

Individual Teacher Report for 2017F-SISU-250-003 Env Sustainblty/Global Health (Malini Ranganathan)

American University Input on Teaching from Students (ITS)

Project Audience 21

Responses Received 14

Response Ratio 67%

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Interpretation guidelines

All single-response questions are represented by a rating, or Likert-type scale. The value "7" generally represents a "fulfilled" or positive connotation, while the value "1" generally maintains an unsatisfied connotation.

The value 7 may take one of several forms that include:

- Almost Always
- Very Satisfied
- Strongly Agree

The value 1, conversely, may take one of several forms that include:

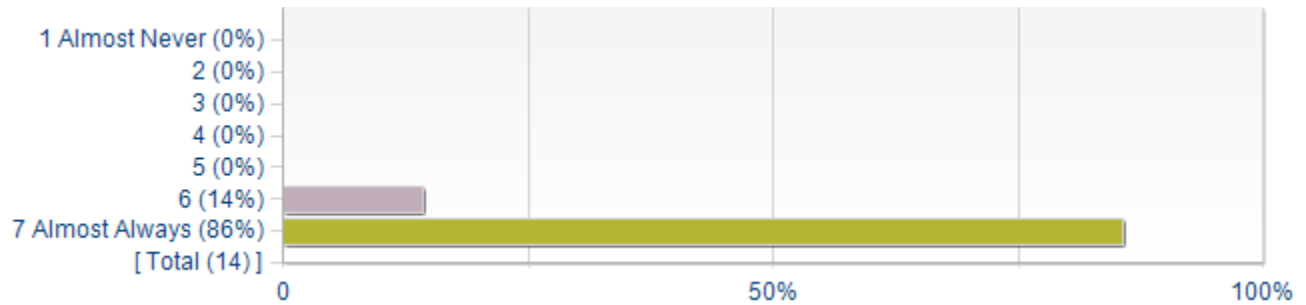
- Almost Never
- Not Satisfied
- Strongly Disagree

Keep in mind that despite completing an evaluation, students were not required to submit answers to every question. As a result, you may notice that the total number of responses is lower on some items than on others. In these cases, the student decided to skip this question. Students also may have skipped the open-ended questions, thus leaving fewer responses in these sections as well.

Teacher	Course
Malini Ranganathan	SISU-250-003 Env Sustainblty/Global Health

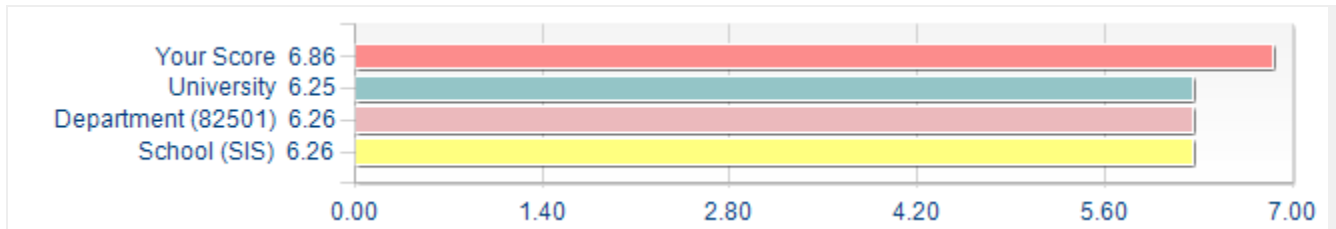
Questions relating to **Malini Ranganathan**

The instructor **Malini Ranganathan** used class time productively.

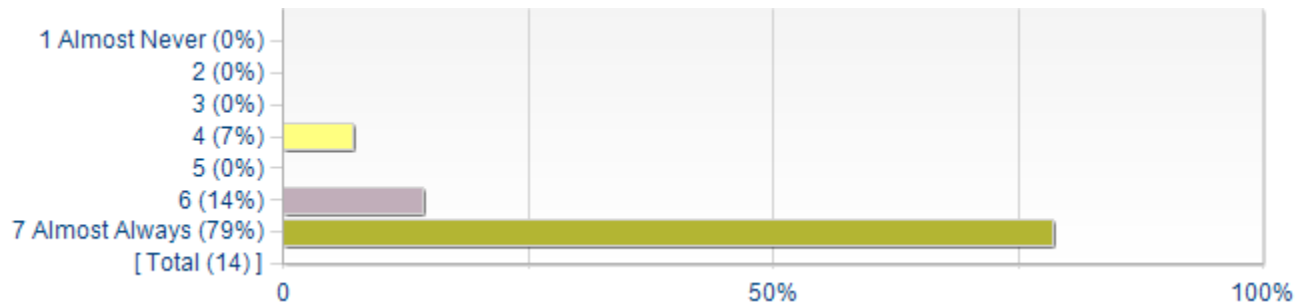


Statistics	Value
Mean	6.86
Standard Deviation	+/-0.36

Comparative Scores:

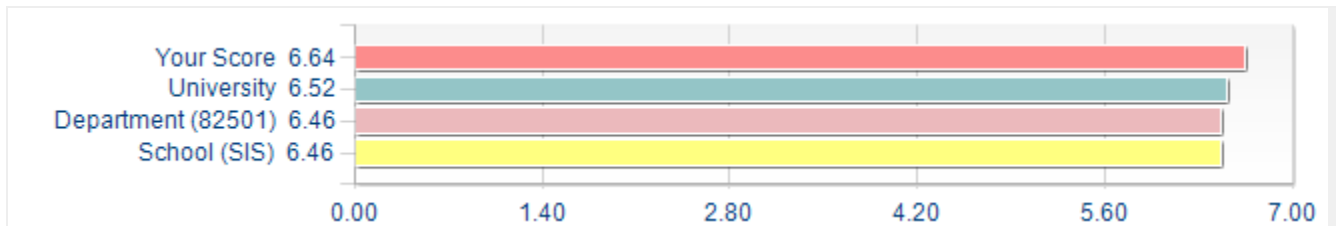


The instructor **Malini Ranganathan** was open to questions and comments.

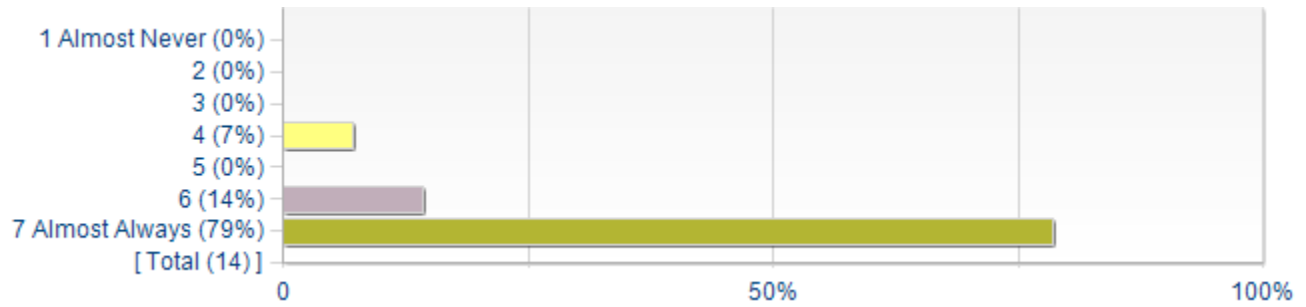


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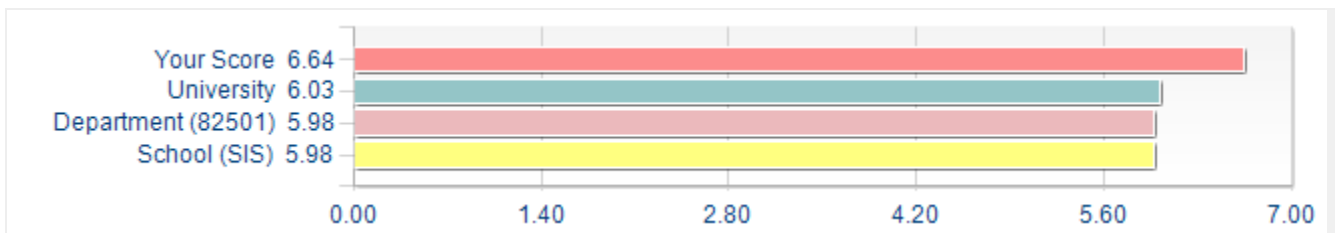


The instructor **Malini Ranganathan** provided useful feedback on tests, papers, discussions, etc.

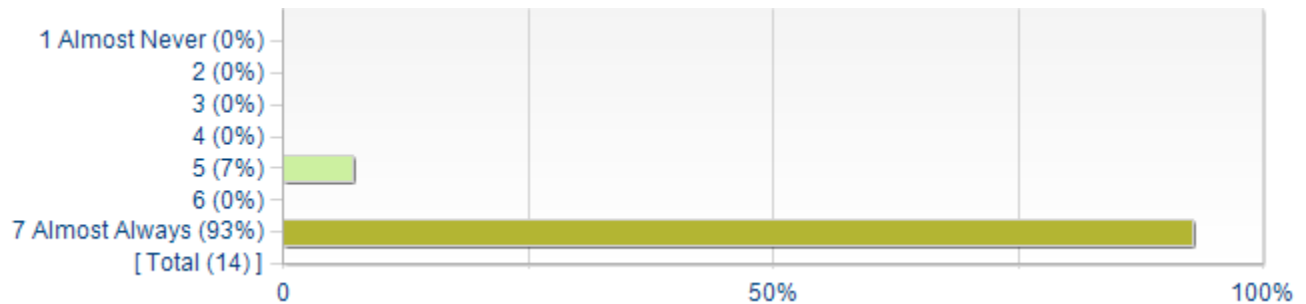


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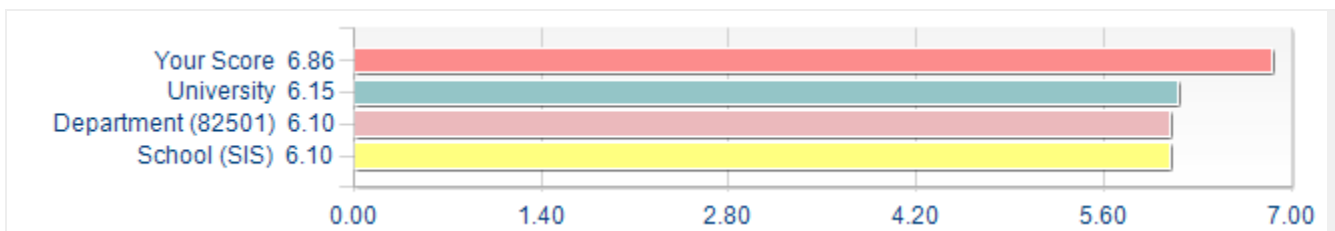


The instructor **Malini Ranganathan** returned work in a timely manner.

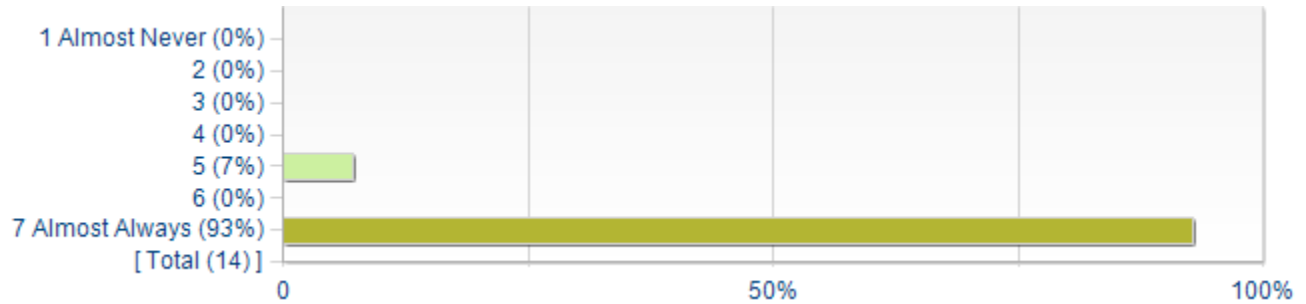


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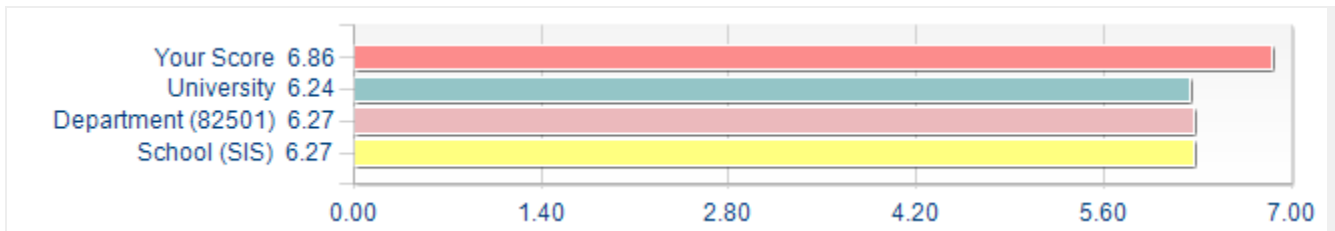


The instructor **Malini Ranganathan** required high levels of performance.

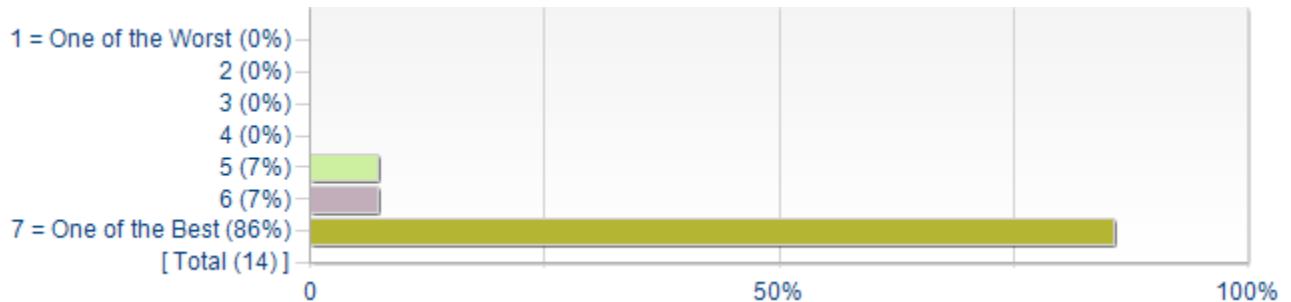


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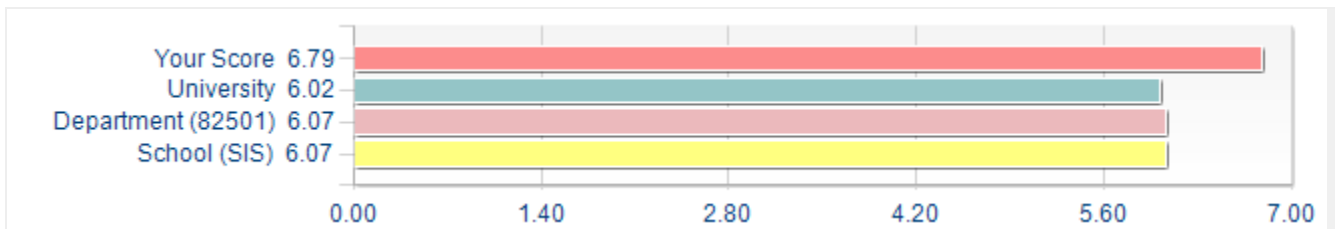


On a scale of one to seven, overall this instructor was...



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Mean	6.79
Standard Deviation	+/-0.58

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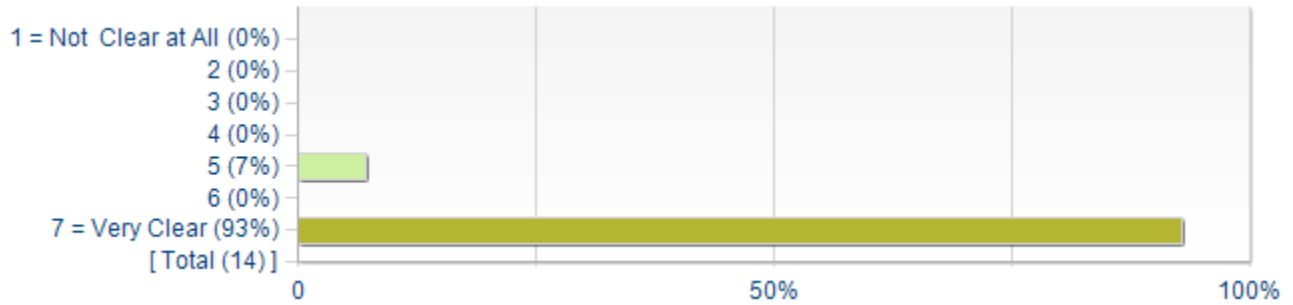
Instructor related questions summary: Top and bottom values

Strengths		
1	The instructor used class time productively.	Instructor 6.86
2	The instructor returned work in a timely manner.	Instructor 6.86

Areas for Improvement		
1	The instructor was open to questions and comments.	Instructor 6.64
2	The instructor provided useful feedback on tests, papers, discussions, etc.	Instructor 6.64

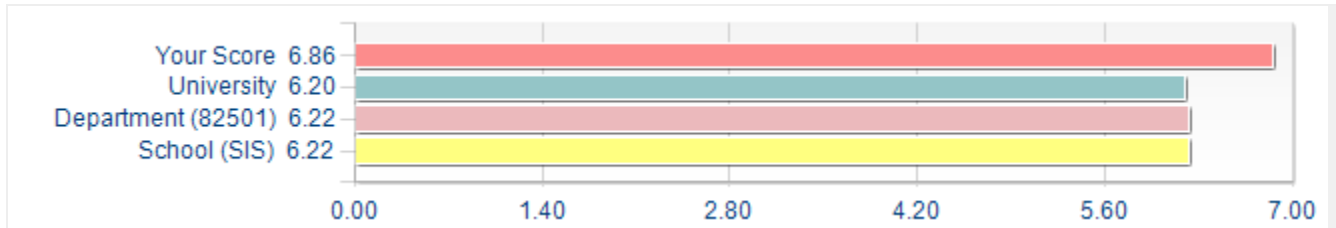
Course Questions

The learning objectives for this course were clear.

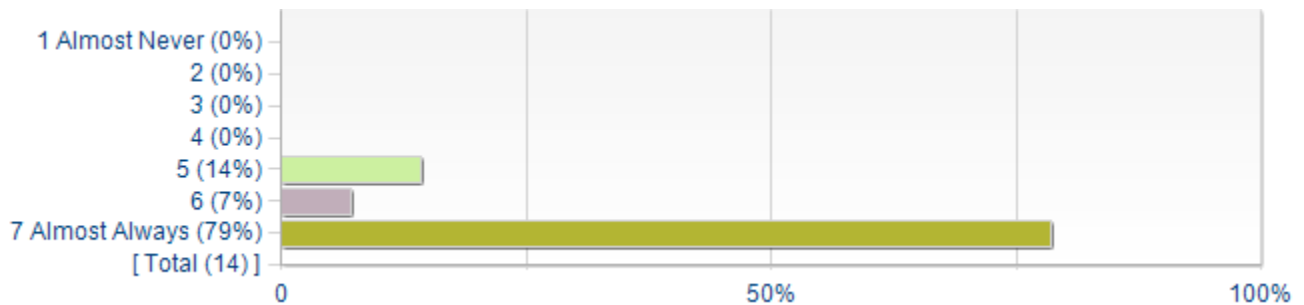


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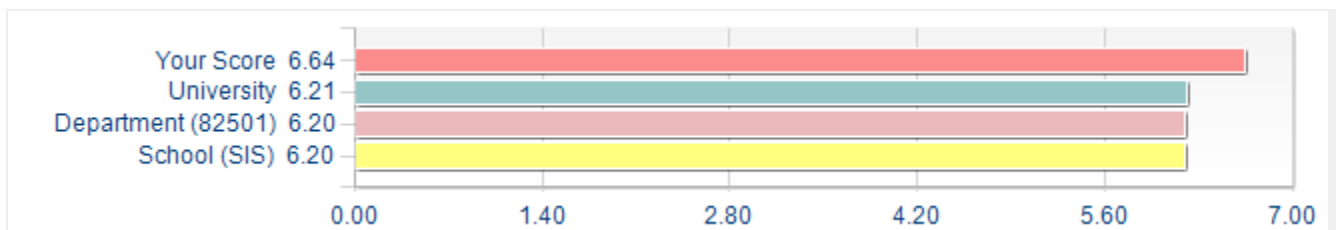


Activities/assignments required for class contributed to meeting the learning objectives for this course.

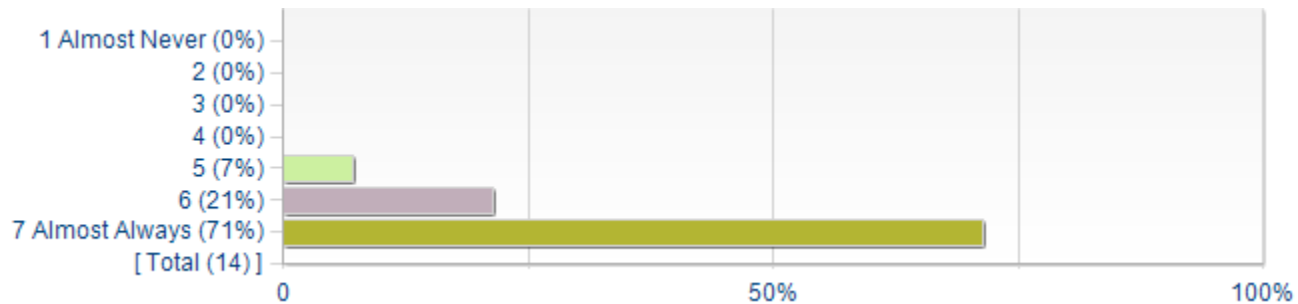


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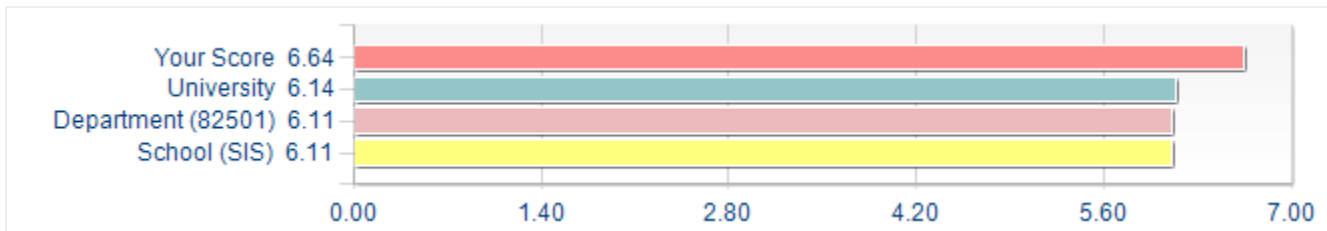


Materials required for this course contributed to meeting the learning objectives.

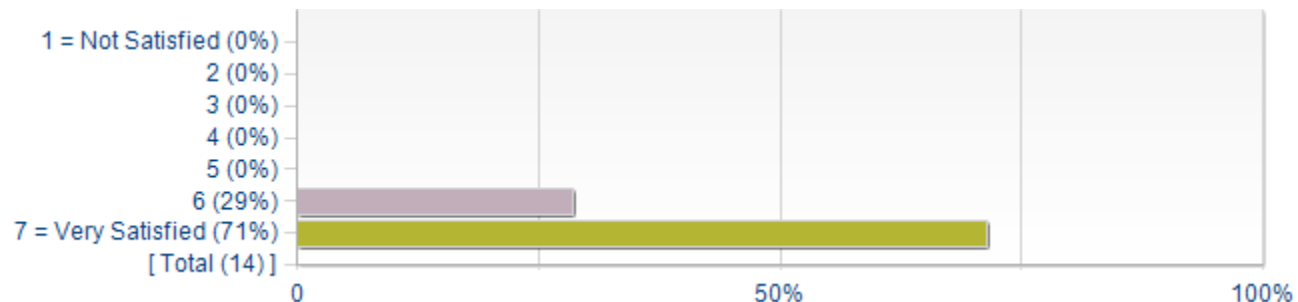


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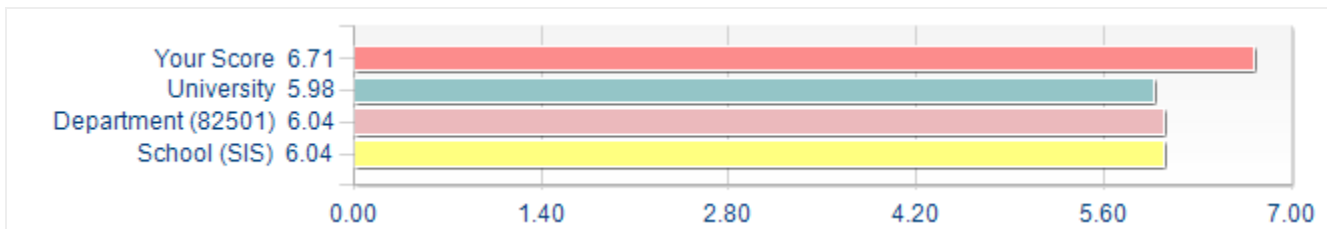


I am satisfied with what I learned in this course.

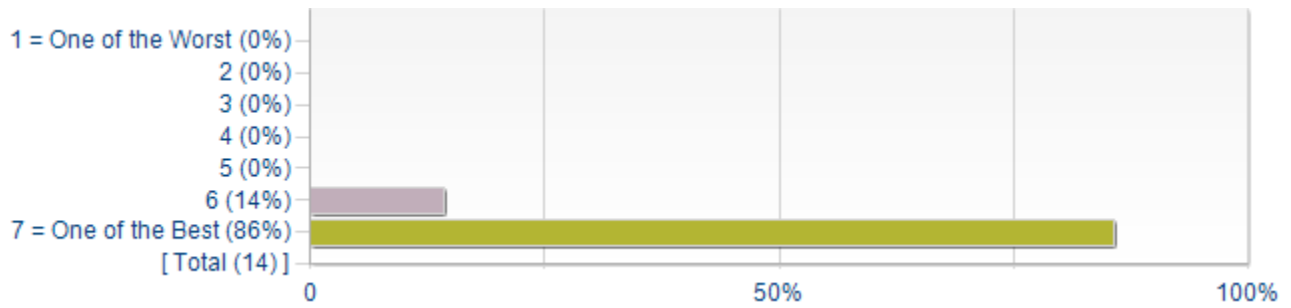


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Mean	6.71
Standard Deviation	+/-0.47

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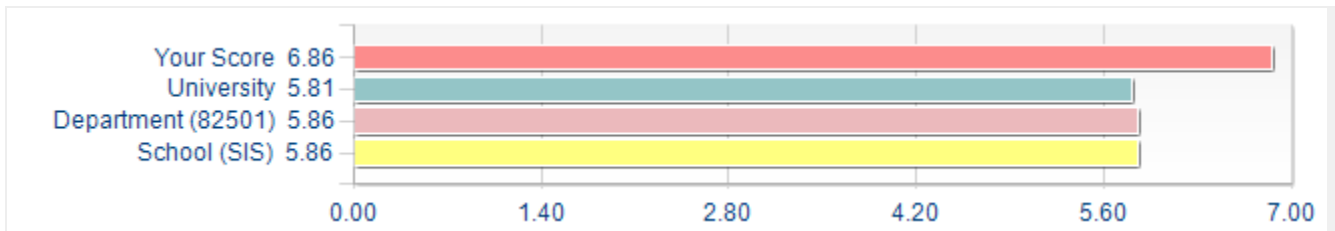


On a scale of one to seven, overall this course was...



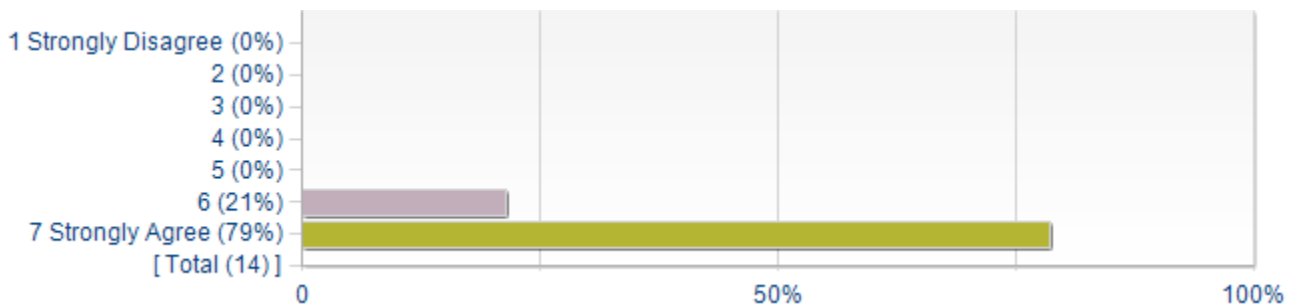
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I learned how perspectives on race, class, and gender can contribute to this field.

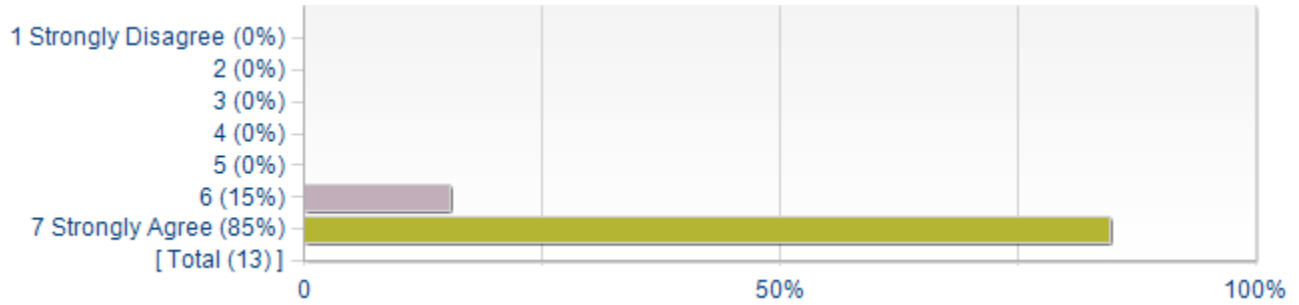
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I learned to think critically about the social dimensions and historical origins of environment and health challenges.

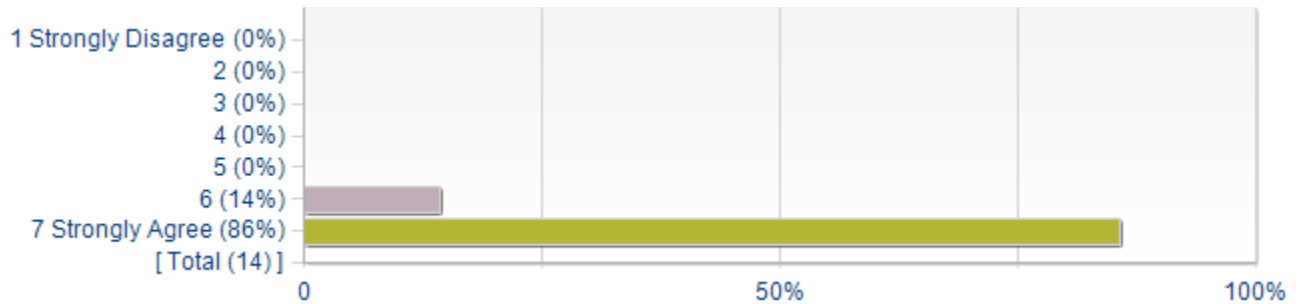
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Mean	6.85
Standard Deviation	+/-0.38

The instructor presents material in an interesting and engaging way.

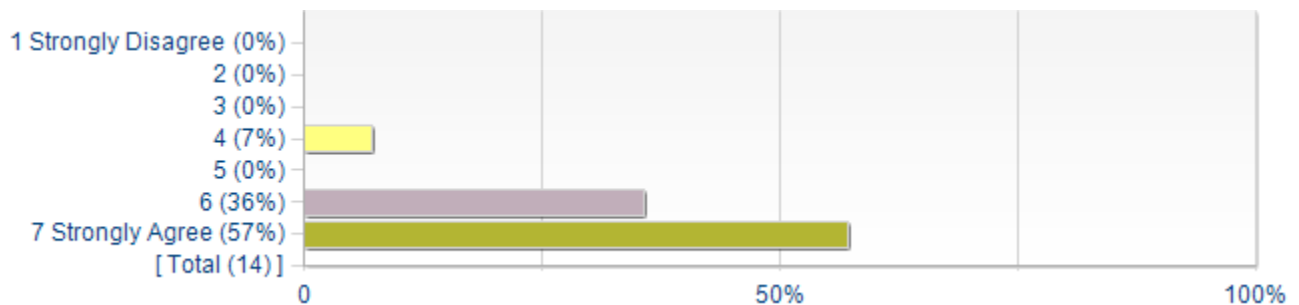
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The reading assignments are worth my time and relevant to the learning objectives of the class.

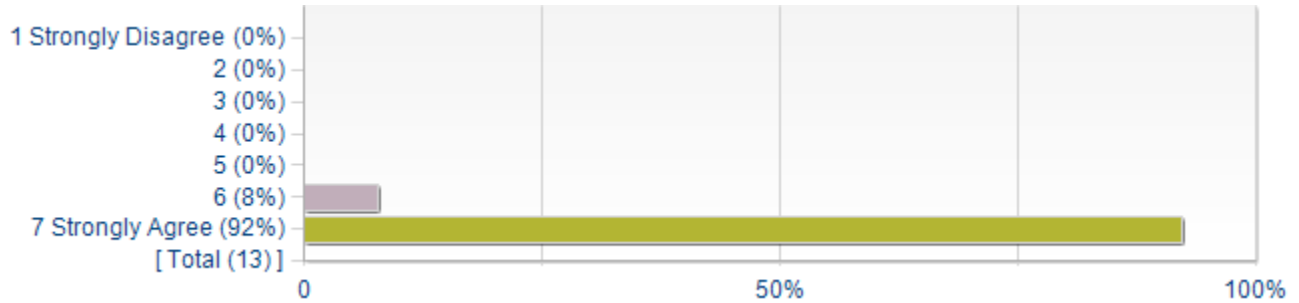
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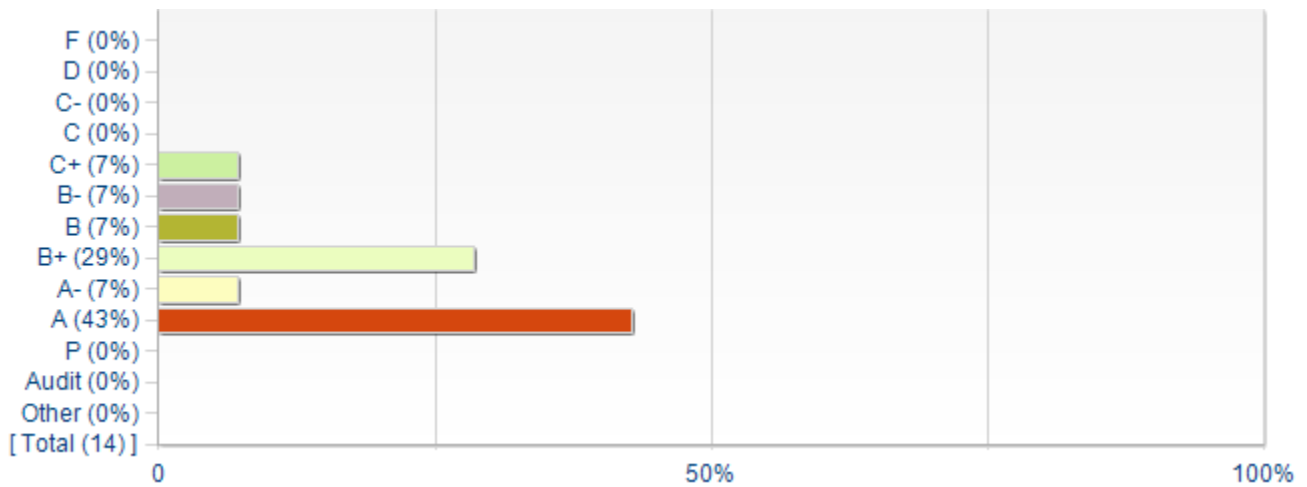
The instructor cares about improving my reading, critical thinking, and writing skills.

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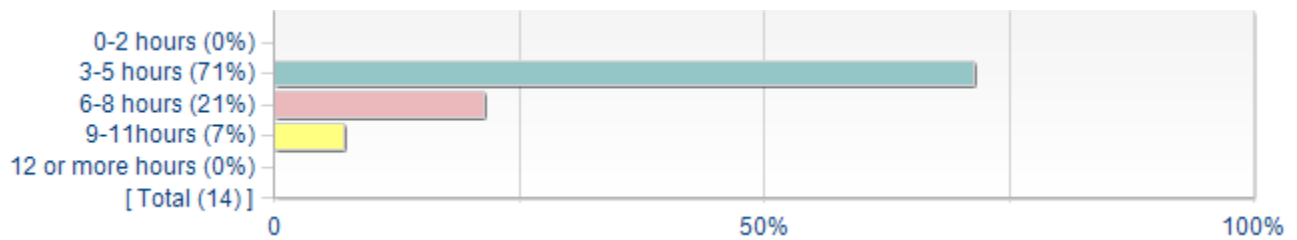


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Standard Deviation	+/-0.28

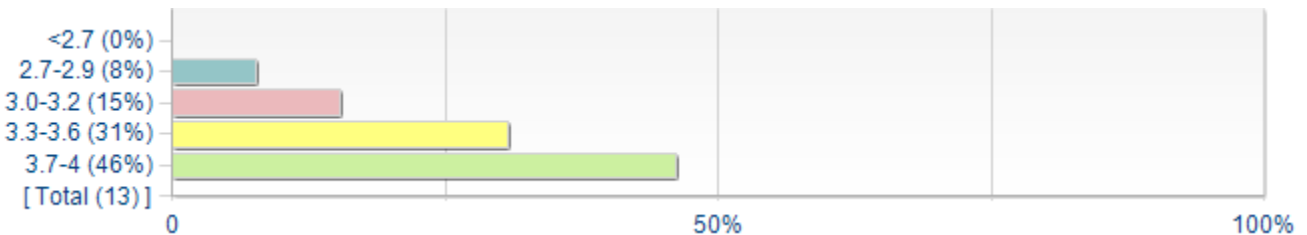
What grade do you expect in this course?



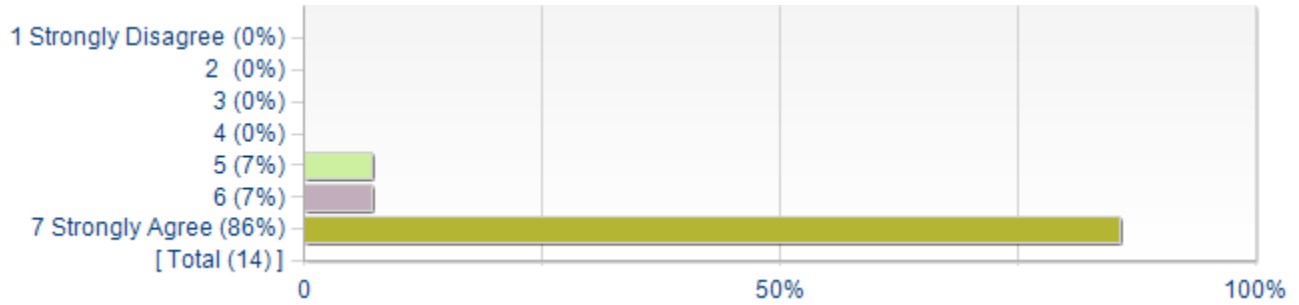
Indicate the average number of hours per week you worked on assignments and studied for this course



Estimated cumulative GPA. First semester students should leave this blank

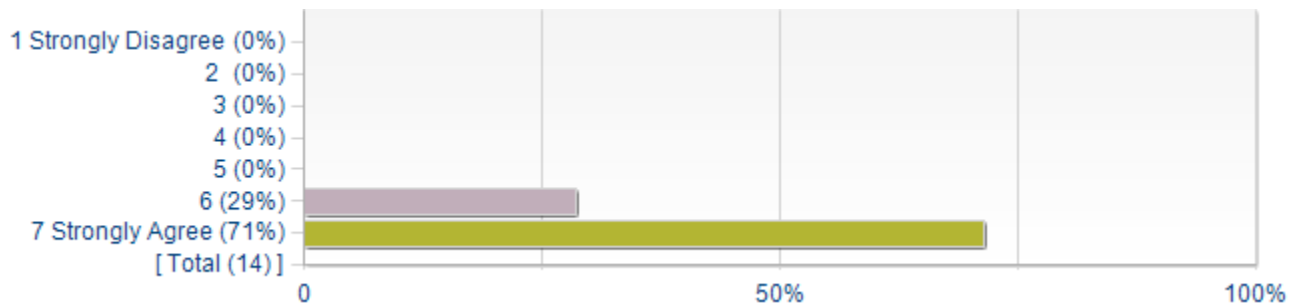


The course syllabus accurately describes the course.



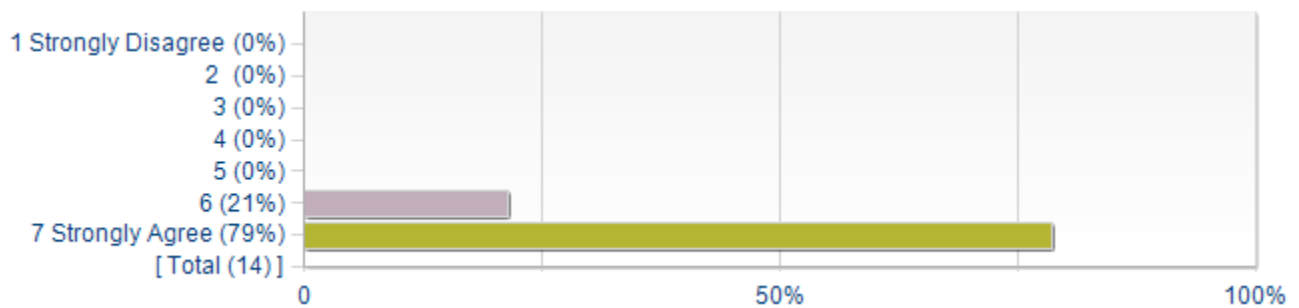
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I improved my ability to identify and analyze problems.



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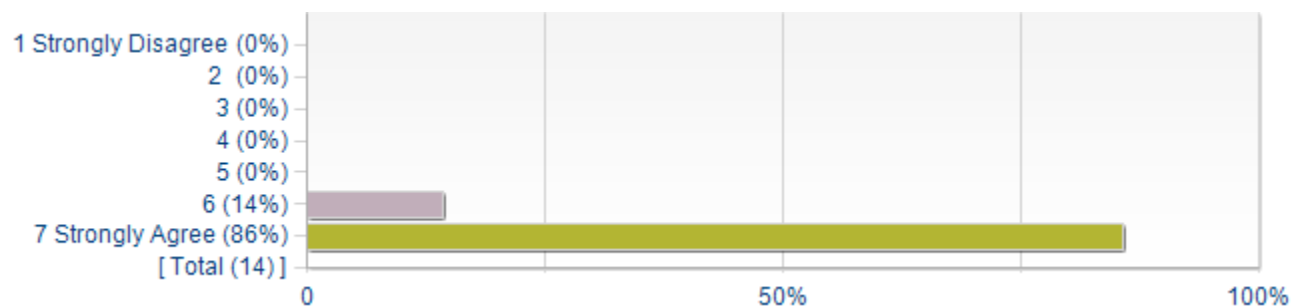
I learned to identify main points and central issues in this field.



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The instructor sets high standards for students.

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Questions relating to **Malini Ranganathan**

What were the strong points of the instructor **Malini Ranganathan**?

Comment
how she framed the class was done in a way that really connected the material to the discourse without leaving us overwhelmed. She was open to questions and provided us with readings that showed different approaches/viewpoints.
Professor Ranganathan is a passionate about this class and course material providing students with valuable information and perspectives. She challenges her students to think critically.
She made every single lecture interesting and engaging. She had interesting readings and lectures.
Professor Ranganathan was incredibly engaged and open to all discussion elements in the class. It was clear from each class the amount of effort she put into the class. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to take a class with her and look forward to learning from her again.
the connections between the topics were strong
great orator, very thoughtful, made herself accessible and easy to talk to
She's an amazing professor and really focuses not just on teaching us different topics but the intersection of them all and how everything connects
Feedback and making sure we understood all of the relationships.
She is always very engaging and interesting during lectures. She really prompts everyone to think critically and allows for everyones thoughts and opinions to be heard. She is one of the best professors I've had at AU.
Professor Ranganathan is a prime example of one of the best that American University has to offer. She genuinely cares about her students, embodies professionalism, and holds herself to the same expectations that she holds her students. Not to mention, she proves again and again she's an expert in her field.
Well organized; helped to understand the connection between environment and global health better. Helpful inside/outside of class; open to questions and to help any students in need. Very knowledgeable; always knew what she talked about and was able to teach it very well.
Her passion for Environmental Sustainability and Global Health topics and all the intersection she presents across identities and issues coupled with her educational background and past + current work experience/research foster amazing discussion space for flows of knowledge, awareness, and growth in this course.
Professor Ranganathan did an excellent job of exposing us to the many different topics of environmental sustainability and global health with considerable depth within the short time frame of a single semester. She did an excellent job of explaining what was often very complex material in a way that made perfect sense to me as someone without any background in this field. She was very attentive to students' needs, and clearly invested in our learning.
PROFESSOR RANGANATHAN IS SO FREAKING COOL IF SHE WANTS TENURE IT SHOULD BE PLACED AT HER FEET WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE SHOULD BE ONLY GRATEFUL THAT SHE DOESN'T LEAVE US FOR SOMETHING BETTER. Also please pay all of these incredible teachers more. Look at the teachers that continue to have bomb (meaning incredible) reviews on rate my professor and things like that and up their pay. Our professors who aren't tenured yet shouldn't have to work so many jobs!
Every professor should go to Professor Ranganathan for help if they need advice on how to teach. Also probably life advice because Ranganathan is awesome like that.
Okay so for real she is one of the best professors. Okay now specifically: - Professor Malini Ranganathan is super cool and knowledgable and she cares about what her students have to say and their lives beyond the class, and she's also extremely organized - the way in which she speaks is never boring - she doesn't drone. Her voice has inflection that helps student comprehension.

What were the weak points of the instructor **Malini Ranganathan**?

Comment
maybe should space out her office hours
not a single one

N/A

Sometimes the readings weren't brought up in class

none, she's perfect

idk. I'm a big fan

Sometimes aggressive within responses in class and targeting students when they are wrong.

Sometimes gave too much reading

NONE that I can think of. She was the highlight of my semester.

I see no weak points

I cannot think of any. She was an excellent instructor.

honestly??? i don't even know.

Perhaps she should name-drop her full name a few more times so everyone knows how to pronounce it for sure. Most people know I think but still.

Yeah but that's it.

Oh also we want to know more about your family. The little tidbits of information we get about your son, for example are so great.

P.S. Thank you for giving us so many opportunities to succeed even though that means more grading for you.

Please share any suggested improvements for the instructor **Malini Ranganathan**.

Comment

Wished there was more time dedicated to class for the group-led discussions. Those were really helpful and just another 2 minutes or so would have been lovely!

A suggestion is to make more time for discussion and debates about the topics and readings in the course.

Impossible to improve!

impossible, how could improve the ideal?

I wish she was teaching a class next semester

The only thing I would suggest is make more opportunities for her students to talk to her. Maybe more office hours? I wish I had been able to visit her more.

There are NONE

Keep doing what you're doing! Thank you for a great course.

I'm really thinking because I think Professor Ranganathan is amazing and I want her to reach her fullest potential as a human being but I can't think of anything.

OH the midterm was a little long. The content was good but yes, the mid-term was long. That would be where Professor Ranganathan could improve.

What were the strong points of the course?

Comment

course readings and assignments, they were sprinkled into the course very well

This course was interesting and challenged me to think critically

the professor, the readings, lectures, intersectionalities of various topics

the combination of health and environment

readings, lectures

I loved this course. It was the most intellectually stimulating class I've ever had. All the readings and class discussions were so interesting. I also loved how well organized the class schedule was so that everything we learned played off and related to what we'd learned before.

It was so focused on the intersection of so many different fields and frameworks. I really gained a good understanding of not only the terminology and issues of environmental sustainability and global health, but how they intersect other fields and their historical contexts.

Everyday was interesting, films were used effectively, and discussions were always helpful and eye-opening.

It gives a very well rounded introduction to the world and the environment and health tied to it along with other intersectional views and topics that fit within the international view of environmental sustainability and global health.

Exposed me to new ways of thinking, such as political ecology, in which I now have a strong personal interest.

This was my favorite course that I've ever taken at American University and quite possibly ever.... yes ever.

I loved the structure of the class, the quizzes were excellently structured (like timing-wise and the way they were worded), the discussion portion of class is always incredible, your lectures were engaging (which is so so so important because so often the discussions in class are some of the only interesting parts but you're lectures were on-point).

What were the weak points of the course?

Comment

Less movies or make movies outside of class. Felt they took up too much class time but discussion of movies wasn't substantial enough to warrant spending a whole class on viewing.

There was limited amount of discussion in each clas

readings sometimes didn't make sense

can't think of any

I kind of wish the class size was smaller so that we could have more class discussions with everyone putting in input but I also think everyone should take this class.

Perhaps allot more time for discussion?

None

This might be too much work for you but perhaps it might be helpful for writing the short paper if we turned in the introduction part maybe a week before to kind of get a grasp on everything? That may be babying us too much. It was very helpful for us to have to come to class with some sources that we'd like to use and an understanding of how we need to use them.

Please share any suggested improvements for the course.

Comment

More suggested readings!

none

More discussion time?

None

Give Professor Ranganathan everything she needs to do whatever she wants so she can help us become as incredible as she is. I don't know if she's asked for stuff in the past but you should just sign off on it. I don't know what else she could do but... she's really smart I think she'd think of things. But that's the great part, right?? The fact that if she had unlimited resources she really would choose to dedicate them to help us grow. She's invested in our longterm development, you know?