

Individual Report for GRMN 390-01: Special Topics in German (Corey Twitchell)

College of Charleston Course-Instructor Evaluations (Spring 2015)

Project Audience 16

Responses Received 11

Response Ratio 68.8%

Report Comments

Term: Spring 2015

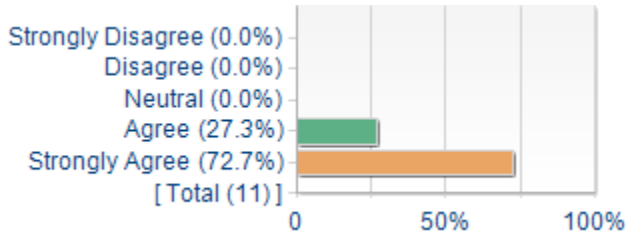
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Summary

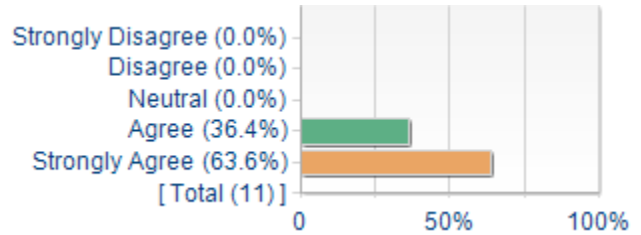
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Course materials were well-prepared and carefully explained.	4.7	5.0	0.5	4.6	5.0	0.7	4.3	4.0	0.9
Course objectives were clearly stated and pursued.	4.6	5.0	0.5	4.6	5.0	0.7	4.3	5.0	0.9
Assignments, tests, and written work in the course reflected the content and emphasis of the course.	4.7	5.0	0.5	4.6	5.0	0.6	4.3	5.0	0.8
Required readings/texts were valuable.	4.9	5.0	0.3	4.4	5.0	0.8	4.1	4.0	1.0
Methods used for evaluating student work were fair and appropriate.	4.8	5.0	0.4	4.6	5.0	0.7	4.3	4.0	0.9
Feedback on graded assignments was valuable.	4.8	5.0	0.4	4.6	5.0	0.7	4.2	4.0	1.0
I found this course intellectually challenging and stimulating.	4.8	5.0	0.4	4.5	5.0	0.7	4.2	4.0	0.9
I have developed my skills and knowledge.	4.9	5.0	0.3	4.6	5.0	0.7	4.3	4.0	0.9
Students were encouraged to share knowledge and ideas.	5.0	5.0	0.0	4.6	5.0	0.6	4.3	5.0	0.9
This course increased my interest in the subject.	4.8	5.0	0.4	4.3	5.0	0.9	3.9	4.0	1.2
The instructor showed enthusiasm for teaching the subject.	4.9	5.0	0.3	4.8	5.0	0.5	4.6	5.0	0.7
The instructor showed interest in the learning and development of the students.	5.0	5.0	0.0	4.7	5.0	0.6	4.4	5.0	0.8
The instructor was adequately accessible to students during office hours or after class.	4.5	5.0	0.7	4.6	5.0	0.6	4.4	5.0	0.9
Overall this instructor is an effective teacher.	5.0	5.0	0.0	4.6	5.0	0.7	4.3	5.0	0.9
Overall, this is a good course.	4.9	5.0	0.3	4.6	5.0	0.7	4.2	4.0	1.0
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Organization

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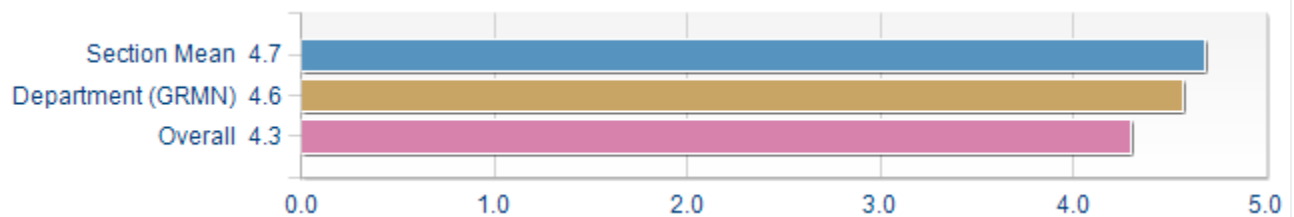
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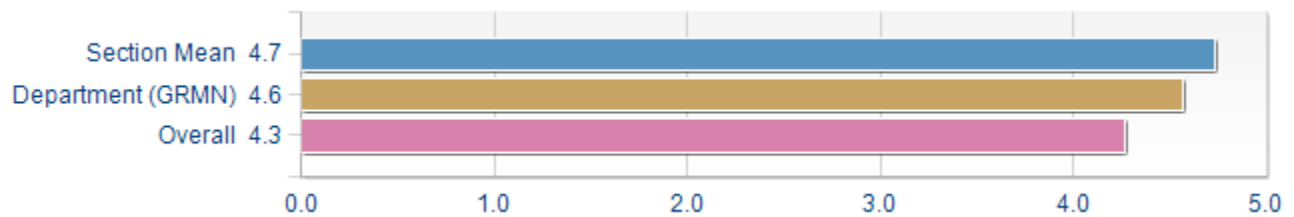
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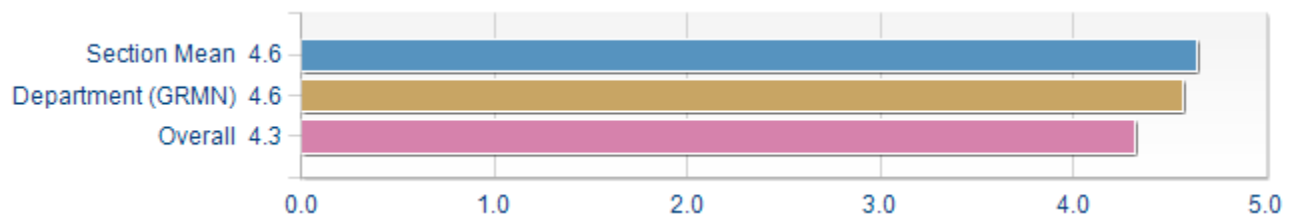
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Comments on organization:

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Well organized and willing to switch around assignments without much of a fuss, which was appreciated.

This class is well organized, no complaints or suggestions.

Anytime something was changed, we got a new syllabus or it was clearly explained by the instructor!

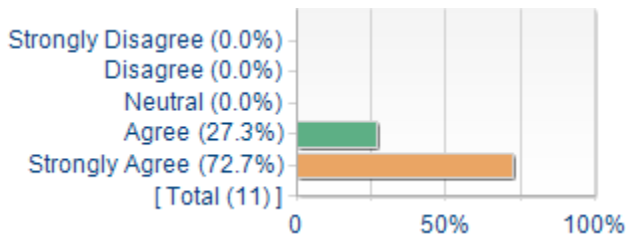
The course was very organized. The readings and written assignments were always uploaded onto Oaks in a timely manner and the syllabus explained everything that was due throughout the semester along with the due dates.

Professor Twitchell came to class each day, prepared with materials to discuss each story in class.

each assignment had lots of discussion time and a written assignment with it

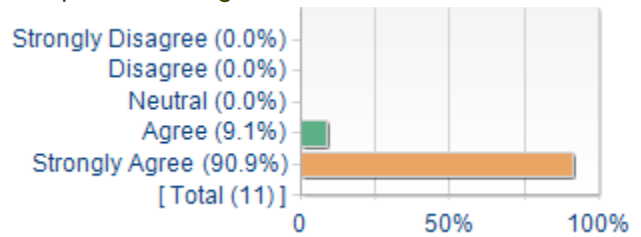
Assignments

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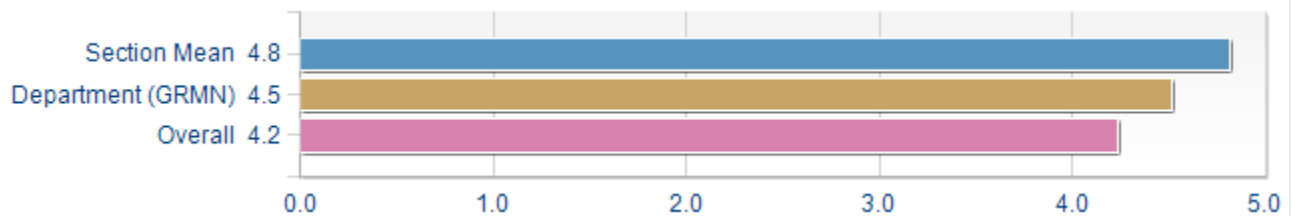
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2. Required readings/texts were valuable.

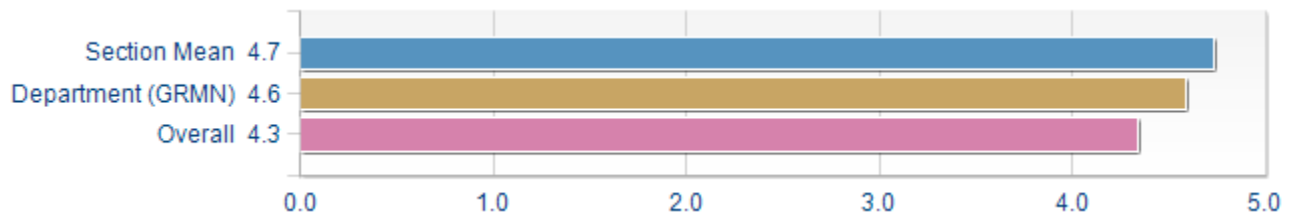


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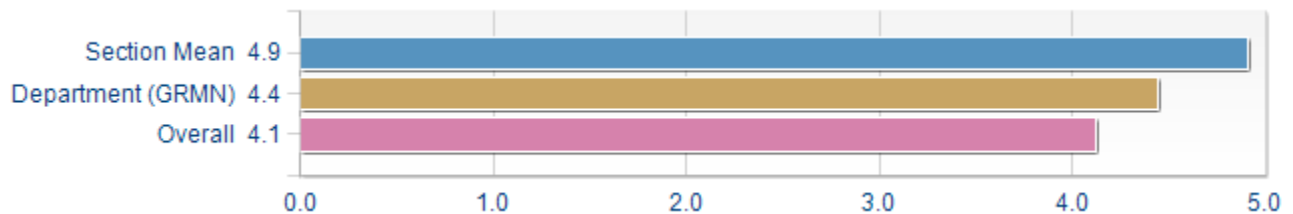
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Comments on assignments:

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Very informative assignments that asked questions which helped to explain the text(s) well.

While I liked some readings more than others, I'm glad that I was forced to read so many of Kafka's works, as well as works from those who inspired and were inspired by him.

The assignments all pertained to class, and were all very interesting.

Assignments were the highlight!

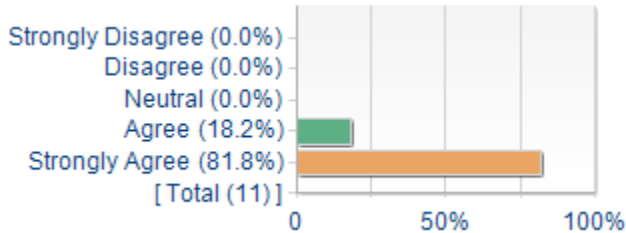
We had readings for every class period along with written assignments on those readings. Then, in class we would discuss the readings as a class, so it was vital to read the readings.

All texts were important to our gaining of knowledge of Kafka and aided our understanding of, not only his writing and writing style, but also his personal life.

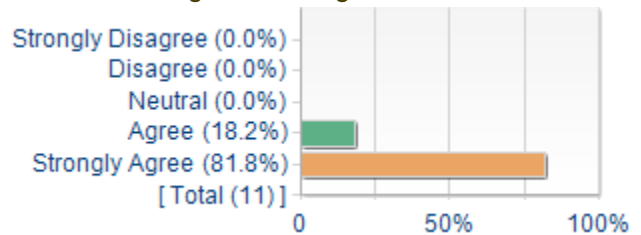
the midterm and all homework and projects were clearly defined and pursued and the readings and the homework with the readings all went together very well

Grading

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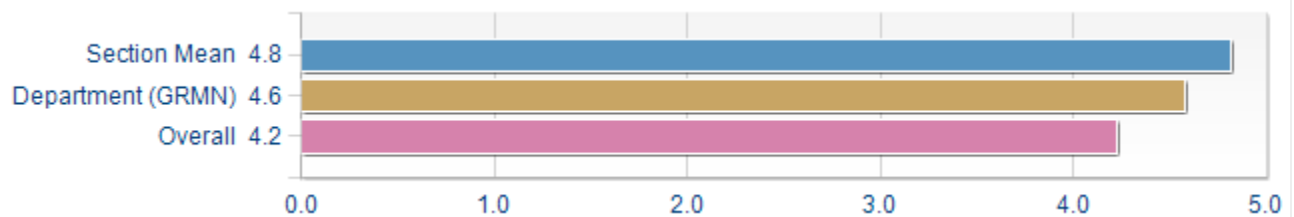
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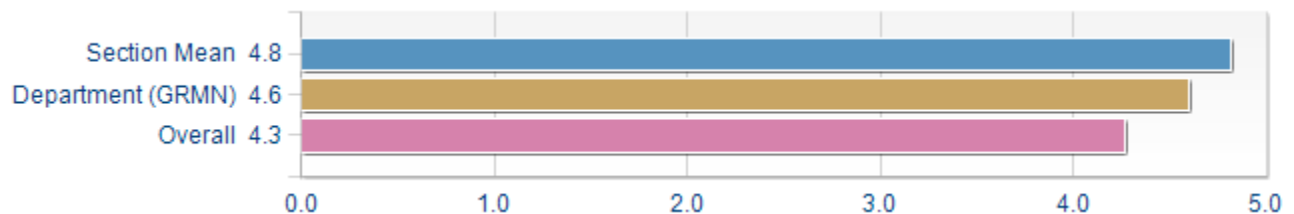
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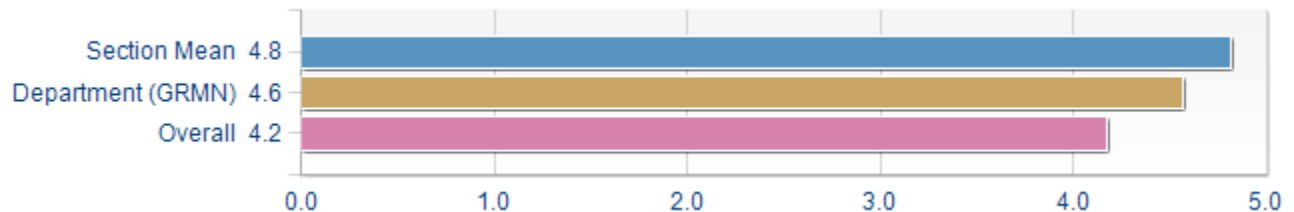
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Comments on grading:

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Very fair in grading and I never felt that he expected more out of us that we could provide.

His assignments were always straight forward. The assignments that went along with each reading made it much easier to understand each piece. His midterm was difficult but doable if you studied. And I feel that the final project for the class is a great ending to a class about Kafka.

A very constructive grader.

Fair grading. Could have been a little tougher :)

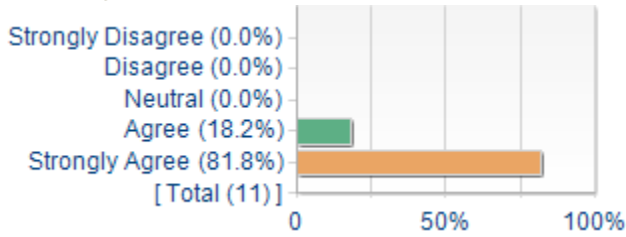
The grading was very fair. He always gave comments and corrections for all graded assignments. These corrections and comments really helped improve my German.

Professor Twitchell always provided valuable, fair feedback for assignments.

the midterm feedback was especially valuable and have insight to things I may have missed or misinterpreted

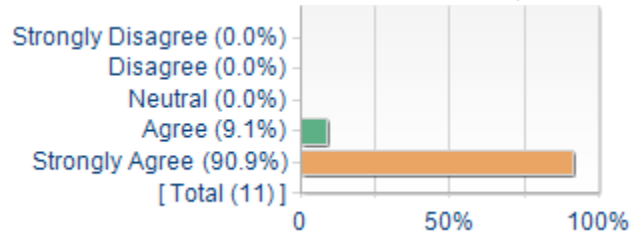
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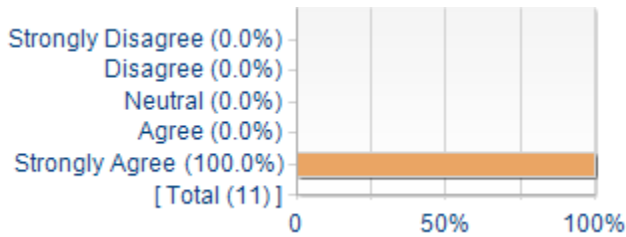
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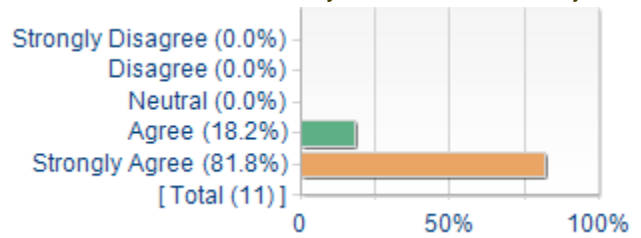
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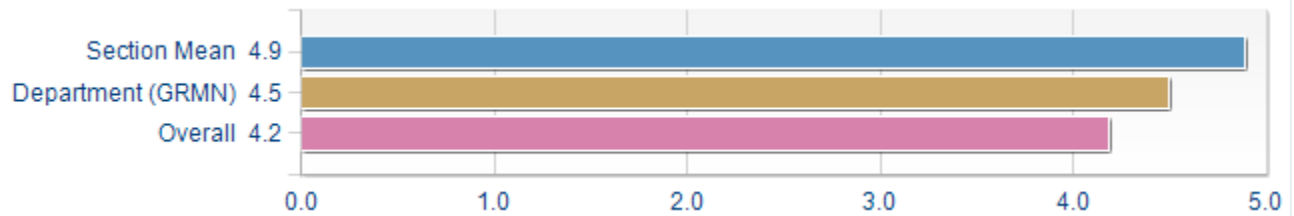
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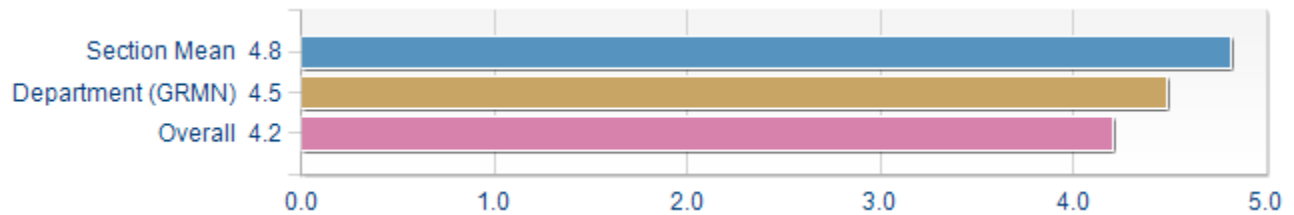
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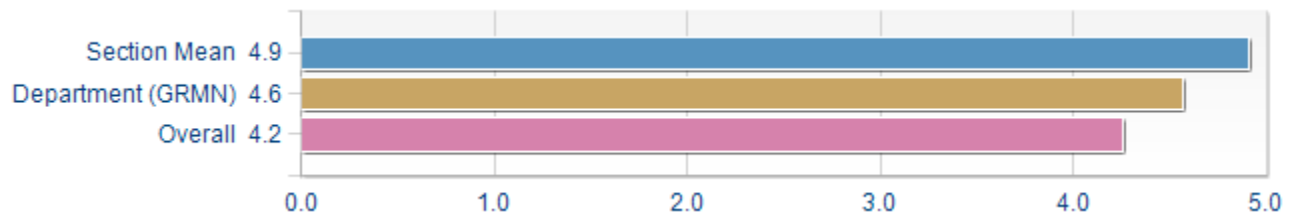
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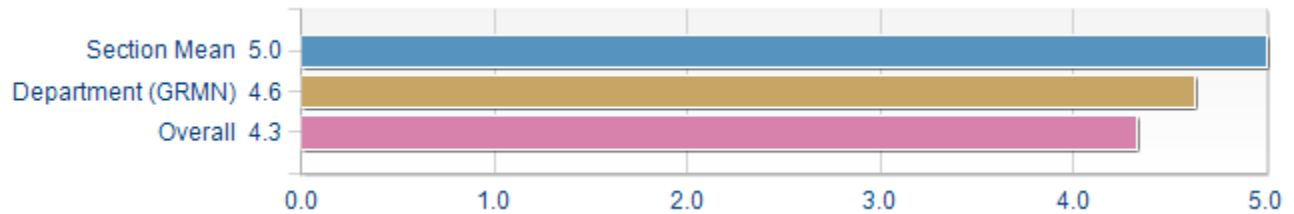
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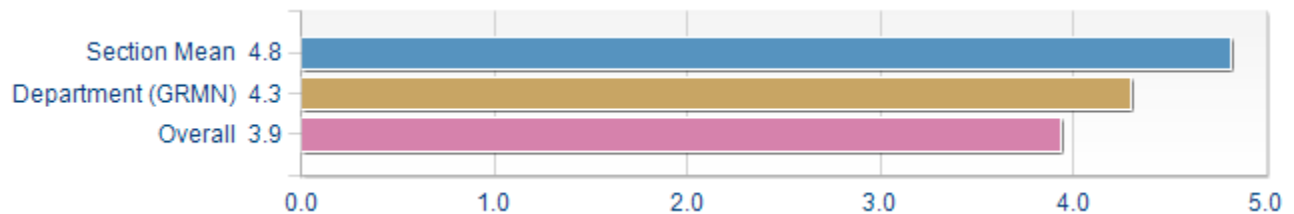
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Comments on learning:

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Usually I'm not that crazy about German literature but Prof. Twitchell made it so much fun and interesting especially when we were reading Kafka as graphic novels. It was great!

I learned a lot not only about Kafka but about general German literature as well. Very interesting class overall.

Before this class I had only read *Die Verwandlung*, so that was how I had defined Kafka in my mind. At the end of this class, I have learned that there are so many more interesting pieces from him. I would even say that *Die Verwandlung* is no longer my favorite Kafka piece. I find myself very fascinated by *Ein Landarzt*.

Learned a ton....Fantastic instructor. We will miss you!

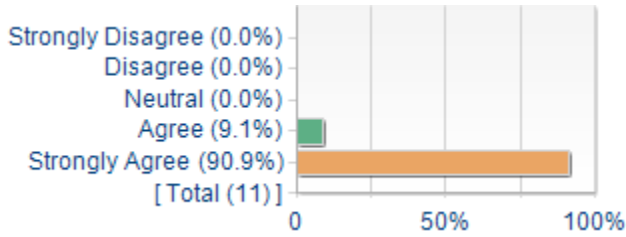
I absolutely loved this class. Franz Kafka as a person and as a writer is so complex, so learning about his personal and public life was very intriguing and fascinating for me. All of the readings were very thought provoking and allowed the class to have many intellectual, and somewhat philosophical, discussions.

Everyone in the class contributed to a positive learning environment. Professor Twitchell facilitated discussions and thoroughly explained all texts so that we could understand them completely.

Kafka is tricky in English so this course gave me a run for my money but overall twitchell is a great professor and I learned a lot regardless of how hard it was for me to read certain selections

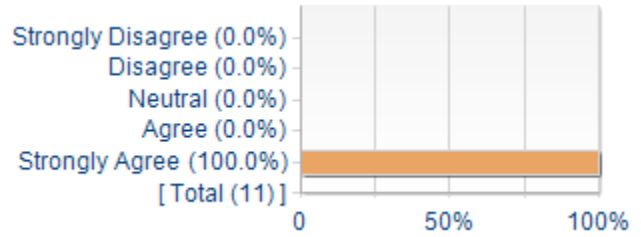
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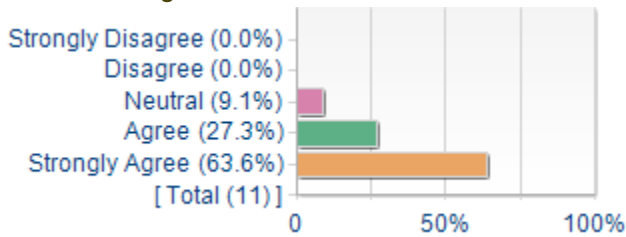
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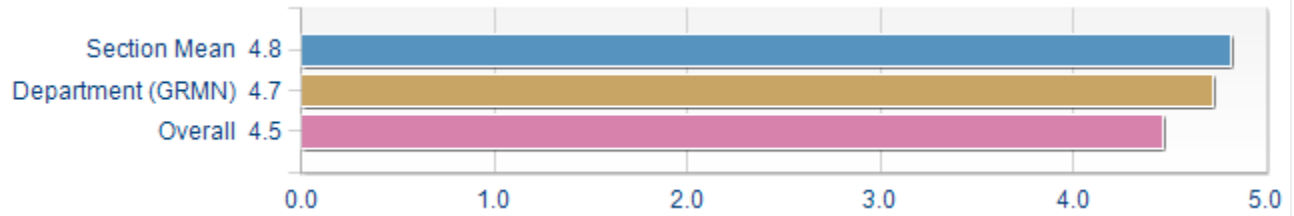
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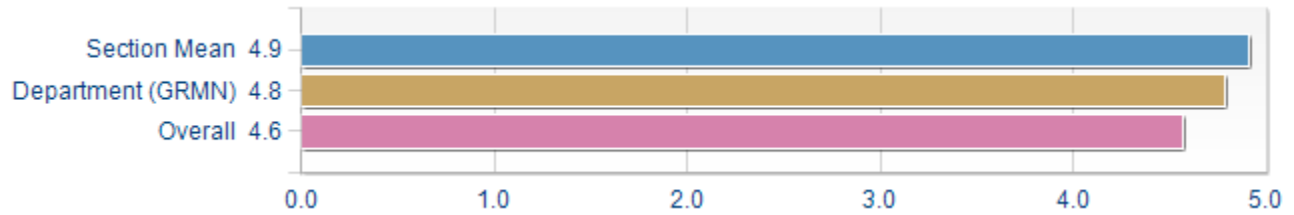
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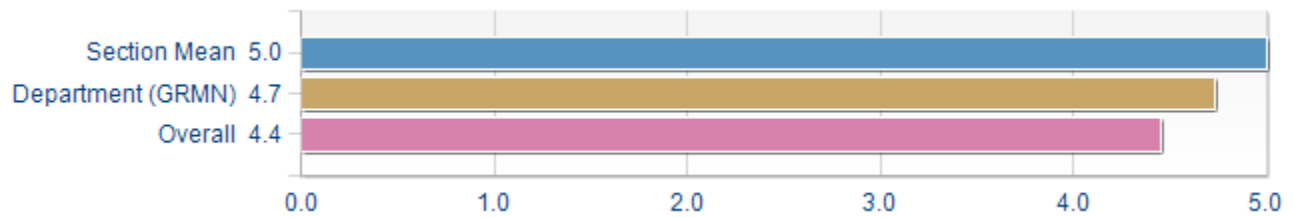
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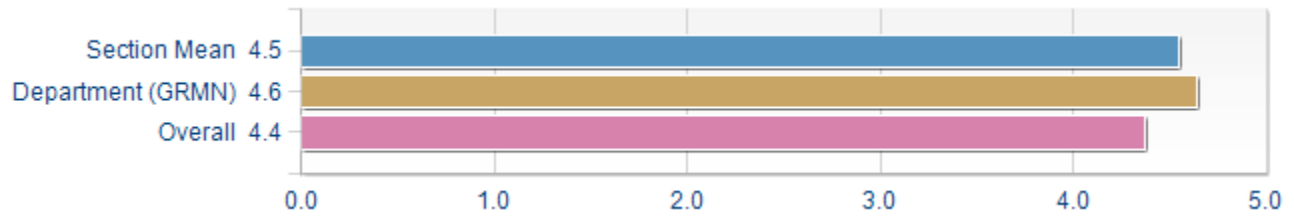
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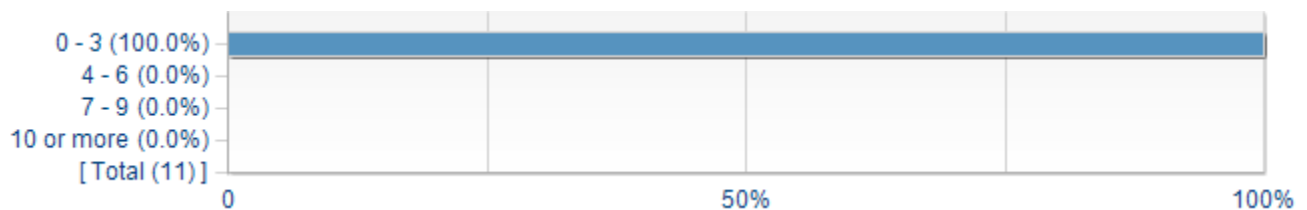
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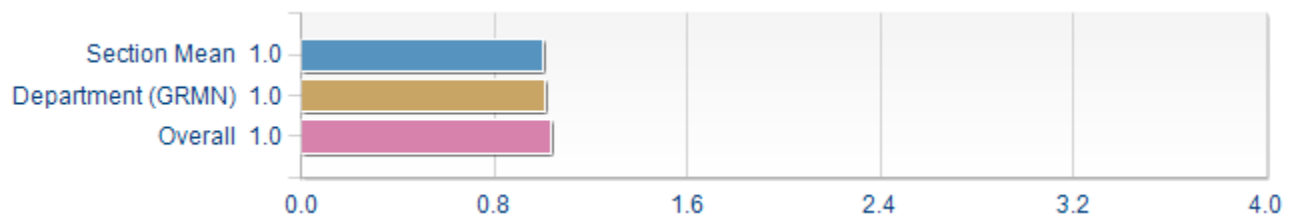
3. The instructor was adequately accessible to students during office hours or after class.



How many classes has the professor missed in this course?



Overall



Comments on instructor

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Very approachable and friendly. Professor Twitchell brought energy to class in the best way possible.

So much fun and interactive, makes students feel comfortable and is really personable and happy all the time.

Always kept the class interesting and fun. Could have been an extremely drawn out hour+ class but it never really felt that way.

Twitchell is a great professor. I heard many good things about him from classmates that took a class with him last semester. He was very enthusiastic about the material throughout the course and always welcomed our thoughts and interpretations. I can say that the German department is lucky to have him.

Dr. Twitchell is the bomb!

His class was extremely interesting and educational, and mentally stimulation. The assignments where fairly long and tough, but never to the point of creating a feeling of disgruntlement or helplessness.

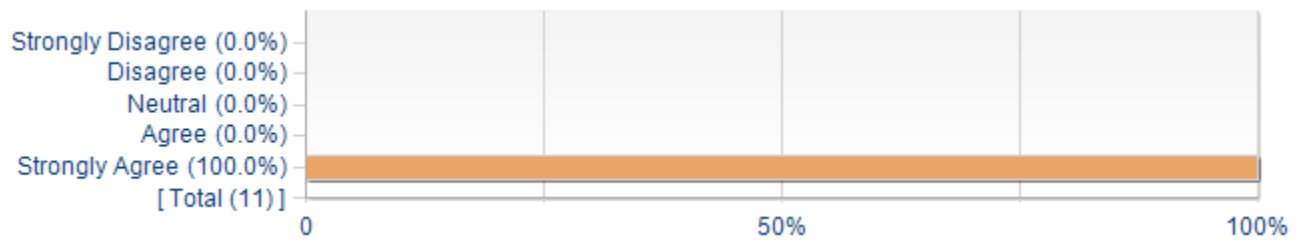
Simply amazing!

Dr. Twitchell is obviously interested and cares a lot about his students. He is very open in letting us give ideas and he really and truly wants his students to learn and to gain knowledge from the readings.

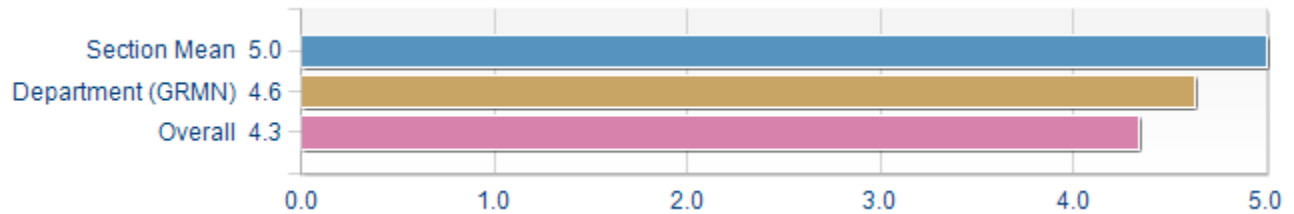
Professor Twitchell has a broad knowledge of all things Kafka and seemed enthusiastic while teaching about this topic.

I never had to go to office hours hence my neutral response

Overall this instructor is an effective teacher.



Overall



Comments on teaching

Comment

Professor was very good at tying in concepts that otherwise would not have been seen. On the rare occasion that the class got off topic, Herr Twitchell knew how to rein it back in fluidly.

Made sure we all understood what was going on and encouraged us to speak up if anything did not make sense.

He is a very nice person, eager to hear your opinion and to let you know his.

He seemed very enthusiastic about both the course itself and what we the students gained from it.

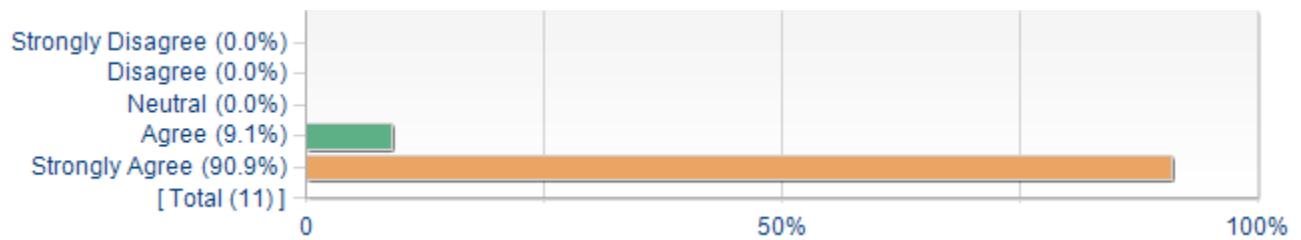
Wonderful teaching style. Very passionate and engaging, personable so the students feel welcome to participate

He is great. He creates a fun, relaxing and judge-free atmosphere, which allows the students to feel open and willing to participate in the discussion.

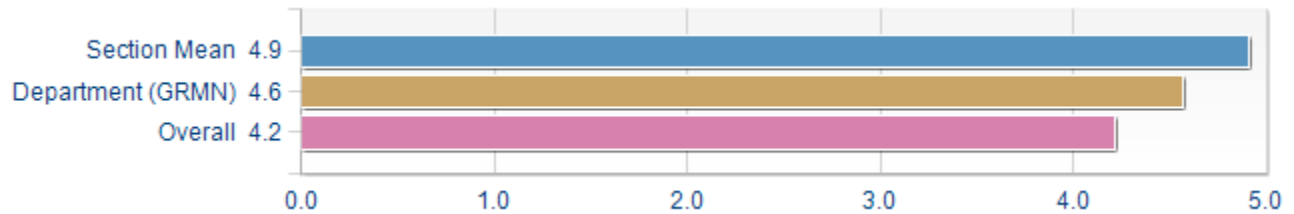
Professor Twitchell always comes prepared to class and ready to engage students in conversation.

if the German program loses dr twitchell to another institution, it will suffer. he is engaging, intelligent, and overall a great professor. not only do advanced students benefit from his teaching but I believe intro students would learn a lot from him as well

Overall, this is a good course.



Overall



Comments on course:

Comment

Very fun and thought-provoking. It got me thinking of the context of eastern Europe, Jews, artists, etc. in the early twentieth century.

Didn't have a lot of expectations coming into the class as I wasn't sure exactly what to expect but I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Great course, granted a course on Kafka couldn't be uninteresting if it tried to be.

I would recommend this to anyone who has fulfilled the prerequisites.

One of my fave courses at the College!

It was great. I would suggest all of the German minors/majors take this course. Kafka is such a famous German-language author and I believe as a German student, it should be vital to study his works.

The course was interesting and helpful.

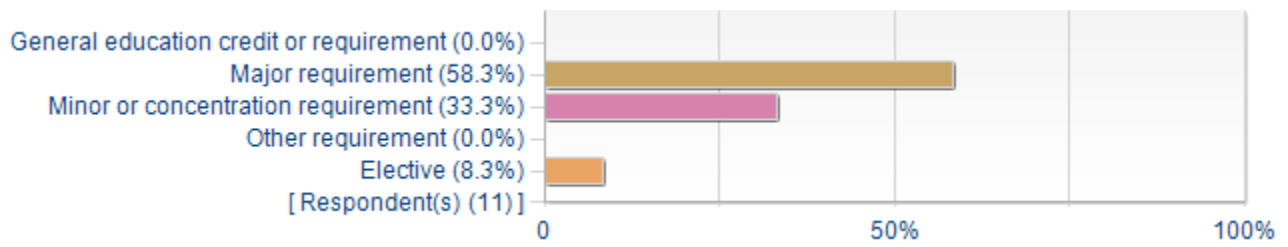
Please comment on aspects of the instructor's teaching or of the course that have been most valuable to you.

Comment
Passion for his subject Intertextual analysis Enthusiasm
Took the time in class to not only go over the stories but talk about their overarching significance as well.
The way the course was set up was awesome. We read passages defining terms that we picked out ourselves because they were unknown to us. We would then come to class to discuss our opinions and how that stories could or should be presieved.
I enjoy his enthusiasm and his knowledge about other worldly topics that go hand-in-hand with our topic. He is very intelligent and is willing to share his ideas, but is also very excited and eager to hear our ideas also.
I was able to learn more about Kafka's personal life, not just about his famous writings.
homework assignments

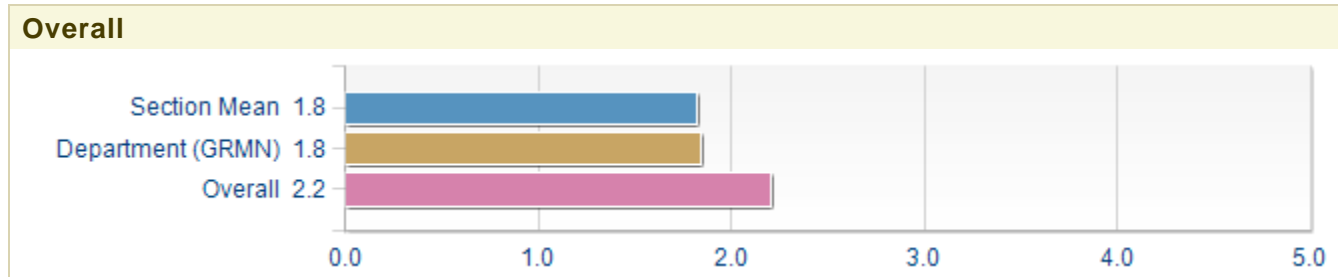
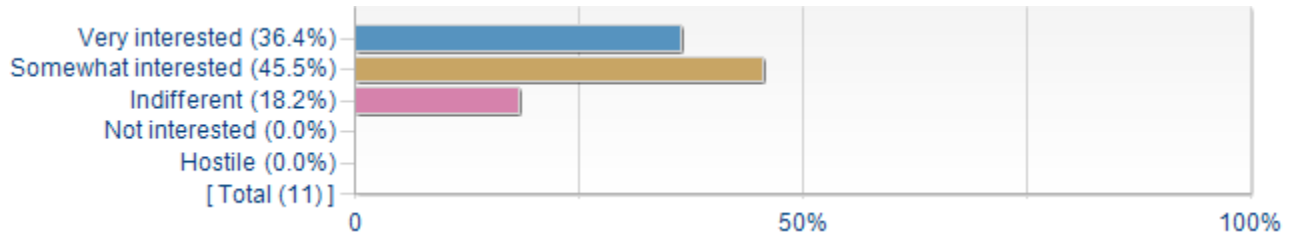
Please comment on aspects of the instructor's teaching or of the course that you feel most need improvement.

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Needs to watch the clock better.
The stories could have been developed into a bit deeper. Instead of trying to cover more stories, we could have discussed a few in more depth but I enjoyed being able to experience many of Kafka (and others) works.
I do not know anyway that I would change that course.
I feel that everything was structured well and organized.
none

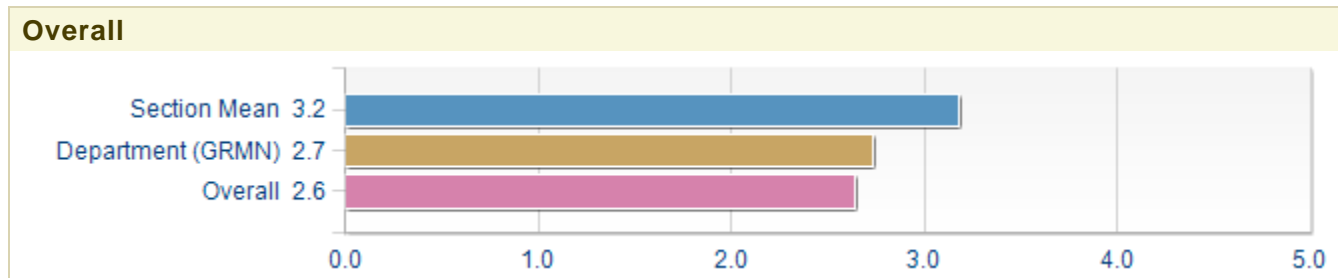
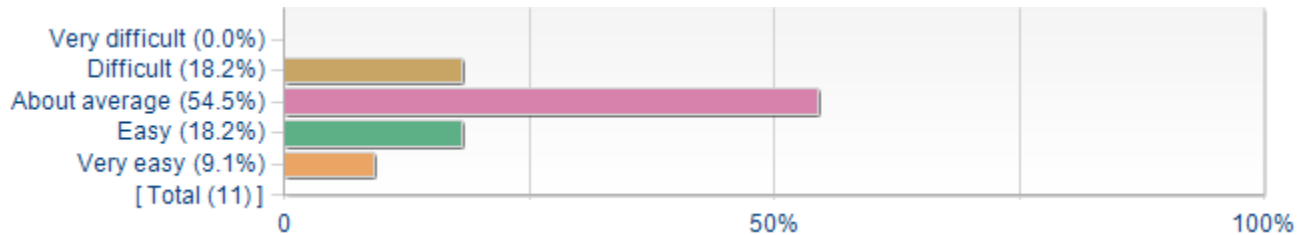
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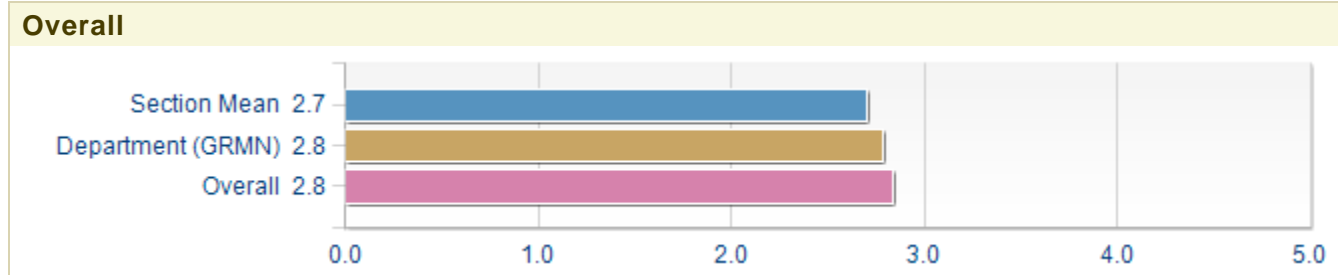
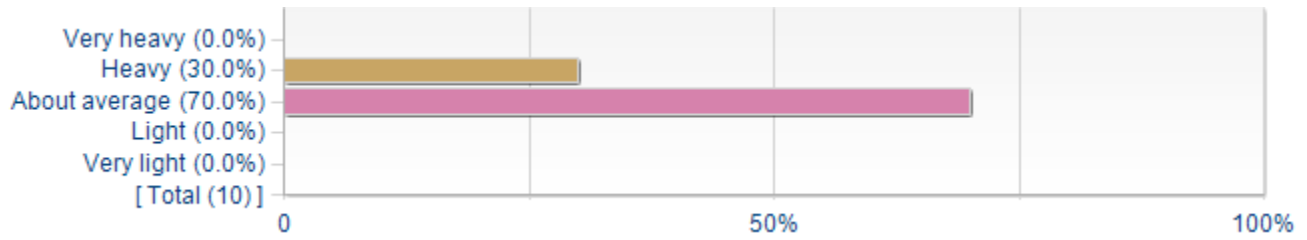
Before enrolling in this course, how much interest did you have in taking it?



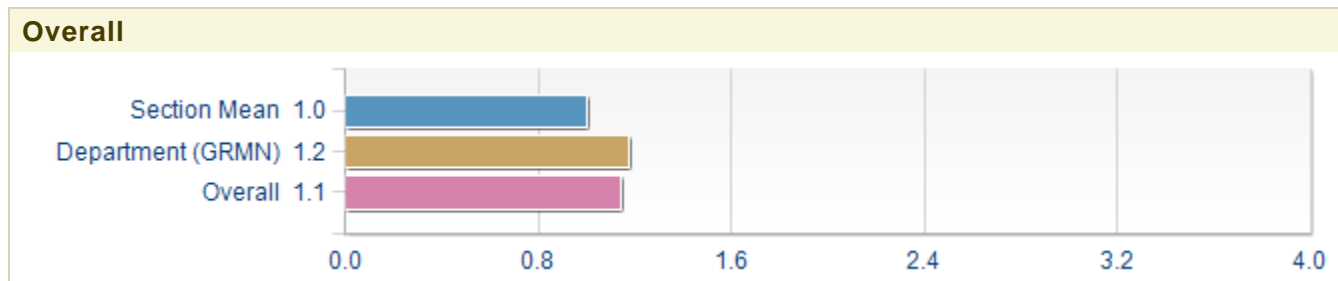
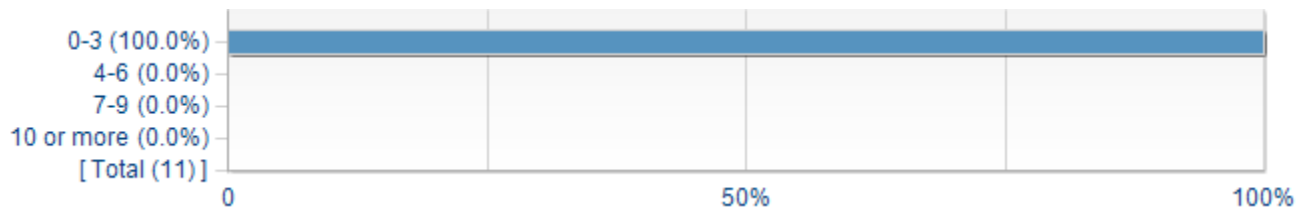
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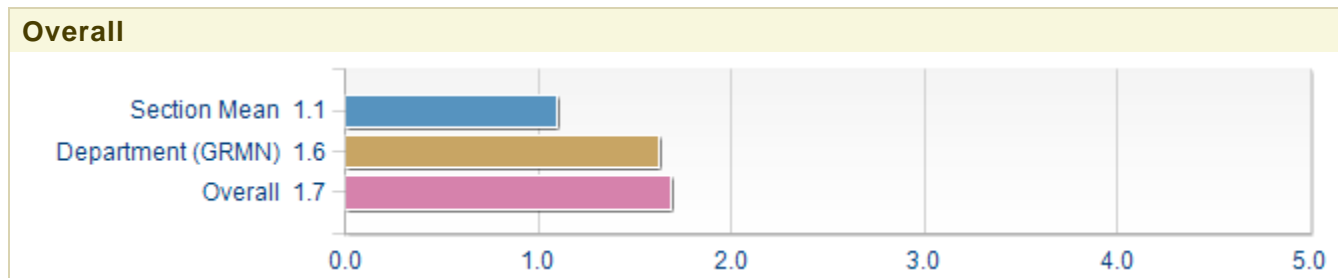
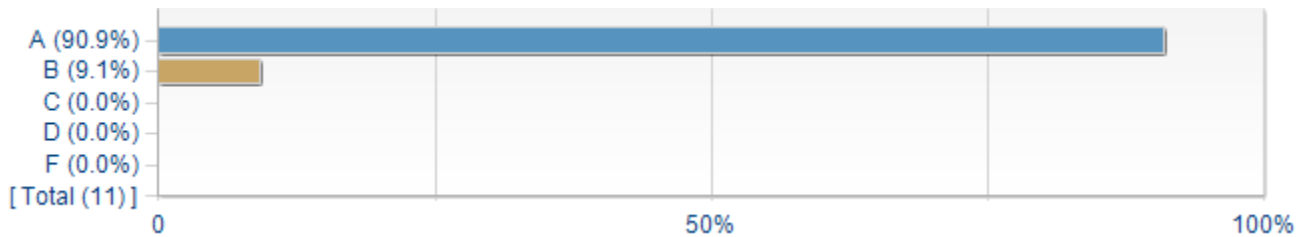
The workload for this course was:



How many classes (excused and unexcused) have you missed in this course?



Expected grade in this course:



Your overall GPA:

