

Description of Your Report

Your Course Evaluation Report contains up to four sets of items, represented in up to four sections in your report, described below.

Sets of Items

Institutional Items

These eight items are consistent across the University of Toronto. They are comprised of:

- Five rating-scale items which represent institution-wide teaching and learning priorities.
 - ◊ **The institutional composite mean, a mathematical average of these first five items.**
- One rating-scale item on the overall quality of a student's learning experience.
- Two qualitative comment items.

Divisional Items

These items are consistent across your division. They represent division-wide priorities for teaching and learning.

Departmental/Program/Course-Type Items

These items (when applicable) represent further levels of granularity and specificity for teaching and learning priorities within your division (e.g., department, program, course type).

Instructor-Selected Items

These items are optional items which may be selected from the item bank by instructors during the question personalization period.

- **Note that the results from these items are only reported to instructors, as they are primarily intended to function as personal formative feedback.**

Report Sections

The following provide different statistical summaries and representations for your institutional, divisional, and departmental/programmatic items (where appropriate).

Section 1: Course Evaluation Overview

Provides all course evaluation data except instructor-selected items.

Section 2: Response Distributions and Additional Statistics

Provides detailed response distributions.

- The number and relative percentage of respondents providing a given answer is provided, along with a graphical representation.
- This section also reports further statistics for each set of items relative to Section 1.

Section 3: Comparative Data

Provides comparative means for your course as compared to the relevant means across *all other evaluated courses at a particular level of comparison (e.g. division, program)* for each set of items.

Section 4: Instructor-Selected Items

Provides data for optional items that instructors can select from the item bank during the question personalization period. This section is formatted identically to Section 2.

Statistical Terms Used in this Report

Mean: The mathematical average. This measure is the most sensitive, and can be greatly affected by extreme and/or divergent scores.

Median: The middle value when all responses are ordered. This measure is less affected by extreme and/or divergent scores.

Mode: The most frequently occurring score.

Standard deviation: A measure of the "spread" of the data.

Course Name: CURRENT MACHINE LEARNING CSC2547H-S-LEC0101 (SYNC) Division: SGS Session: S Session Codes: F = First/Fall, S = Second/Winter	Instructor: Amir-massoud Farahmand Section: LEC0101 Delivery Mode: SYNC Report Generation Date: April 21, 2021
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Raters	Students
Responded	6
Invited	7

Section 1: Course Evaluation Overview

Part A. Core Institutional Items

Scale: 1 - Not At All 2 - Somewhat 3 - Moderately 4 - Mostly 5 - A Great Deal

Question	Summary	
	Mean	Median
I found the course intellectually stimulating.	4.2	4.5
The course provided me with a deeper understanding of the subject matter.	4.2	4.5
The instructor (Amir-massoud Farahmand) created an atmosphere that was conducive to my learning.	4.2	5.0
Course projects, assignments, tests, and/or exams improved my understanding of the course material.	4.3	5.0
Course projects, assignments, tests and/or exams provided opportunity for me to demonstrate an understanding of the course material.	4.2	5.0
Institutional Composite Mean	4.2	-

Scale: 1 - Poor 2 - Fair 3 - Good 4 - Very Good 5 - Excellent

Question	Summary	
	Mean	Median
Overall, the quality of my learning experience in this course was:	3.7	3.5

7. Please comment on the overall quality of the instruction in this course.

Comments

the course content was good, but the teaching style was not very engaging and energetic. I prefer looking at the slides than following lectures.

Not sure what to do without more specific feedback. I'll try multi-vitamins to be more energetic

Course materials are good to build foundations for RL. But the amount of work was not distributed well throughout the semester. All homework was assigned after reading week. Scheduling all this was hard towards the end of the course.

will improve organization

Amazing quality! Some of the best instruction I have received in my university career! Professor Farahmand shows that he cares about his students, always taking the extra step, helping whenever necessary, and also breathes enthusiasm inspiring me to delve deeper into RL and put the extra mile into each and every assignment. I would not change anything, keep up the amazing work! The only suggestion I have is to spread out the schedule cover all the material without having to go overtime. It seems as though the material was too large for only 2 hours a week. I have to compliment Professor Farahmand on not rushing when he went overtime!

Some professors do that which is not a great thing. I would suggest two lectures a week, possibly 2 hours each. We are all graduate students. We spend that extra time reading anyways. I would appreciate a break from reading to enjoy more lecture content.

I will ask for two sessions/week.

8. Please comment on any assistance that was available to support your learning in this course.

Comments

not really.

The recorded lecture helped me a lot. I could rewatch the part I didn't understand during the lecture.

Professor Farahmand was gracious in extending deadlines and making himself available for as long as necessary after lectures. Again, he showed true understanding and caring for his students.

Part B: Divisional Items

Scale: 1 - Not At All 2 - Somewhat 3 - Moderately 4 - Mostly 5 - A Great Deal

Question	Summary	
	Mean	Median
FAS001 The instructor (Amir-massoud Farahmand) generated enthusiasm for learning in the course.	4.5	5.0

Scale: 1 - Very Light 2 - Light 3 - Average 4 - Heavy 5 - Very Heavy

Question	Summary	
	Mean	Median
FAS002 Compared to other courses, the workload for this course was...	4.0	4.0

Scale: 1 - Not At All 2 - Somewhat 3 - Moderately 4 - Mostly 5 - Strongly

Question	Summary	
	Mean	Median
FAS003 I would recommend this course to other students.	3.8	3.5

Section 2: Response Distributions and Additional Statistics

This section provides detailed response distributions.

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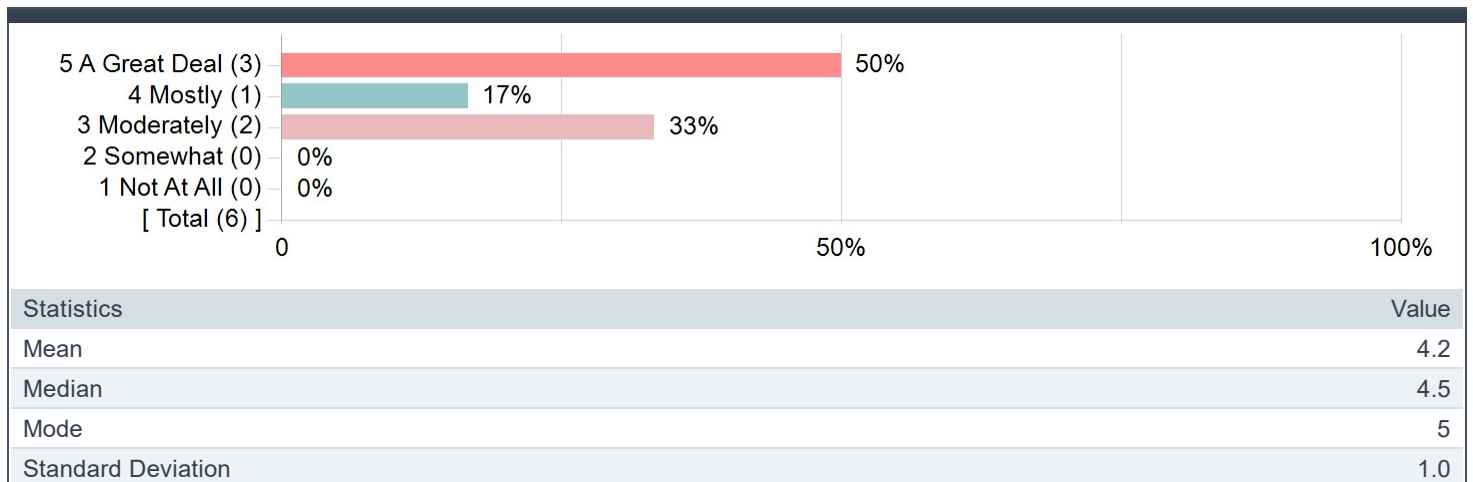
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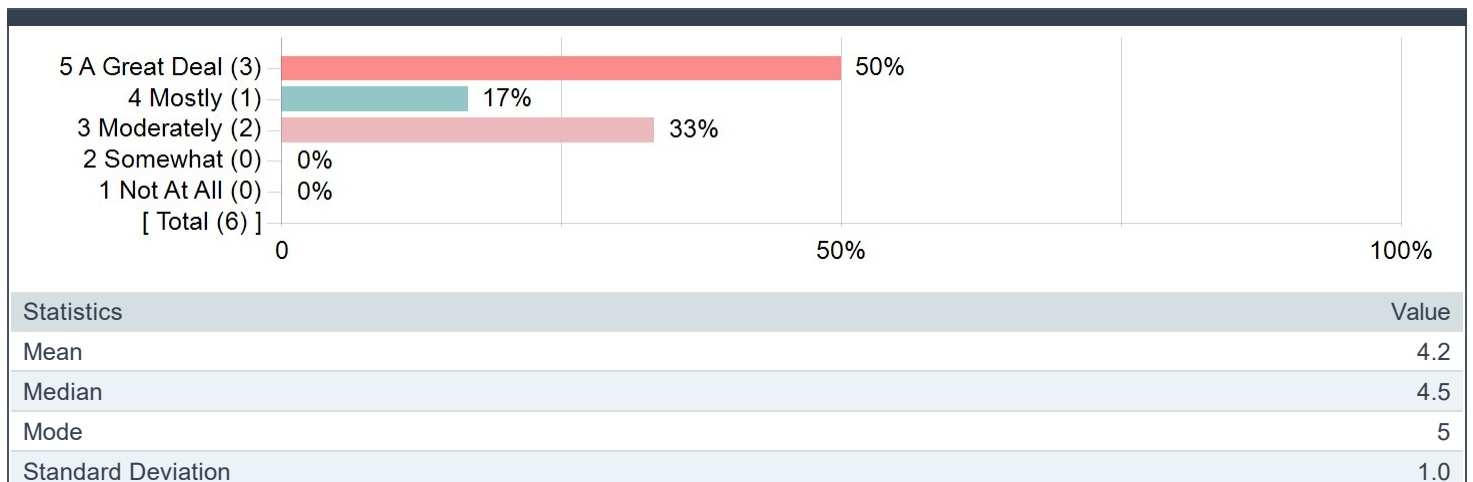
Standard deviation: A measure of the "spread" of the data.

Part A: Core Institutional Items

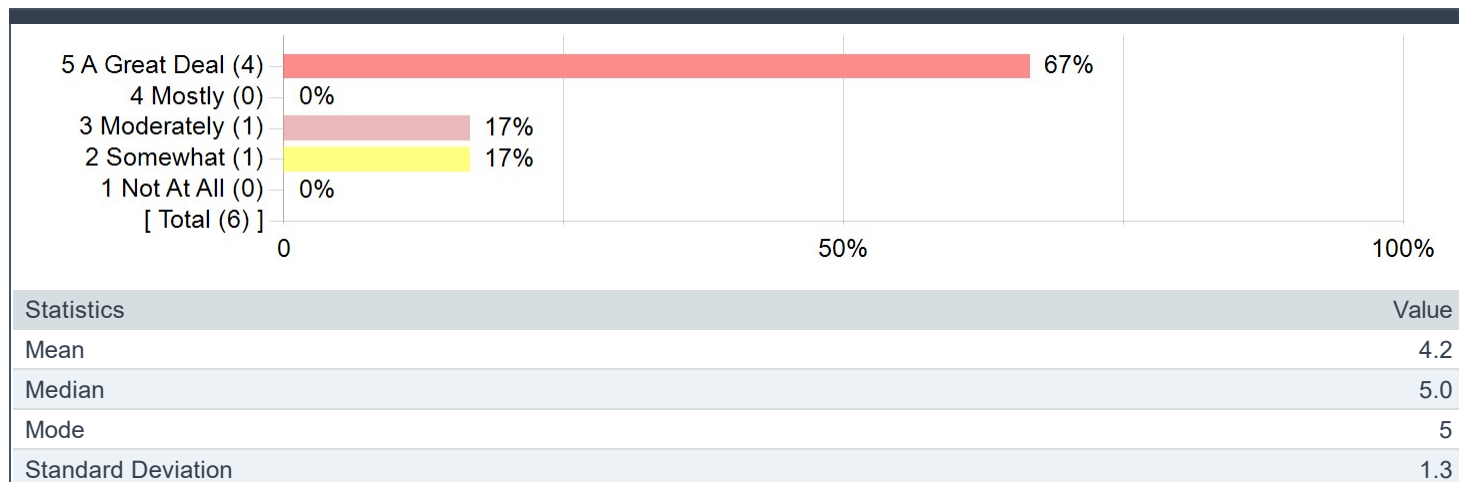
1. I found the course intellectually stimulating.



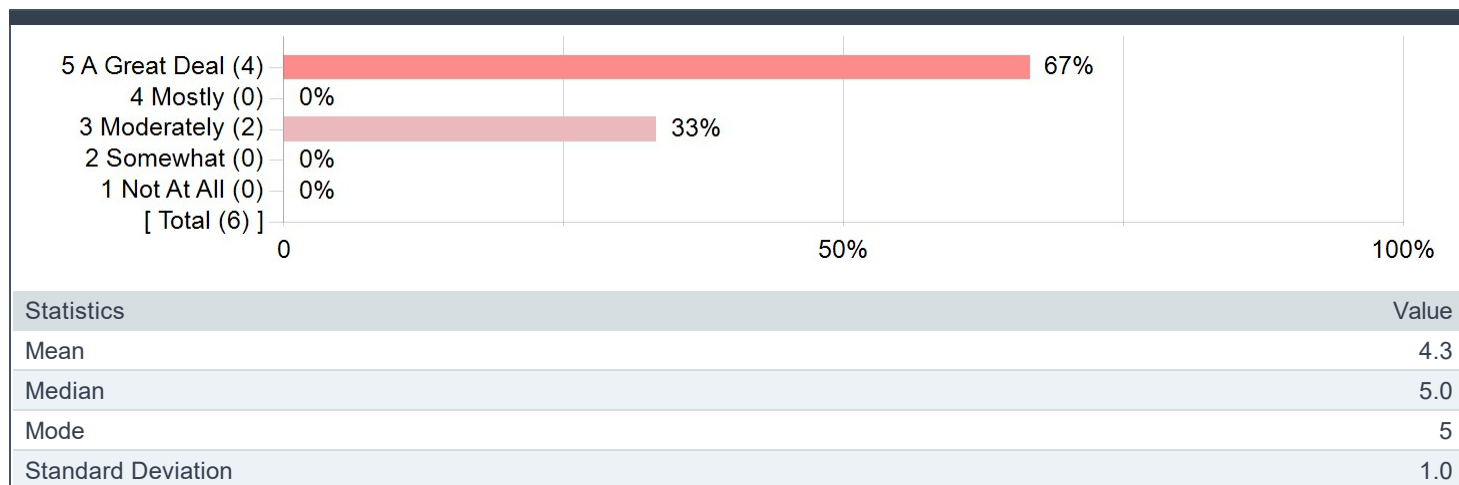
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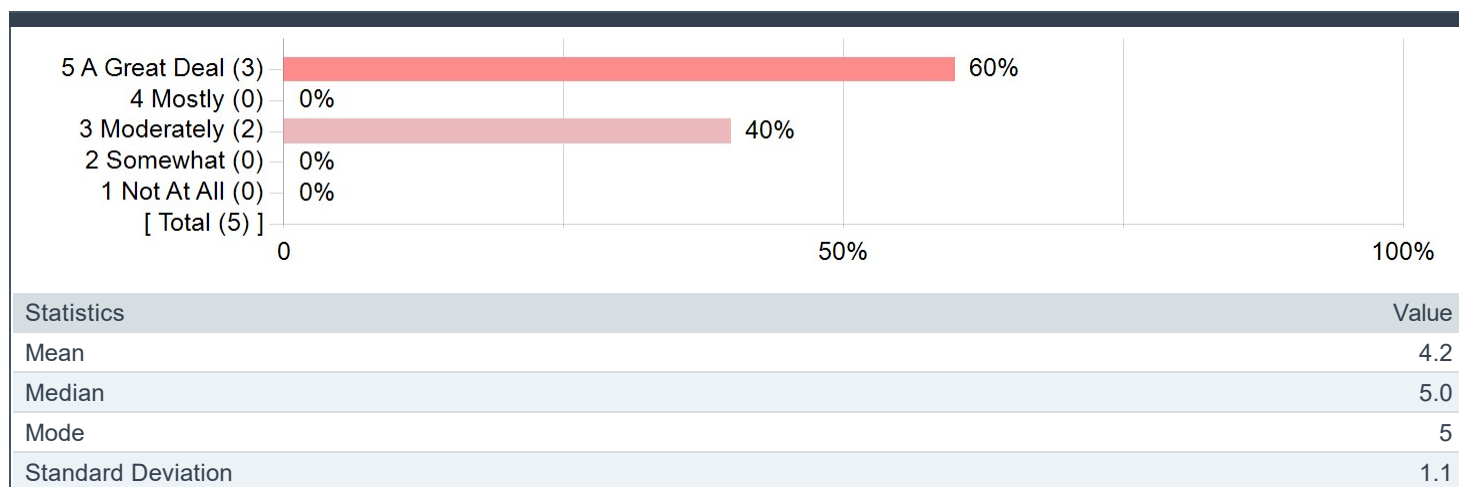
3. The instructor (Amir-massoud Farahmand) created a course atmosphere that was conducive to my learning.



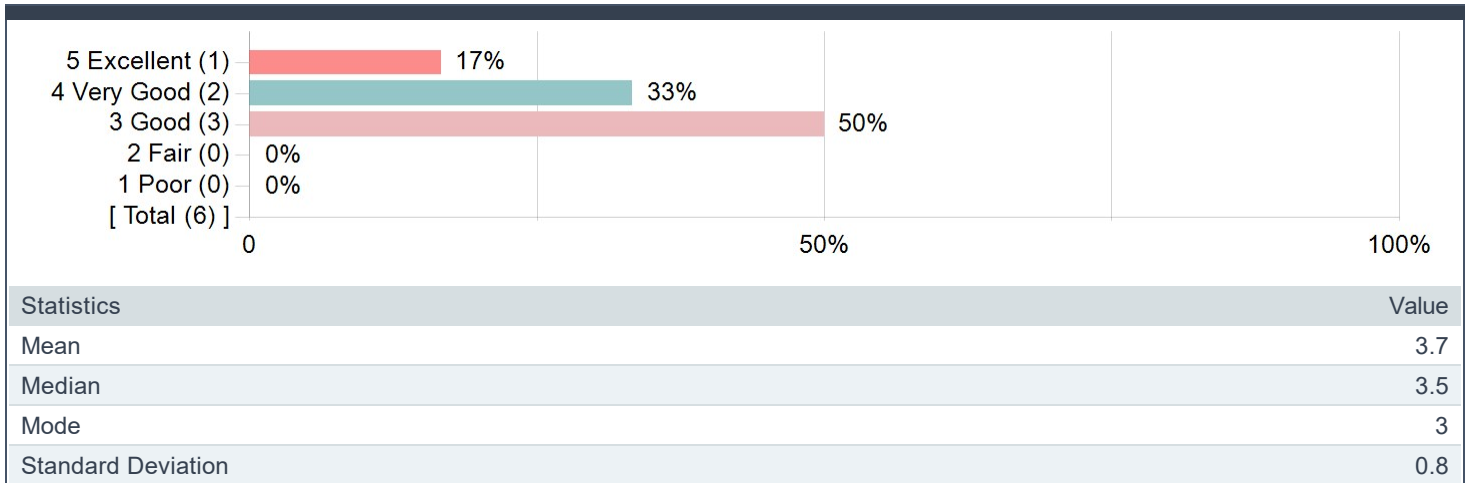
4. Course projects, assignments, tests and/or exams improved my understanding of the course material.



5. Course projects, assignments, tests and/or exams provided opportunity for me to demonstrate an understanding of the course material.

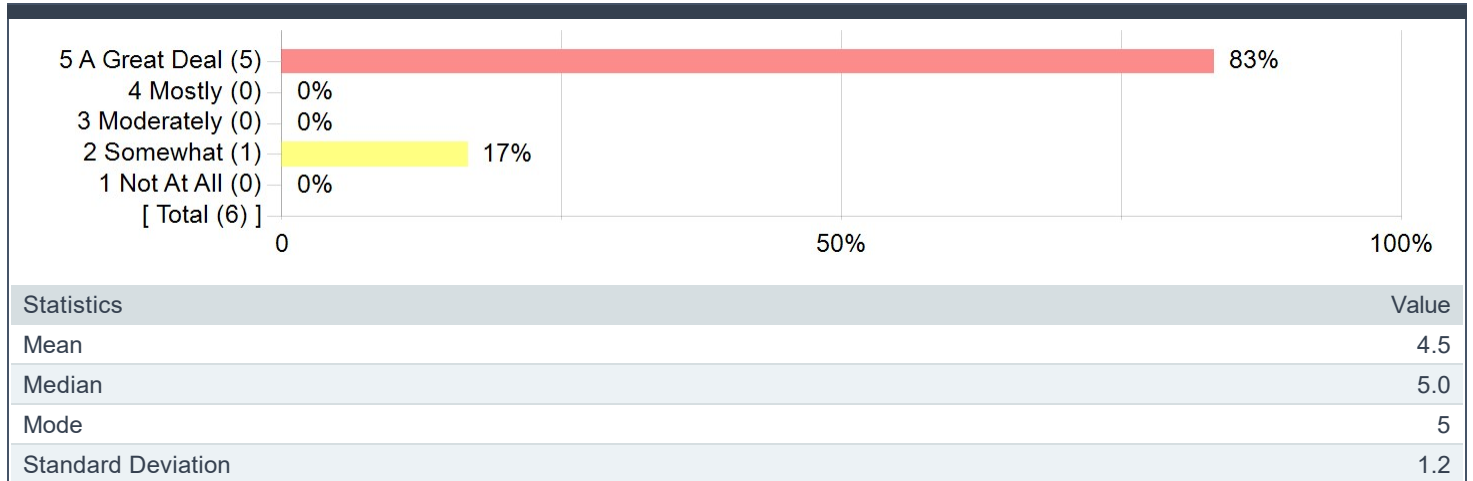


6. Overall, the quality of my learning experience in this course was....

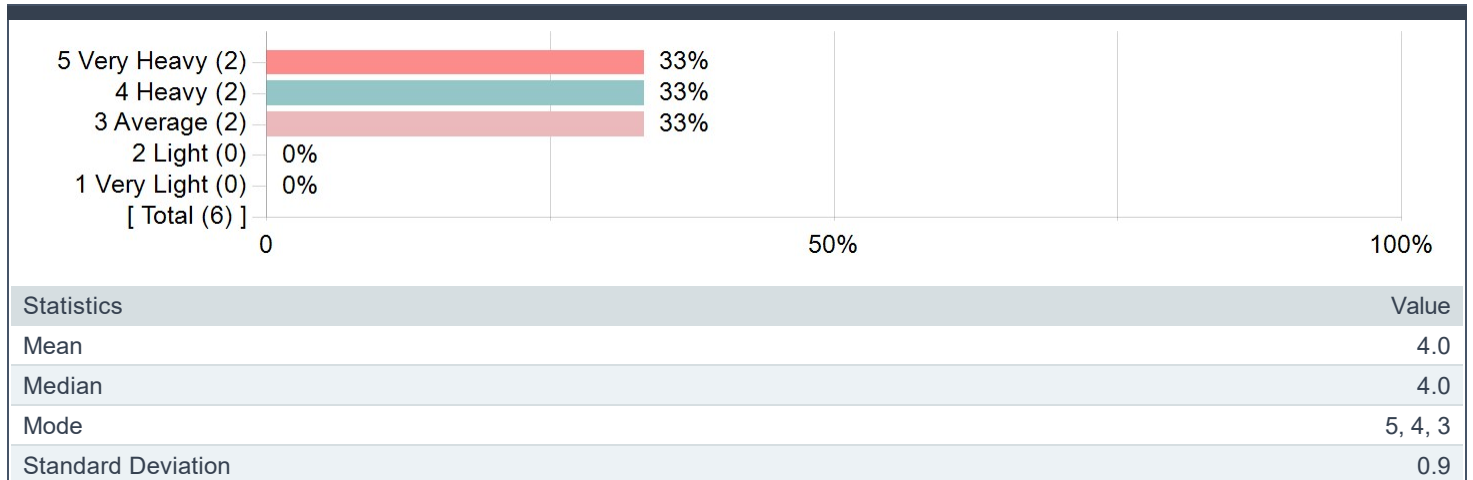


Part B. Divisional Items

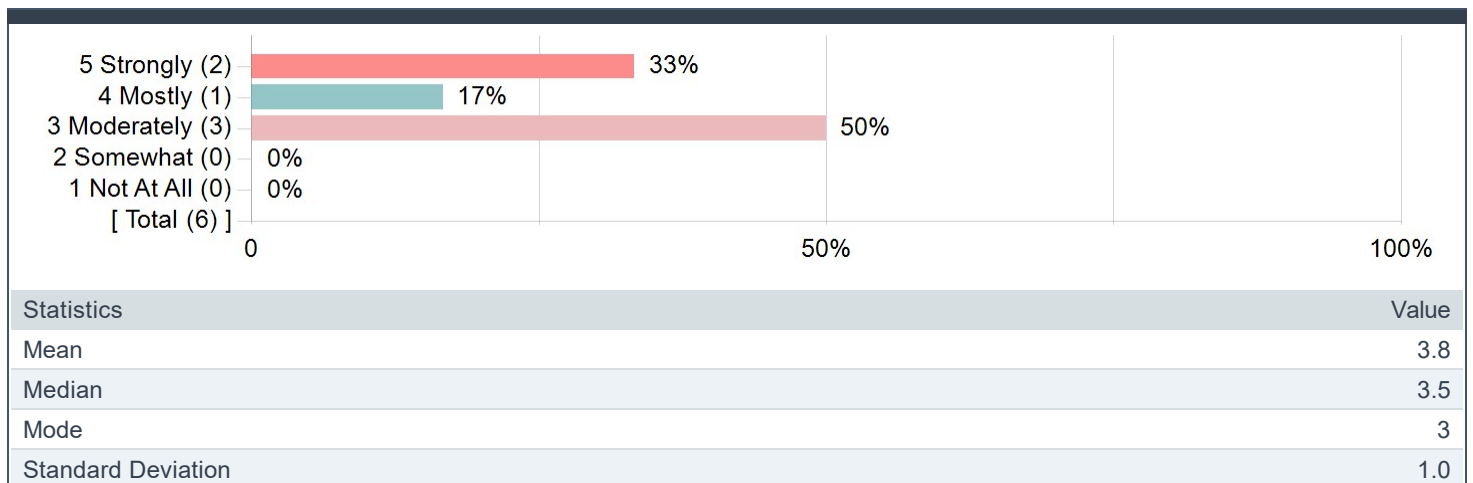
The instructor (**Amir-massoud Farahmand**) generated enthusiasm for learning in the course.



Compared to other courses, the workload for this course was...



I would recommend this course to other students.



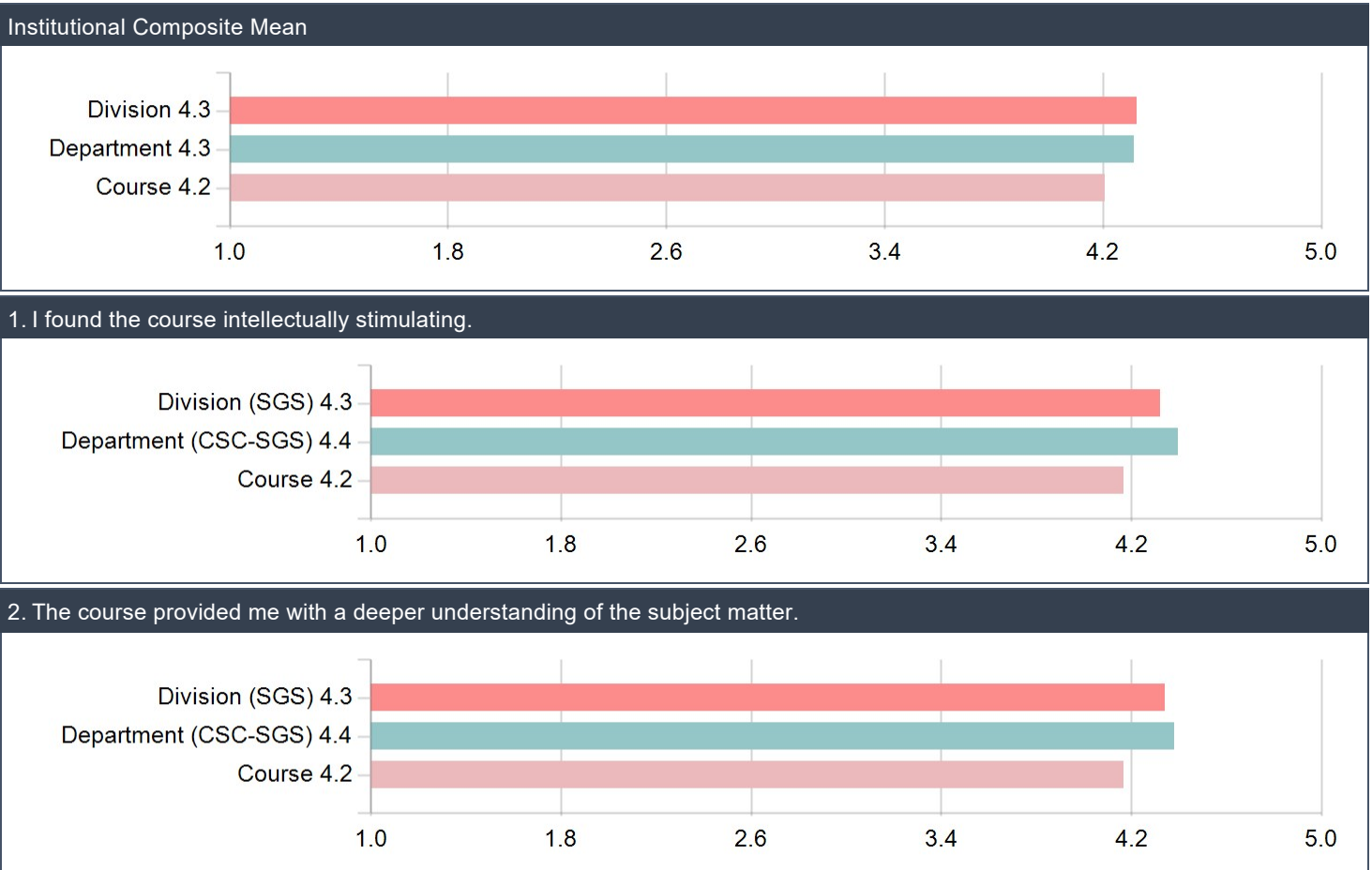
Section 3. Comparative Data

This section provides overall means for given comparators (e.g., division, department) alongside the mean values for a given course. Note that the comparators are calculated by pooling together all individual student survey responses (e.g., student responses for all of the courses in a department are pooled together and the departmental mean responses calculated from that). The provided comparators are thus a measure of the 'average' student experience for a unit or division; they are not a measure of the 'average' course in a unit or division. This calculation has the effect of giving large courses more 'weight' in the calculation of the comparator means. The effect of this on the calculated comparator varies depending on the relative proportion of large or small courses within a unit or division. As such, the departmental and divisional comparative mean values provided on course evaluations should not be regarded as an absolute and definitive benchmark.

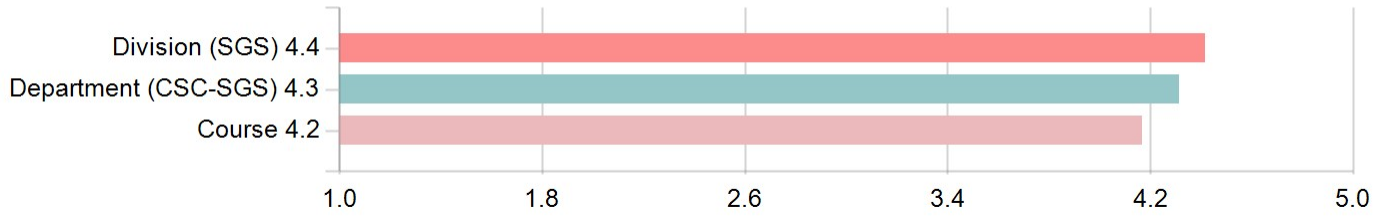
For example, if a department offered only two courses, one with 1000 students who all answered 3.5 and the other with 10 students who all answered 4.5 (so that the means would be 3.5 and 4.5 respectively), then the departmental mean provided on the course evaluations would be 3.51 since the calculation would be $[(3.5 \times 1000) + (4.5 \times 10)] / 1010 = 3.51$ and not $(3.5 + 4.5) / 2 = 4$.

Part A. Core Institutional Items

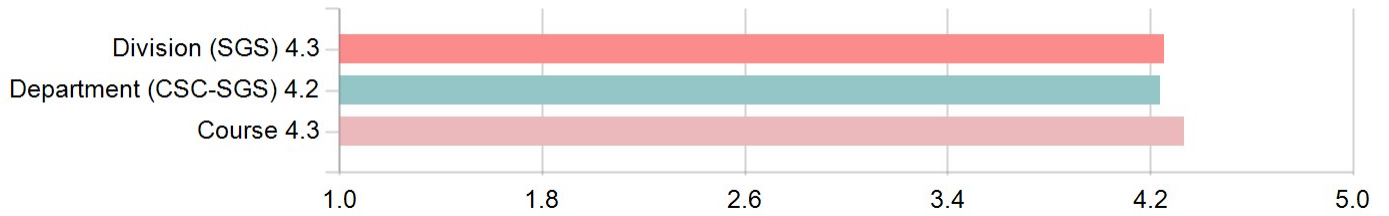
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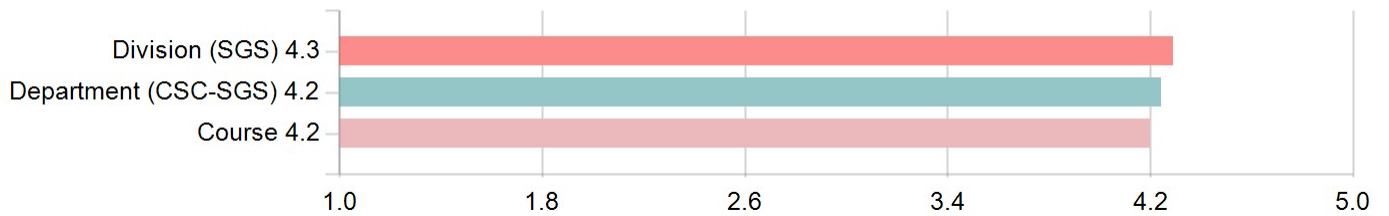
3. The instructor ([Amir-massoud Farahmand](#)) created an atmosphere that was conducive to my learning.



4. Course projects, assignments, tests, and/or exams improved my understanding of the course material.

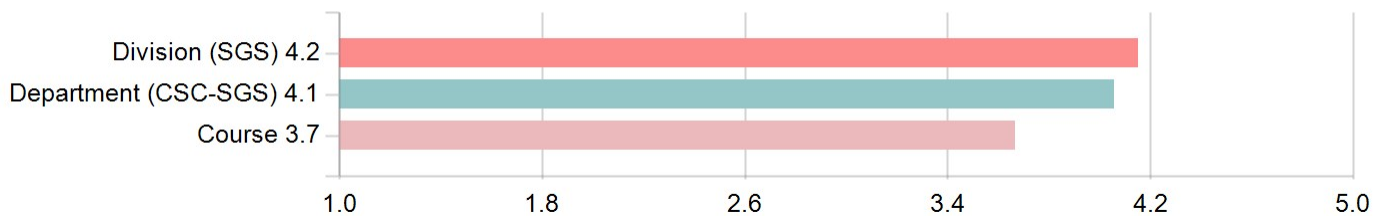


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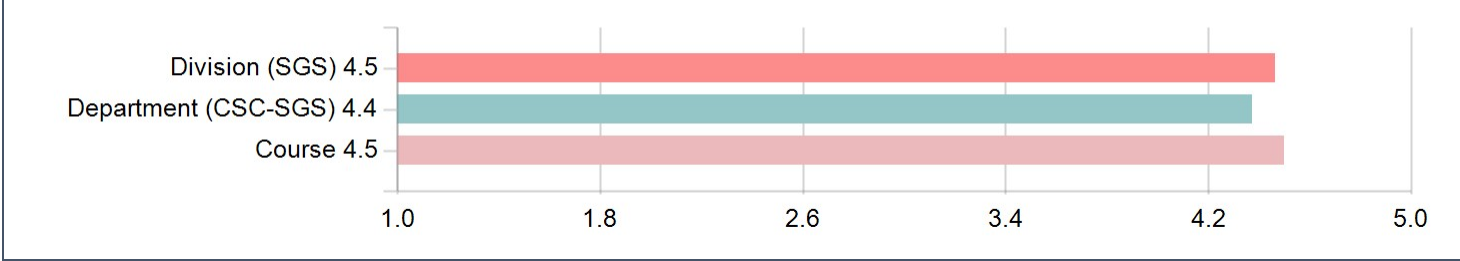
6. Overall, the quality of my learning experience in this course was:



Part B. Divisional Items

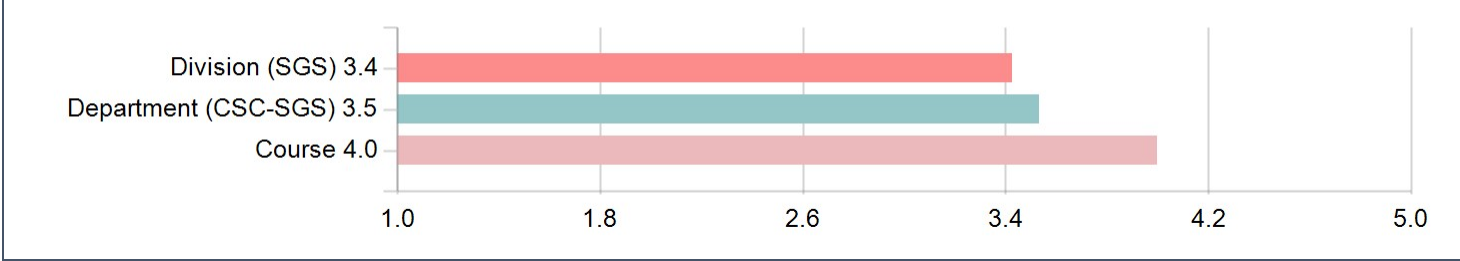
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9. The instructor generated enthusiasm for learning in the course.



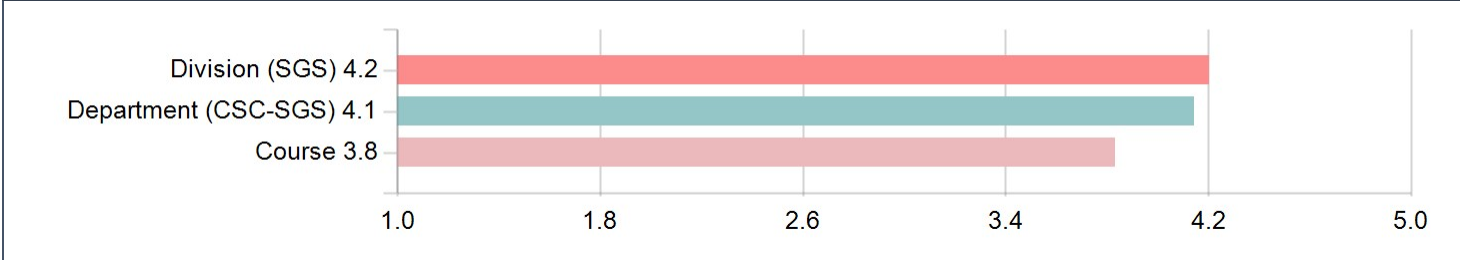
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10. Compared to other courses, the workload for this course was:



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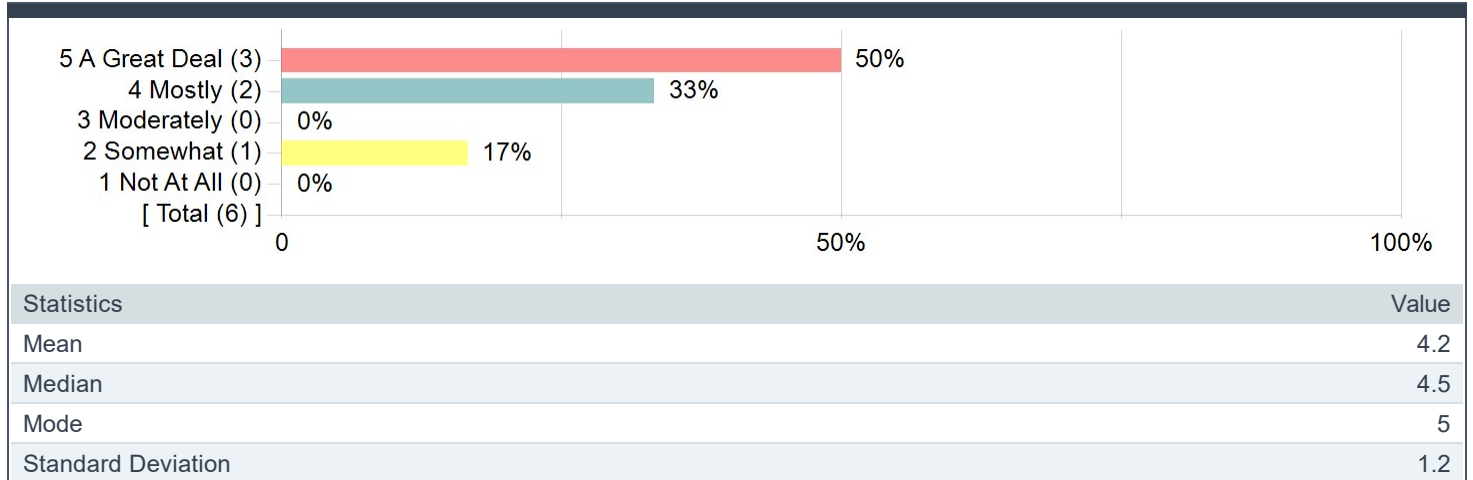
11. I would recommend this course to other students.



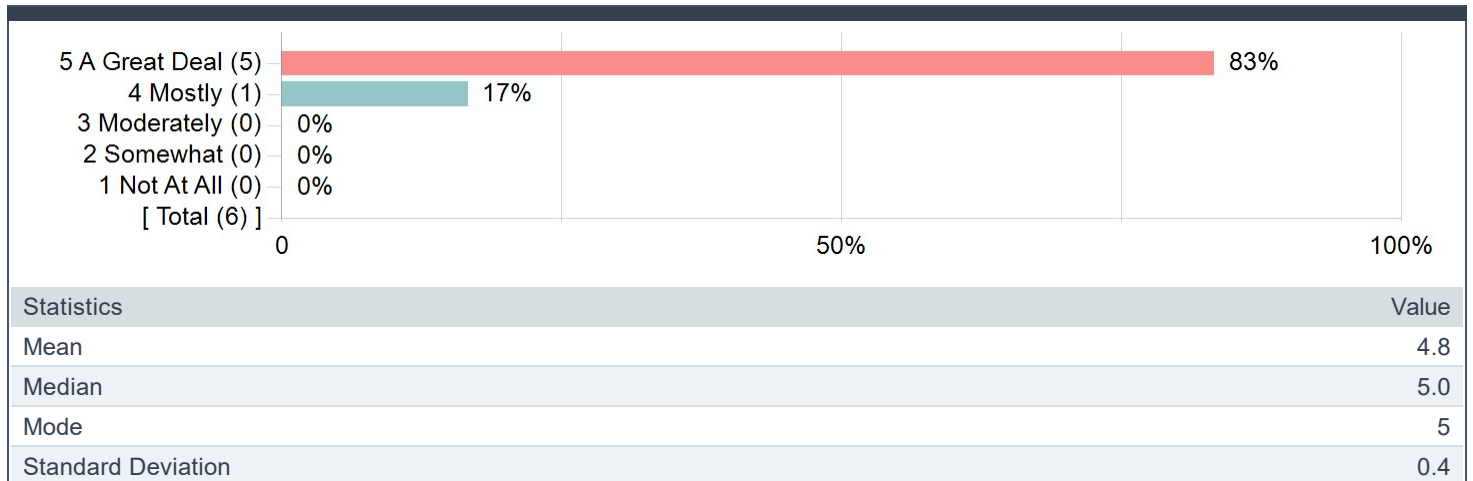
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C-2. The course instructor ([Amir-massoud Farahmand](#)) explained concepts clearly.



K-6. The course textbook and/or readings contributed to my learning of the subject matter.



X-14. *Overall, the quality of support the teaching assistant provided in this course was:

