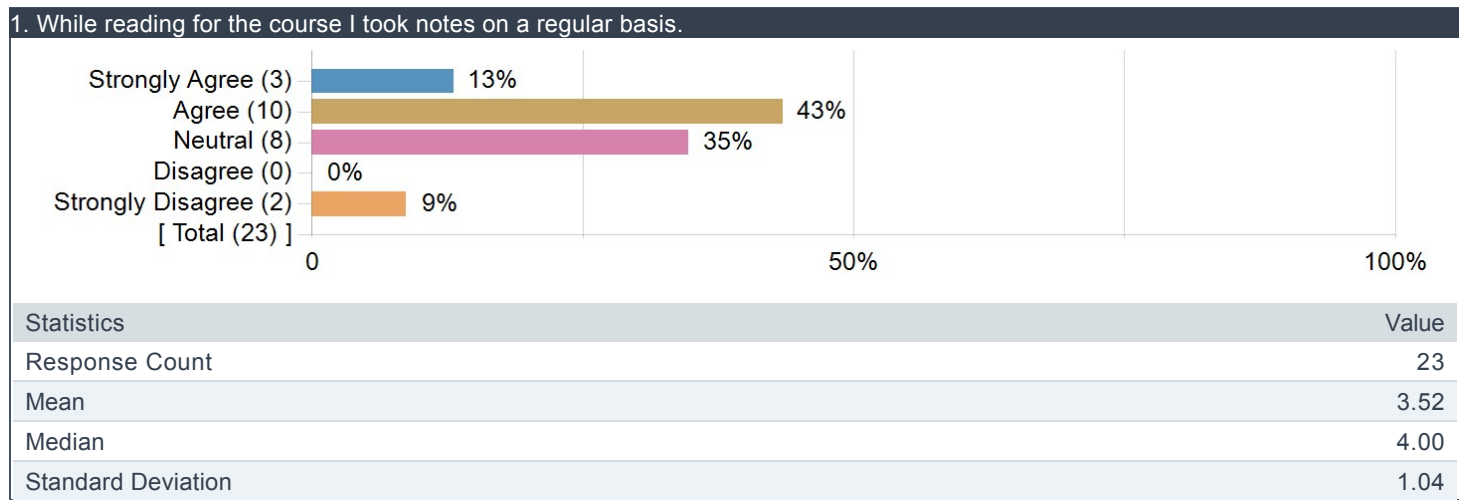
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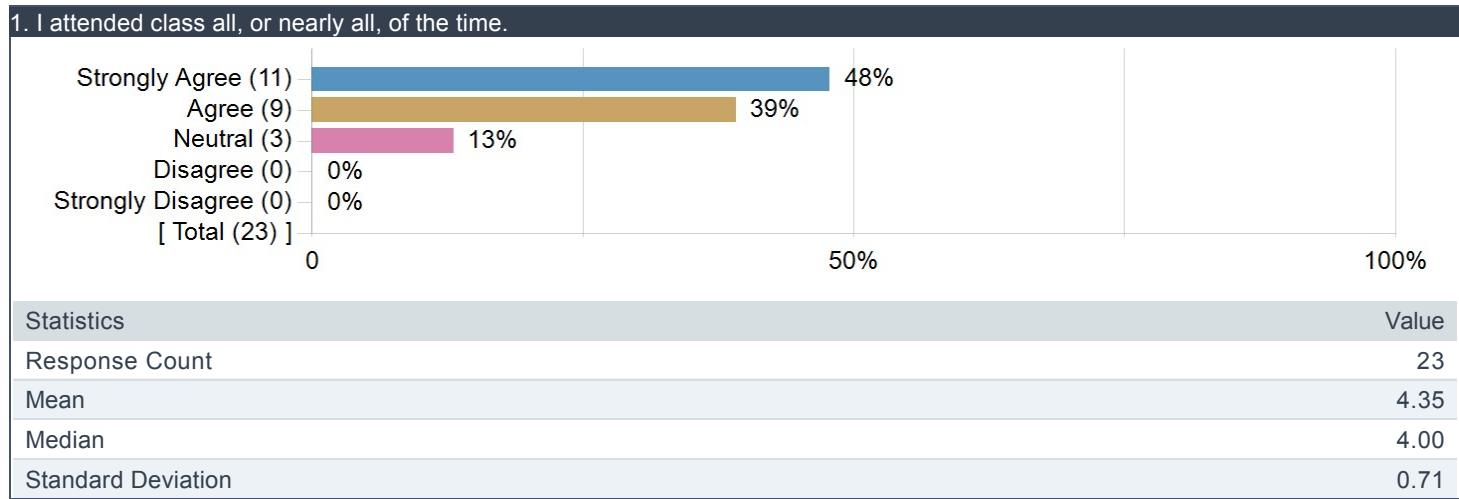
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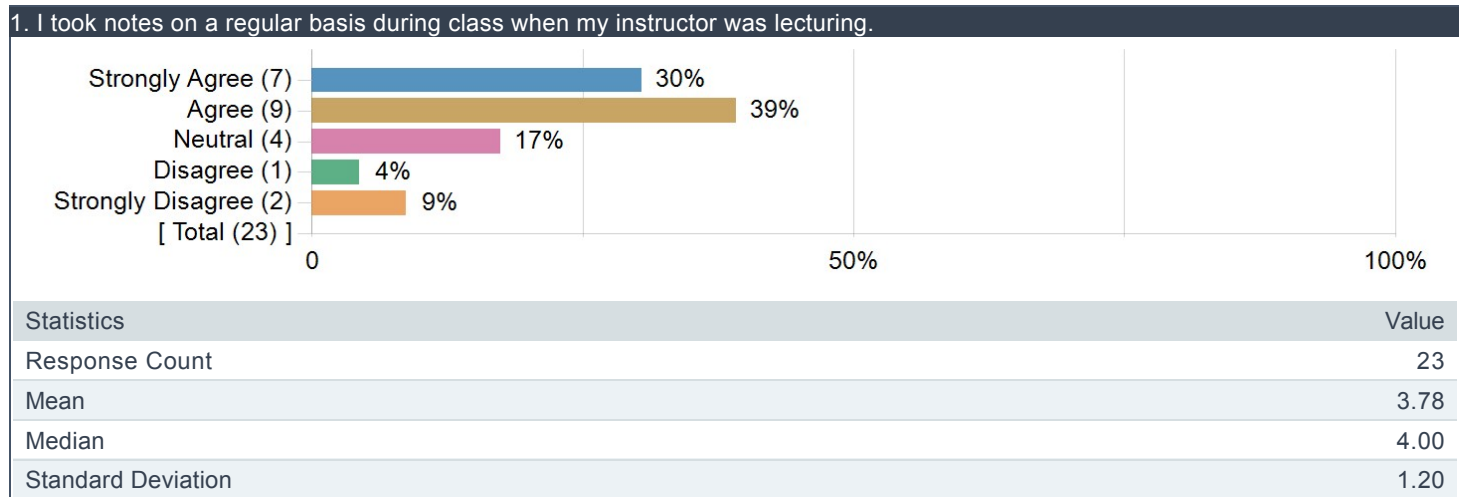
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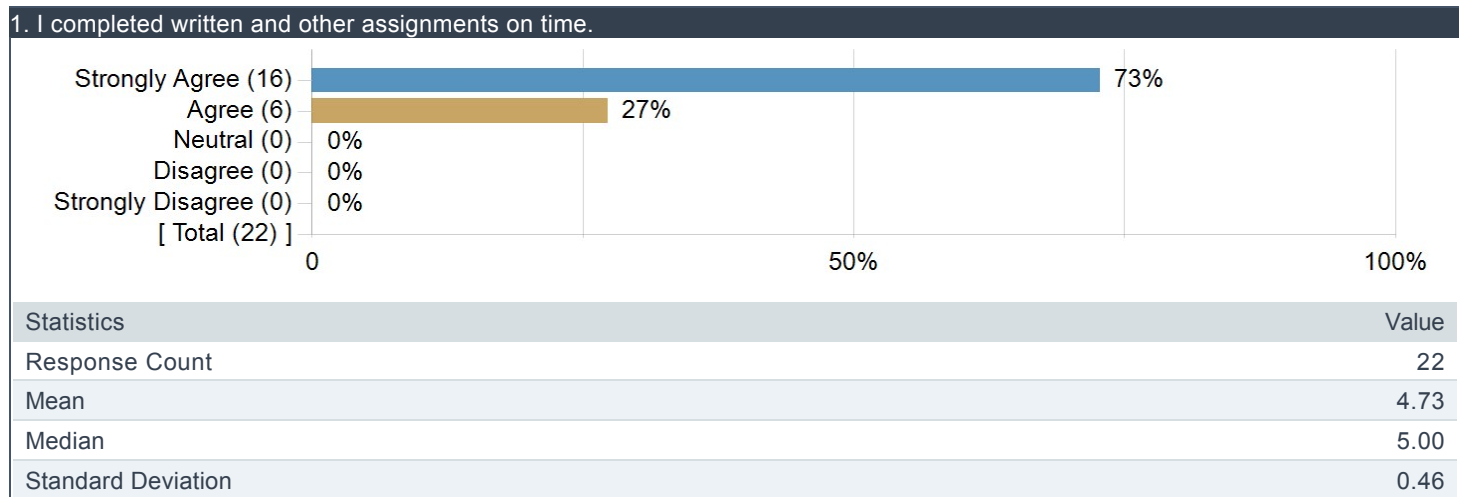
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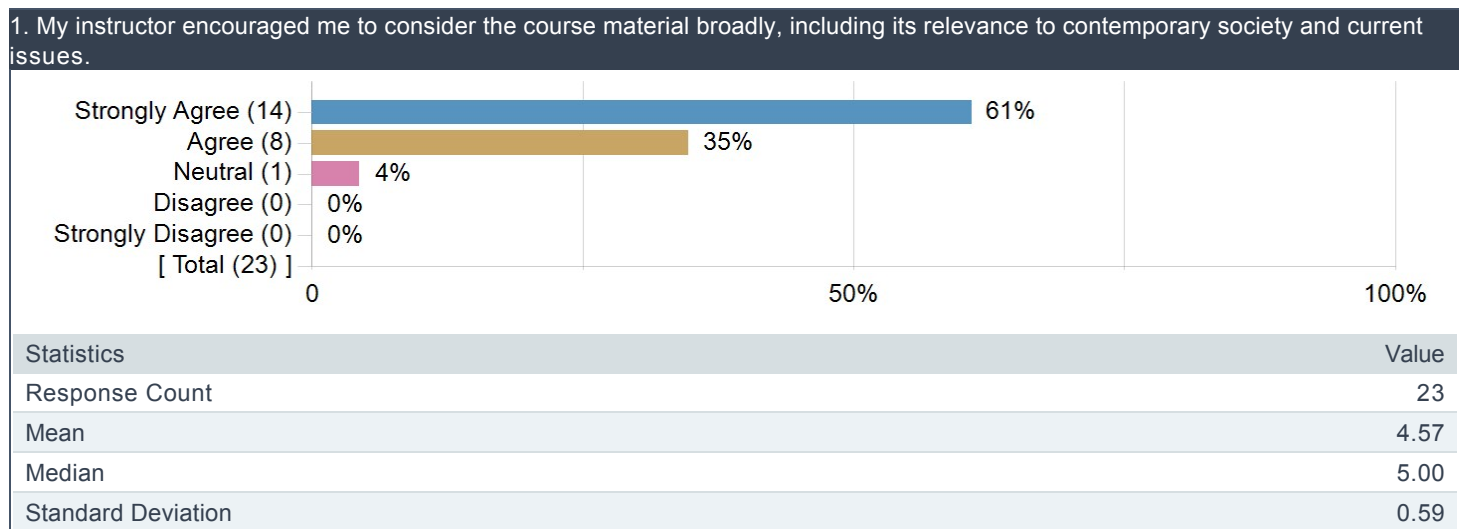
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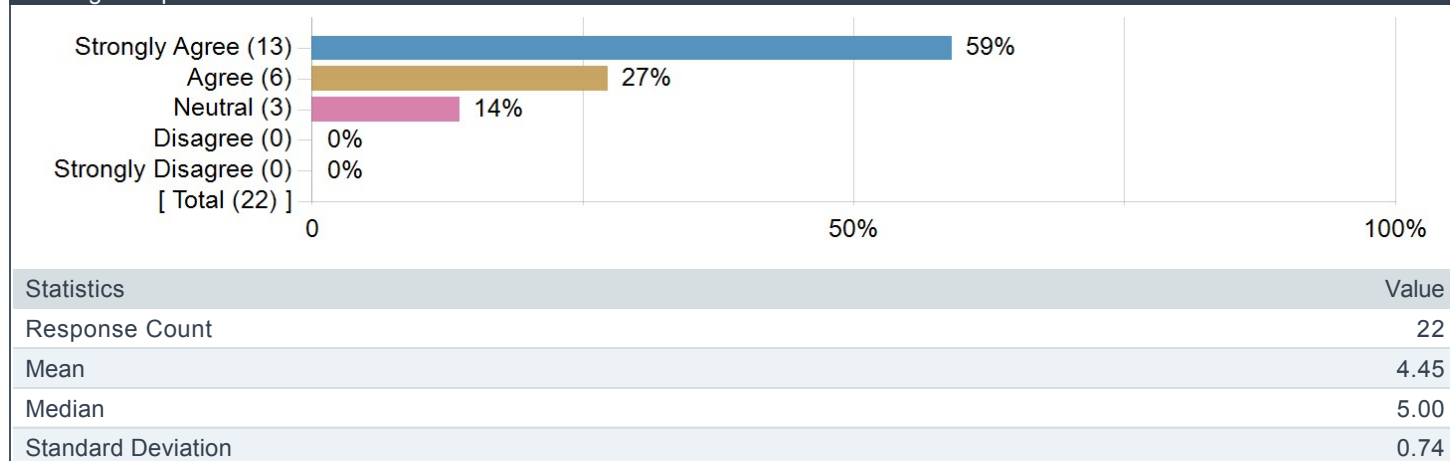


### My instructor encouraged me to consider the course material broadly, including its relevance to contemporary society and current issues.



## I sought help from the instructor if I needed it.

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## In general, is there anything that you wish that you had done differently as a student in this course?

Comments
I wish I would have studied for his little quizzes more.
I felt like I achieved my best in this class thanks to the teachers help
Asked more question
My professor always offered a helping hand if need be, but I was a tad bit hesitant and never really went for it. Hopefully, if I'm ever out in that situation again, I'll use the offered help
I wish that I had read some of the material a little bit more thoroughly.
I wish I would have done more of the readings
I could have read more often, but the readings were too long when you paired it with other classes.
actually do the readings
no
N/A
Read more of the readings
I wish I had taken the steps to engage with my professor earlier in the semester.
There isn't anything I can think of.
I wish that I would have taken notes during the lecture. I feel like writing the papers would have been a lot easier.
I didn't have the money for the books so I borrowed them from a friend and that really made certain readings difficult to access, but there were many online readings which helped my cause!
no
Take a greater interest in the course material.
no
N/A
no



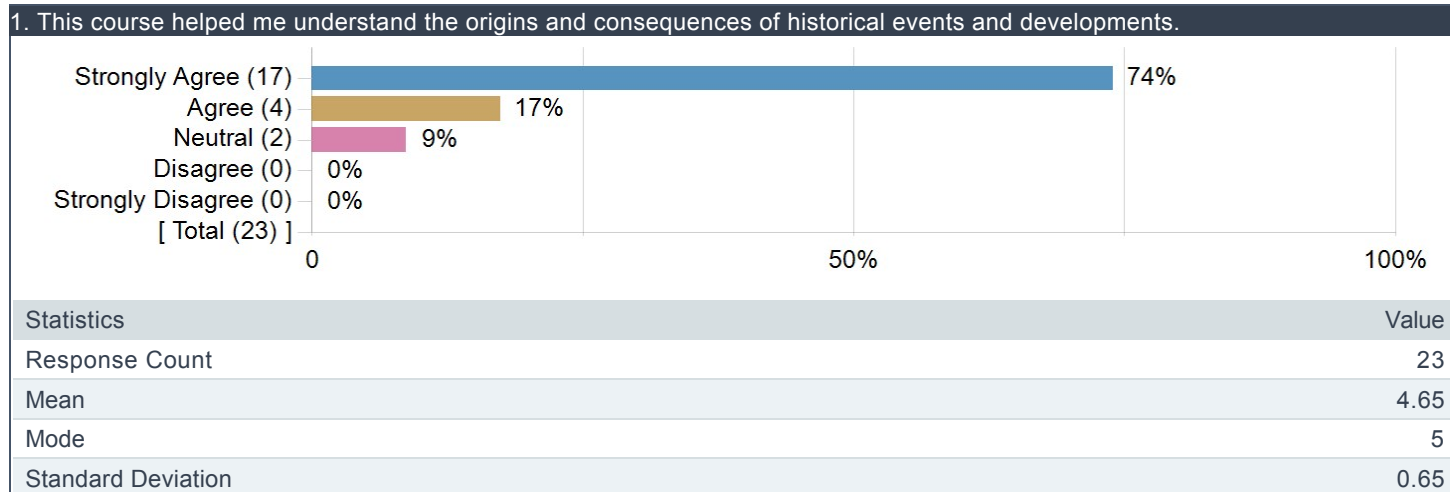
**Are there any additional comments that you would like to make about the course?**

Comments
No, this is really a decent class
Was the best and funniest course I had this semester. Mr. Taylor was a great teacher and would recommend him to others!!!
N/A
Sometimes, the instructor would spend too much on one topic rather than focusing on the other topics that are on the lecture.
n/a
no
N/A
No.
I can not think of the top of my head.
This was my favorite class and I would recommend Jordan Taylor to literally anyone (and i already did before i found out he wasn't returning. sad)
no
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no
N/A
no

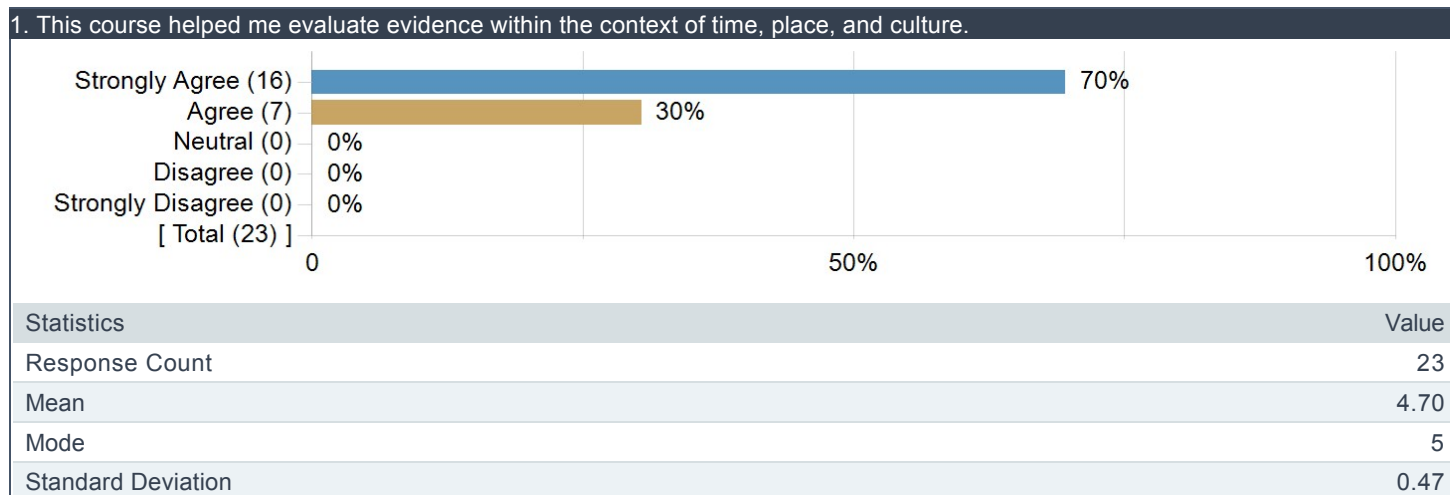
## Foundational Studies: Historical Perspectives

### Foundational Studies Questions

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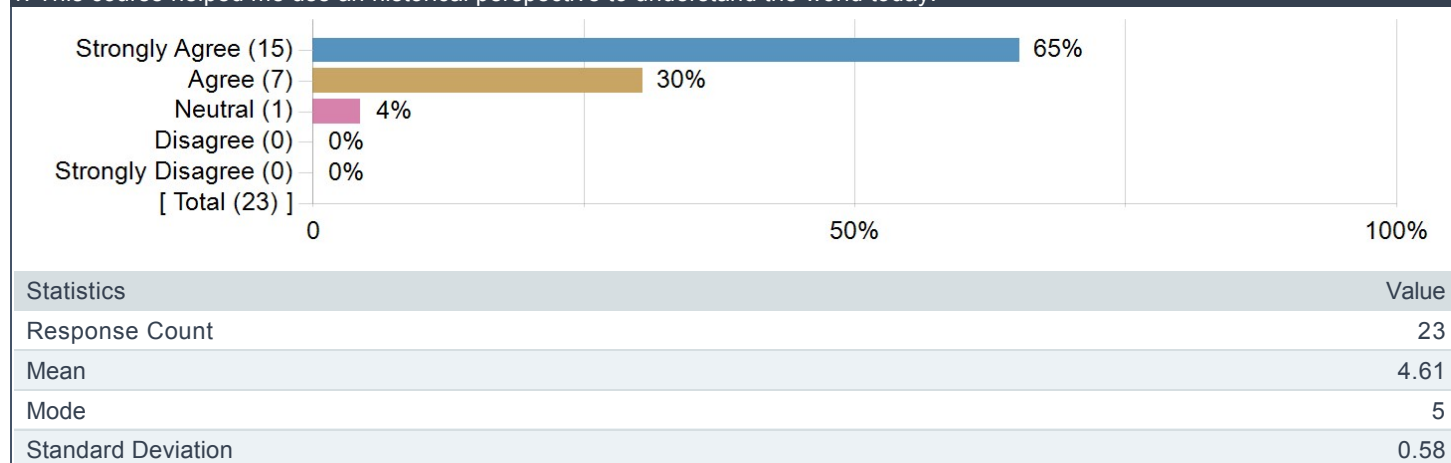


This course helped me evaluate evidence within the context of time, place, and culture.



## This course helped me use an historical perspective to understand the world today.

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## General Comments

### What would have helped you learn better?

Comments
More videos throughout the semester.
more time in the class.
N/A
I would have enjoyed maybe more optional things to do outside of class, other than readings. I feel like if we did videos or even reading assignments that involved some sort of homework would have helped me retain a lot more information.
I could have learned better if we had reviewed the material more.
More of a mix up between lecture and videos
I think less reading and utilizing other resources could have helped because the readings became monotonous very quickly.
This course was interesting and kept my attention well.
Less group work
He had a passion for the course that made it fun not only to be in the class but to participate
If there was less to read. I don't like to read 50 pages for a 10pt quiz...
I would have learned better if there were more group work with each section.
Less lecturing and more discussions or hands on things. I enjoyed some workshops a lot and others not so much. I enjoyed reading newspapers from the civil war a lot, and reading journals of soldiers.
I believe the way we learned was fine for me.
Having more of a choice between group work and solo work would be helpful.
What would of helped me was maybe watching a movie in class depicting how the Civil War actually was like. Sometimes I would feel disengaged without visual aids. I know the sound wouldn't work but that would of helped a lot.
I think something that could have helped me learn more would be more videos or visuals in general, I also think a download to the power points would have helped immensely
N/A
I would have rather the readings not be so long so I could actually complete a full reading.
I thought the course was well organized and have nothing more to add.
If he shown more bullet points in his slideshows. I need to know exactly what to write down. He just gives the topic of what he's going to talk about and then reads about it. There is no information for me to write down.
N/A
some homework

## What were the best things about this course?

Comments
Studying and learning more about the history of the Civil War
the teacher made all the subjects fun and interactive, he did a good job at keeping people awake and interacting in the discussion.
The instructors enthusiasm for history in general—willingness to approach topics that may be uncomfortable but are history— the depth of the material was 10/10
My favorite thing about this course is that Mr. Taylor is always open minded when it comes to teaching styles. Every day we interact with the course in multiple ways including both group work and lecture. A lot of professors try to do this with their classes, but so far this year I feel like Taylor is the only one that has achieved it. I also loved how enthusiastic he was over many of our lessons and readings. His enthusiasm rubbed off on me a lot and kept me interested during the course.
I really enjoyed how much we engaged with the reading material during workshops.
I like the mix up between lecture and videos. I also like the workshops during the semester
He was a good lecturer, and he gave us a lot of good information that he was excited to talk about.
The different types of learning are great and help to make the experience different from normal courses.
The topics discussed
MR. Jordan himself
Enthusiasm is great
The best things about this course are the way that Jordan taught, his kindness towards students, and how prepared he was each day; despite the technical difficulties faced.
I actually enjoyed writing the papers. I feel like when you write them, it forces you to review all of the material we went over and helped me better understand the situation. The length requirement was pretty good as well.
The readings and learning more about the history of the war besides just battles.
The instructor had immense enthusiasm for the topic and was able to portray that in the lessons, making the material much more accessible.
The best things were reading the documents because some things I read in this class surprised me and definitely impacted my knowledge on what happened in the Civil War.
The best thing about this class was definitely the lectures. I genuinely liked listening to everything about the civil war.
This course was one of the most effective courses I've ever been in. Taylor was probably the best history teacher i've ever sat under. He knew the information and presented it in ways that were engaging but also interesting. We learned the most important details of history yet understood the concepts thoroughly.
The discussions at the beginning of class.
I think student interaction was great. It felt like we were having a conversation rather than memorizing and regurgitating information.
Being able to work in groups.
Student instructor interactions in the class
easy

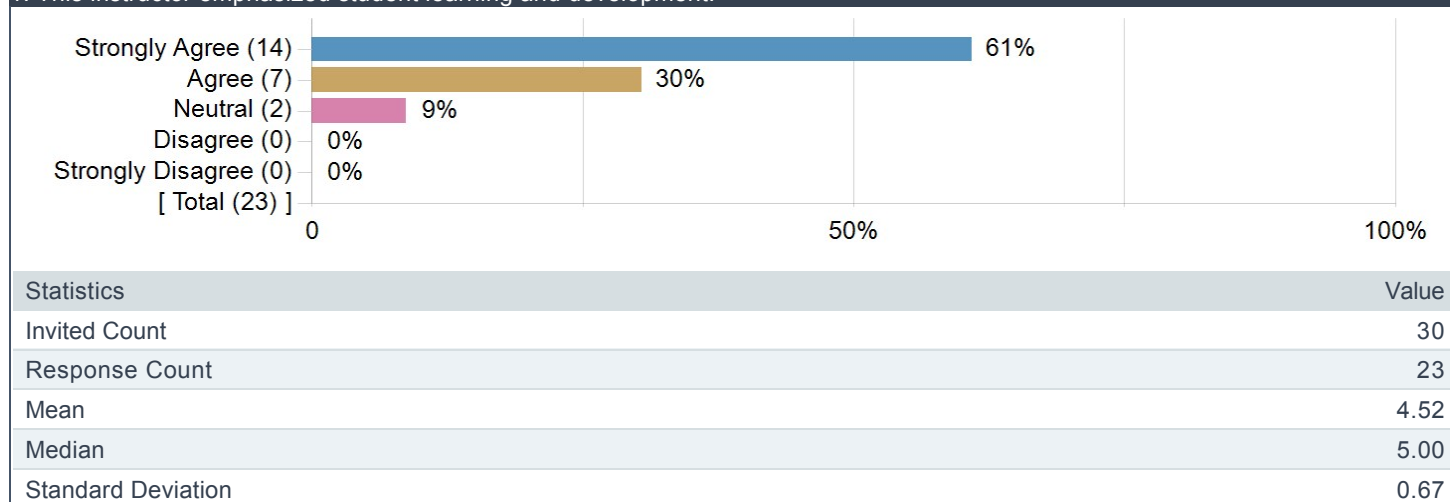
## Do you have additional feedback or comments about the course?

Comments
This was a fun course!
wish Mr. Taylor was staying at ISU would take more classes if he was the teacher here!!!! He's very good at his job!!!
Thanks for an awesome semester!
Keep up the good work!
I enjoyed this course very much. It had just the right amount of lecturing and class work.
Less reading, less lecturing. He frequently lectures for the entire class, with no videos and no interaction of other resources
n/a
No
I really appreciated how the class was taught and how kind Jordan was.
The instructor did a truly great job with the course, and I would gladly take another class with him.
No
I can not think of anything off of my head.
I'm very sad that I won't be able to have Taylor as a professor again, because I genuinely feel like no one will top him.
No!
N/A
no
N/A
no

## Custom Questions

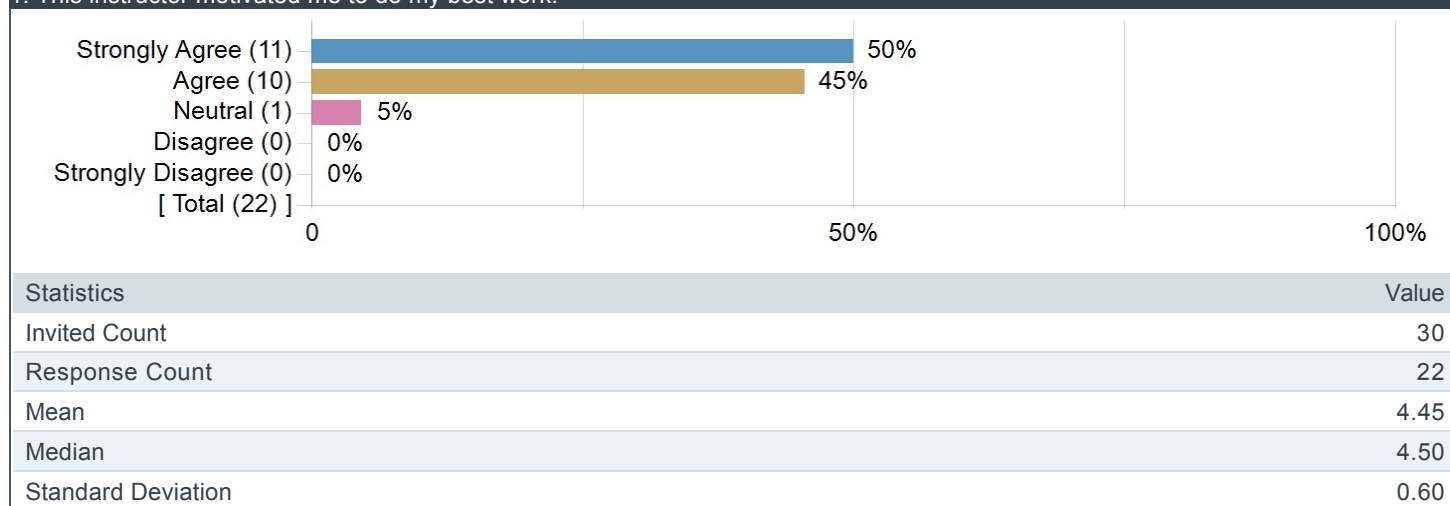
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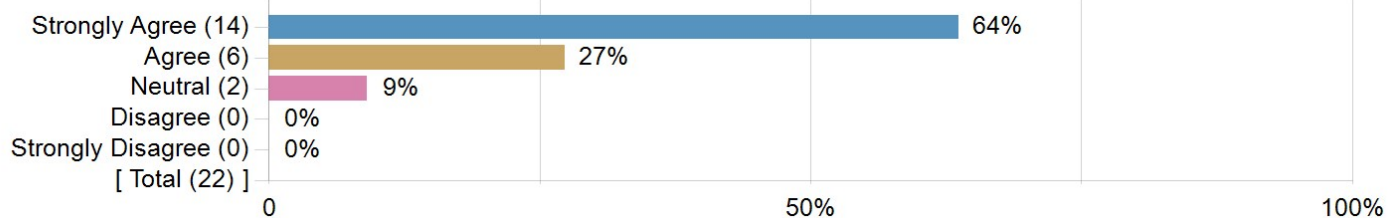
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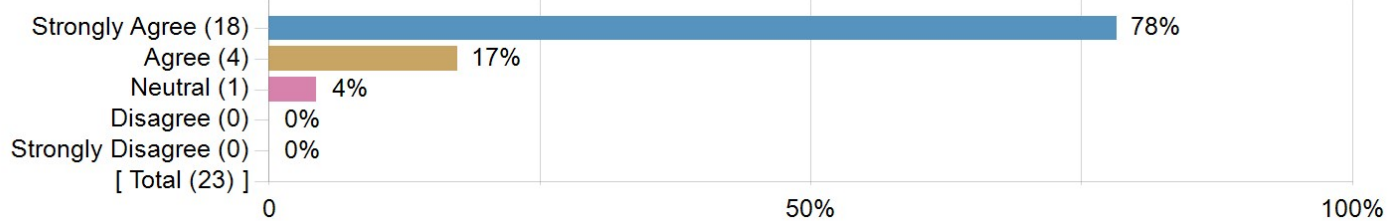
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Statistics	Value
Invited Count	30
Response Count	22
Mean	4.55
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.67

## I would recommend this course with this instructor.

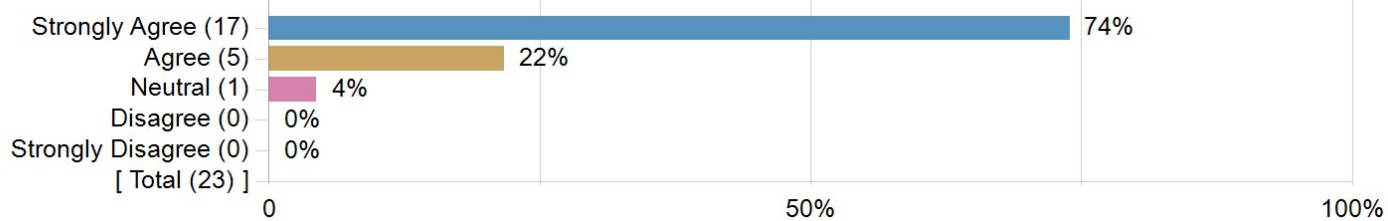
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Invited Count	30
Response Count	23
Mean	4.74
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.54

## I received useful feedback on my performance on written work.

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Statistics	Value
Invited Count	30
Response Count	23
Mean	4.70
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.56



## How did your instructor communicate with students?

Comments
He encouraged his studeents to ask questions which I liked
very well he gave good feed back and would show you sometimes how to do better if you didn't understand.
Mr. Taylor always sent out weekly emails to help us prepare for class. During class, he asked a lot of questions and encouraged student involvement. On assignments, you could tell he read every one and provided a great deal of feedback.
My instructor gave feedback to our essays and workshop assignments, asked questions during lectures, asked us to share our opinions, and had us participate in class discussions to better understand the lectures and reading assignments.
It was email or during class
He would communicate quickly through email
talking
yes he did so well
In person, with a one-on-one meeting at the beginning of the semester, and with feedback on all turned in assignments.
He communicated well with students. We always got reminders on things as well.
Communication was very good between student and instructor.
He encouraged coming to office hours and engaged with students during class time.
The instructor communicated well and made his students feel comfortable to go to him for help in the course.
The instructor had communicated with each student at the beginning of the semester, and during the semester the professors had left feedback on our papers, and was always open for people to come talk to them.
via email, personal meetings, in class, etc
Talking.
Often by asking questions and how we felt about the different topics.
he sent emails to students or talked to them personally
Very relatable instructor. Communication with students was better than most professors I have had in my time here at ISU.
well

## What was your classroom environment like?

Comments
A learning environment
quiet most of the time but still very interactive
Very open, everyone could ask questions if they wanted, free to opinion and comfortable even if the topic was not
Our classroom environment was upbeat and welcoming.
Pretty good, we had several students spoke during class but I was the same people.
People were not entirely engaged because he lectured so long.
comfortable
it was good
Very inclusive and made it easy to learn.
Very lecture heavy. It got better towards the end of the year
Very engaging
Very inclusive, he encouraged questions and the vocalization of thoughts.
The environment was calm and created room to build a better understanding of subjects in the manner.
The classroom environment was laid back and I felt comfortable to talk about the course material.
conversational, relaxed, engaging
Quiet.
Lots of open discussion and group work.
quiet and small
Good learning environment.
good

## What did you learn from this course?

Comments
The civil war and the deeper meaning to it
I learn what it was like during the war and what both sides fought for during the civil war.
I learned the deep significance of the Civil War and how it has shaped the United States today. As the course progressed, I realized that the material taught in high school regarding this subject was very biased.
I learned that there are many different perspectives of the war and how these perspectives came to be. I also learned an extreme amount of new information over the Civil War including specifics over battles, slavery, and iconic people during that time period.
I learned about different topics in the Civil War as well as the events following and what impact they had on shaping society.
That Civil War movies are not realistic and the idea of the Lost Cause.
I learned a lot from this class about the civil war. A lot of what is taught about the civil war can be interpreted differently depending on where you're from.
what the civil war was actually about
History
I learned many things about the Civil War that I previously had no idea about.
I learned the causes and consequences of the Civil War.
I learned more than just the basic depiction of the Civil War. I got to read from different people's perception of what was going on during that time.
In this class, I learned how to write historical papers, how to read a historical document, and some good writing skills.
i learned details and concepts about the civil war and reconstruction. i feel that i could have an intelligent conversation about this era after taking this class.
About the civil war.
The causes of the Civil War, slave life, and reconstruction afterward.
the U.S. culture during the Civil War
Detailed views on the United States' Civil War and the years before and after.
more about the civil war

## What did you most appreciate about this instructor?

Comments
How he helped me with my questions
that he made the lectures interactive and fun. he would often let debates form to help create arguments for upcoming papers and would allow options and gave good feed back.
His enthusiasm for history in general.. Very knowledgeable.
I appreciate how he had us work with the material and used classwork and lectures to help us understand the information we were learning about.
That he was relatable to us and sometimes had great discussions during class.
He is very interested in the material.
approachable
His passion of the course
The way he lectured and how he spoke to the students.
His passion for the topic.
I appreciated his interest in the course material.
I appreciated how he always reminded his students on what was due because he recognized it's hard to remember everything when a student is in multiple courses.
This professor seems to care about his students, and is never rude.
Taylor was very good at always respecting students' views and answers, even when they were wrong. He also never forced anyone to speak, which I appreciate, as someone who doesn't enjoy speaking in class but enjoys being engaged in different ways
He liked the subject he taught.
His passion.
He's a good speaker knows how to communicate with his students
His enthusiasm for the subject.
laid back attitude

## In what ways could this instructor improve in the future?

Comments
Show more videos
nope he just needs to keep doing what hes doin !!!!
N/A
The instructor could include more class discussions in the future.
Not to ramble too much on one topic.
Less lecture
give out less group work
Not much
He could have added a few different types of quizzes in order to just switch it up.
Give more of a choice between group work and solo work.
The instructor could improve by adding a little bit more engaging activities or videos throughout the course, other than that everything is fine.
The professor could improve in the future by posting the his power points on blackboard
N/A
Pick less lengthy readings or pick certain parts of the reading to focus on.
I liked that we were given a quiz question to search for during the readings rather than being ambiguous, so I would like that to stay for future courses.
show important information that needs to be written down
None come to mind. Overall great class experience.
idk

