



# Report for Zitian Wang - All courses

Project Title: **2026 Spring Student Experience of Teaching**

Course Audience: **29**

Responses Received: **17**

Response Ratio: **58.62%**

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## Report Comments

Spring 2026 Individual Instructor Report - Aggregate All courses

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Creation Date: **Monday, May 18, 2026**

## Spring 2026 Questionnaire

### Course Preparation:

1. The average number of hours (per week) that I spent outside of class preparing for ECON 3020 - 500 Intermediate Macroeconomics :

- Less than 1
- 1-3
- 4-6
- 7-9
- 10 or more

### Course Questions:

Answer the following questions based on your experience in ECON 3020 - 500 Intermediate Macroeconomics.

*(Strongly Disagree, Disagree, Neutral, Agree, Strongly Agree)*

1)The course increased my enthusiasm for the topic.

2)Through this course I gained a deeper understanding of the subject matter.

3)I had access to the course materials I needed to learn, including access to required textbooks, course readings, technology tools, and other materials required for class assignments and projects.

**\* If the above question generates a negative response, a branching question will be generated:**

3-A) You disagreed or strongly disagreed that you did not have access to the course materials you needed to learn. Please review the options below and select any of the reasons that may better describe what affected your access to course materials.

- Internet speed and reliability
- Internet connectivity
- It was difficult to obtain hand-on materials needed for the course
- I didn't have the funds to purchase the course materials
- The instructor didn't provide the course materials needed to learn
- Other: Please Specify

### Learning Activities Question:

To what extent did the following learning activities contribute to your learning? (A Lot, A Moderate Amount, A Little, Not At All)

- Real-time lecture
- Recorded lectures
- Recorded video demonstrations
- Hands-on activities
- Real-time, whole-class discussion
- Real-time small-group discussion
- Online discussion boards
- Office hours

### Open Comment Questions (Course):

1) Please tell us briefly how any of the above learning activities (or other activities not included above) contributed to your learning in this course.

2) What would you like the instructor and university administrators to know about your experience in this course?

### Instructor Questions:

Answer the following questions based on your experience with Zitian Wang. Your constructive feedback will help your instructor identify what went well and ways to improve the course in the future.

*(Strongly Disagree, Disagree, Neutral, Agree, Strongly Agree)*

1) The instructor clearly communicated the course schedule and expectations for participation (e.g., readings, discussions).

- 2) The instructor clearly communicated the course learning objectives.
- 3) The instructor implemented learning activities and assignments that allowed me to demonstrate understanding of the course material.
- 4) The instructor provided me prompt and useful feedback on my learning.
- 5) The instructor provided opportunities for my active participation.
- 6) The instructor was available to help support my learning.
- 7) The instructor fostered an environment where I felt valued as an individual and that I belonged in the class.
- 8) Overall, the instructor was an effective teacher.
- 9) The instructor created an environment that respected difference and welcomed diverse perspectives.

*\* A positive or negative response to the above question will generate a follow-up comment question.*

- 9A) You selected "AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE" on the previous question: Please give specific examples as to how Zitian Wang created an environment that respected difference and welcomed diverse perspectives.
- 9B) You selected "DISAGREE or STRONGLY DISAGREE" on the previous question: Please give specific examples as to how Zitian Wang did not create an environment that respected difference and welcomed diverse perspectives.

**Open Comment Question (Instructor):**

Your response to the open-ended question below will be shared only with Zitian Wang. If this course was taught by multiple instructors, you will have the opportunity to provide feedback to each. Please avoid using instructors' names in your responses to ensure confidentiality.

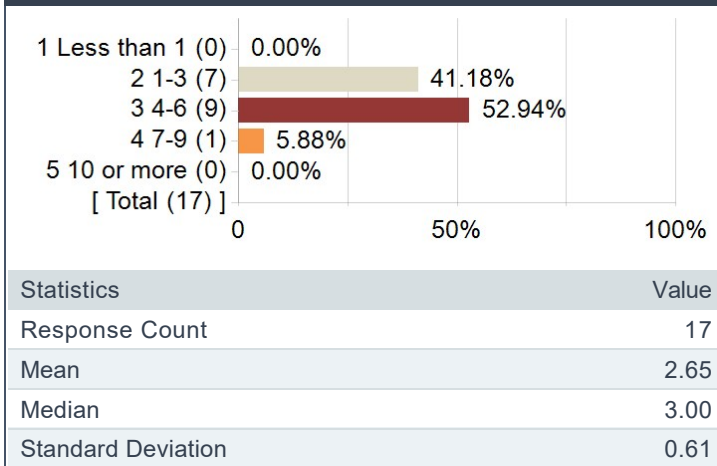
- 1) What constructive suggestions do you have to help Zitian Wang improve this course for future students?
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## Course(s) in this report.

COURSE_NAME	Count	Percentage
ECON 3020 500	1	100.00%

## Student Preparation

The average number of hours (per week) that I spent outside of class preparing for ECON 3020 - 500 Intermediate Macroeconomics:



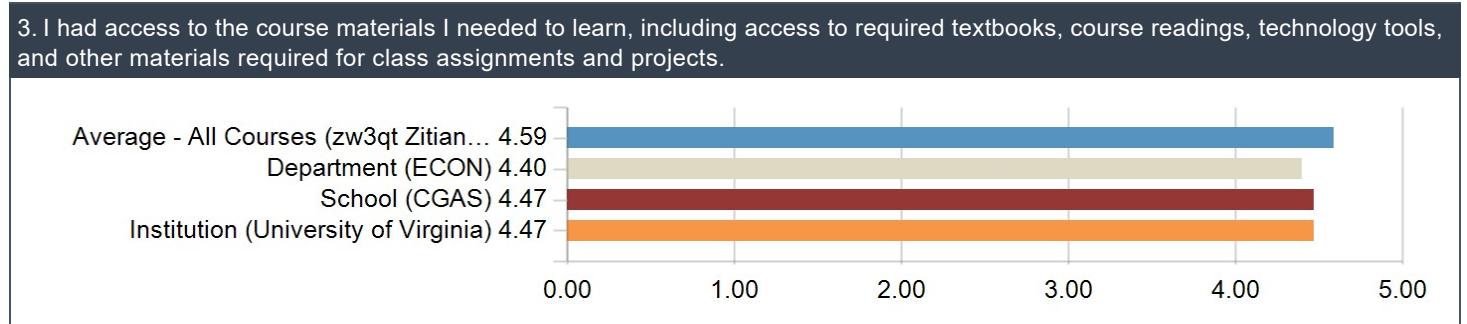
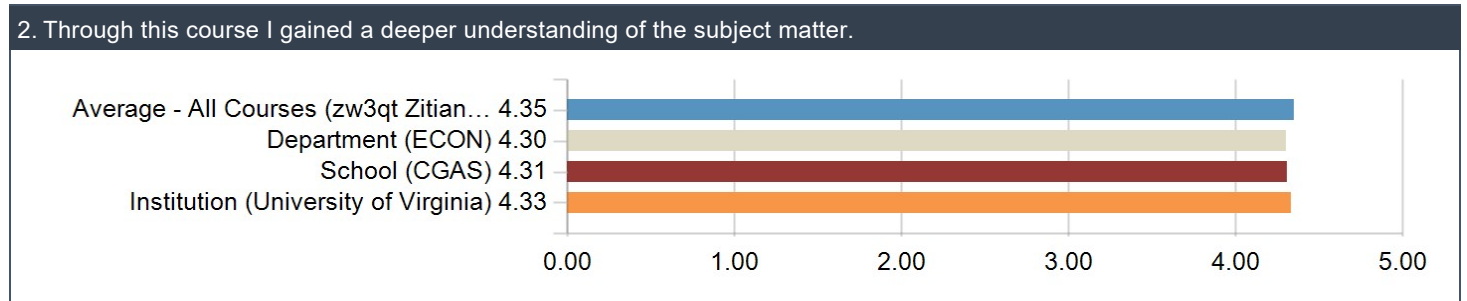
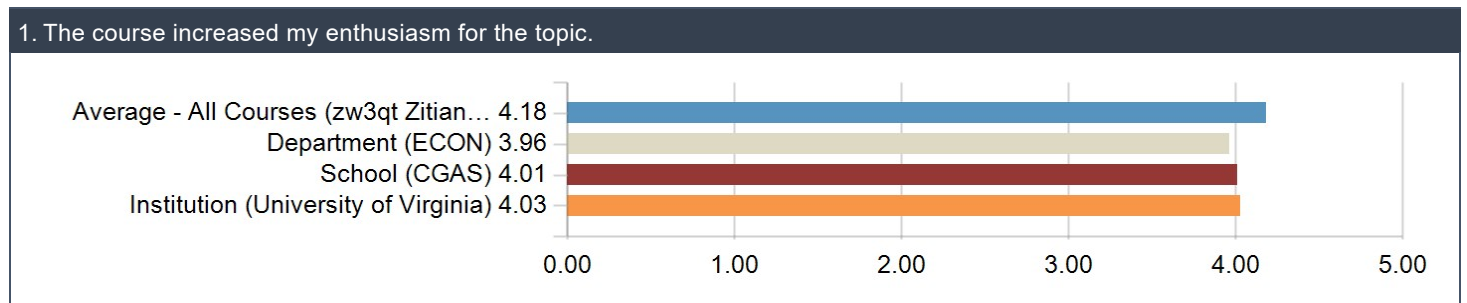
## Course Questions

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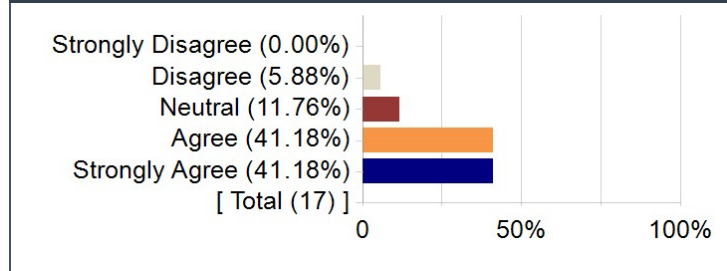
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### ECON

Question	Average - All Courses (zw3qt Zitian Wang)		Department (ECON)		School (CGAS)		Institution (University of Virginia)	
	Response Count	Mean	Response Count	Mean	Response Count	Mean	Response Count	Mean
The course increased my enthusiasm for the topic.	17	4.18	3381	3.96	32627	4.01	50223	4.03
Through this course I gained a deeper understanding of the subject matter.	17	4.35	3381	4.30	32616	4.31	50204	4.33
I had access to the course materials I needed to learn, including access to required textbooks, course readings, technology tools, and other materials required for class assignments and projects.	17	4.59	3380	4.40	32627	4.47	50229	4.47

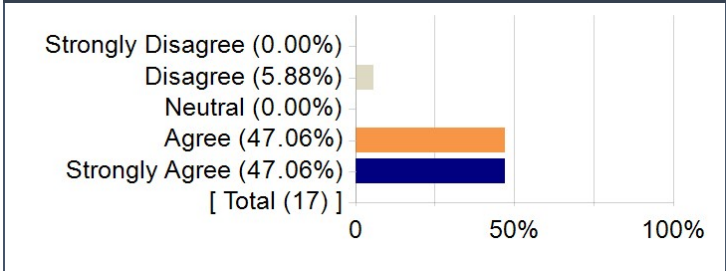


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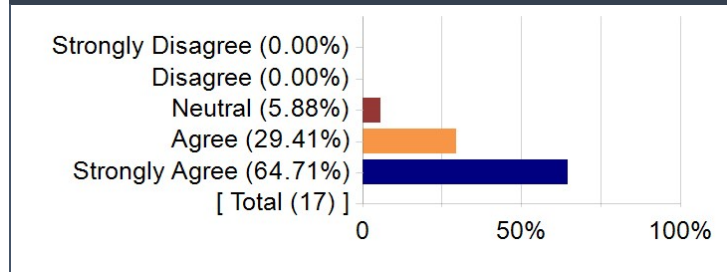
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Disagree	2	1	5.88%
Neutral	3	2	11.76%
Agree	4	7	41.18%
Strongly Agree	5	7	41.18%
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Mean			4.18
Median			4.00
Standard Deviation			0.88

2. Through this course I gained a deeper understanding of the subject matter.

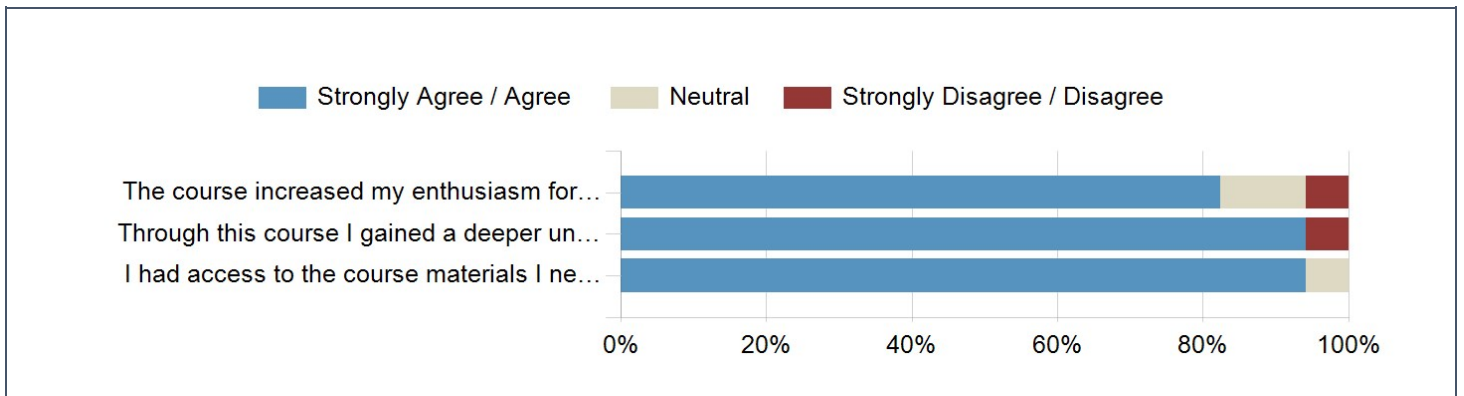


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Neutral	3	0	0.00%
Agree	4	8	47.06%
Strongly Agree	5	8	47.06%
Statistics			Value
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Median			4.00
Standard Deviation			0.79

3. I had access to the course materials I needed to learn, including access to required textbooks, course readings, technology tools, and other materials required for class assignments and projects.



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Strongly Disagree	1	0	0.00%
Disagree	2	0	0.00%
Neutral	3	1	5.88%
Agree	4	5	29.41%
Strongly Agree	5	11	64.71%
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Standard Deviation			0.62



## Learning Activities

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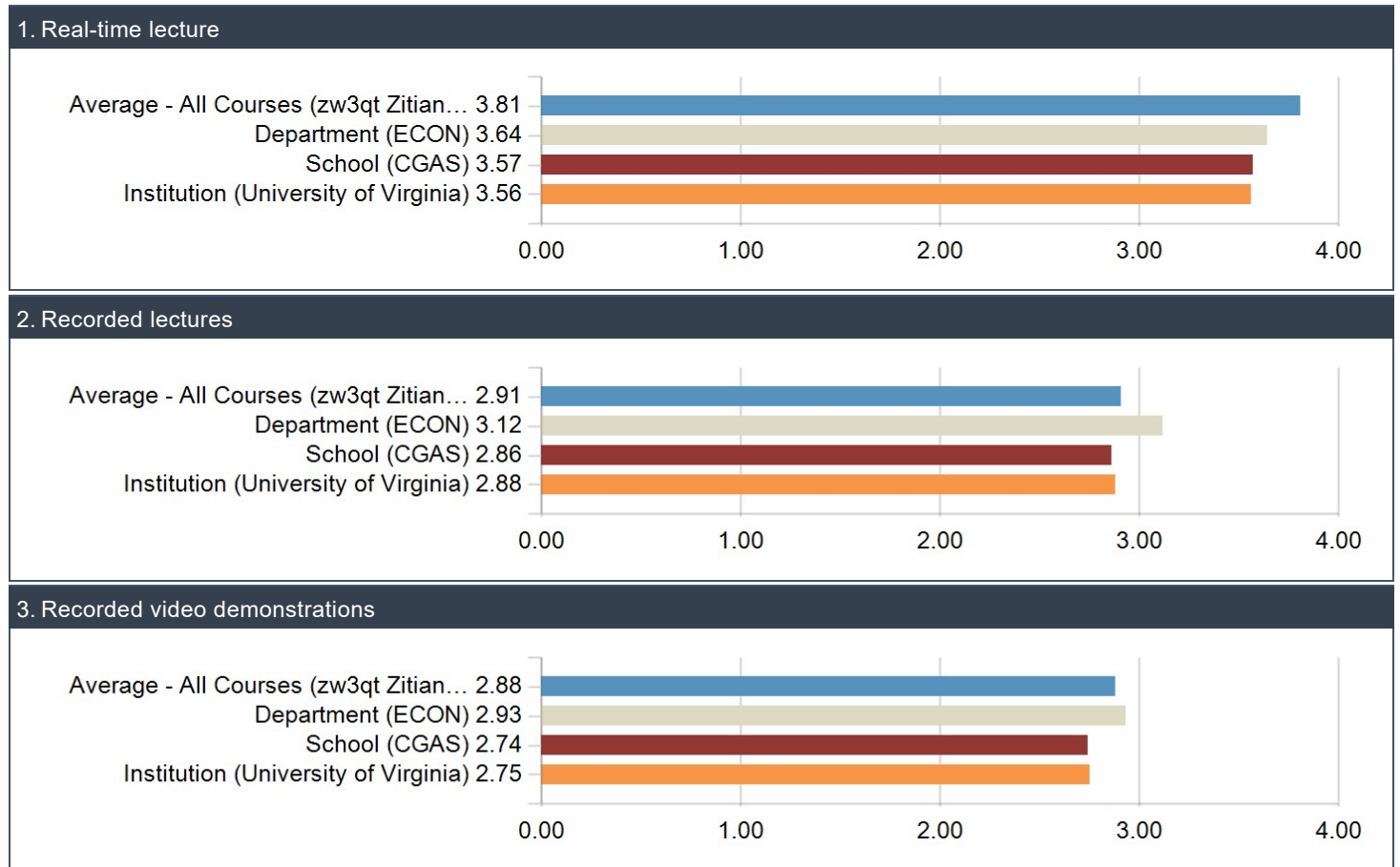
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### ECON

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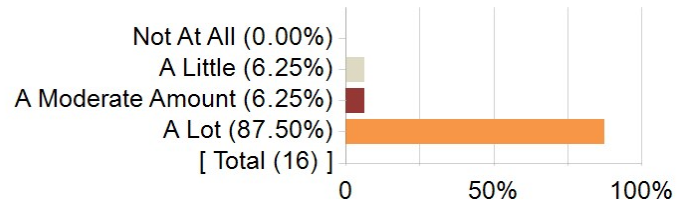
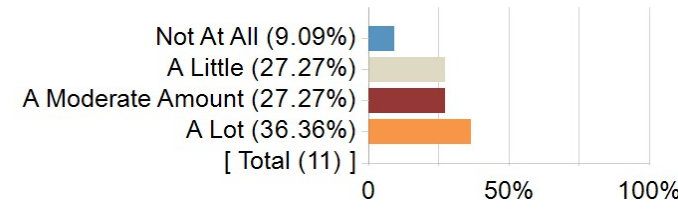
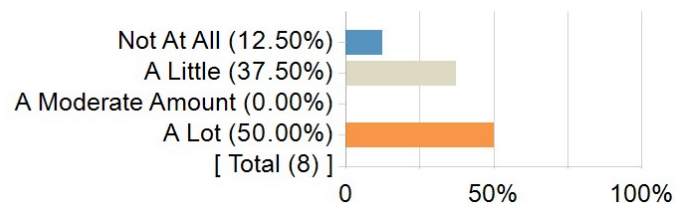
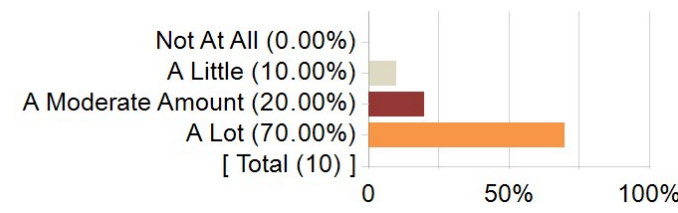
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	Response Count	Mean	Response Count	Mean	Response Count	Mean	Response Count	Mean
Real-time lecture	16	3.81	3291	3.64	30528	3.57	47157	3.56
Recorded lectures	11	2.91	1819	3.12	14794	2.86	24106	2.88
Recorded video demonstrations	8	2.88	1374	2.93	12747	2.74	20183	2.75
Hands-on activities	10	3.60	1821	3.07	21017	3.27	34462	3.33
Real-time whole-class discussion	15	3.40	2376	3.10	26083	3.30	40104	3.28
Real-time small-group discussion	6	2.50	1887	2.93	24327	3.28	37310	3.26
Online discussion boards	6	3.33	1143	2.47	12540	2.61	19713	2.60
Office hours	14	3.36	2173	2.97	18867	2.78	29728	2.81

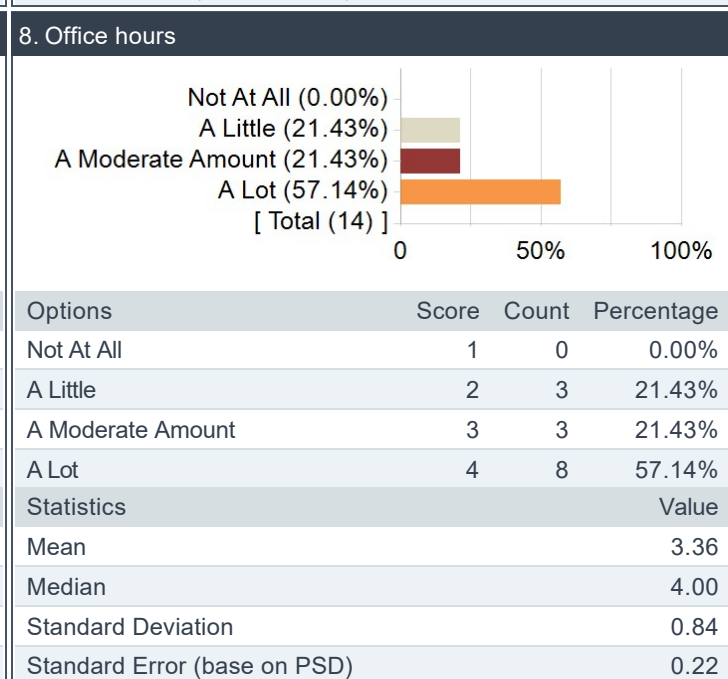
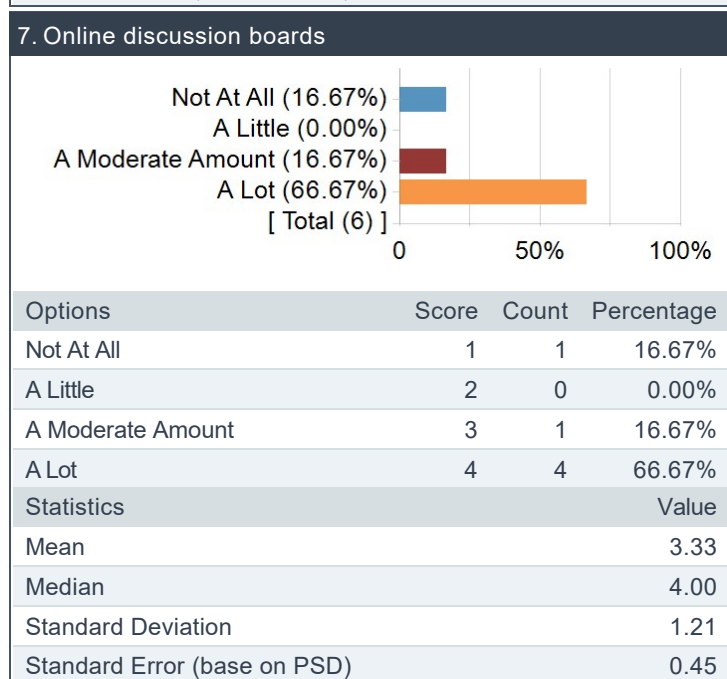
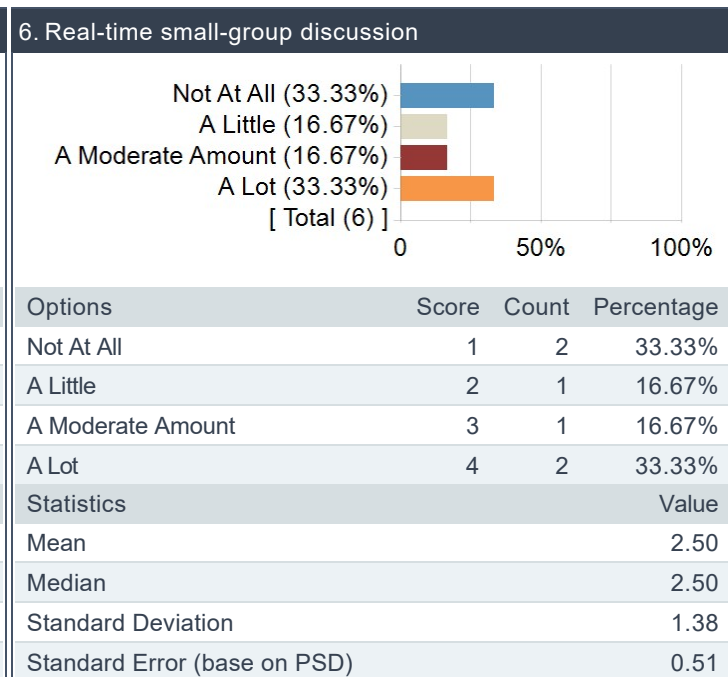
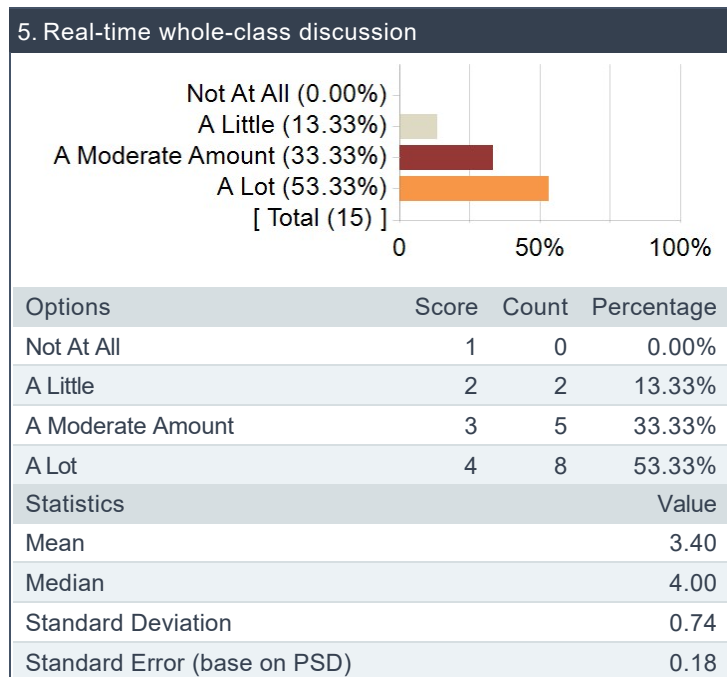
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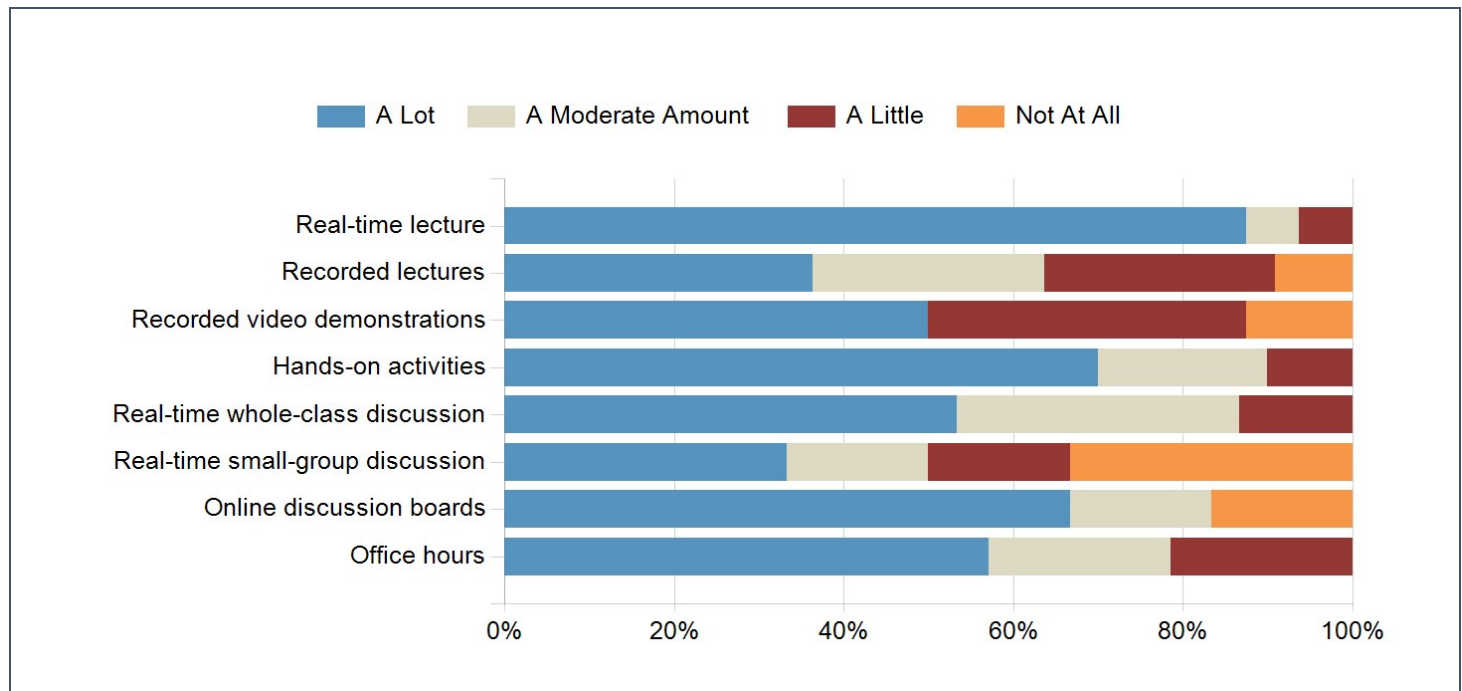


**Learning Activities: To what extent did the following learning activities contribute to your learning?**

1. Real-time lecture					2. Recorded lectures				
									
Options	Score	Count	Percentage		Options	Score	Count	Percentage	
Not At All	1	0	0.00%		Not At All	1	1	9.09%	
A Little	2	1	6.25%		A Little	2	3	27.27%	
A Moderate Amount	3	1	6.25%		A Moderate Amount	3	3	27.27%	
A Lot	4	14	87.50%		A Lot	4	4	36.36%	
Statistics				Value	Statistics				Value
Mean				3.81	Mean				2.91
Median				4.00	Median				3.00
Standard Deviation				0.54	Standard Deviation				1.04
Standard Error (base on PSD)				0.13	Standard Error (base on PSD)				0.30
3. Recorded video demonstrations					4. Hands-on activities				
									
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Not At All	1	1	12.50%		Not At All	1	0	0.00%	
A Little	2	3	37.50%		A Little	2	1	10.00%	
A Moderate Amount	3	0	0.00%		A Moderate Amount	3	2	20.00%	
A Lot	4	4	50.00%		A Lot	4	7	70.00%	
Statistics				Value	Statistics				Value
Mean				2.88	Mean				3.60
Median				3.00	Median				4.00
Standard Deviation				1.25	Standard Deviation				0.70
Standard Error (base on PSD)				0.41	Standard Error (base on PSD)				0.21



**Learning Activities: To what extent did the following learning activities contribute to your learning?**



**Please tell us briefly how any of the above learning activities (or other activities not included above) contributed to your learning in this course.**

Comments
Professor is extremely helpful.
I think that for the most part I was able to self study due to the materials in the class provided; I felt the lectures were sometimes confusing, which led me to start doing that more.
Zitian did a great job teaching the material in lecture. He made sure to give the class plenty of time to grasp various concepts, allowing us to be taught at a proper pace. I often found myself struggling to learn certain concepts, so I often came to office hours with plenty of questions to ask. Zitian took his time to explain the things that were confusing me, and I deeply appreciated his care and effort. I felt that I was able to succeed and improve my performance because my professor wanted to take the time to see me grow. I'm very grateful that Zitian was so patient with me, fostering a strong motivation to master the topics.
Zitian is a great teacher and instilled great enthusiasm in students about macroeconomic topics
I learned a lot from in person lecture and from the problem sets. He was also always available for office hours which was helpful!
The found the lecture style great.
Zitian Wang is a phenomenal professor and has been my favorite teacher at this university.
Most of the material came from the lecture.
This course was mostly focused around lecture but because it was a small class it was very easy to stay engaged and ask questions.
Lectures were thorough and contained all of the proper content to help ensure proper learning
Not much to be honest.
Lecture was extremely helpful for understanding the material and being in a small classroom allowed students to easily ask questions before and after class.
I thought problem sets were helpful because they were good practice which was kinda the most important thing. Lectures were also helpful for learning the material.
Lecture was super super helpful and he was really good at explaining the material.
The structure of the course — the way all of the above activities reenforced one another — amplified my learning experience. The combination of powerpoint as an introduction and then board work as practice was great. additionally, strategic placement of strictly practice lectures was helpful.

## Course Comments

**What would you like the instructor and university administrators to know about your experience in this course?**

Comments
Difficult course but Professor Wang organizes it well and does a good job for year one.
It was a pretty solid course, I really enjoyed the content I learned. However, I feel like the quality of lectures could be improved in the future to make a more conversational learning setting.
My experience with this course has been very positive. While I struggled at first, Zitian really helped me to push through and learn the material. My initial short comings in the course can undoubtedly be attributed to my own mistakes with studying and taking the time to learn the material, but I was able to improve my performance because of my professors help. The various concepts that we learn are extremely intriguing, as you get to look under the hood of what drives our economy. It's refreshing to see the mathematics that drive certain economic factors, rather than just learning a shallow layer.
He is a great teacher very fair and non judgmental when questions are asked in class which I appreciated
I really liked this class! I learned a lot about the math behind the macroeconomic models. I think he was a great teacher and moved at a good pace — we covered a lot of information and a lot of different models but it never felt like I couldn't keep up. The homeworks were super helpful in reinforcing what we did in class and preparing us for the exams. He always stayed after class to answer questions and was available for office hours. He was also always receptive to feedback on how the class could be made better. It was clear that he really cared about the quality of the class and about his students in general. One of my favorite professors I have had in the Econ department so far!
Out of all the Economic courses this is one of my favorites because it doesn't have a hundred students and allows for a better learning environment at least for me.
This course was great, and I learned a great deal. It was a challenging course, but Zitian made it very rewarding and interesting to learn. He is incredibly knowledgeable and makes learning content very enjoyable.
This course was taught very well.
I honestly thought this was the best possible way to have taken Intermediate Macro, being in a small class setting allowed for a very easy environment to engage with the material. Zitian was a great lecturer and really made things come to life. He was very passionate and smart, and still welcomed all contributions to class and was really easy to work with as a student. He was very available to support us and was always considerate of our experience in the class, which was much appreciated. I really couldn't speak much more highly about Zitian as both a lecturer and a teacher/manager of us students.
I enjoyed it and Zitian was a very understanding and helpful professor that wants his students to succeed.
I thought it was fine
Great course, Zitian taught really well
I would like them to know that Mr. Wang is a really great teacher who is so kind and really cares about his students. He is also really great at teaching the material.
Professor Wang was awesome!! The time and effort he put into the class was really apparent and it seemed like he really cared about his students and our success. He was a great lecturer and was really good at breaking down complex topics and slowing down when people asked him to.
Zitian was awesome. Truly passionate and hilarious — made us all laugh and made lectures engaging. Almost everybody came to class — which is a testament to how worthwhile he made the course. Cares very deeply about his students. Could not recommend enough.

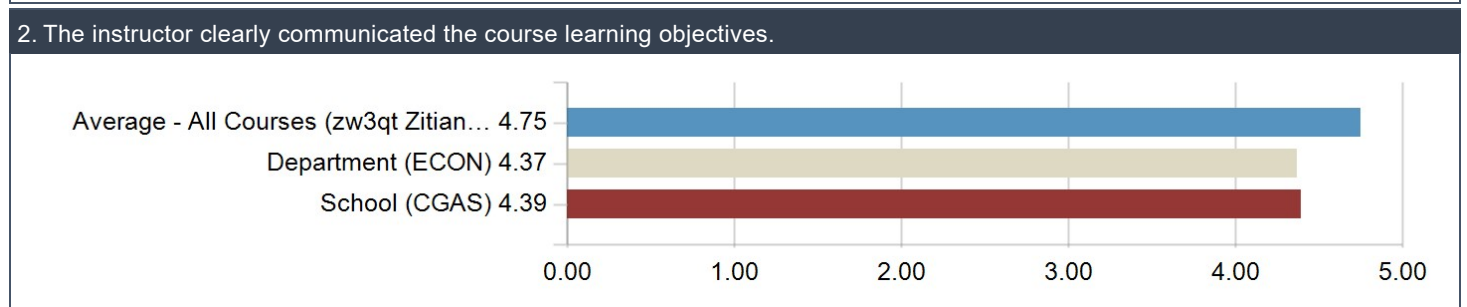
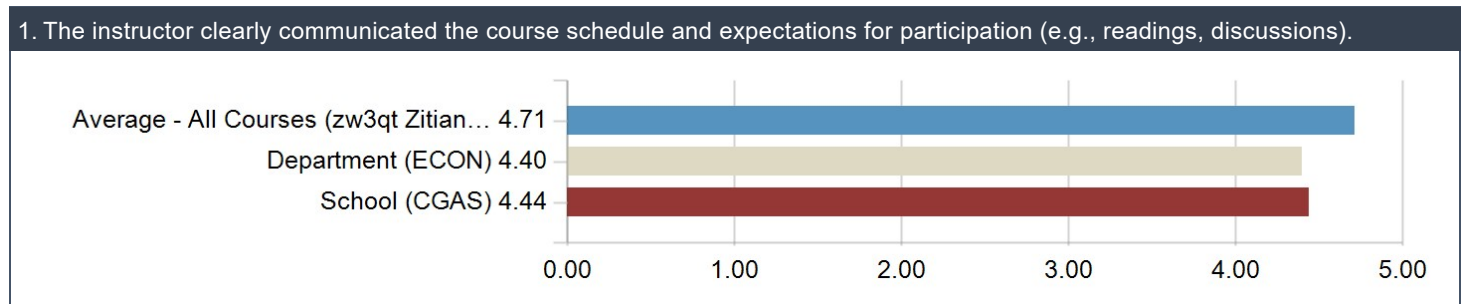
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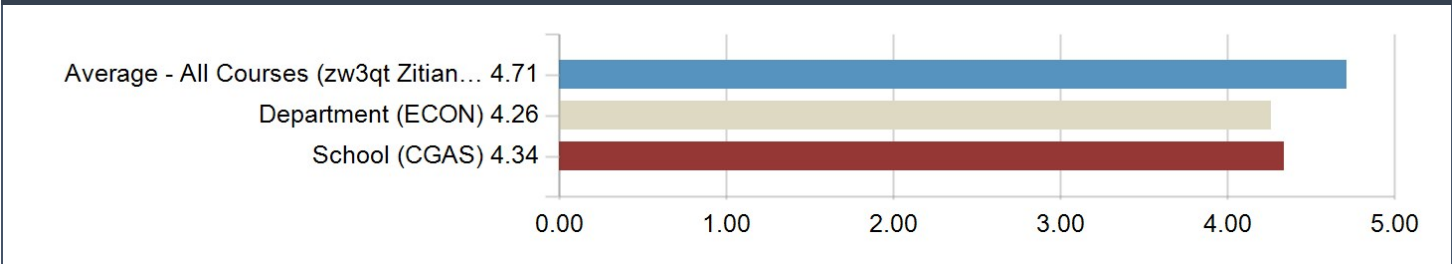
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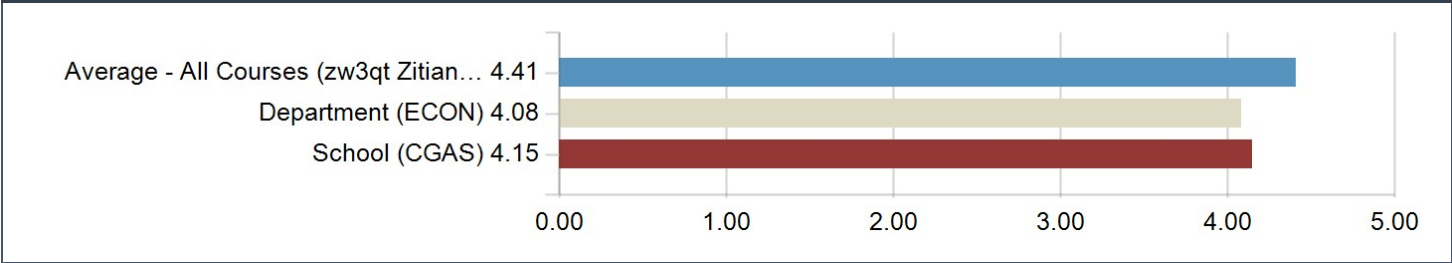
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The instructor clearly communicated the course learning objectives.	16	4.75	3376	4.37	35457	4.39
The instructor implemented learning activities and assignments that allowed me to demonstrate understanding of the course material.	17	4.71	3378	4.26	35435	4.34
The instructor provided me prompt and useful feedback on my learning.	17	4.41	3378	4.08	35441	4.15
The instructor provided opportunities for my active participation.	17	4.47	3374	4.21	35422	4.36
The instructor was available to help support my learning.	17	4.65	3373	4.33	35404	4.38
The instructor fostered an environment where I felt valued as an individual and that I belonged in the class.	17	4.53	3367	4.26	35412	4.36
Overall, the instructor was an effective teacher.	17	4.65	3367	4.30	35430	4.33
The instructor created an environment that respected difference and welcomed diverse perspectives.	17	4.47	3374	4.16	35420	4.33



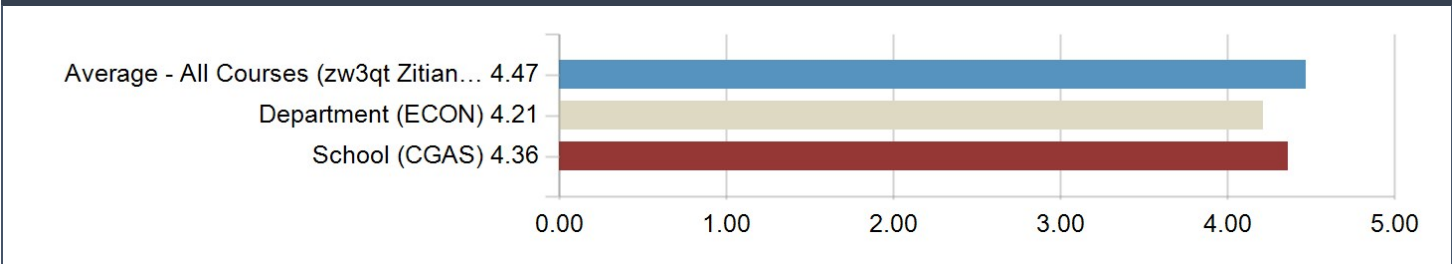
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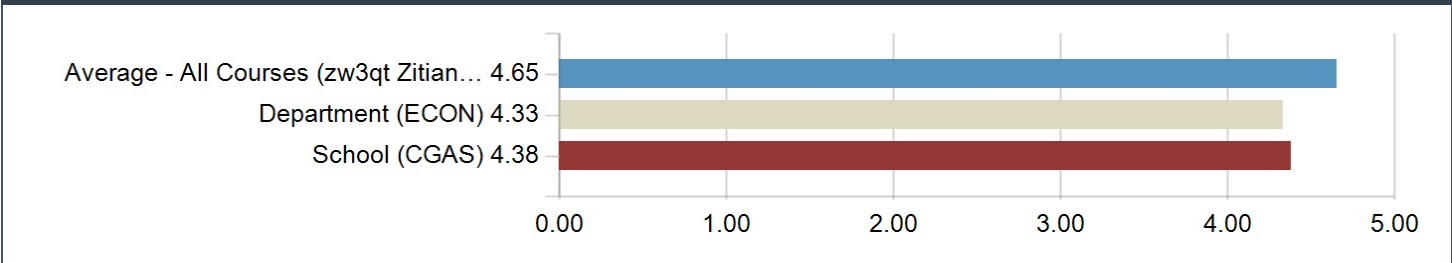
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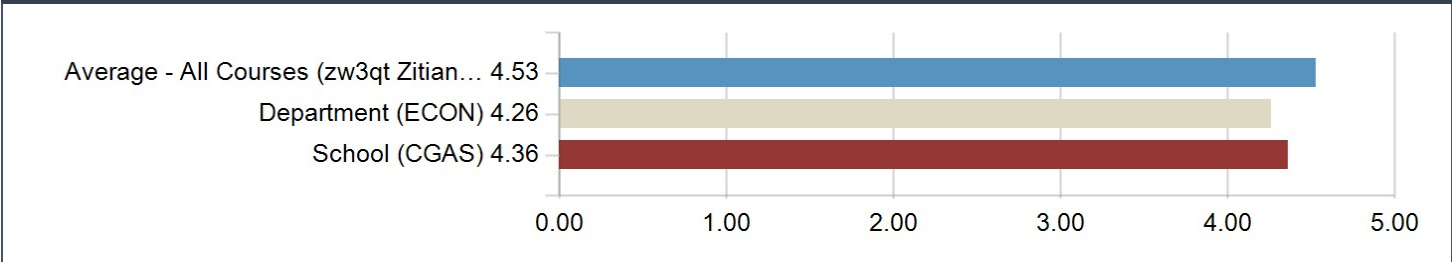
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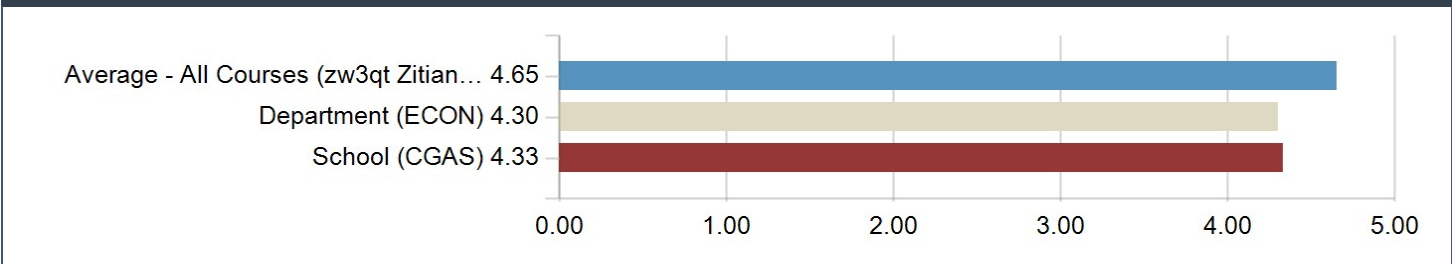
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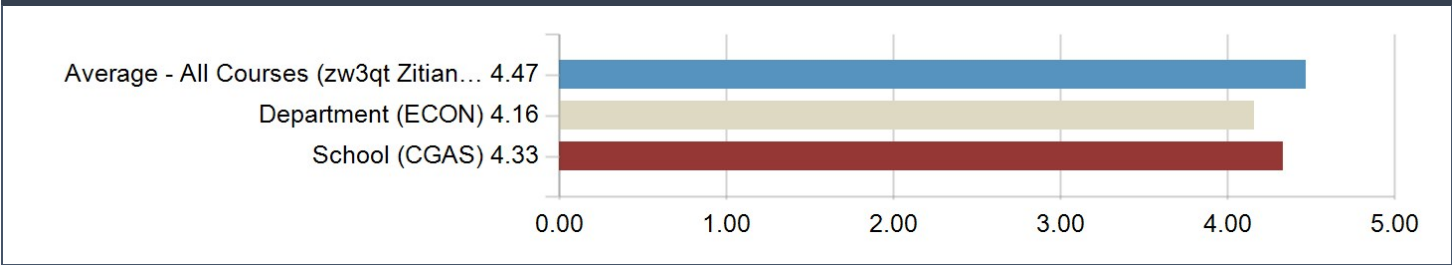
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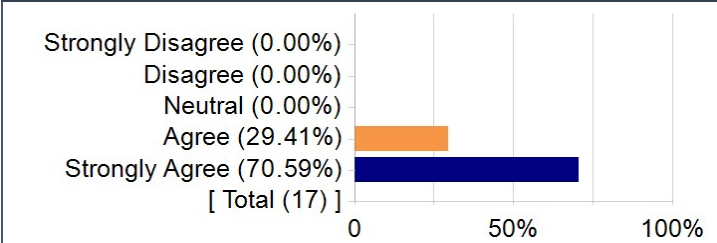
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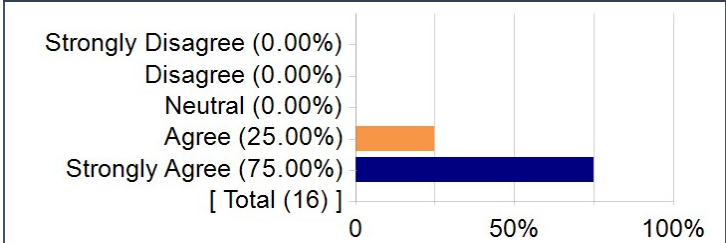


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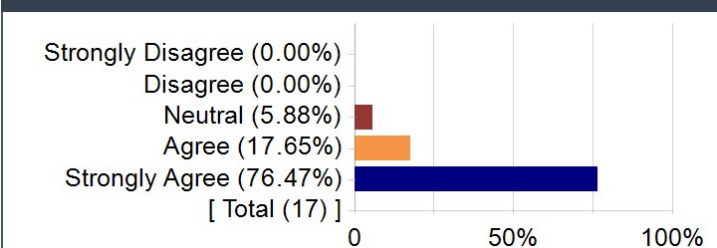
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2. The instructor clearly communicated the course learning objectives.



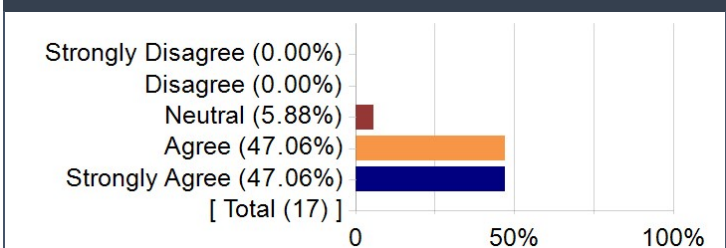
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3. The instructor implemented learning activities and assignments that allowed me to demonstrate understanding of the course material.



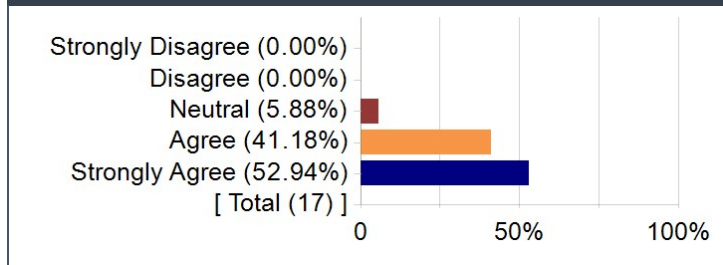
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4. The instructor provided me prompt and useful feedback on my learning.



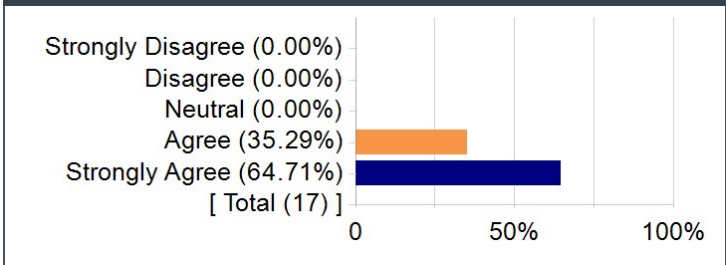
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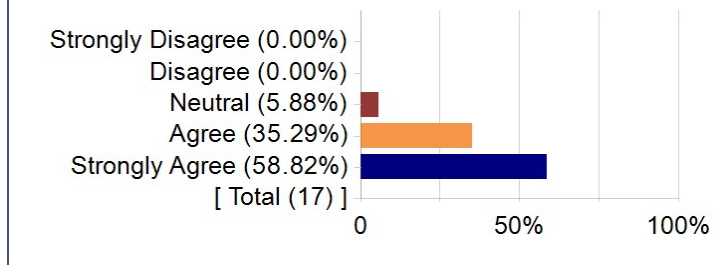
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6. The instructor was available to help support my learning.



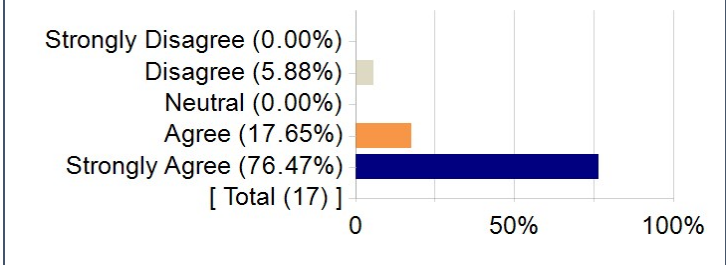
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Agree	4	6	35.29%
Strongly Agree	5	11	64.71%
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Mean			4.65
Median			5.00
Standard Deviation			0.49

7. The instructor fostered an environment where I felt valued as an individual and that I belonged in the class.



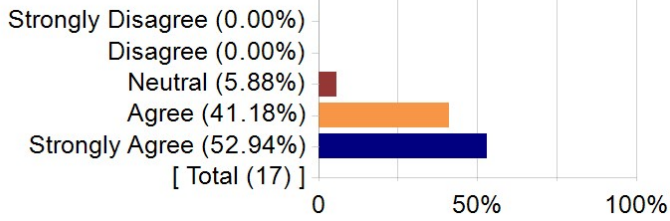
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8. Overall, the instructor was an effective teacher.

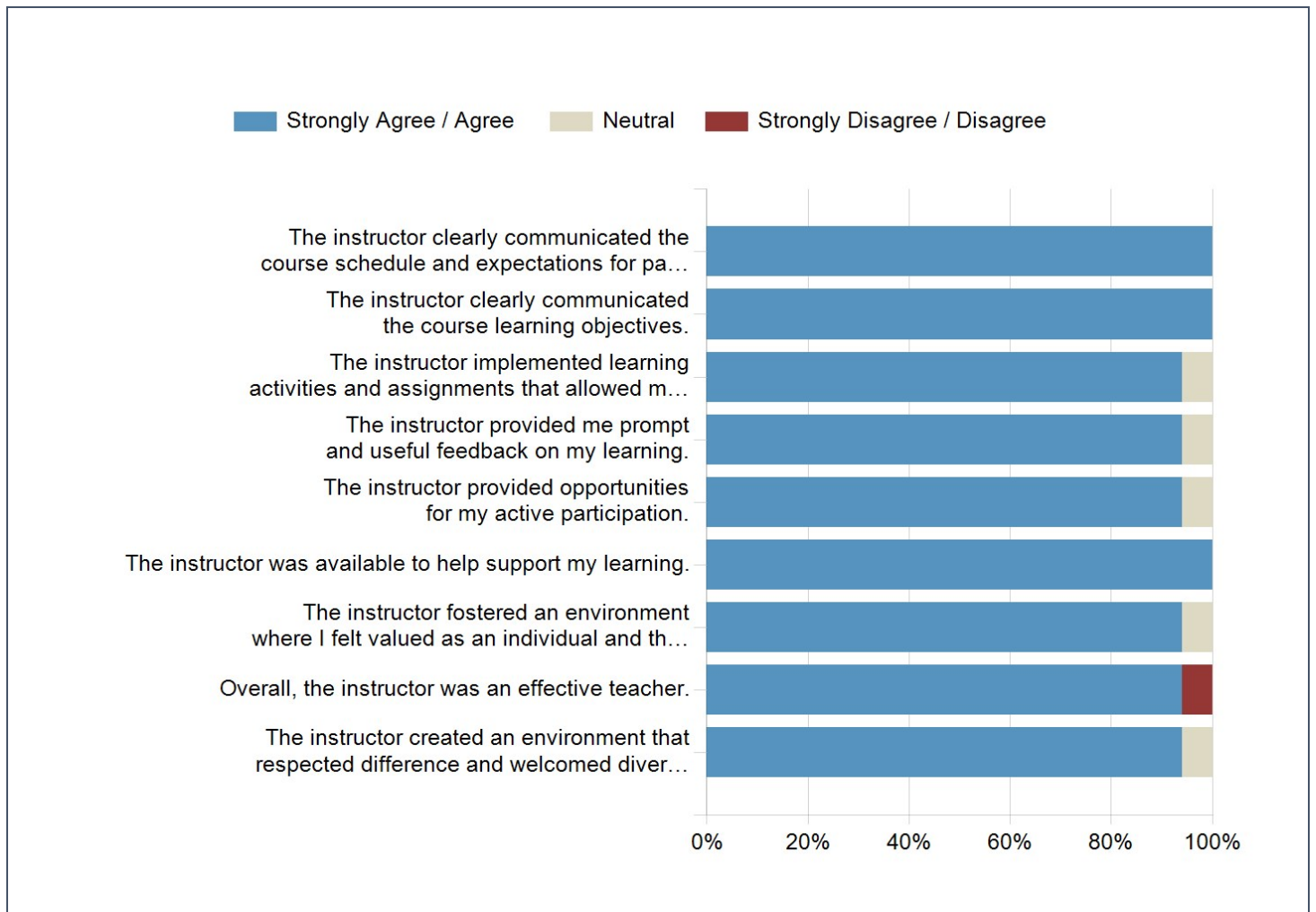


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Neutral	3	0	0.00%
Agree	4	3	17.65%
Strongly Agree	5	13	76.47%
Statistics			Value
Mean			4.65
Median			5.00
Standard Deviation			0.79

9. The instructor created an environment that respected difference and welcomed diverse perspectives.



Options	Score	Count	Percentage
Strongly Disagree	1	0	0.00%
Disagree	2	0	0.00%
Neutral	3	1	5.88%
Agree	4	7	41.18%
Strongly Agree	5	9	52.94%
Statistics			Value
Mean			4.47
Median			5.00
Standard Deviation			0.62



**You selected "AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE" on the previous question: Please give specific examples as to how Zitian Wang created an environment that respected difference and welcomed diverse perspectives.**

Comments
He was not judge mental of questions and always wanted to help although I wish he went a little slower and his handwriting was better
He allowed and encouraged everyone to participate in class.
If I or any students had any difficulty learning or any questions, he answered them in a way we actually learned. This opened up more students to ask questions without feeling shy.
Zitian would often ask questions to the whole class, and if the answer was wrong, Zitian would be very kind and guide the student to the right answer.
Every was welcome to participate in class discussions.
Well as an international student himself he had a very global and considerate perspective on macroeconomics which I really liked, and in class that shined through where everyone was comfortable asking candid questions and we had very honest conversations.
Welcomed different POVS
Everyone had the oppurnity to answer questions.
Everyone could participate in class, no discrimination
Mr. Wang allowed everyone to participate and he would encourage that. He was so kind when he addressed students and really cared about everyone's learning. He also memorized everyone's name which is so impressive and really makes a difference in making everyone feel welcome, heard, and understood. Thank you Mr. Wang!
He always answered all questions and let people speak without judgment.
Always welcomed questions. Knows each and every one of our names. Responds very quickly in slack channel for any questions we have. encourages public questions so that everyone can benefit.
Zitian was always open to hearing from everyone, and he was extremely gentle and encouraging even if someone gave a response that was a little off the mark. Zitian nurtured our learning by redirecting student's answers, inevitably allowing more to contribute in the future. There was never any sense of pressure for giving a "wrong" answer, as Zitian created an open and supportive environment.
He was respectful and open to questions from all students, encouraged different viewpoints during discussions, and made an effort to explain concepts in multiple ways so everyone could understand regardless of background.

## Instructor Comments

**What constructive suggestions do you have to help Zitian Wang improve this course for future students?**

Comments
Already said
I thought this was a really good econ class, and I have very few suggestions for improvement. One thing I would say is to try to grade the problem sets quicker/throughout the course instead of all at once at the end. Since I didn't know how I was doing on them, I didn't know if I needed to change anything or get more help with them (if I had made a mistake on the second one, and then continued making that same mistake on all of them, I wouldn't have known until it was too late to improve). Other than that I had a great experience and I feel like I truly learned a lot!
I think a recorded lecture would be great to go back and review in case someone misses class.
Nothing.
None.
The course was clearly very theory-based, but maybe testing application would make the material feel slightly more critical, like if we were given word problems or numbers on the exams as opposed to sometimes just memorizing the proof.
I am not sure, I think conceptually the class is kind've difficult for me but maybe that's my own issue. I didn't really feel like I grasped concepts until studying a lot for exams when they would click but that is also how I tend to learn.
I think it would be better if he came to class more prepared, rather than relying on reading from his phone or notes.
A few more practice materials, nothing else – great course!
Maybe if there was a little more opportunity for practice besides the problem sets because I think practicing is really the key to success in this course so it's helpful to have some more materials.
I thought he was great! He did a good job of breaking down complex topics and slowing down and explaining further when people had questions.
More office hours. Once a week was super difficult.
Past practice exams before the midterms could be helpful.
I think just making the class a little bit more interactive could help.
Maybe in the future, Zitian could restructure his office hours, potentially having two shorter sessions instead of one longer one. Although, I totally understand that this comes down to flexibility and scheduling, and I greatly appreciate that the professor was able to offer so much of his time in the first place. In addition, it might've been nice to get some practice multiple choice prior to the first exam, just to get a feeling of the extent to which the material would be tested on. Other than that, I'm very grateful to have had Zitian as a professor, and I wish him the best going forward!
N/A