



# PHIL 237: Contemporary Moral Issues - Lecture (Section 001, CRN 672) - Tristan Tondino (Summer 2022)

Project Title: **Mercury Course Evaluation (Summer 2022)**

Course Audience: **N/A - Filter Applied**  
Responses Received: **20**  
Response Ratio: **46.5%**

Instructor Audience: **43**  
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Subject Details	
Course Name	PHIL 237: Contemporary Moral Issues - Lecture (Section 001, CRN 672)
Eval Start Date	06/28/2022 00:00:00
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Term	Summer 2022
Faculty	Faculty of Arts
Academic Unit	Philosophy
Enrolment	44
Questionnaire	ARTS

## Report Comments

End-of-course evaluations results, as one indicator of teaching effectiveness, are used:

- to help instructors improve future offerings of courses;
- to inform students about courses and instructors;
- as a component of the teaching dossier; and
- to help administrators and faculty committees in their decision-making processes.

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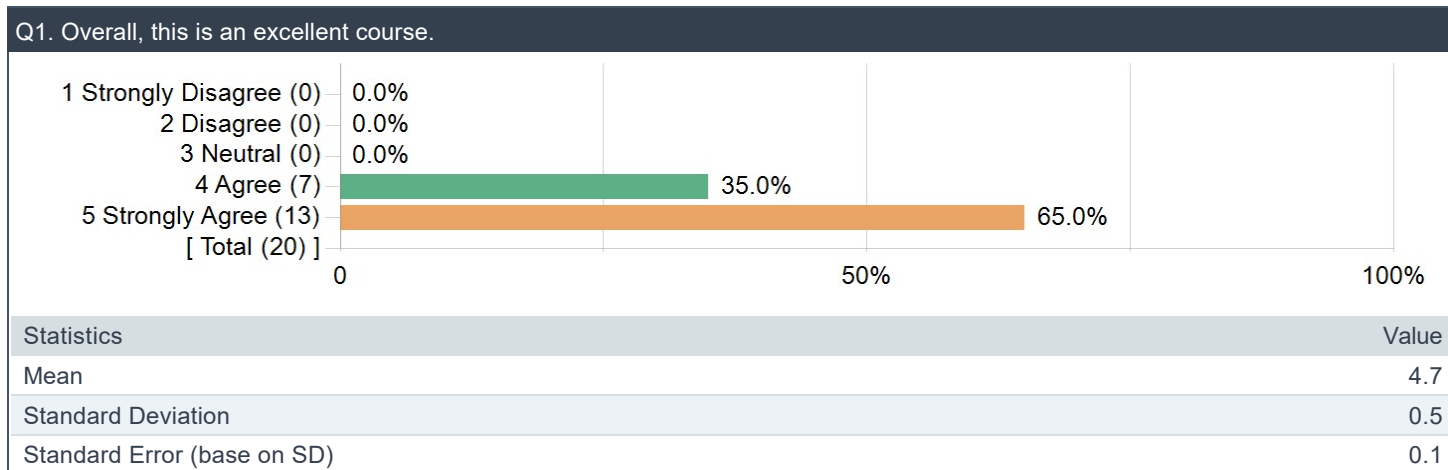
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Creation Date: **Wednesday, July 13, 2022**

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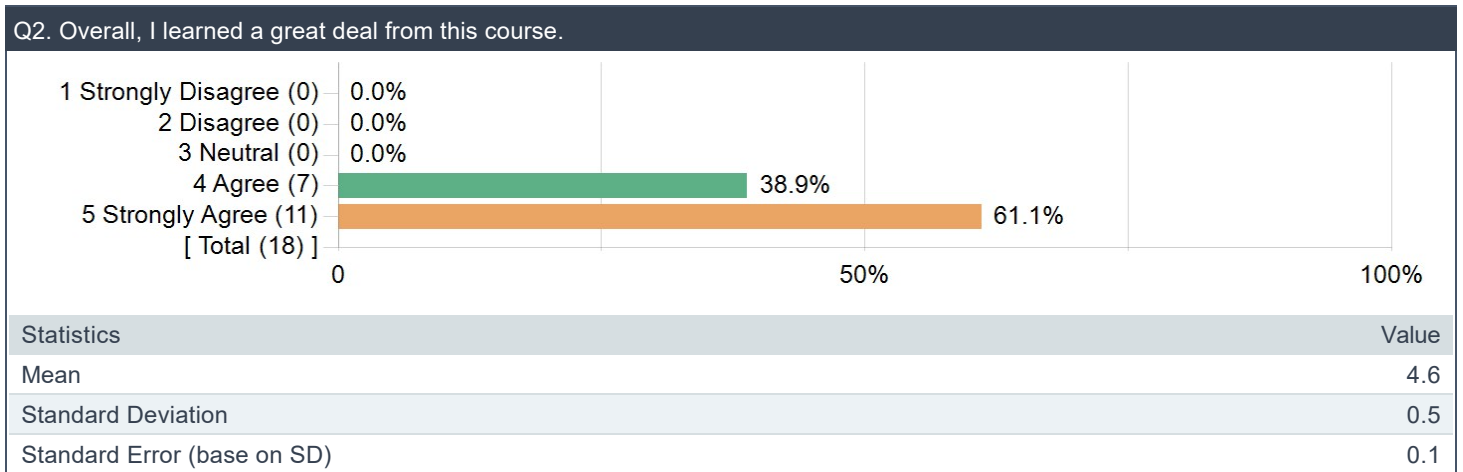
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Comments
I honestly love this class. The teacher is welcoming and makes the students comfortable stating their opinions. The material is extremely interesting.
Very interesting
Professor Tondino is easily one of my favourite lecturers from my time at McGill. Never have I been so engaged with course material that I have looked forward to exploring my reflections on different topics. I have enjoyed the course extensively, and highly recommend it to anyone who is interested in exploring thoughts regarding morality.
The content was great, I enjoyed that it covered a lot of topics and a lot of different angles were used to look at them.
This was an amazing course and much more than what I expected for an introductory course. I found the lectures to be insightful, challenging, and most importantly an environment where I could express myself and take in others' views.
Personally, for myself and my learning style, this was a good course for me. I'm a visual, hands-on learner, so I was able to get a solid grasp of different philosophical concepts 1) through the diversity of materials (ie. videos, podcasts, articles) and 2) through in-class discussions. I had difficulty with this course the first time I tried to complete it, and I'm having an easier time the second go around.
Extremely engaging content and even more engaging Professor

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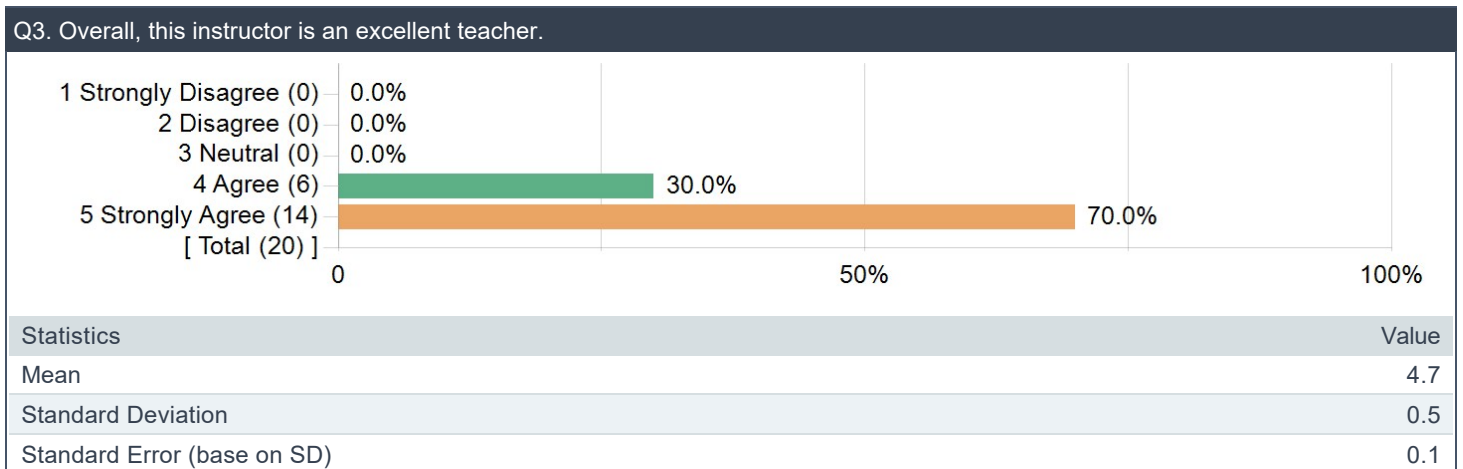
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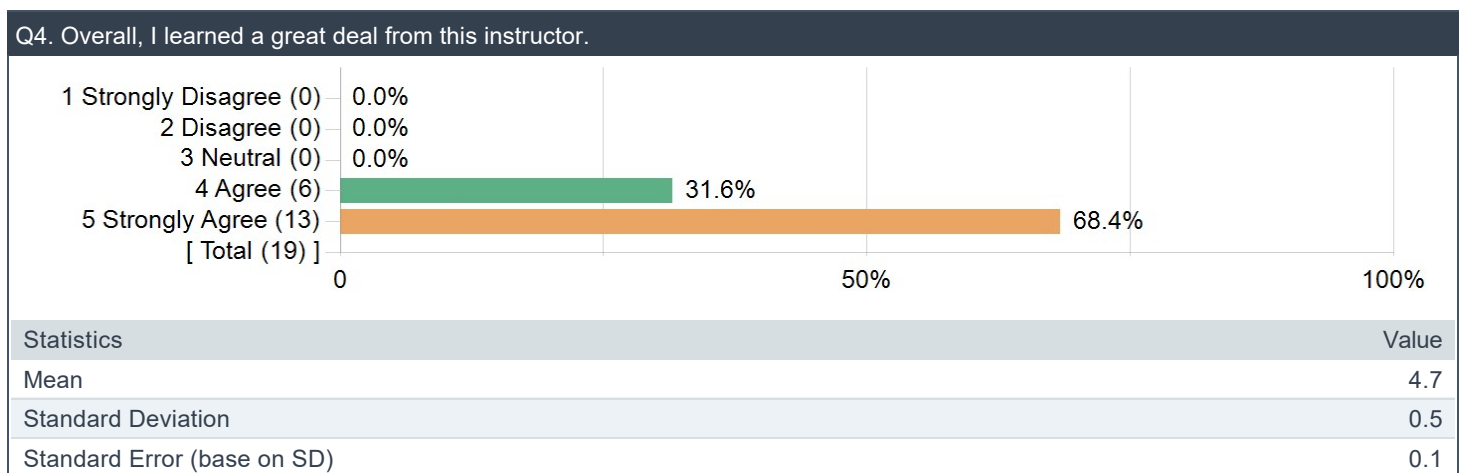
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Comments
Very nice and approachable
Tristan is a great instructor. He is kind, accommodating, encouraging of discussion and covers material that is very interesting.
He's a very good teacher, quickly replies to e-mails and make the class a safe space for his students to share their opinions and debate
Professor Tondino was amazing. I loved the fact that he was open to everyone's opinions. "Safe spaces" are killing the intellectual potential of universities because students are no longer able to challenge one another and make arguments that go against the public mainstream. Professor Tondino did an amazing job of letting everyone speak and give their arguments. He also did a good job of advertising when triggering content was about to be played for the people in the class who are more sensitive.
Usually, I'm unable to grasp the core meaning of fundamental philosophical concepts through dense texts, especially if they come from dead old white guys. The professor was able to condense hard to understand concepts to its bare essentials, as well as suggest reading material that is easy to consume and contemporarily relevant. What was more important to me was how these concepts can be applied to real life situations, rather than hypotheticals. The emphasis the professor put on what the students thought of ethical dilemmas, rather than what he or past philosophers thought, was a really nice aspect of the class that I don't often find in other classes.
The Professor did tend to meander a lot. I would have appreciated more time spent on defining exactly what certain meanings and concepts were. I did zone out here and there, but that's more due to external factors in my personal life.
You did an excellent job of drawing varying opinions out of students with different belief structures, including myself, during class discussions.
Super engaging, very accommodating. One of the better profs I've had at McGill. Genuinely values each student and actually teaching relevant topics over just exams and grades. I actually left class every day feeling so enriched and came back every day excited to learn.

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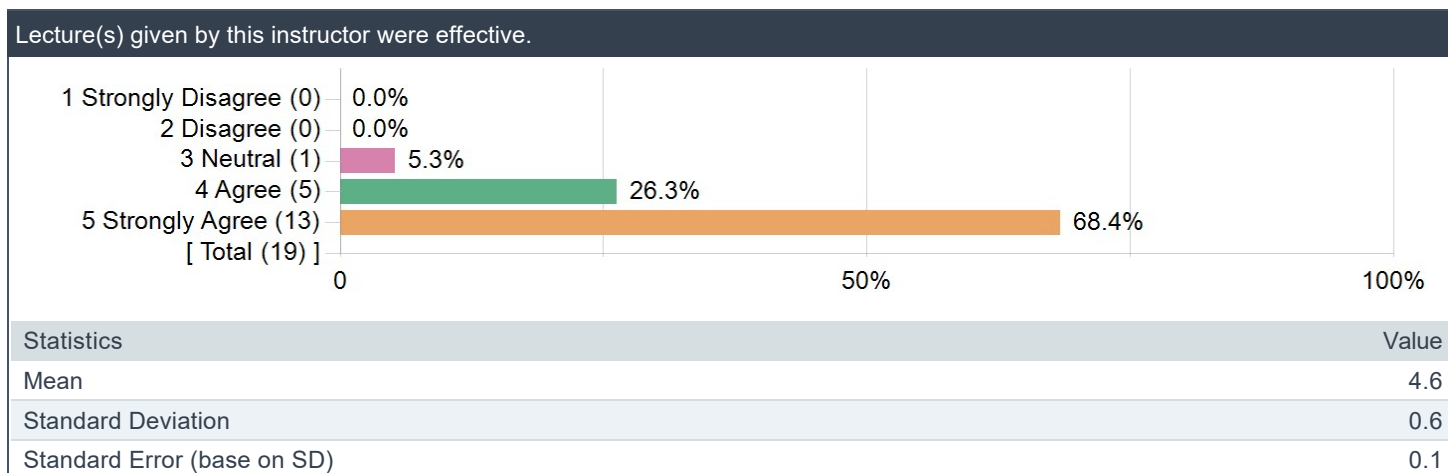
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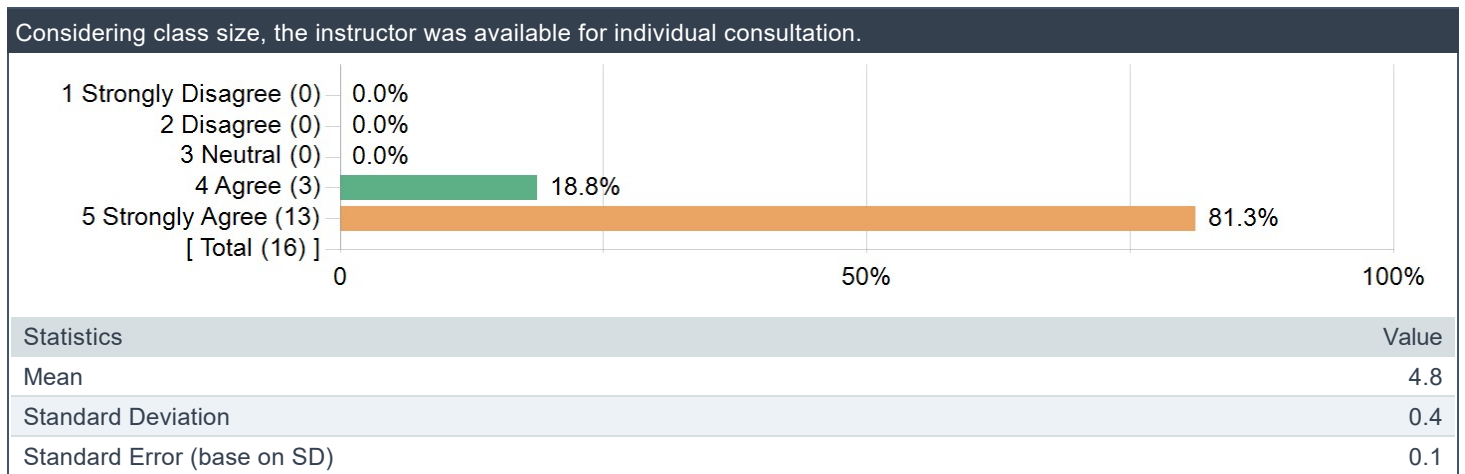
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I really appreciate the discussions in class
Incredibly effective, after having all my classes online for so long I actually loved that we didn't have access to course powerpoints as it forced us to engage in class and prompted us to also think about the topics.
Solid instructor, knows what he's doing, aware and honest of his biases (this particularly important in a philosophy class) and very open to hearing opposing arguments
I learnt a lot about a variety of topics, I really liked the fact that we were encouraged to participate and share our point of view at the end of the slides, that allowed me to also learn from the other students.
I would have liked to see more theme-directed class discussions. I really enjoyed the class discussions that took place but I found that some class discussions began to trail away from the main topic at hand. That being said, that is something that is bound to happen so I have no complaints.
What is effective? I was able to successfully complete my assignments because we were able to have class discussions thoroughly exploring assignment topics before I even had the chance to put pen to paper.
If by effective, this means "able to apply what they've learned," then yes. I was able to apply what I've learned to in real life discussions with my friends and my own activism on topics such as abortion and civil disobedience. Going forward, I will be applying what I've learned in this class to inform me on my own actions on how to live a good and virtuous life.
Amazing class structure and syllabus. Above all the Professor valued teaching real lessons that are pertinent to real life. Very rare and very valuable

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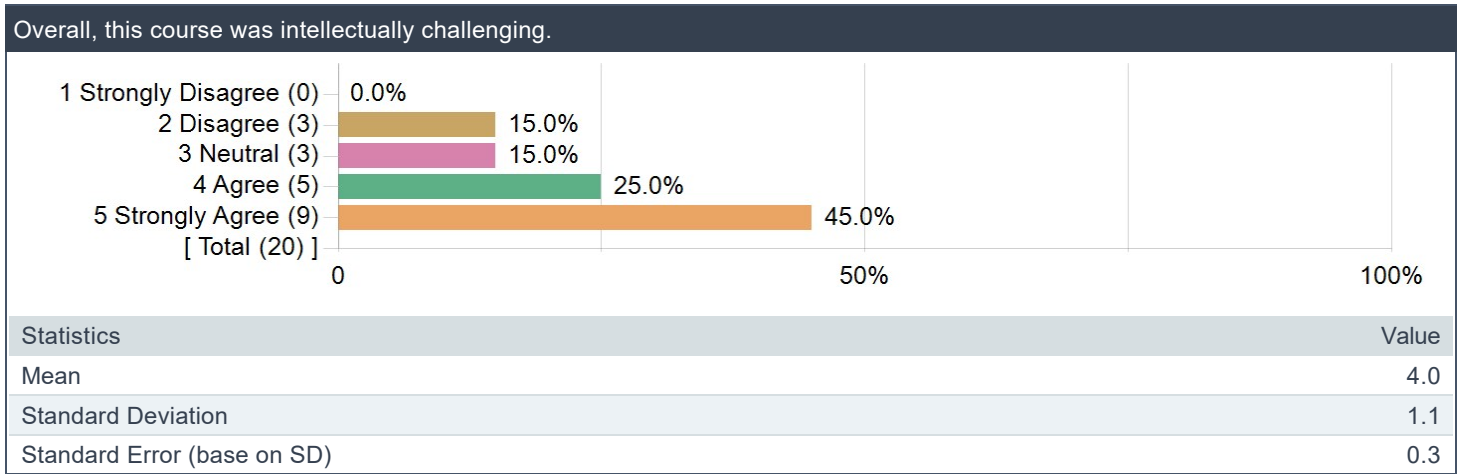
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Comments
Always available after class
Prof Tondino was always available to talk if needed.
Tristan was always available to discuss things with, both inside and outside class
Thank you for the amazing class!!
Never saw the need, prof gave me good grades lmao

### Overall, this course was intellectually challenging.

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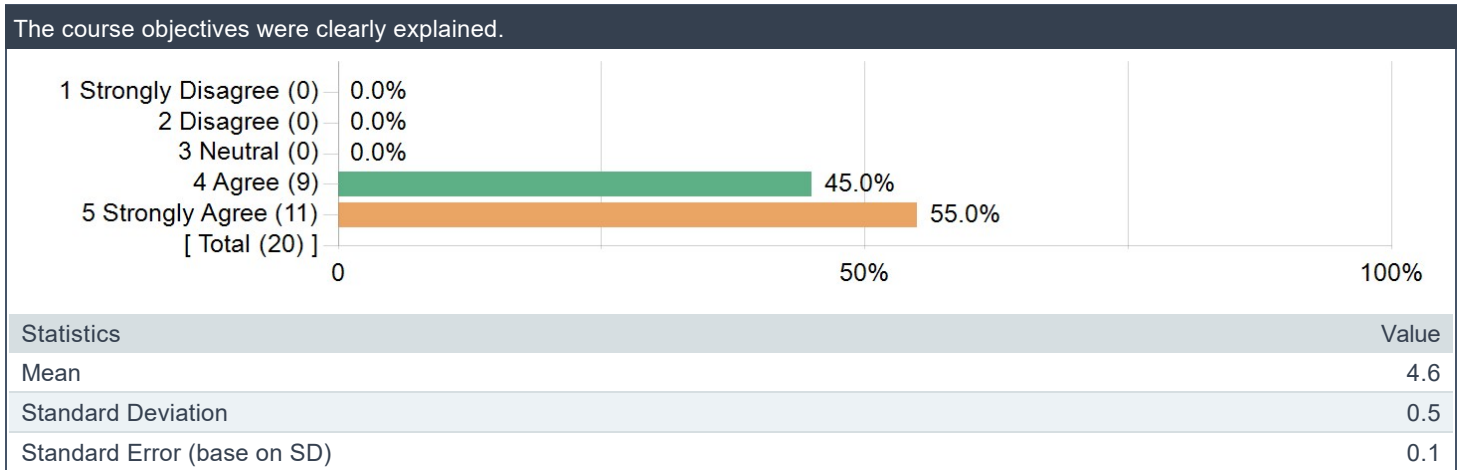
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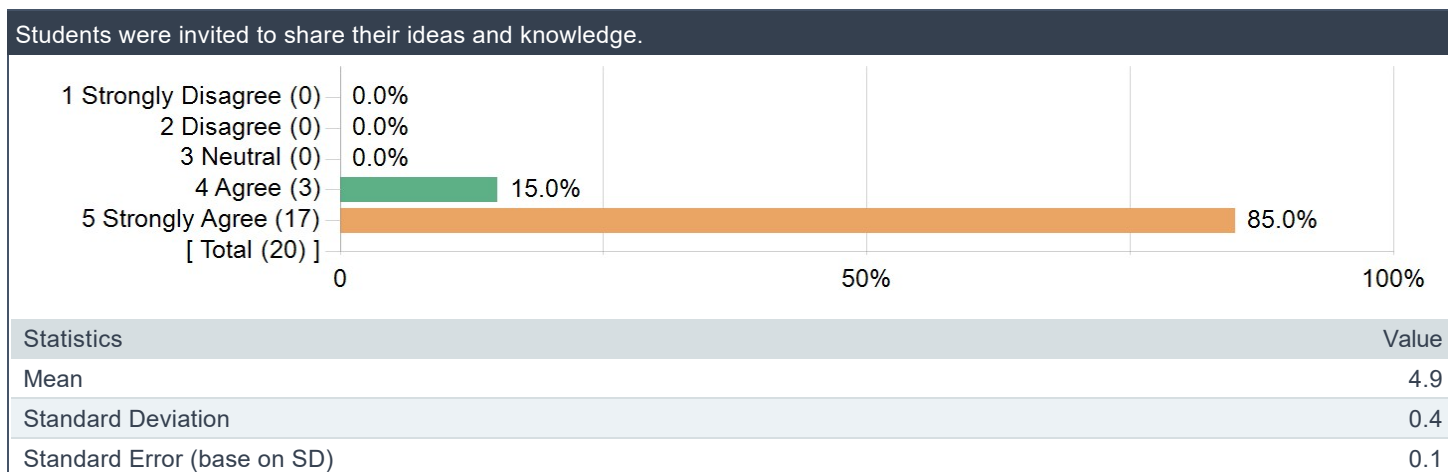
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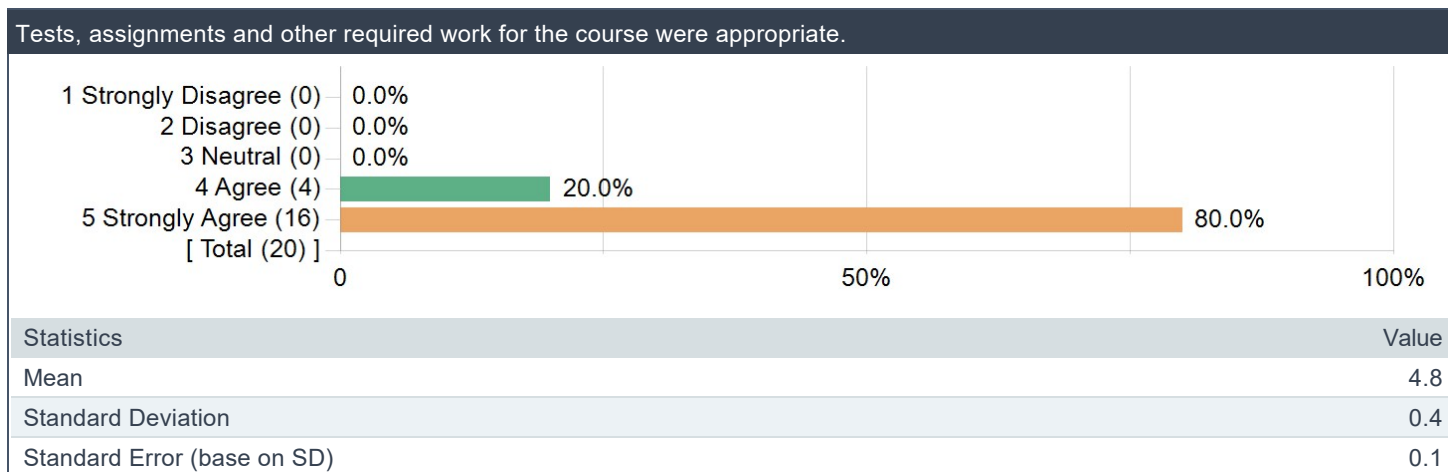
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Comments
Very interesting class
Class discussion was always encouraged
Uh yeah more so than almost any other class I've been in. it was nice
Super super collaborative class. So much class discussion and I really felt as though I benefited from the knowledge of my peers alongside that of my Professor
Strongest part of the course, students are invited to speak their ideas and share knowledge

## Tests, assignments and other required work for the course were appropriate.

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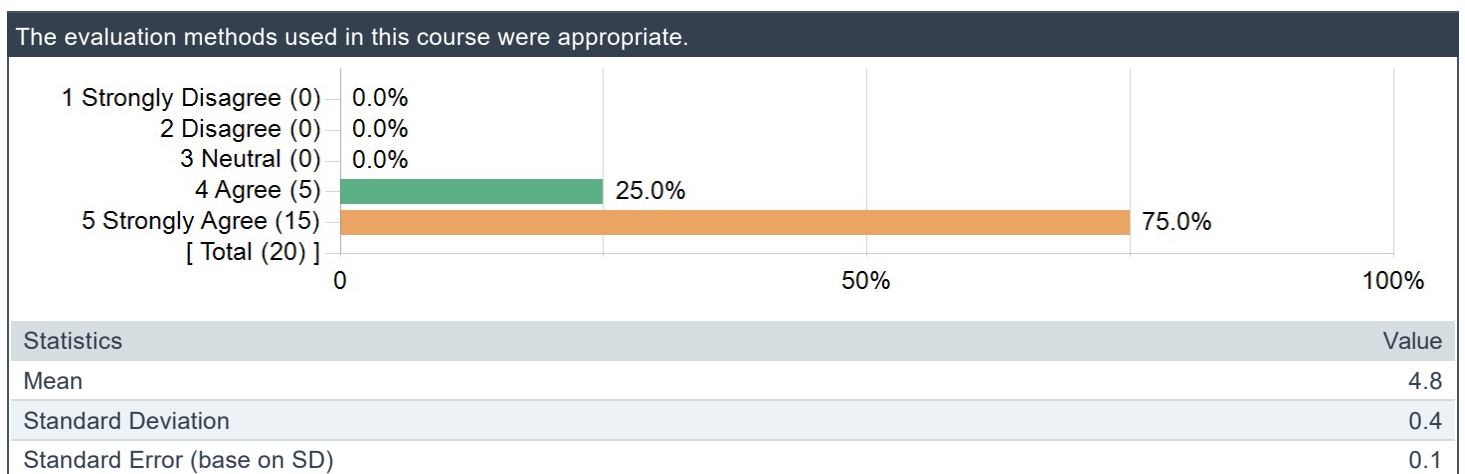
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Comments
Not too long papers and nice questions
Fair assessments and fair grading
I really liked the assignments and the fact that they both encouraged using the class material and doing extra researches
An argument could be made that more specific texts on key philosophical concepts should have been assigned, but it was nice that we were given the freedom to seek information relevant to our papers and arguments.

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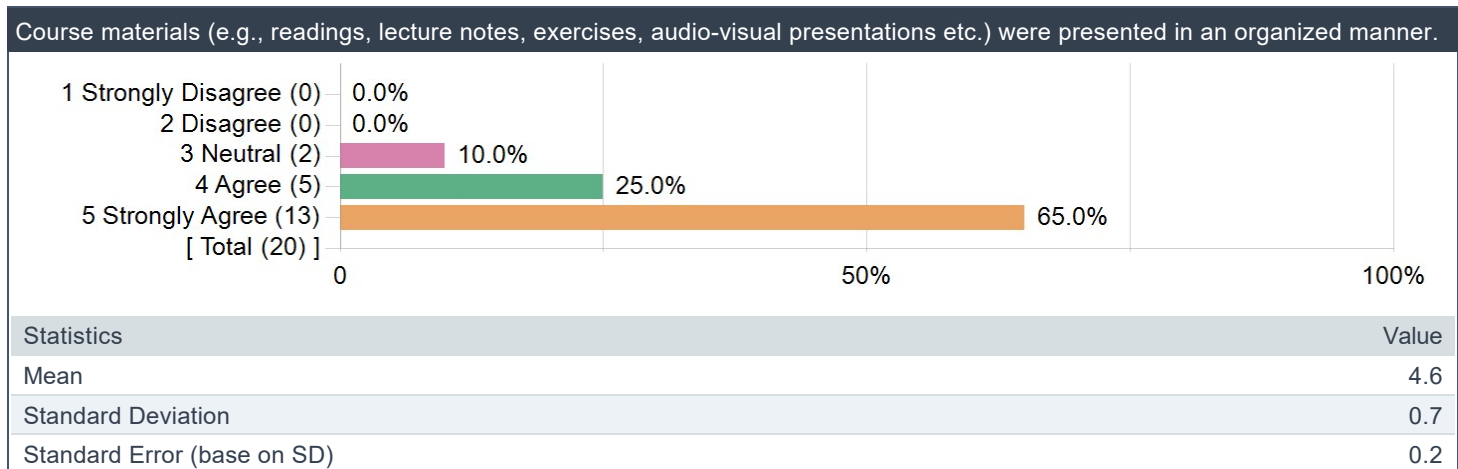
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Comments
Never stray from the 2 pagers. It is a challenge to condense and make a cohesive argument for or against something in under 2 pages, but it also gets rid of much of the stress of having to make an unnecessarily big word count.
Instructor gave us freedom to express our ideas

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Once or twice I wasn't able to access the reading with the link
The presentation of the material could have been slightly more structured, but overall it was well done
I wish we had a copy of the lecture slides emailed to us but that is the only issue I had.
see past comments
Materials can be more organized

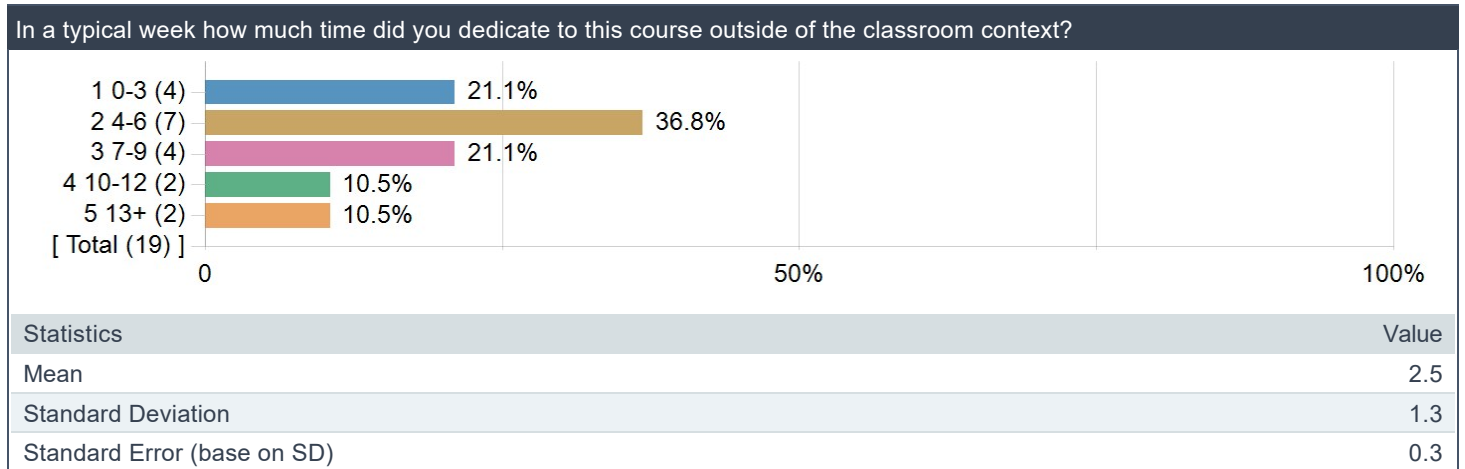
**Please provide written comments with respect to the instructor and the course (including course materials, readings etc.).**

Comments
The readings are very interesting, it is the first time I read carefully and don't skim instead
The course was very good, the readings were interesting. I like the fact that we covered a lot of different topics and that we were introduced to ancient philosophers as well as new ones and the fact that we had guest speakers coming to talk about their own experiences. Tristan is very benevolent towards his students, the classes are well organized and all very interesting. The readings were really interesting and introduced me to new resources.
this was my last course in my now 6 year undergrad. I'm content to end my academic career on a class like this.
Course material is interesting and the Instructor is very respectful and remembers students' name

**In a typical week how much time did you dedicate to this course outside of the classroom context?**

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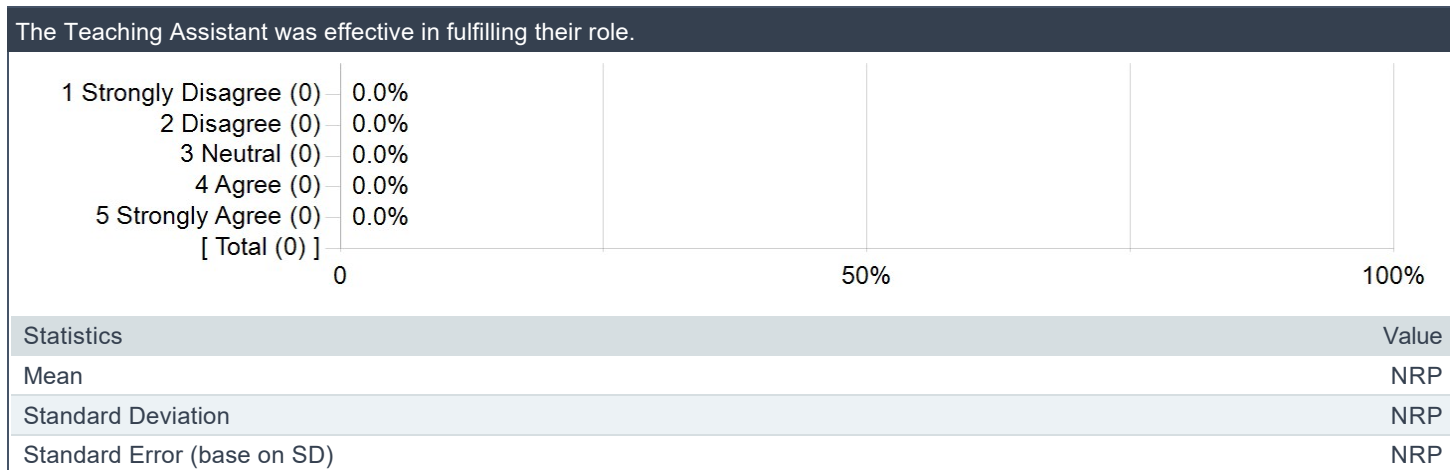
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Comments
Tristan is a kind and warm person and an intelligent instructor. One of the only classes where I wanted to show up for every single class because the material was interesting and i looked forward to class discussion. He is receptive to feedback and accommodating of individual needs
this class worked well for me because I'm the kind of student that like visual aids, in-class discussions, and short readings. I'm not sure how well it would work for another student who prefers dense readings and long essays.

## The Teaching Assistant was effective in fulfilling their role.

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Not Answered