



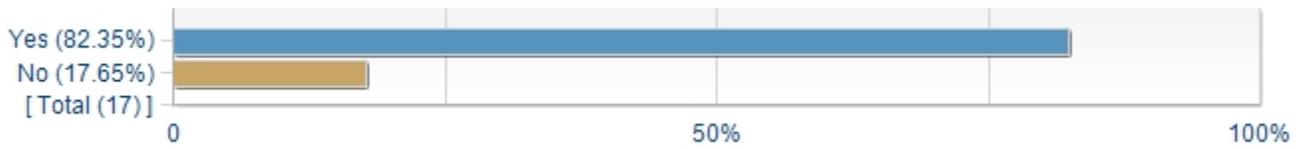
Individual Report Winter 2020 for 20201044768-Programming & Data Structures (James Hughes)

StFX Student Course Evaluations-Winter 2020

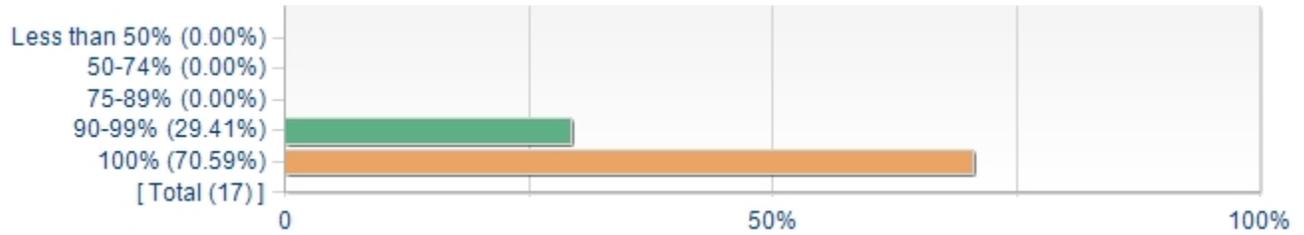
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Is this a required course?

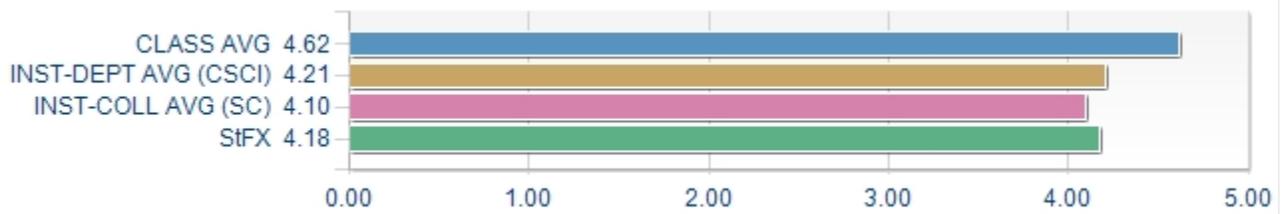


What percentage of classes did you attend in this course?



Stimulation and Challenge

Overall



1. The level of intellectual challenge in this course is appropriate.



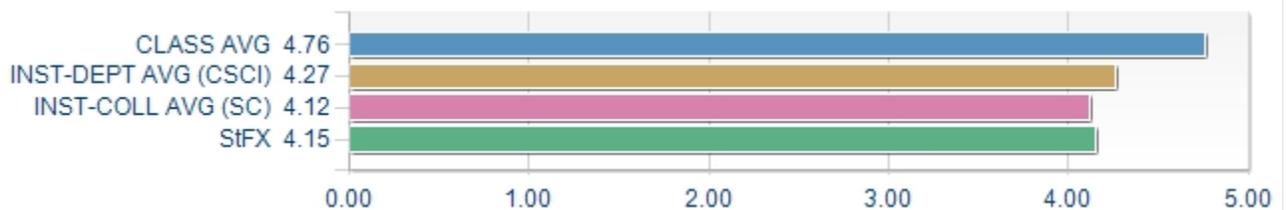
2. The instructor shows interest and enthusiasm in teaching this course.



3. The instructor stimulated my interest in this subject area.



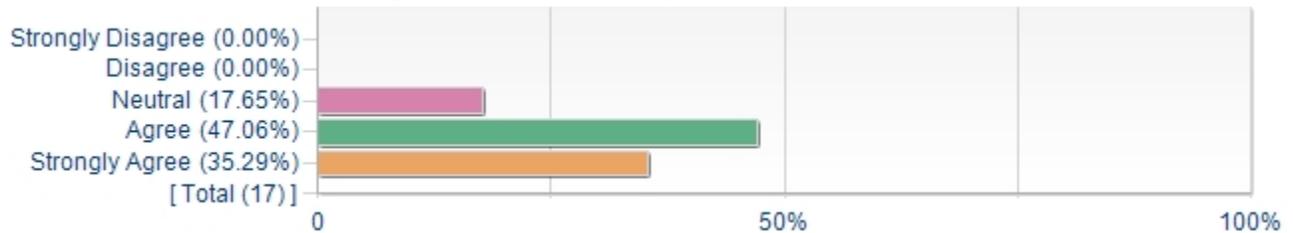
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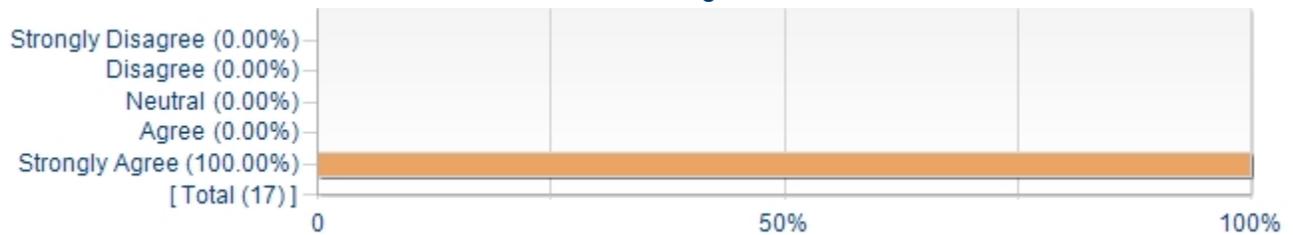
Overall	Value
Mean	4.62
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.67

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Statistics	Value
Mean	4.18
Median	4.00
Standard Deviation	0.73

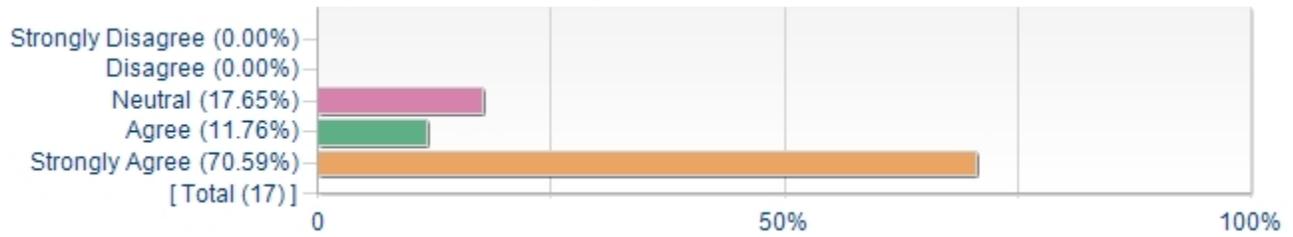
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Mean	5.00
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Standard Deviation	0.00

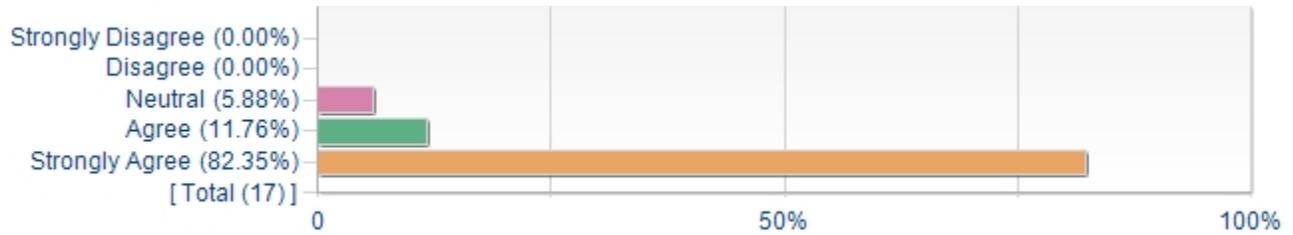
Stimulation and Challenge (continued)

3. The instructor stimulated my interest in this subject area.



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.53
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.80

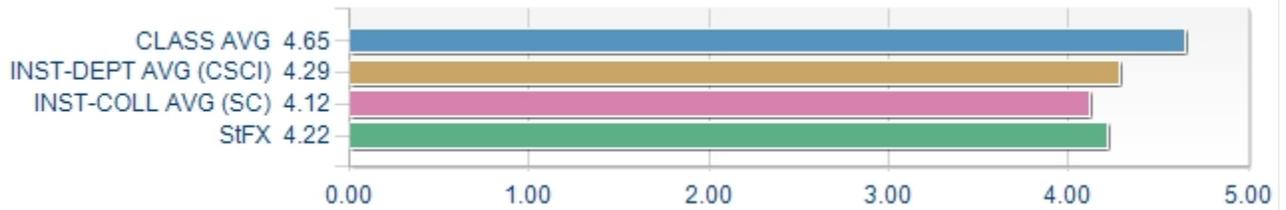
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Statistics	Value
Mean	4.76
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.56

Instructor Communication

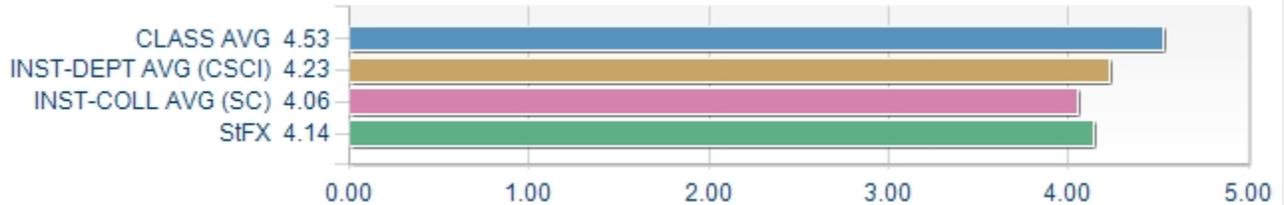
Overall



1. The instructor makes students feel free to ask questions and express their ideas.



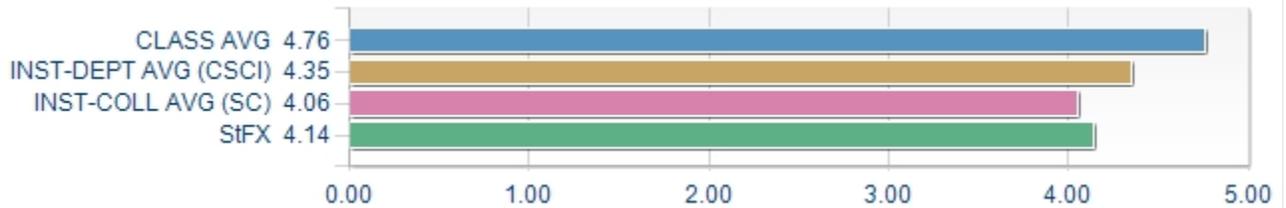
2. The criteria for assessment are clearly communicated to students.



3. The instructor's communication skills (volume, enunciation, speed, tone, vocabulary) are appropriate for the course.



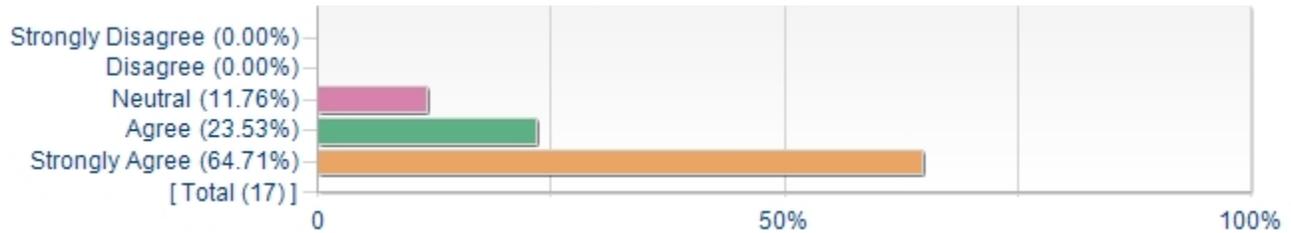
4. The instructor is effective in organizing and presenting the course materials.



Instructor Communication

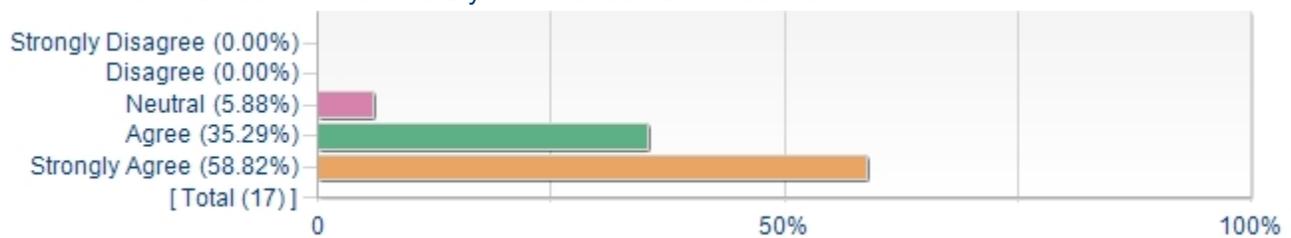
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Mean	4.65
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.59

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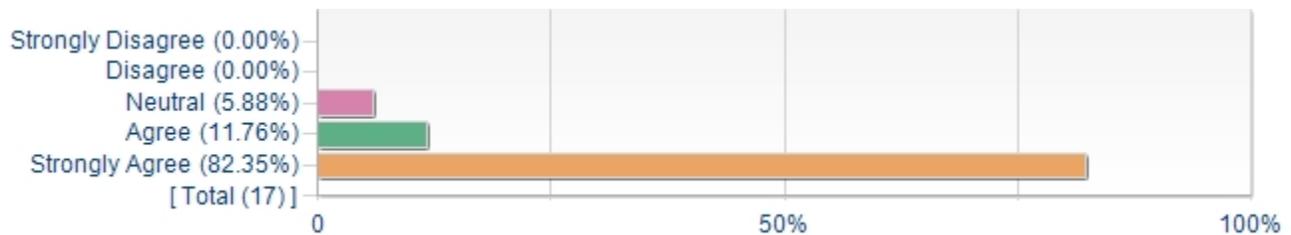
Statistics	Value
Mean	4.53
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.72

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Statistics	Value
Mean	4.53
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.62

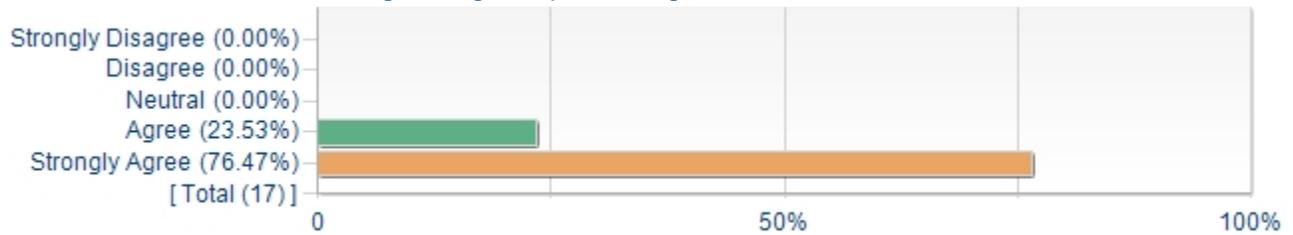
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Instructor Communication (continued)

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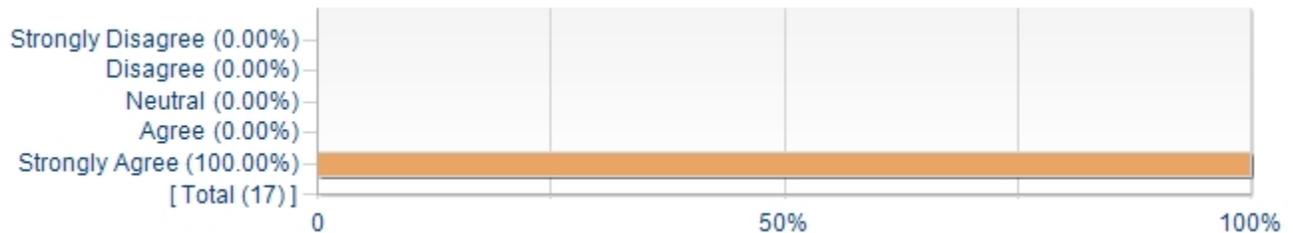


Statistics	Value
Mean	4.76
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.44

Knowledge and Expertise



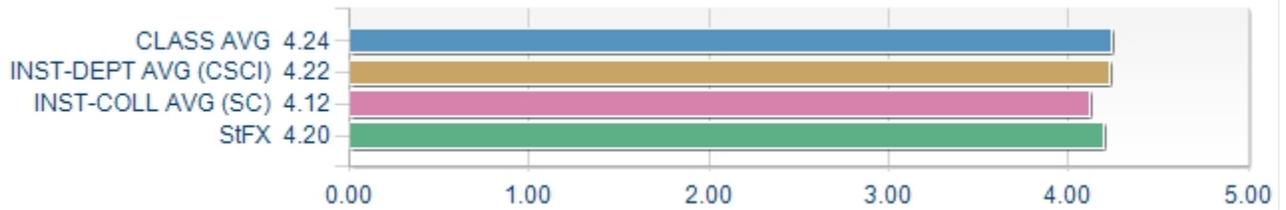
Knowledge and Expertise



Statistics	Value
Mean	5.00
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

Course Organization

Overall



1. Assignments and tests are returned to the students within a reasonable time.



2. The instructor adheres to the criteria for assessment and evaluation as described in the course outline.



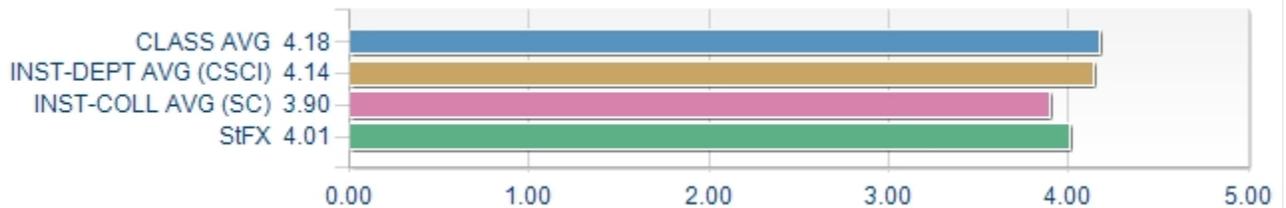
3. The course material is well organized.



4. The instructor is available for consultation outside of class



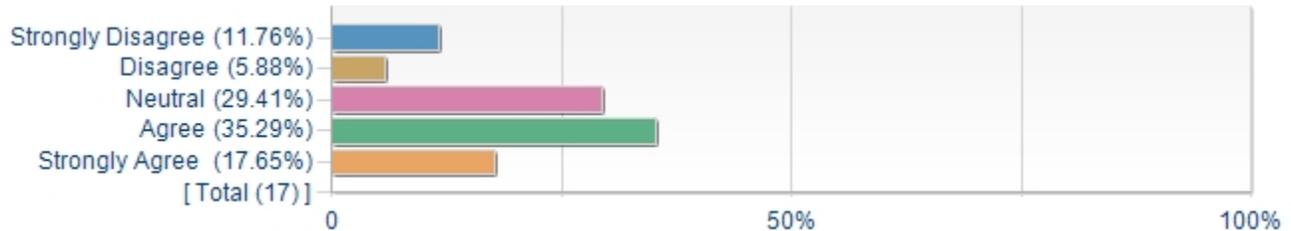
5. I would recommend this course to fellow students.



Course Organization

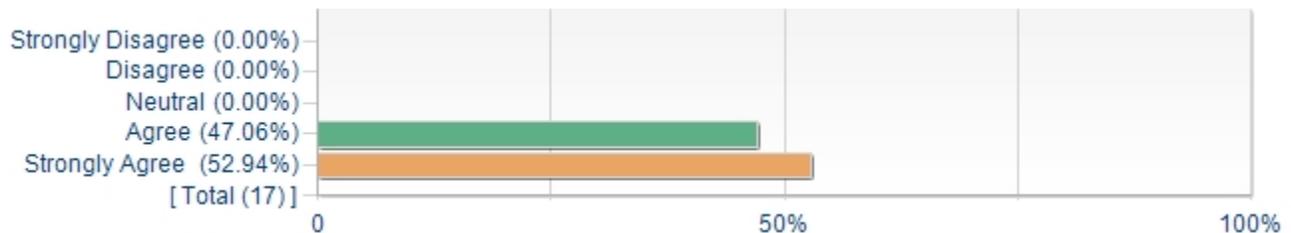
Overall	Value
Mean	4.24
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	1.03

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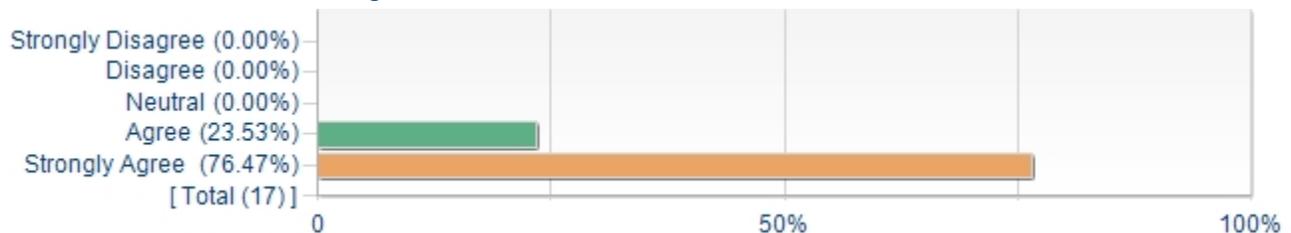
Statistics	Value
Mean	3.41
Median	4.00
Standard Deviation	1.23

2. The instructor adheres to the criteria for assessment and evaluation as described in the course outline.



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.53
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.51

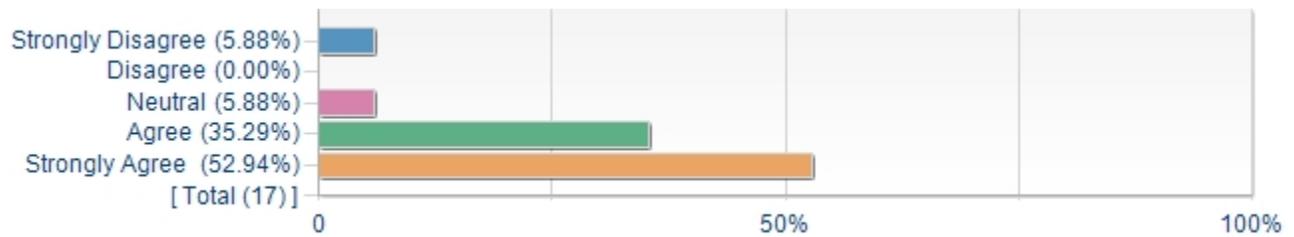
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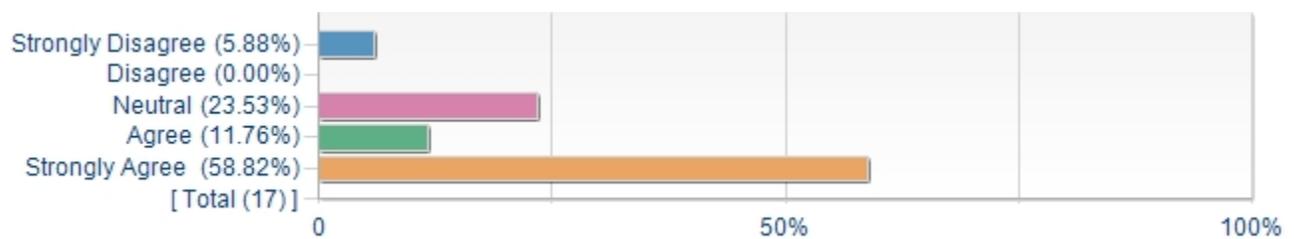
Course Organization (continued)

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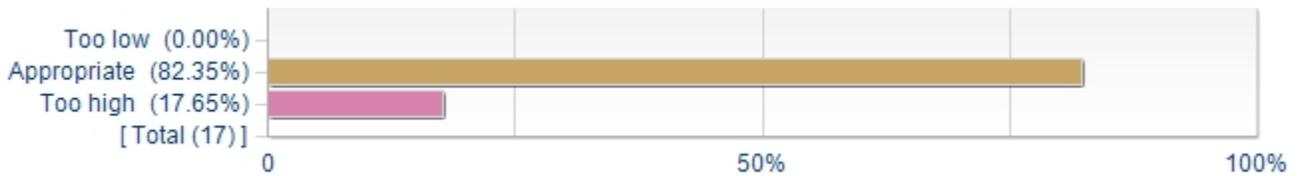
Statistics	Value
Mean	4.29
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	1.05

5. I would recommend this course to fellow students.



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.18
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	1.19

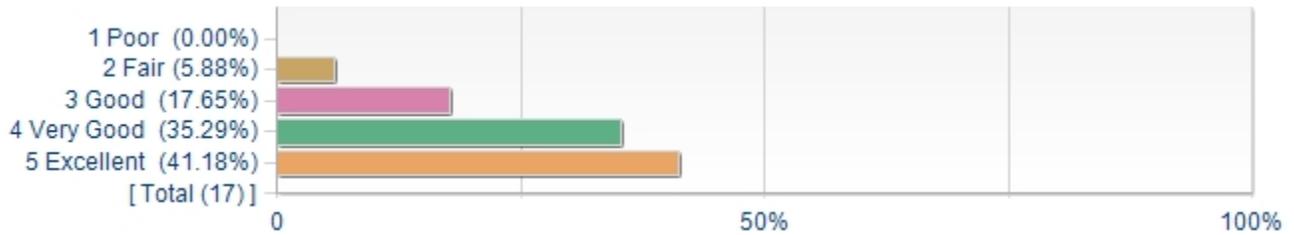
The amount of material covered in this course is:



I would describe this course as:



I would describe this course as:



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.12
Median	4.00
Standard Deviation	0.93

What were the best aspects of this course and/or instructor?

Comments
The teacher looks like Jesse Eisenberg and is a pretty nice guy
The course was really interesting. James made the different course topics really approachable and much easier to understand. While appearing quite harsh in class, it was really easy to see that he really cared when you went and stopped in at office hours for help.
The theory of the course was presented with a really good pace, I rarely ever felt lost, and it made understanding the assignments much easier.
Easy to follow along in class and very enjoyable to listen to James explain his love for catching cheaters.
Very friendly and willing to help.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Instructor engaged students well in lectures-Recording lectures made understanding material much easier-Instructor was very passionate in lecture, made course very enjoyable
The course was well structured and doing the labs helped cement our understanding of the material covered in lectures. James is a terrific professor, making things interesting and showing us practical, real-world examples.
Instructor is great at teaching
Professor Hughes clearly enjoys teaching these classes which makes it really engaging to learn from him.
The best aspects of the course were how well the instructor did at accommodation students for working from home.
I enjoyed this class and I think James is a good prof.
Awesome teaching style and you will get engaged in the class automatically.
Overall I really like this class because all lectures, assignments, and tests are straight forward.
tutorials were fun
The instructor describes in a very clear way to understand and makes it feel easy
It is quite an interesting course and James does a good job of teaching it. His structure gives significant weight to assignments which is perfect for the content.
Professor Hughes is clearly very enthusiastic about what he teaches which makes the class more interesting and helps to drill home things we are taught
Very interesting lectures.

Are there any aspects of this course or of the instruction that could be improved? If so, please explain.

Comments
The assignments are way too hard I don't even want to know what the exam is going to be like
I would prefer if the course was delivered in Java over C++, as for Mac users, XCode made the course assignments unreasonably difficult.
On both A2 and A3, even using the special text files, the program would crash on the given code because the text file would not read, making debugging either much more difficult if you are lucky and the file read in, or impossible.
I also read similar complaints from another classmate.
It always takes a long time to get your assignment grades back after submitting them, which can be annoying when they are such a big deal. But I expect that the assignments would take a long time to grade so maybe nothing can be done about that.
Programming always requires time and effort to learn. That being said there were some areas, particularly the early basics of c++, that could have used a little bit more time in class.
I think James is very arrogant, and should be more understanding and respectful to his students, as he often times is not very nice and quite rude. He is not good at answering specific questions as he often repeats the question back to his students like they should already know the answer. He is the prof and is getting paid to answer questions and help his students learn.
NA
It's great course.
The instructor has just made it perfect
James is a unique character and comes off as a jackass. The engineer students were absolutely not prepared for this class, and often felt that James didn't like them because they were engineers and not CS. Finally, I don't feel the labs actually taught anything
Instructor is very rude. Will not help outside of office hours at all. The assignments are given back way too late. 3 weeks or more to get a grade for one assignment.

Do you have any other comments about the course and/or the instructor?

Comments
Make the class easier and less people will hate it, that is literally the only problem everything else is pretty top notch
It is obviously not James' fault since that the Engineers are behind in the beginning since he doesn't have control over what they learn in Engr 147. But I can probably speak for all of the engineering students where we didn't know we were going to be behind in the earlier material until we began Csci 162. It would be nice for future engineering students if this could be mentioned to the chair of engineering to get this fixed.
The assignments are very challenging and time-consuming. Really make you think and use what you learned.
The prof was really great, I hope in the coming years stfx chooses to hire more professors like him.
Great enthusiasm from James encouraged me to attend the class.
More activities and examples during the class will help.
Would love to have this instructor in future terms as well for related subjects