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Is this a required course?

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Yes (2)	▬▬▬▬▬▬▬	50.00%
No (2)	▬▬▬▬▬▬▬	50.00%
[Total (4)]		

0   50%   100%

What percentage of classes did you attend in this course?

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Less than 50% (0)		0.00%
50-74% (0)		0.00%
75-89% (0)		0.00%
90-99% (2)	▬▬▬▬▬▬	50.00%
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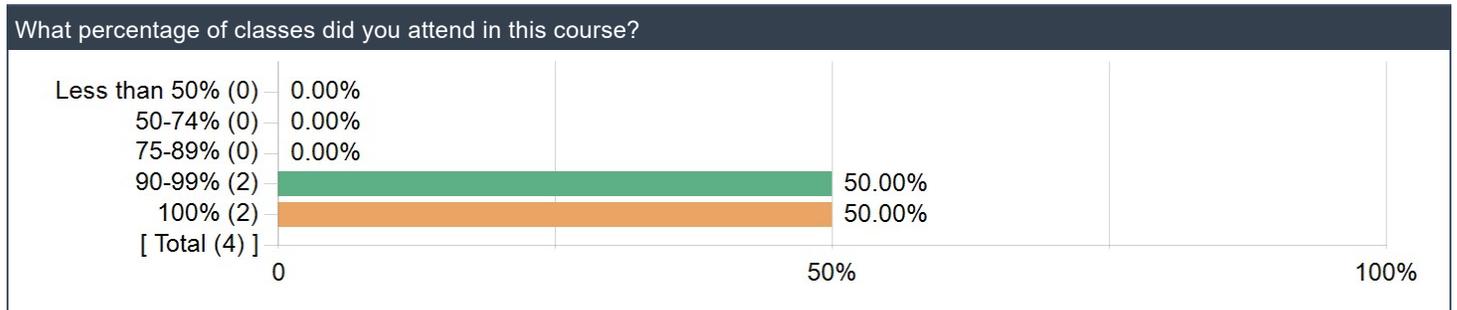Individual Report for 20261061568-Evolutionary Computation James Hughes

Stimulation and Challenge

Overall

CLASS AVG 4.94
INST-DEPT AVG 4.35
INST-COLL AVG 4.11
StFX 4.19

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

CLASS AVG 4.75
INST-DEPT AVG (CSCI) 4.26
INST-COLL AVG (SC) 4.04
StFX 4.10

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

CLASS AVG 5.00
INST-DEPT AVG (CSCI) 4.56
INST-COLL AVG (SC) 4.39
StFX 4.48

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

CLASS AVG 5.00
INST-DEPT AVG (CSCI) 4.18
INST-COLL AVG (SC) 3.91
StFX 4.00

4. I was encouraged to apply my knowledge in different ways (i.e. critical thinking, problem solving, analysis, writing skills)

CLASS AVG 5.00
INST-DEPT AVG (CSCI) 4.42
INST-COLL AVG (SC) 4.09
StFX 4.17

Stimulation and Challenge

Overall	Value
Mean	4.94
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.25

1. The level of intellectual challenge in this course is appropriate.
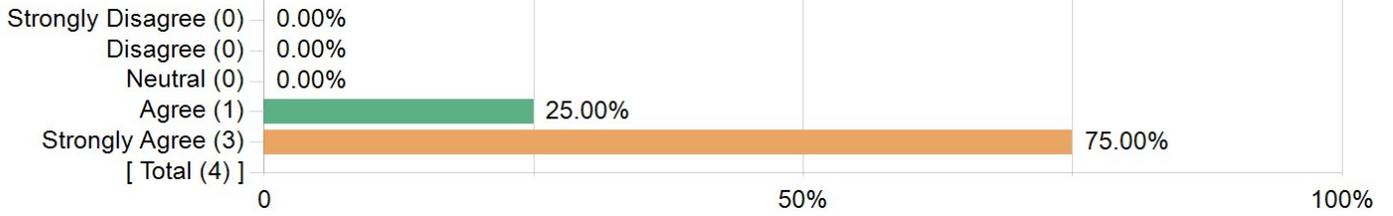
Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
Disagree (0)	0.00%
Neutral (0)	0.00%
Agree (1)	25.00%
Strongly Agree (3)	75.00%
[Total (4)]	

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.75
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.50

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

Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
Disagree (0)	0.00%
Neutral (0)	0.00%
Agree (0)	0.00%
Strongly Agree (4)	100.00%
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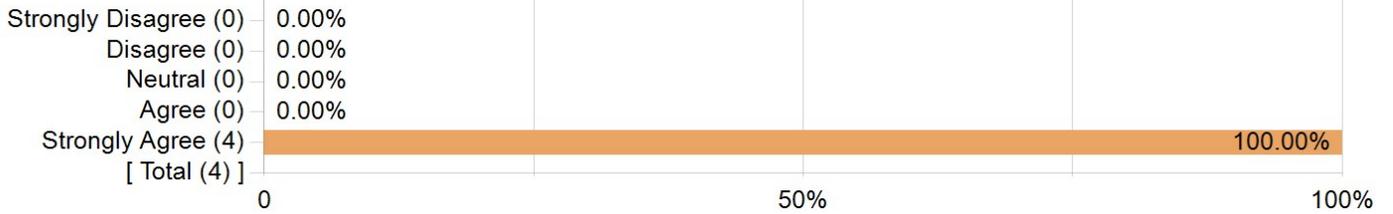
Statistics	Value
Mean	5.00
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

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

Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
Disagree (0)	0.00%
Neutral (0)	0.00%
Agree (0)	0.00%
Strongly Agree (4)	100.00%
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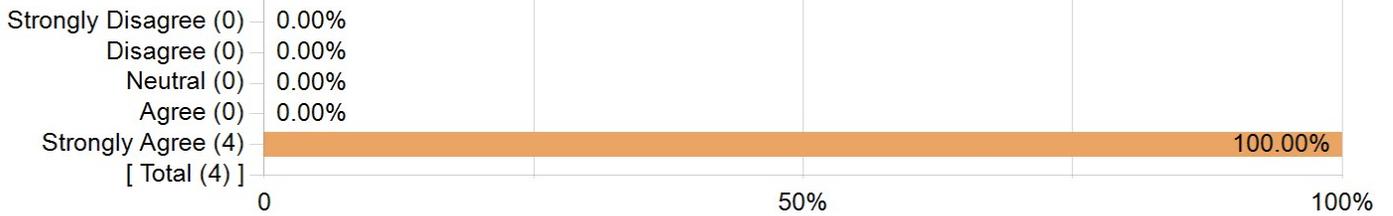
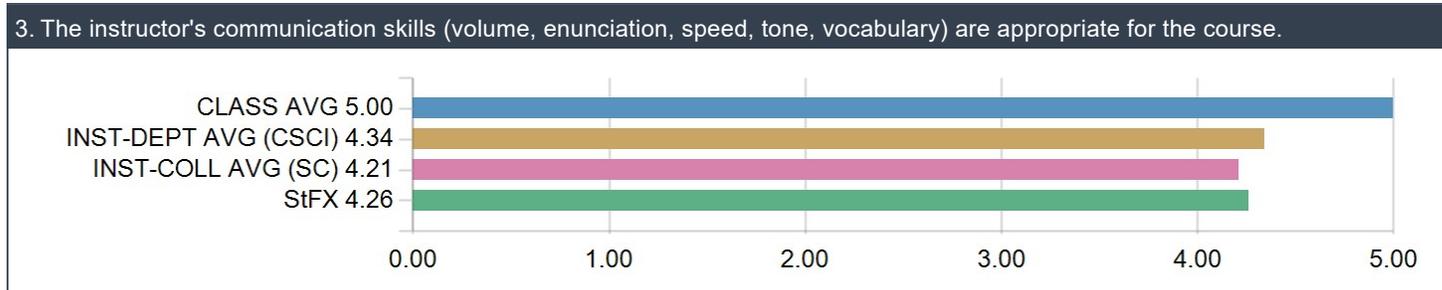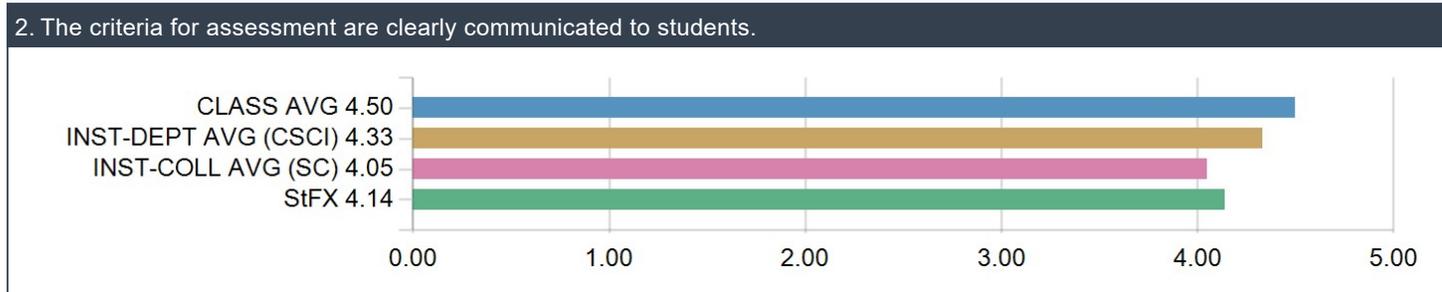| Statistics	Value
Mean	5.00
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

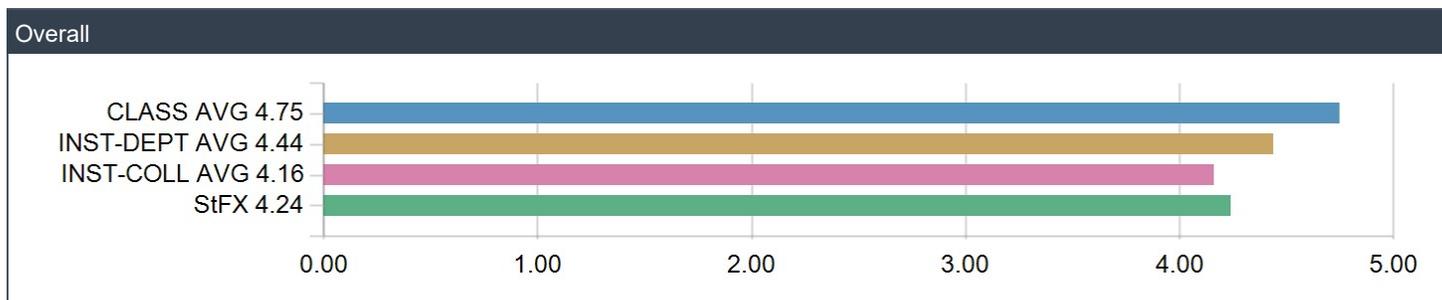## Stimulation and Challenge (continued)

4. I was encouraged to apply my knowledge in different ways (i.e. critical thinking, problem solving, analysis, writing skills)

Strongly Disagree (0) — 0.00%
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Neutral (0) — 0.00%
Agree (0) — 0.00%
Strongly Agree (4) — 100.00%
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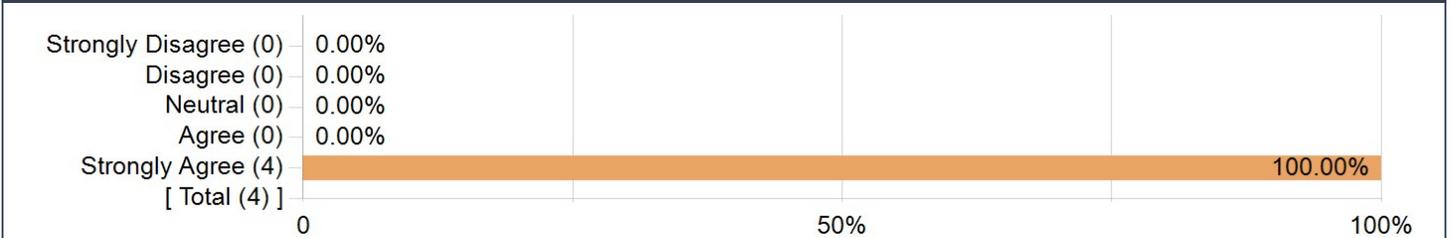
Statistics	Value
Mean	5.00
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

Instructor Communication

Overall

CLASS AVG 4.75
INST-DEPT AVG 4.44
INST-COLL AVG 4.16
StFX 4.24

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

CLASS AVG 4.50
INST-DEPT AVG (CSCI) 4.71
INST-COLL AVG (SC) 4.29
StFX 4.39

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

CLASS AVG 4.50
INST-DEPT AVG (CSCI) 4.33
INST-COLL AVG (SC) 4.05
StFX 4.14

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

CLASS AVG 5.00
INST-DEPT AVG (CSCI) 4.34
INST-COLL AVG (SC) 4.21
StFX 4.26

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

CLASS AVG 5.00
INST-DEPT AVG (CSCI) 4.40
INST-COLL AVG (SC) 4.08
StFX 4.16

Instructor Communication

Overall	Value
Mean	4.75
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.45

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

Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
Disagree (0)	0.00%
Neutral (0)	0.00%
Agree (2)	50.00%
Strongly Agree (2)	50.00%
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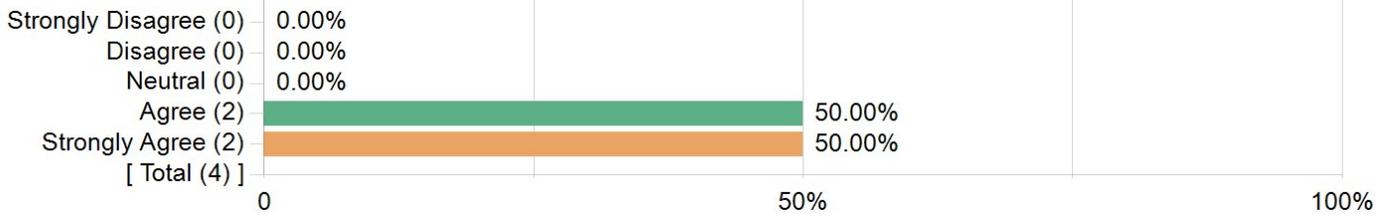
Statistics	Value
Mean	4.50
Median	4.50
Standard Deviation	0.58

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

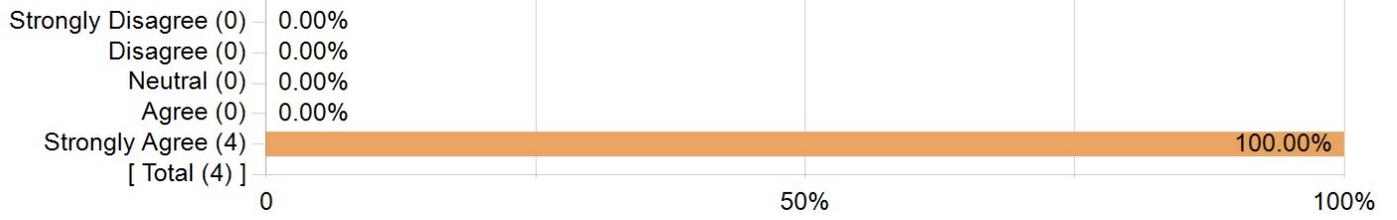|	
Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
Disagree (0)	0.00%
Neutral (0)	0.00%
Agree (2)	50.00%
Strongly Agree (2)	50.00%
[Total (4)]	
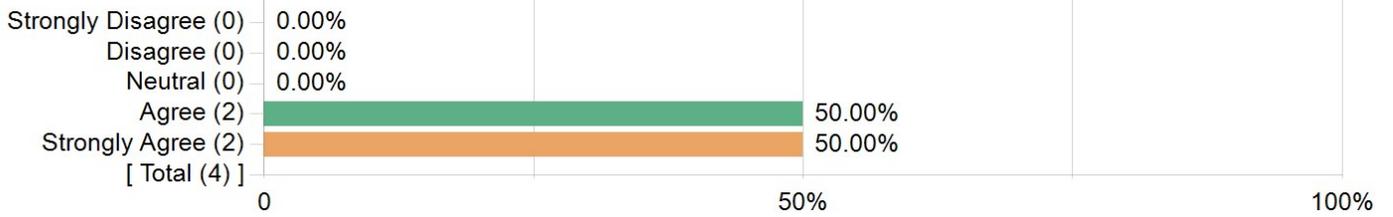
Statistics	Value
Mean	4.50
Median	4.50
Standard Deviation	0.58

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

Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
Disagree (0)	0.00%
Neutral (0)	0.00%
Agree (0)	0.00%
Strongly Agree (4)	100.00%
[Total (4)]	

Statistics	Value
Mean	5.00
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

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

Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
Disagree (0)	0.00%
Neutral (0)	0.00%
Agree (0)	0.00%
Strongly Agree (4)	100.00%
[Total (4)]	

Statistics	Value
Mean	5.00
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

Knowledge and Expertise

Overall

CLASS AVG 5.00
INST-DEPT AVG (CSCI) 4.59
INST-COLL AVG (SC) 4.57
StFX 4.61

0.00   1.00   2.00   3.00   4.00   5.00

CLASS AVG 5.00
INST-DEPT AVG (CSCI) 4.59
INST-COLL AVG (SC) 4.57
StFX 4.61

0.00   1.00   2.00   3.00   4.00   5.00

Knowledge and Expertise

The instructor displays suitable knowledge in the subject area.

Strongly Disagree (0) — 0.00%
Disagree (0) — 0.00%
Neutral (0) — 0.00%
Agree (0) — 0.00%
Strongly Agree (4) — 100.00%
[Total (4)]

0   50%   100%

Statistics	Value
Mean	5.00
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

Course Organization

Overall

CLASS AVG 4.90	
INST-DEPT AVG 4.42	
INST-COLL AVG 4.17	
StFX 4.24	

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

CLASS AVG 4.75	
INST-DEPT AVG (CSCI) 4.35	
INST-COLL AVG (SC) 4.17	
StFX 4.24	

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

CLASS AVG 5.00	
INST-DEPT AVG (CSCI) 4.58	
INST-COLL AVG (SC) 4.27	
StFX 4.33	

3. The course material is well organized.

CLASS AVG 5.00	
INST-DEPT AVG (CSCI) 4.36	
INST-COLL AVG (SC) 4.11	
StFX 4.19	

4. The instructor is available for consultation outside of class

CLASS AVG 5.00	
INST-DEPT AVG (CSCI) 4.63	
INST-COLL AVG (SC) 4.35	
StFX 4.39	

5. I would recommend this course to fellow students.

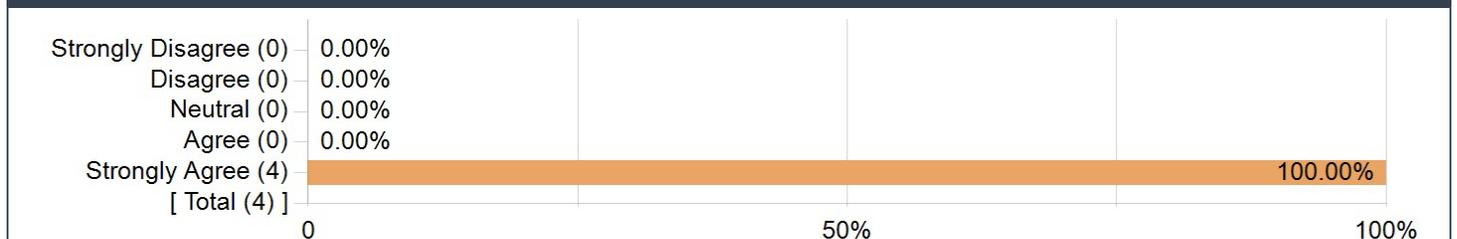|	
CLASS AVG 4.75	
INST-DEPT AVG (CSCI) 4.20	
INST-COLL AVG (SC) 3.94	
StFX 4.04	

Course Organization

Overall	Value
Mean	4.90
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.31

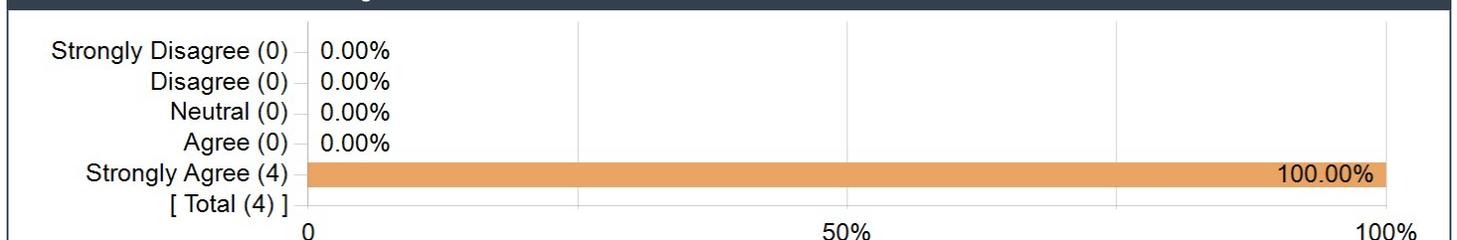## 1. Assignments and tests are returned to the students within a reasonable time.
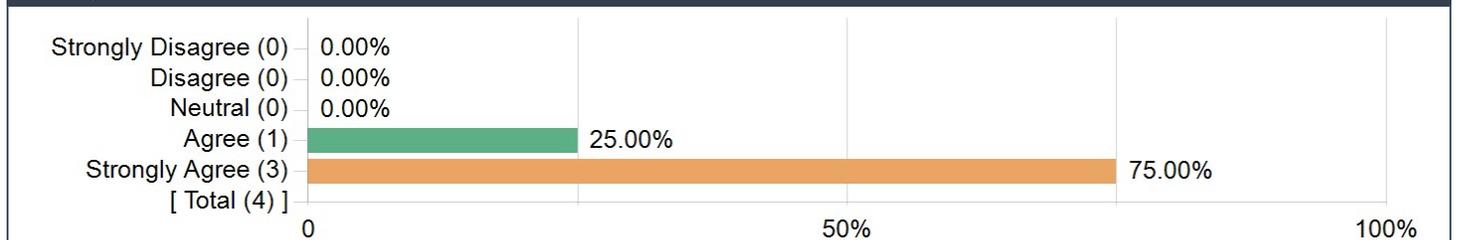
Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
Disagree (0)	0.00%
Neutral (0)	0.00%
Agree (1)	25.00%
Strongly Agree (3)	75.00%
[Total (4)]	

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.75
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.50

2. The instructor adheres to the criteria for assessment and evaluation as described in the course outline.
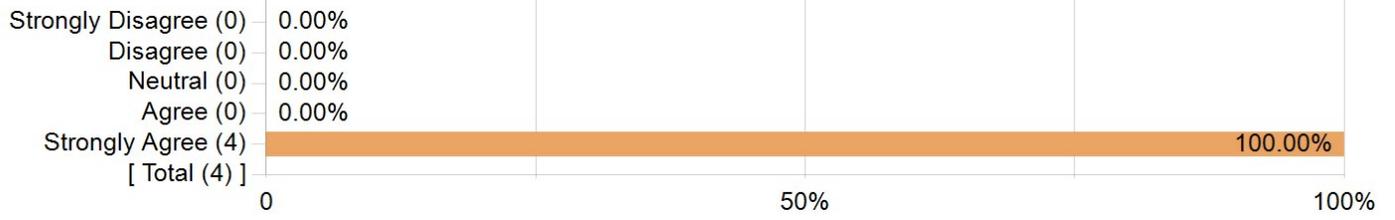
Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
Disagree (0)	0.00%
Neutral (0)	0.00%
Agree (0)	0.00%
Strongly Agree (4)	100.00%
[Total (4)]	

Statistics	Value
Mean	5.00
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

3. The course material is well organized.

Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
Disagree (0)	0.00%
Neutral (0)	0.00%
Agree (0)	0.00%
Strongly Agree (4)	100.00%
[Total (4)]	

Statistics	Value
Mean	5.00
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

4. The instructor is available for consultation outside of class

Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
Disagree (0)	0.00%
Neutral (0)	0.00%
Agree (0)	0.00%
Strongly Agree (4)	100.00%
[Total (4)]	

Statistics	Value
Mean	5.00
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

Course Organization (continued)

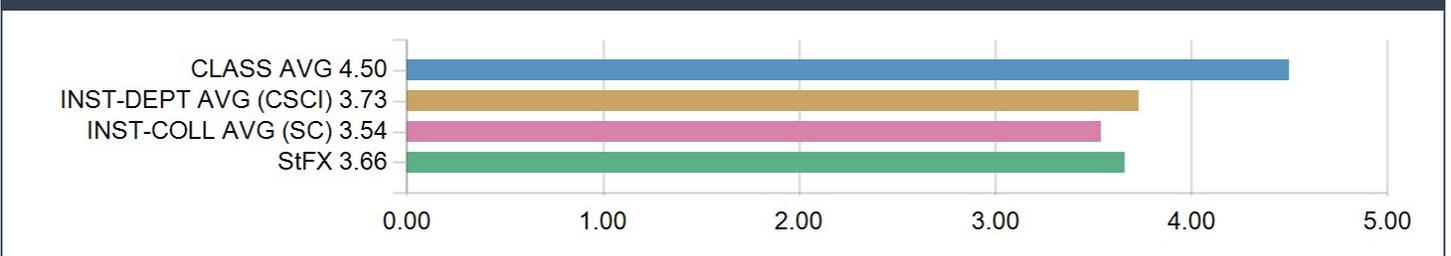| 5. I would recommend this course to fellow students. |
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Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
Disagree (0)	0.00%
Neutral (0)	0.00%
Agree (1)	25.00%
Strongly Agree (3)	75.00%
[Total (4)]	

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.75
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	0.50
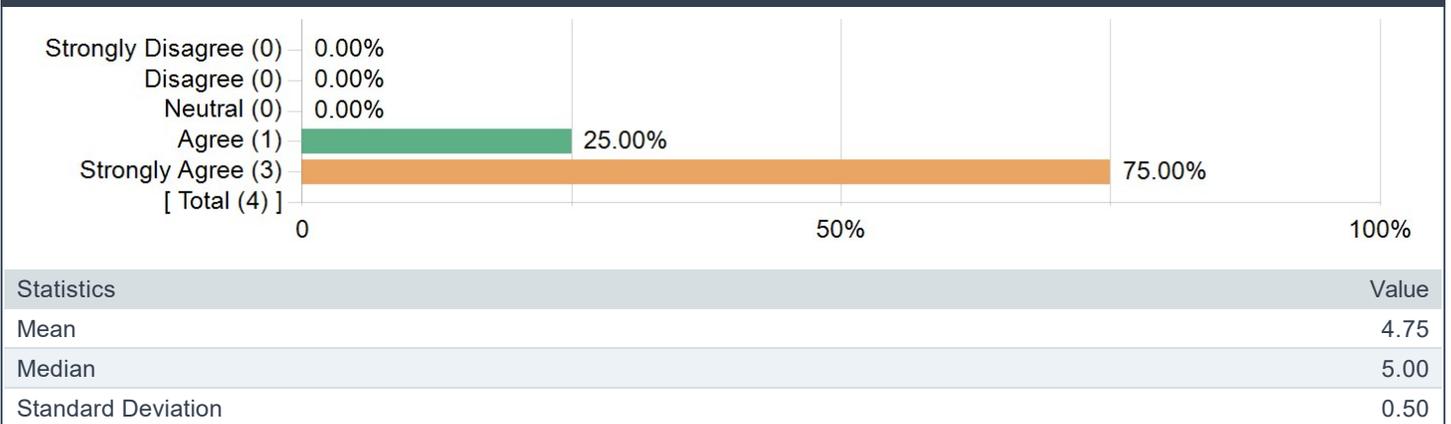
The amount of material covered in this course is:

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Too low (0)	0.00%
Appropriate (4)	100.00%
Too high (0)	0.00%
[Total (4)]	
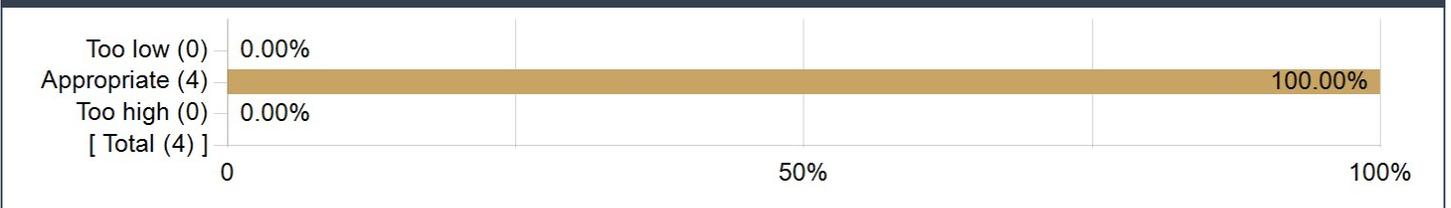
I would describe this course as:

Overall

CLASS AVG	4.50
INST-DEPT AVG (CSCI)	3.73
INST-COLL AVG (SC)	3.54
StFX	3.66

I would describe this course as:

I would describe this course as:

1 Poor (0)	0.00%
2 Fair (0)	0.00%
3 Good (0)	0.00%
4 Very Good (2)	50.00%
5 Excellent (2)	50.00%
[Total (4)]	

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.50
Median	4.50
Standard Deviation	0.58
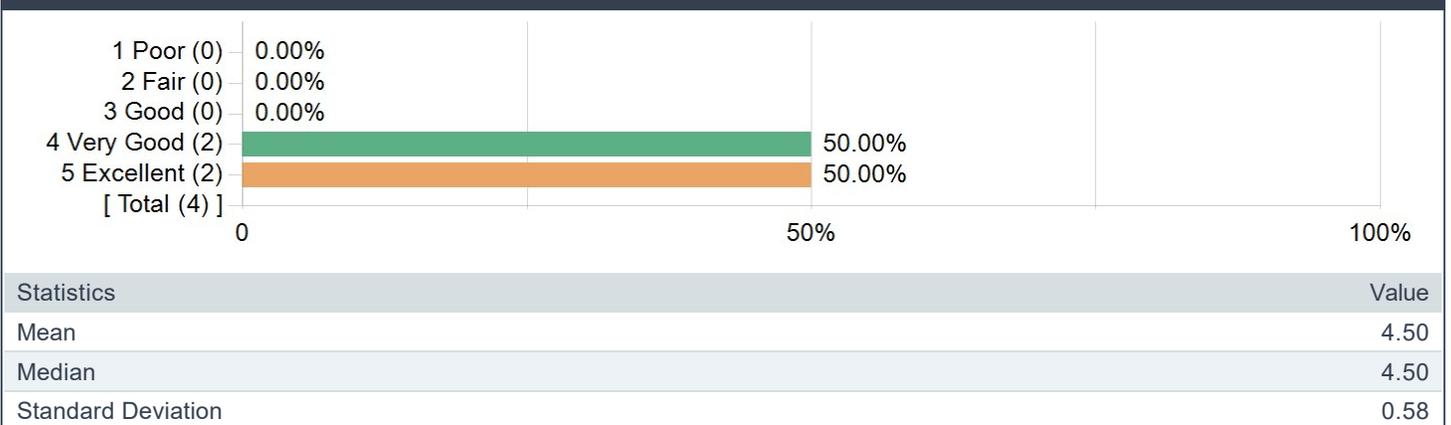
What were the best aspects of this course and/or instructor?

Comments
The topic domain was really interesting.
Lectures were very engaging and informative, especially when the course material was related to topics outside of the computer science field.
Dr. Hughes is a very enthusiastic instructor, and his interest in the field was infectious. It certainly did not hurt that the content itself was quite interesting.

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

Comments
If time permits, adding in an evolutionary game theory section could be a fun to add to future offerings for this course.
More in–class activities? Most of the in–class activities (worth 10 points to our mark) consisted of attending the presentations, rather than actual tasks and in–class practice.
I like the idea of the marking scheme, but it's so different from any of my other courses it can be difficult to anticipate grades and know what to expect. Not even sure how to make it easier to understand, except to expand the marking scheme to more courses. I did appreciate that rewarding creativity is kind of baked into it, and that doesn't necessarily apply in a lot of courses.

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

Comments
The marking scheme for the course (having over 100 points available) was interesting, but worked well for this course.
Dr. Hughes' abilities with MS Paint are increasing, and that should be acknowledged and applauded.