



Fall 2017 - Teaching Survey Report for Bogdan Ion

MATH 1050 - COMBINATORIAL MATHEMATICS - 1040 - Lecture

2181 - Teaching Survey Fall 2017

Total Enrollment 20
Responses Received 11
Response Rate 55.00%

Subject Details

Name	MATH 1050 - COMBINATORIAL MATHEMATICS - 1040 - Lecture
DEPARTMENT_CD	MATH
CAMPUS_CD	PIT
SCHOOL_CD	ARTSC
CLASS_NBR	25773
COURSE_NUMBER	1050
SECTION_NUMBER	1040
TERM_NUMBER	2181
COURSE_TYPE	Lecture
CLASS_ATTRIBUTE	
ENROLLED_STUDENTS	20
First Name	Bogdan
Last Name	Ion
RANK_DESCR	Associate Professor
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Report Comments

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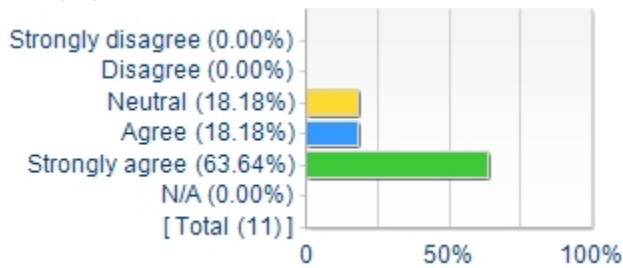
Arts and Sciences Questions

Summary: 5-point scale - Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree

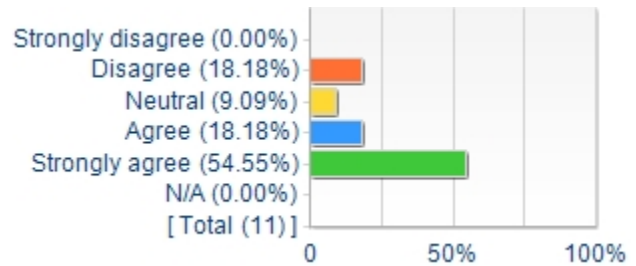
Question	Results		
	Mean	Response Count	Standard Deviation
The instructor created an atmosphere that kept me engaged in course content.	4.45	11	0.82
The instructor was prepared for class.	4.09	11	1.22
The instructor treated students with respect.	4.64	11	0.67
The instructor was available to me (in-person, electronically, or both).	4.70	10	0.67
The instructor evaluated my work fairly.	4.55	11	0.52
The instructor provided feedback that was helpful to me.	4.45	11	0.82
I learned a lot from this course. If there is no basis to judge or not applicable, answer N/A.	3.91	11	1.22

Detailed Responses

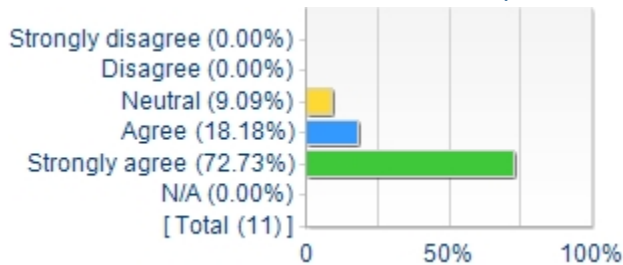
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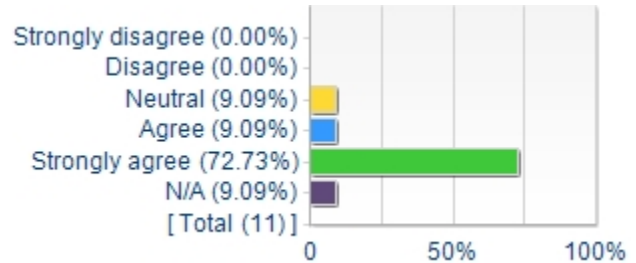
2. The instructor was prepared for class.



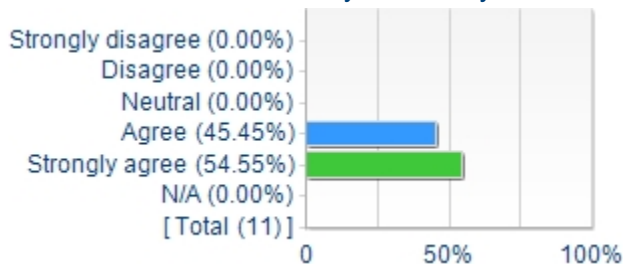
3. The instructor treated students with respect.



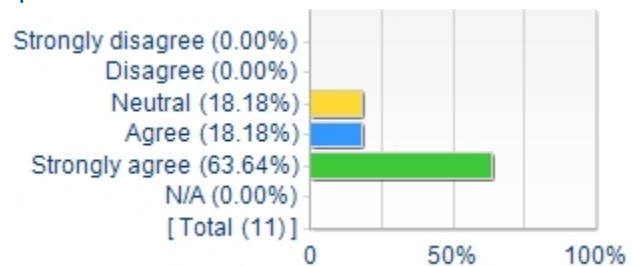
4. The instructor was available to me (in-person, electronically, or both).



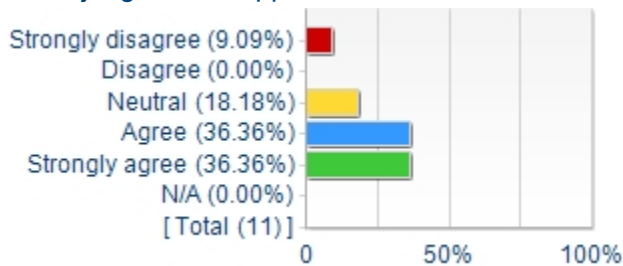
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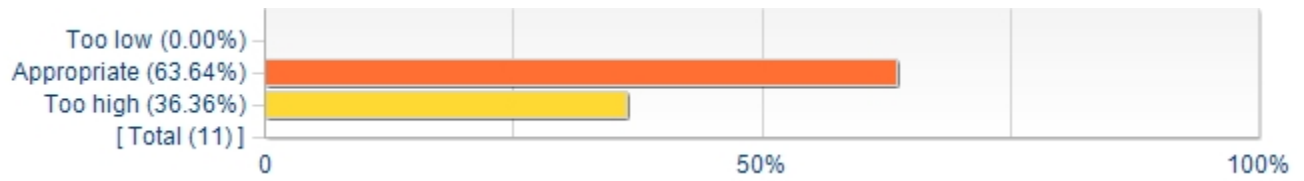
6. The instructor provided feedback that was helpful to me.



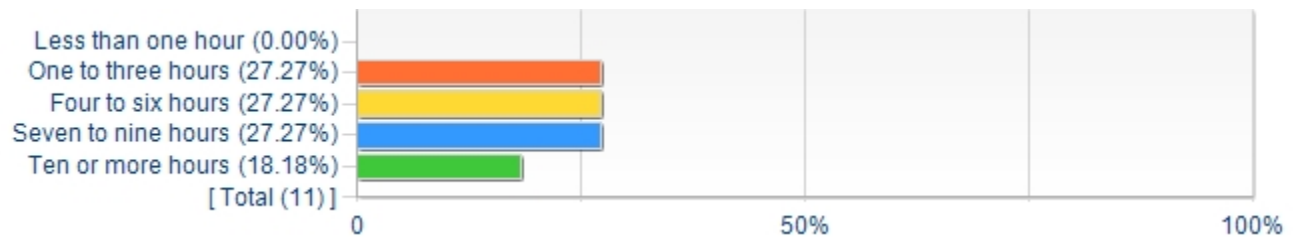
7. I learned a lot from this course. If there is no basis to judge or not applicable, answer N/A.



The standards the instructor set for me were:



How many hours per week did you usually spend working on this course outside of classroom time?



Comments

What did you like best about how the course was taught?

Comments

It was taught in a way where the concepts built upon one another, so that very little was forgotten over time.

Access to instructor.

I liked that he was basically always available to answer questions. Also, that he was willing to sit down with you and explain everything you have questions on, no matter how long it took.

I liked how the professor was receptive to the needs of the students.

Lecture and office hours were very helpful.

The topics were interesting. There were a fair number of homeworks that had a fair amount of problems. Professor was very approachable and understanding. You could ask him a million questions and go to all of his office hours and he was respectful, helpful, and very informative. He's great one-on-one. He truly wants his students to learn and understand the material. If you turned in work and still didn't understand, he gave you chances to work it and improve. This made me want more than to just get a good grade. I really wanted to fully understand the material and improve myself! One of my favorite professors I've ever had. Really great person and teacher.

The topics were interesting and he was enthusiastic about them

I thought the topics were very interesting, and I would've liked to have seen how these concepts are used in other areas of mathematics.

If you were teaching this course, what would you do differently?

Comments

Pick a different textbook.

Different book. Original textbook chosen for the course was not appropriate for an undergraduate mathematics course.

Just lay it out more clearly, and have a GOOD textbook. This class is pretty complex, and having a bad textbook this semester really made it difficult to understand topics that were vague in class.

I would use a different textbook.

Pick an easier textbook.

More examples would be nice

By far the most helpful thing would have been to post solutions to all of the homework problems. Either the grader or teacher, but either way, there were some problems that I didn't know how to solve when they were assigned, and I never will since only a few handpicked ones were given solutions on his website. It would have been very helpful to be able to redo the homework for practice, but this time have the solutions to reference.

Also, it is harder to identify what does and does not constitute a proof in combinatorics than in other math courses, so I wish he would have more frequently made a point to explicitly point this out, with some examples and non-examples. Lastly, he came to class unprepared (without some sort of notes to reference) so on multiple occasions we spent a significant portion of the class wasting time while he attempted to reproduce correct formulas/theorems on the board, which does not make for a good learning environment. It would have been nice if he would have brought notes to reference when he needed.

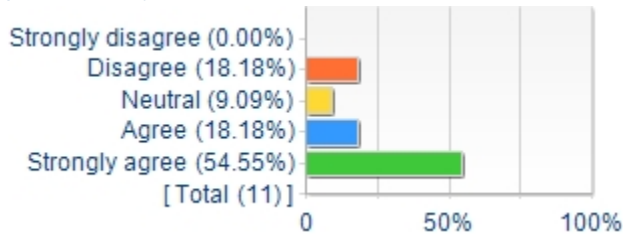
Math Primary/Secondary Instructor Additional Items

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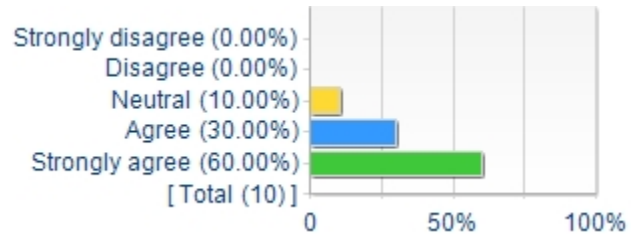
Question	Results		
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The instructor presented the course in an organized way.	4.09	11	1.22
The instructor responded to student's questions in an effective manner.	4.50	10	0.71
The instructor used class time effectively to enhance understanding of course topics.	4.40	10	0.97
Based on what I learned in this course, I feel well prepared to use the topics of the course in the future.	3.45	11	1.04
Overall	4.11	-	1.05

Detailed Responses

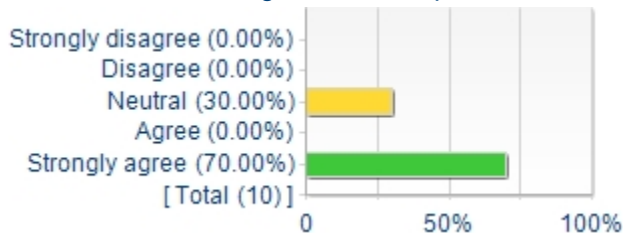
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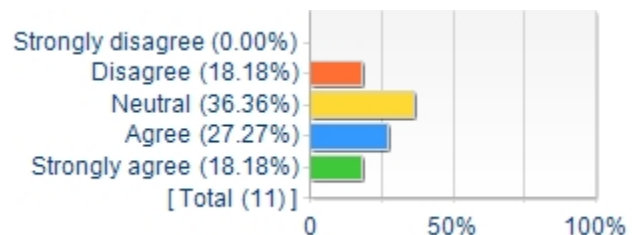
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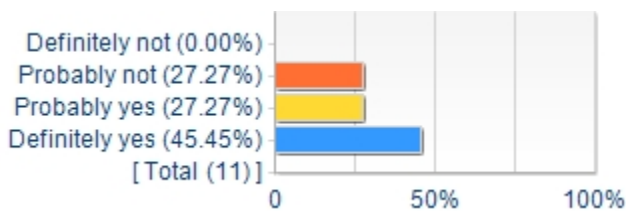


4. Based on what I learned in this course, I feel well prepared to use the topics of the course in the future.



Detailed Responses

1. Would you recommend this instructor to other students?



2. Would you take another course from this instructor?

