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Spring 2021 Course Evaluation – Executive Summary

Overview

Course evaluations for the Spring 2021 academic semester were opened to Howard University students on April 12, 2021. The evaluation period was open for approximately 2 weeks, closing on April 26, 2021 before the beginning of final exams. The course evaluation instrument was comprised of 19 questions (8 course and 11 instructor). Approximately 52,339 evaluations were sent out and 29,773 evaluations were completed resulting in an overall engagement rate of 56.88%. This engagement rate includes students who completed a course evaluation(s) as well as students that chose to opt out of completing an evaluation(s). Looking at this further, there were 6,612 (12.63%) instances where students decided to opt out of taking a course evaluation. Consequently, the overall response rate for the university with opt outs removed was 44.25%.

Results

Quality of Remote Instruction

Given the current state of remote learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to look at questions and groupings of questions that explore students' perception of the quality, accessibility, and reliability of instruction in their course(s). When asked about their instructor's effectiveness in communicating the content of the course, 78.71% of students (undergraduate, graduate, and professional) either "agreed" or "strongly agreed" that their instructor succeeded in this regard ($M = 4.18$, $SD = 1.07$). Further, 81.09% and 78.93% of students either "agreed" or "strongly agreed" that their instructor was well prepared for class meetings and made effective use of class time, respectively ($M = 4.30$, $SD = 0.96$; $M = 4.25$, $SD = 1.00$). A majority of students also indicated that instructors provided timely and constructive feedback on exams/papers/performance. Approximately 73.13% of students "agreed" or "strongly agreed" that the feedback from instructors was timely, and 71.59% of students "agree" or "strongly agreed" that the feedback from instructors was constructive ($M = 4.10$, $SD = 1.13$; $M = 4.08$, $SD = 1.14$).

General Education

The course evaluation instrument used at Howard University contains questions that indirectly assess general education outcomes. Currently, Howard has 21 general education outcomes that are a part of the Howard University General Education (HUGE) experience. Four of these outcomes are indirectly assessed using the course evaluation instrument: critical thinking and problem solving, written and oral communication, foundation and skills lifelong learning, and integrative and applied learning. For the Spring 2021 semester, 80.89% of students "agreed" or "strongly agreed" that their course challenged them to think critically about the subject ($M = 4.16$, $SD = 0.99$). Looking at written and oral communication, 76.10% of students



“agreed” or “strongly agreed” that the course helped them to communicate clearly about the subject ($M = 4.04$, $SD = 1.06$). Further, 77.51% of students “agreed” or “strongly agreed” that their course helped them consider connections between course material and other areas of their personal, academic, or professional life. This result speaks both to lifelong as well as integrative and applied learning ($M = 4.08$, $SD = 1.06$). While general education outcomes are traditionally captured for only undergraduate students, the data provided includes graduate and professional students. Future reports will disaggregate this data for a more nuanced picture of outcome attainment. An overall aggregate or grand mean was calculated for both course and instructor question sets at the university level. The mean for course questions ($n = 9$) was 4.09 and the mean for instructor questions ($n = 10$) was 4.21.

Question Results (21)

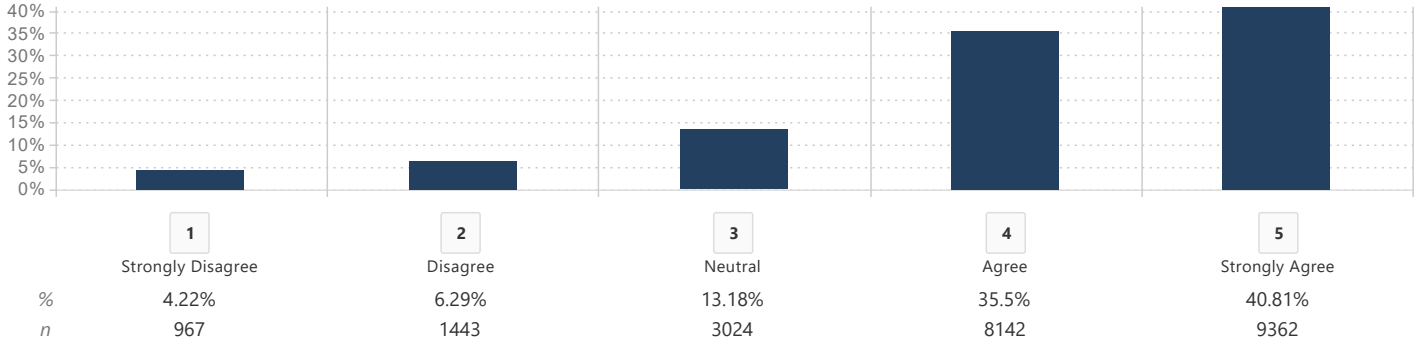
Please answer the following questions related to your course.

Matrix

The workload and pace were appropriate for the course level.

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22938 of 52339 responded (43.83%)
 Mean **4.02** / STD **1.08**

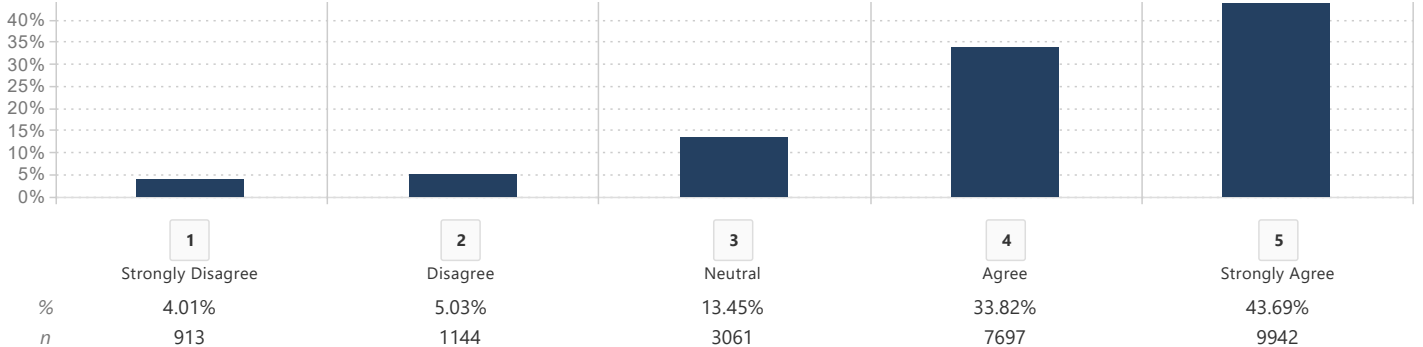
Please answer the following questions related to your course.

Matrix

This course helped me consider connections between course material and other areas of my personal, academic, or professional life.

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22757 of 52339 responded (43.48%)
 Mean **4.08** / STD **1.06**

Please answer the following questions related to your course.

Matrix

This course challenged me to think critically about the subject.

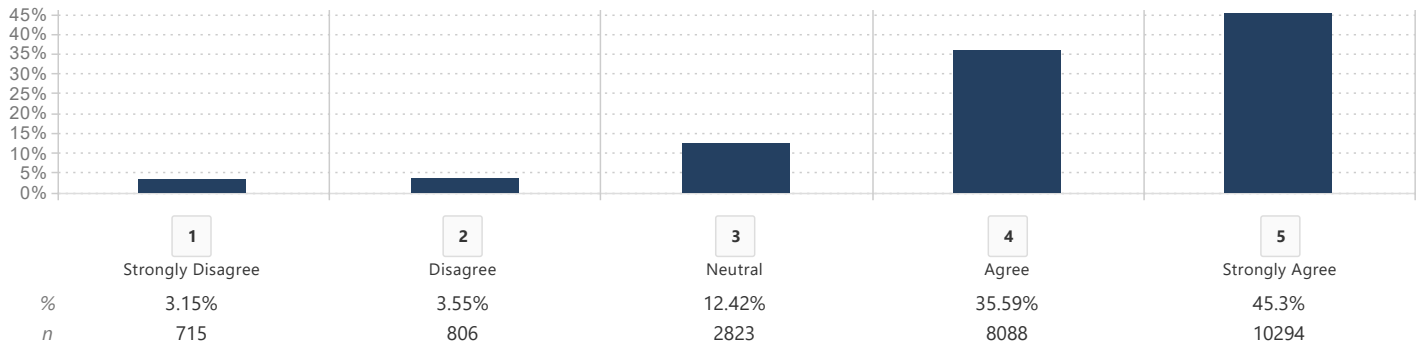
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22726 of 52339 responded (43.42%)

Mean **4.16** / STD **0.99**

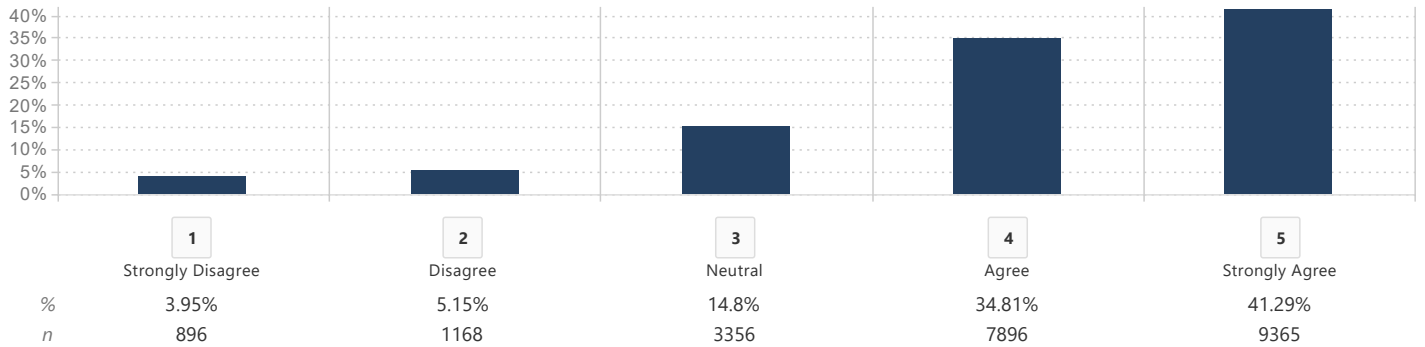
Please answer the following questions related to your course.

Matrix

This course helped me to communicate clearly about the subject.

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22681 of 52339 responded (43.33%)

Mean **4.04** / STD **1.06**

Please answer the following questions related to your course.

Matrix

The course stimulated my interest in the subject.

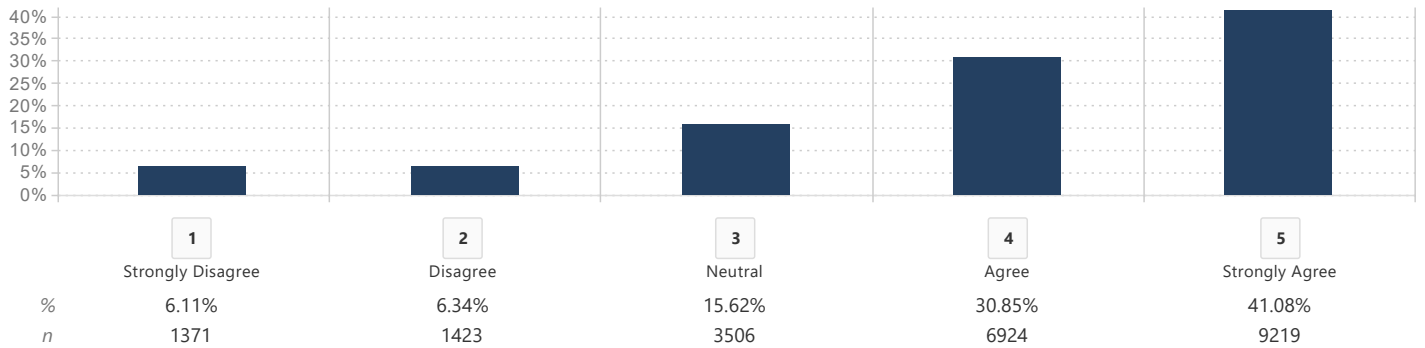
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22443 of 52339 responded (42.88%)
Mean **3.94** / STD **1.17**

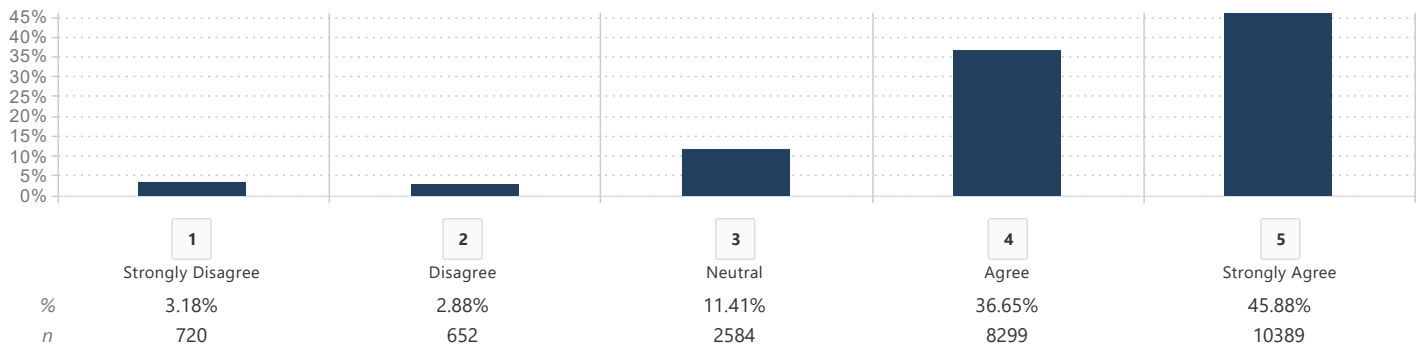
Please answer the following questions related to your course.

Matrix

This course provided appropriate knowledge in this subject area.

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22644 of 52339 responded (43.26%)
Mean **4.19** / STD **0.97**

Please answer the following questions related to your course.

Matrix

The course assignments reflected what was covered in the course.

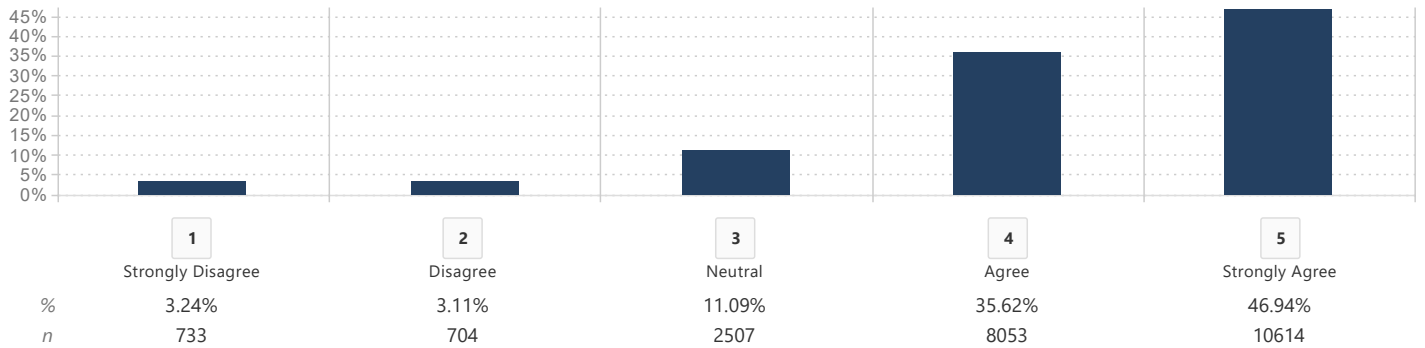
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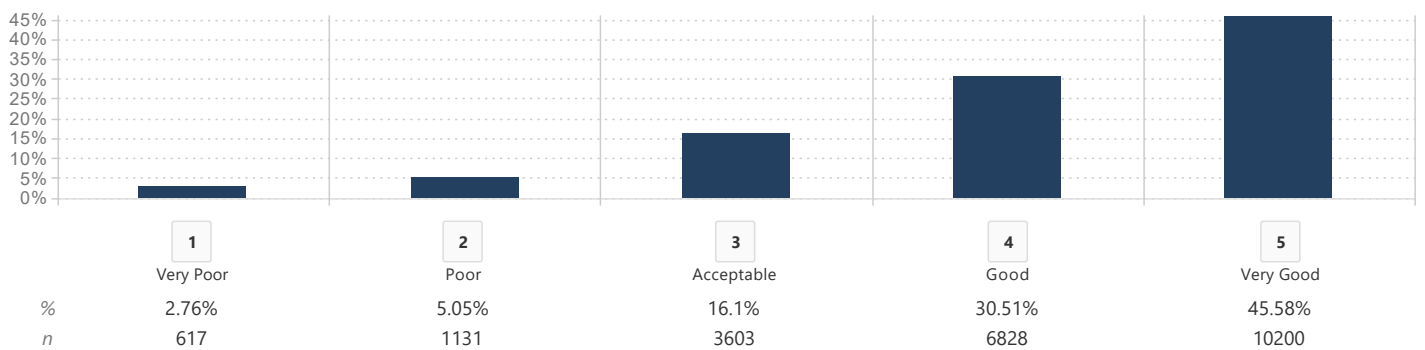
22611 of 52339 responded (43.20%)
Mean **4.20** / STD **0.98**

Overall, this course was...

Single Selection

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22379 of 52339 responded (42.76%)
Mean **4.11** / STD **1.03**

Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]
The instructor was effective in communicating the content of the course.

Matrix

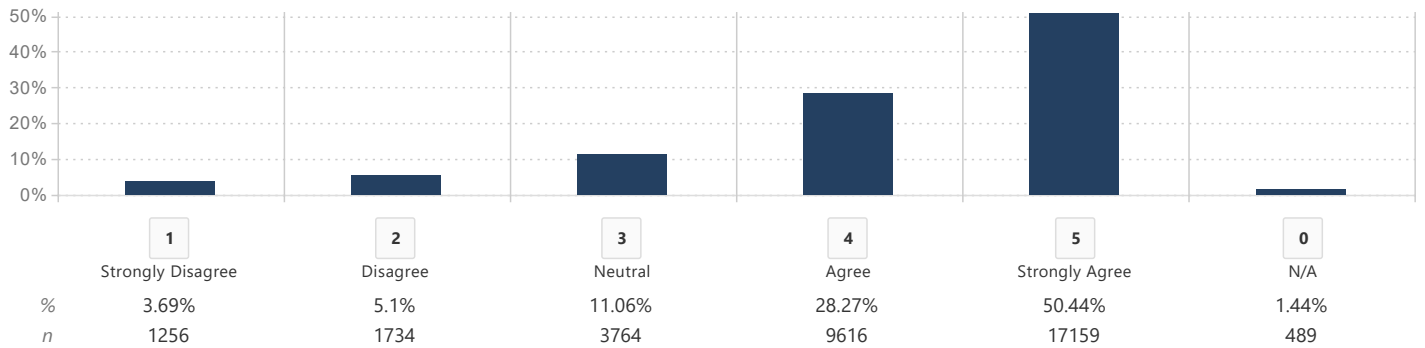
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22668 of 52339 responded (43.31%)

Mean **4.18** / STD **1.07**

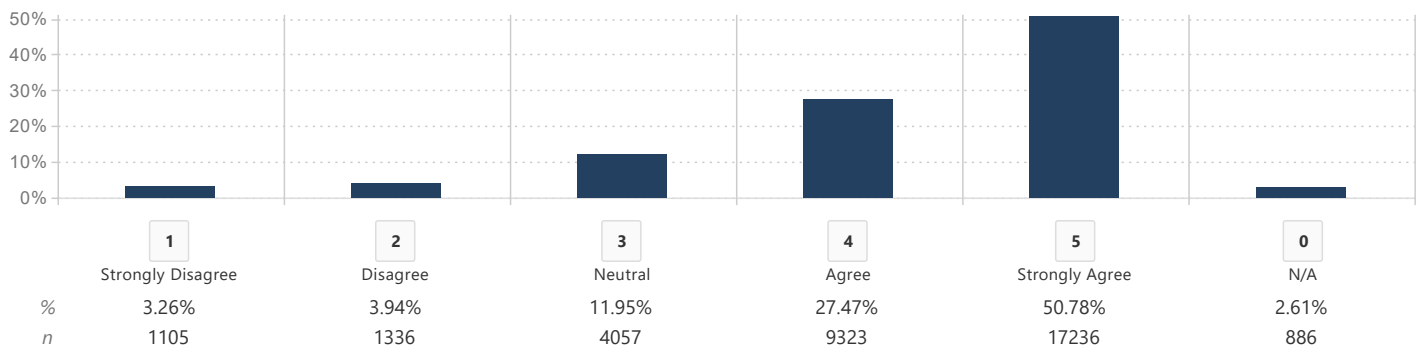
Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]

Matrix

The instructor was fair in evaluating student performance.

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22658 of 52339 responded (43.29%)

Mean **4.22** / STD **1.03**

Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]

Matrix

The instructor was well prepared for class meetings.

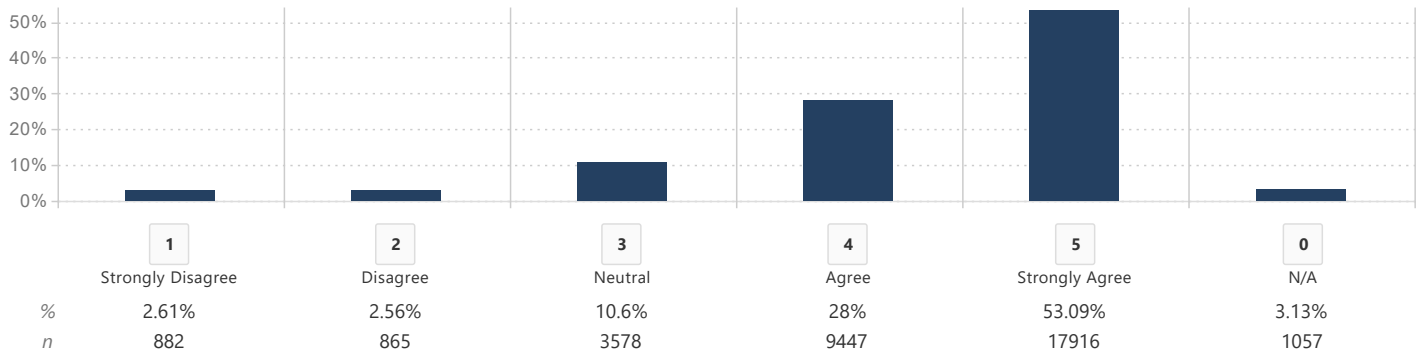
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22637 of 52339 responded (43.25%)

Mean **4.30** / STD **0.96**

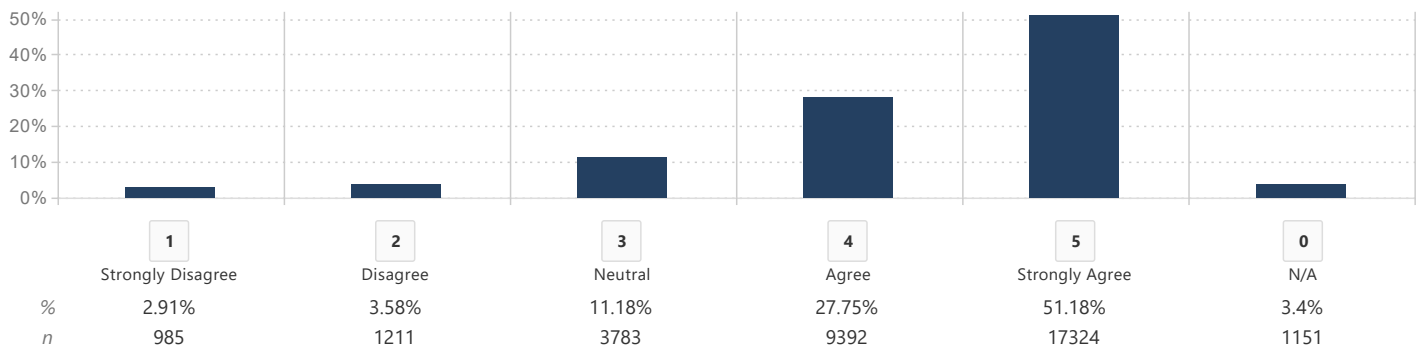
Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]

Matrix

The instructor made effective use of class time.

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22635 of 52339 responded (43.25%)

Mean **4.25** / STD **1.00**

Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]

Matrix

The instructor was accessible during office hours.

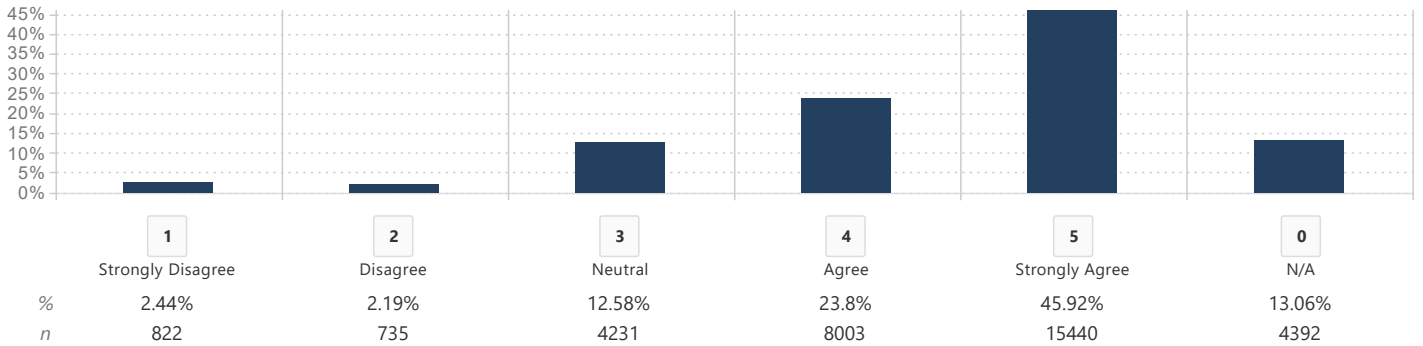
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22589 of 52339 responded (43.16%)

Mean **4.25** / STD **0.98**

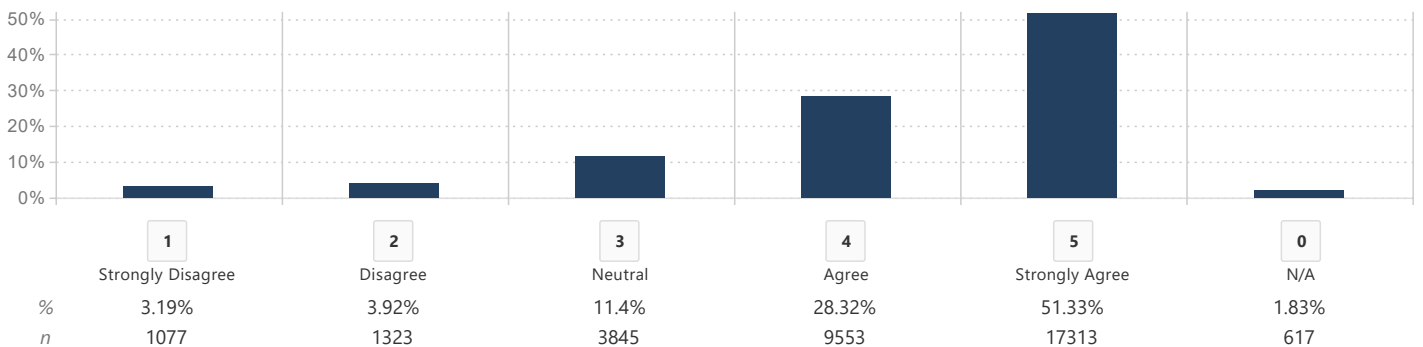
Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]

Matrix

The instructor clearly articulated their expectations for students in the course.

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22583 of 52339 responded (43.15%)

Mean **4.23** / STD **1.02**

Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]

Matrix

The instructor provided guidance for understanding course exercises/assignments.

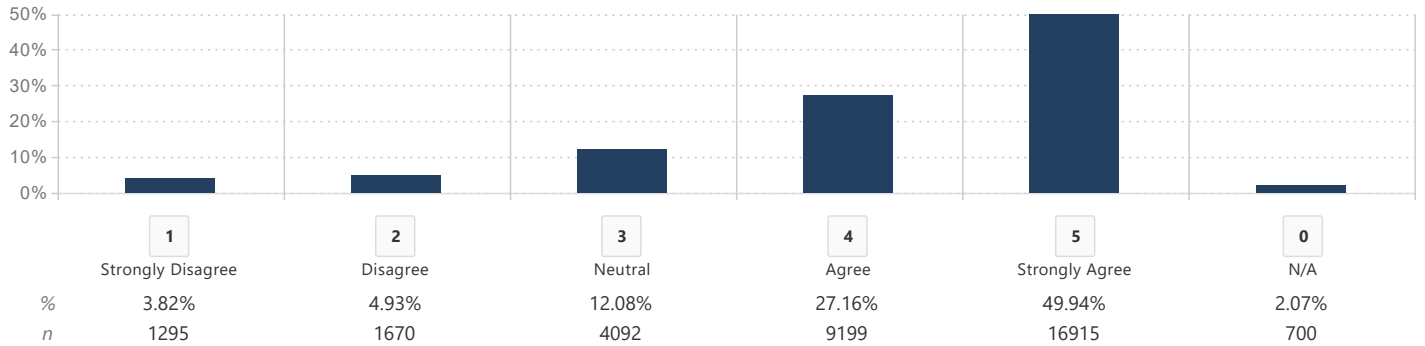
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22622 of 52339 responded (43.22%)

Mean **4.17** / STD **1.08**

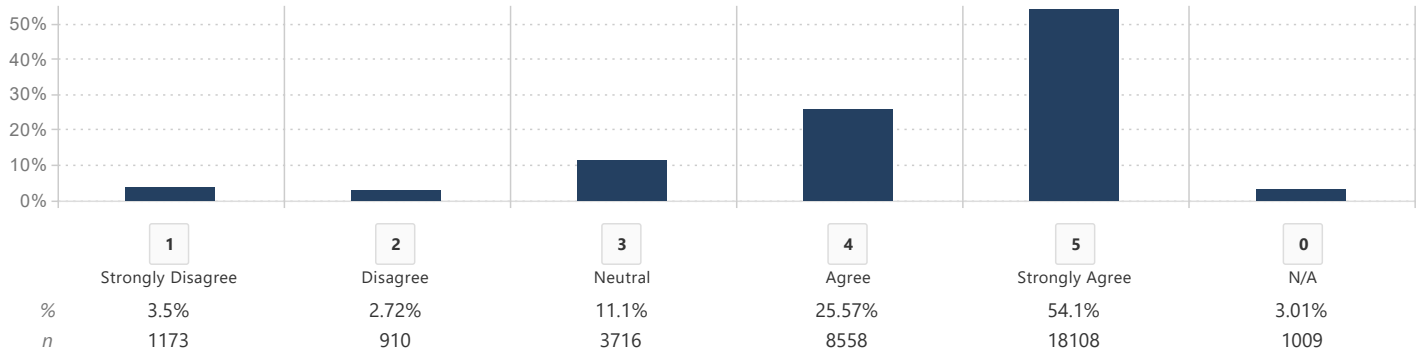
Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]

Matrix

The instructor created a welcoming and inclusive classroom environment.

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22457 of 52339 responded (42.91%)

Mean **4.28** / STD **1.02**

Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]

Matrix

The instructor provided timely feedback on exams/papers/performance.

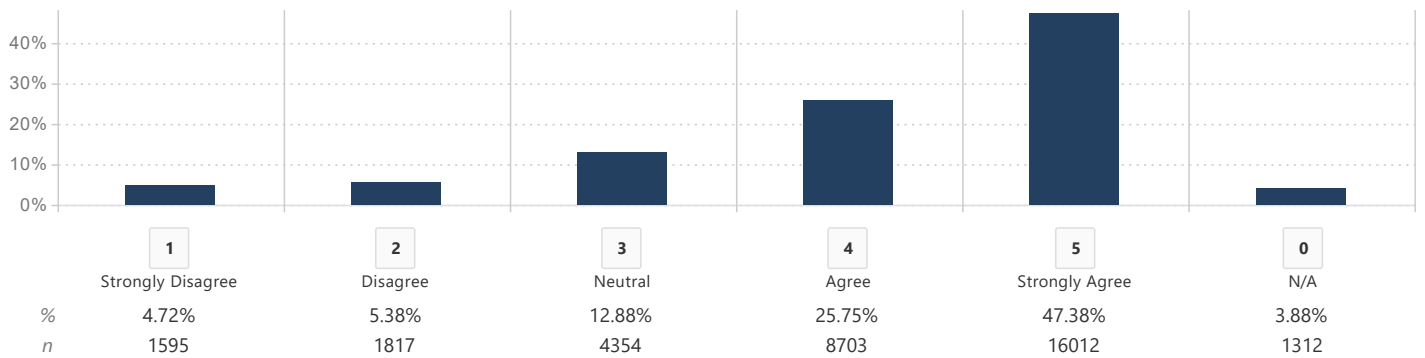
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22613 of 52339 responded (43.20%)

Mean **4.10** / STD **1.13**

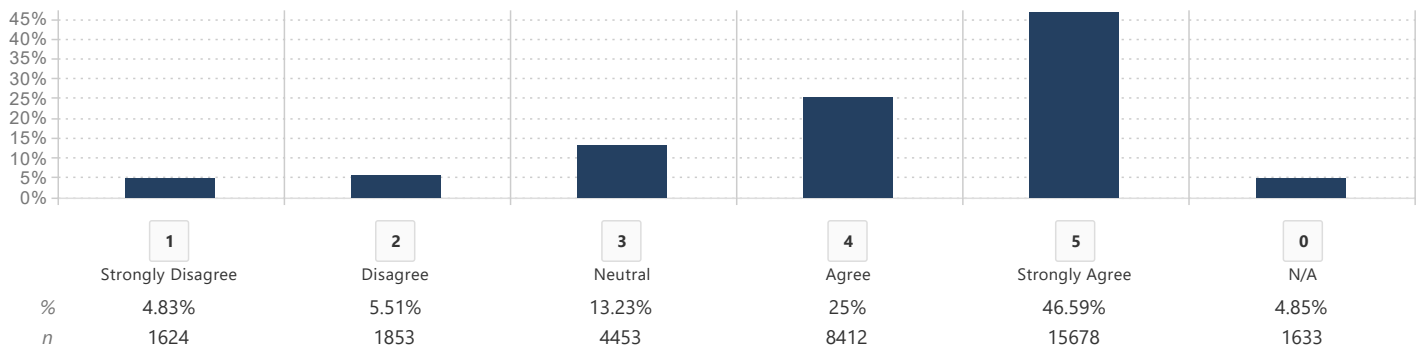
Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]

Matrix

The instructor provided constructive feedback on exams/papers/performance.

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22568 of 52339 responded (43.12%)

Mean **4.08** / STD **1.14**

Overall, the instructor was... [InstructorName]

Single Selection

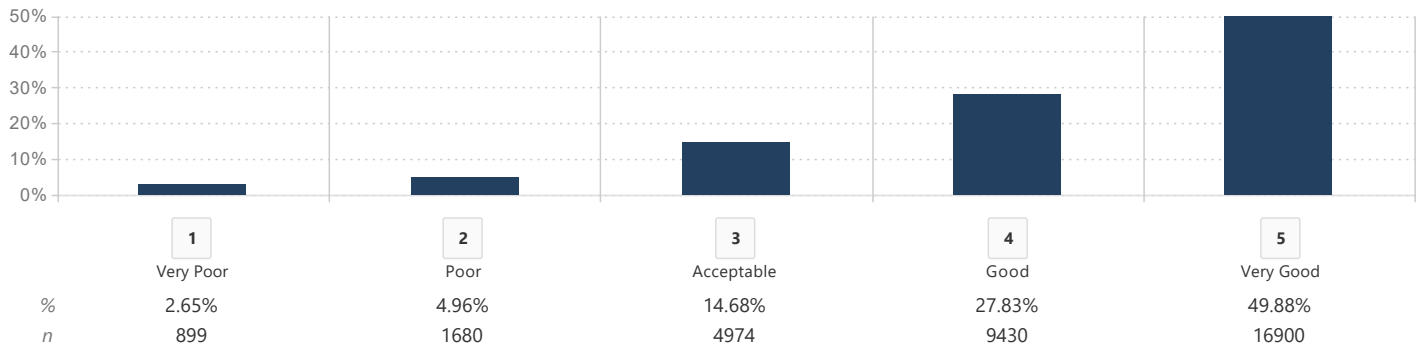
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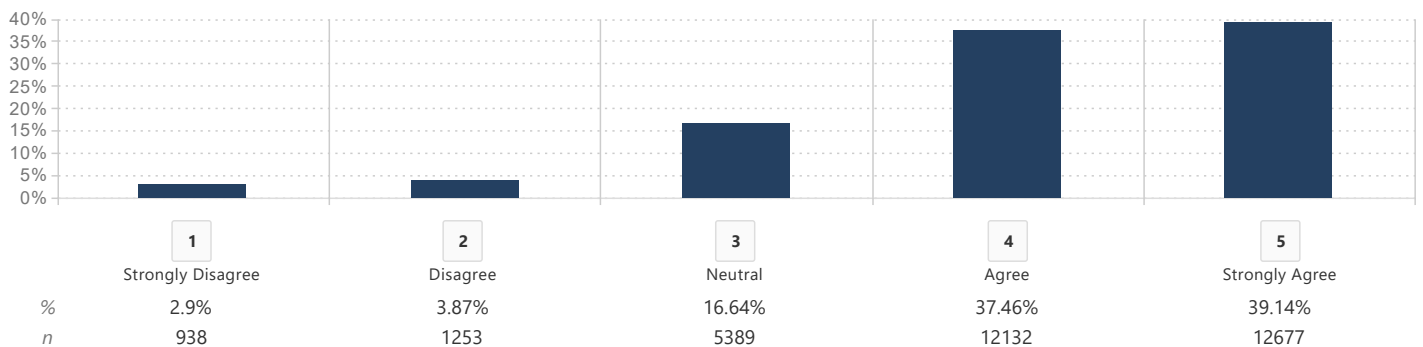
Mean **4.17** / STD **1.03**

My instructor used technology in ways that helped my learning of concepts and principles.

Single Selection

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22108 of 52339 responded (42.24%)

Mean **4.06** / STD **0.98**

This course was appropriately modified for online learning.

Single Selection

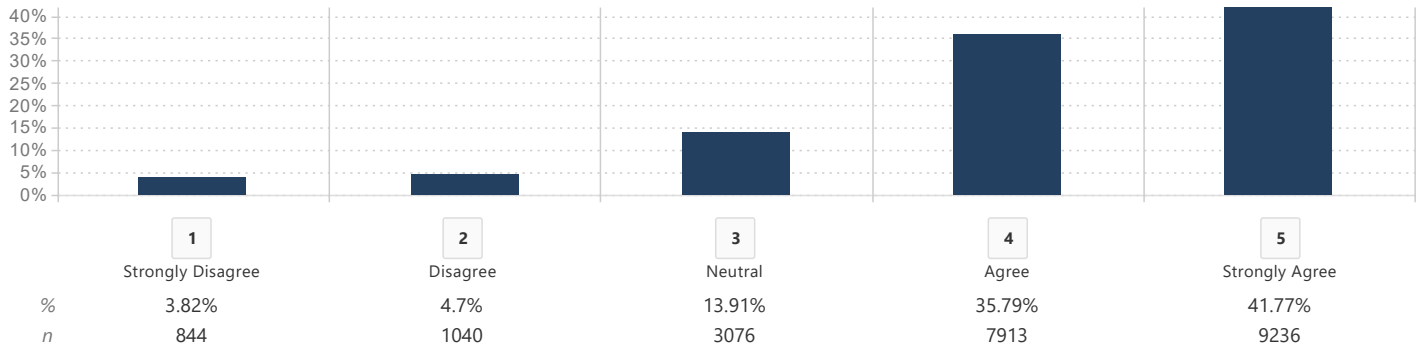
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22109 of 52339 responded (42.24%)

Mean **4.07** / STD **1.04**

Aggregated Results (3)

Questions (10)

Aggregated Results

- Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]-The instructor was effective in communicating the content of the course.
- Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]-The instructor was fair in evaluating student performance.
- Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]-The instructor was well prepared for class meetings.
- Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]-The instructor made effective use of class time.
- Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]-The instructor was accessible during office hours.
- Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]-The instructor clearly articulated their expectations for students in the course.
- Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]-The instructor provided guidance for understanding course exercises/assignments.
- Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]-The instructor provided timely feedback on exams/papers/performance.
- Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]-The instructor provided constructive feedback on exams/papers/performance.
- Please answer the following questions related to your instructor(s). [InstructorName]-The instructor created a welcoming and inclusive classroom environment.

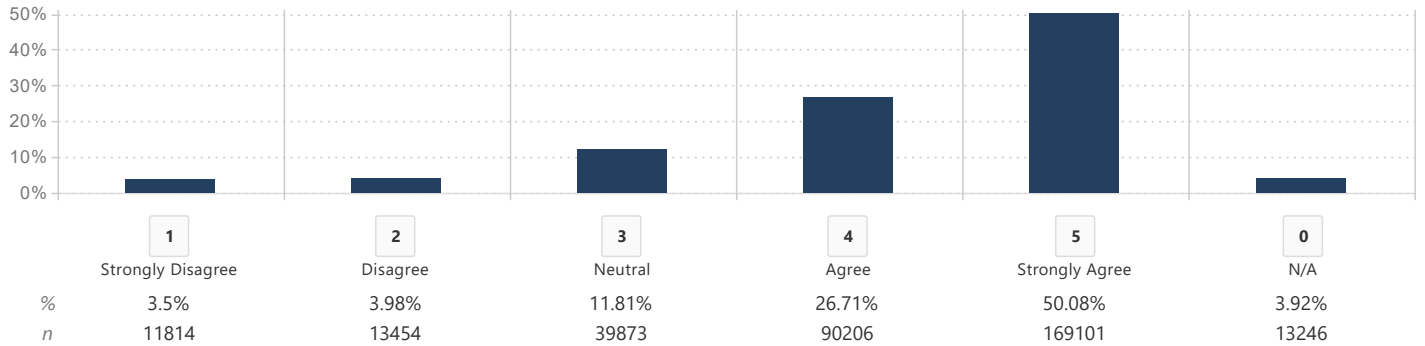
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22719 of 52339 responded (43.41%)

Mean **4.21** / STD **1.05**

Questions (9)

Aggregated Results

- My instructor used technology in ways that helped my learning of concepts and principles.
- This course was appropriately modified for online learning.
- Please answer the following questions related to your course.-The workload and pace were appropriate for the course level.
- Please answer the following questions related to your course.-This course helped me consider connections between course material and other areas of my personal, academic, or professional life.
- Please answer the following questions related to your course.-This course challenged me to think critically about the subject.
- Please answer the following questions related to your course.-This course helped me to communicate clearly about the subject.
- Please answer the following questions related to your course.-This course provided appropriate knowledge in this subject area.
- Please answer the following questions related to your course.-The course assignments reflected what was covered in the course.
- Please answer the following questions related to your course.-The course stimulated my interest in the subject.

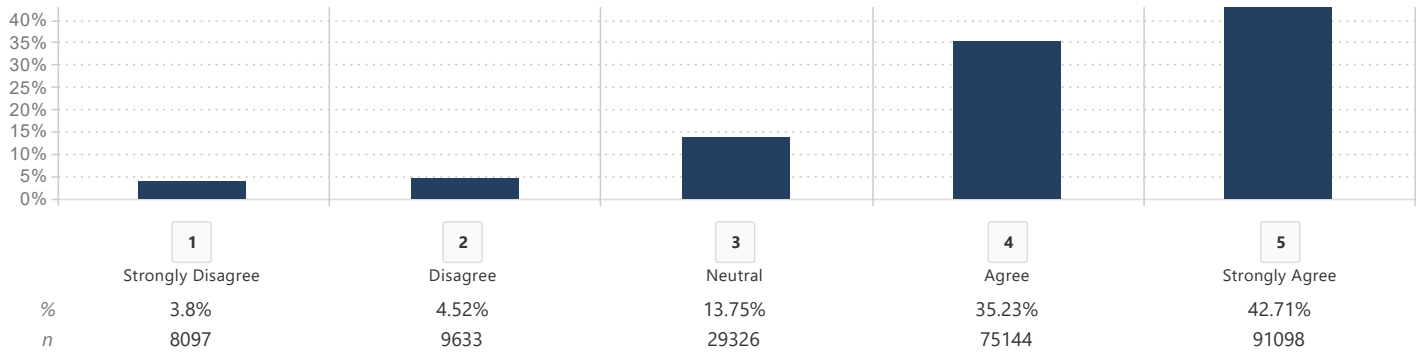
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Mean **4.09** / STD **1.04**

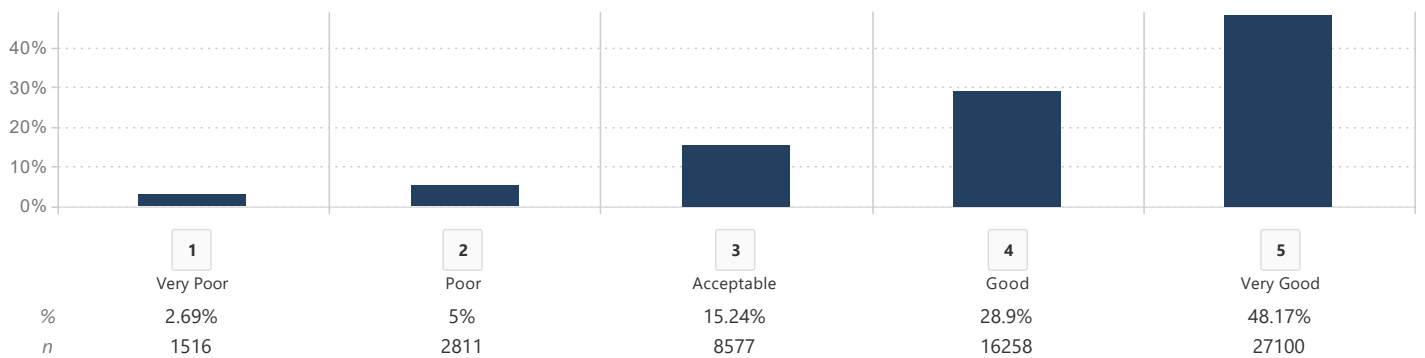
Questions (2)

Aggregated Results

- Overall, this course was...
- Overall, the instructor was... [InstructorName]

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22818 of 52339 responded (43.60%)

Mean **4.15** / STD **1.03**