

DENNIS SHASHA
COURSE EVALUATIONS
HEURISTICS
J TERM 2014

Detailed Item Analysis Report

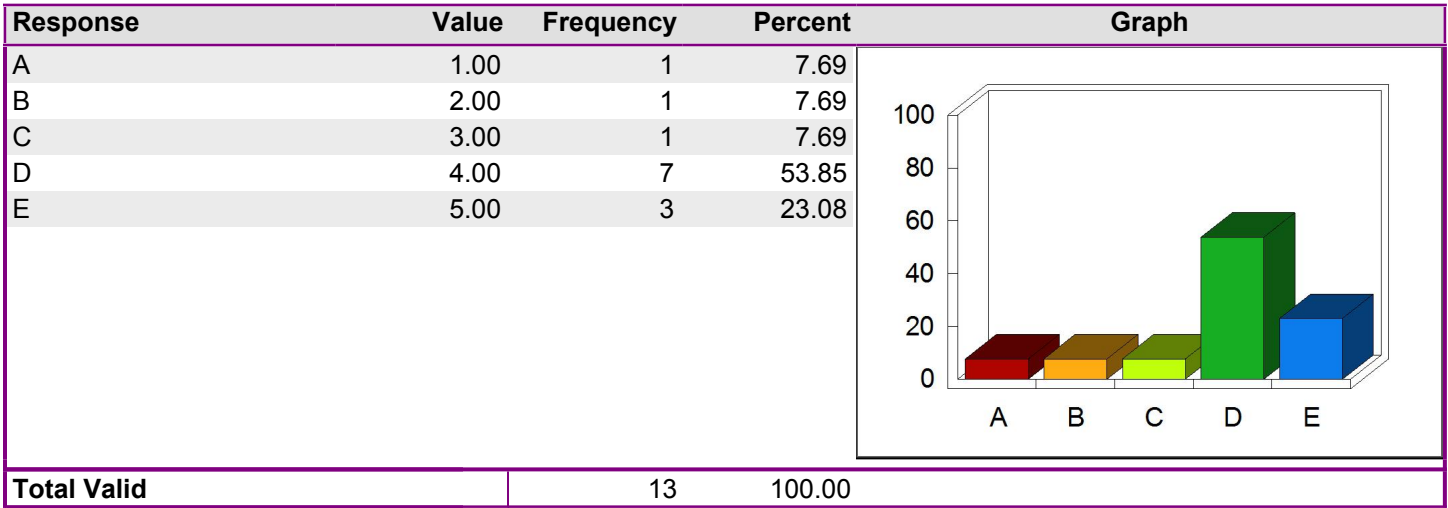
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Heuristics

J Term 2014

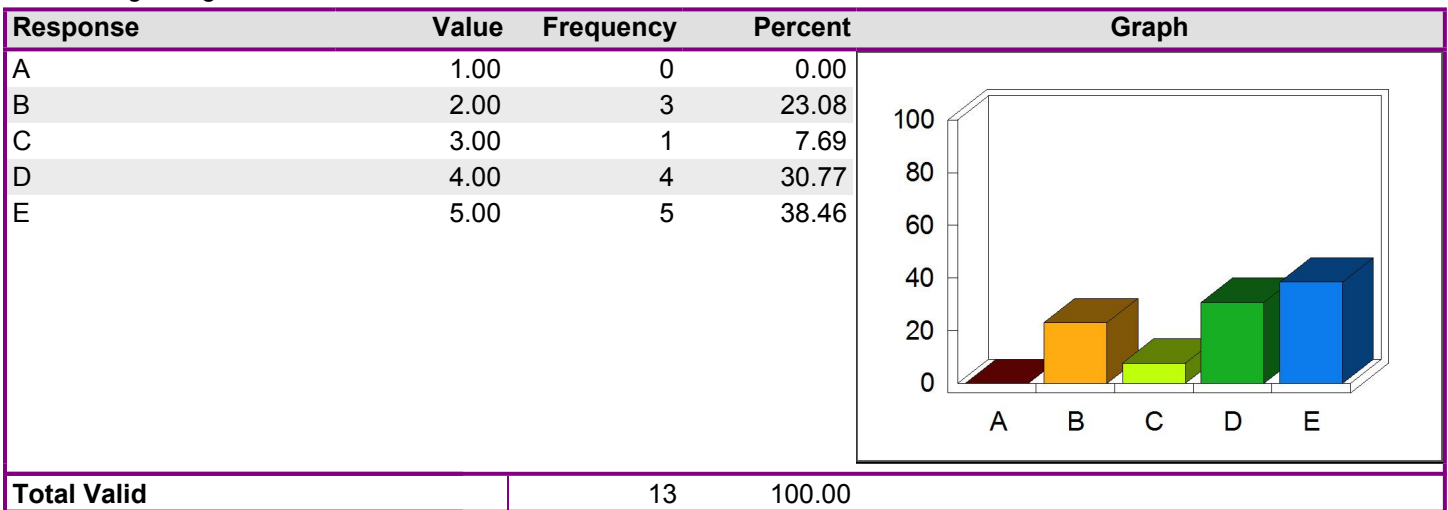
Were the objectives of the course clear?

Mean: 3.77



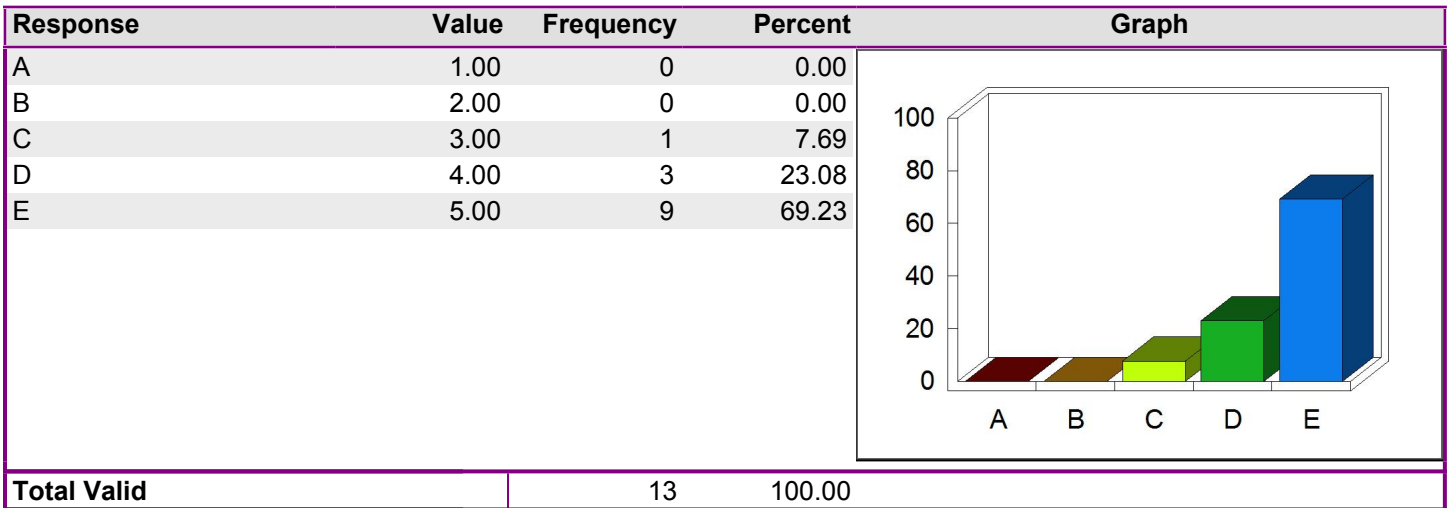
Were the grading standards clear?

Mean: 3.85



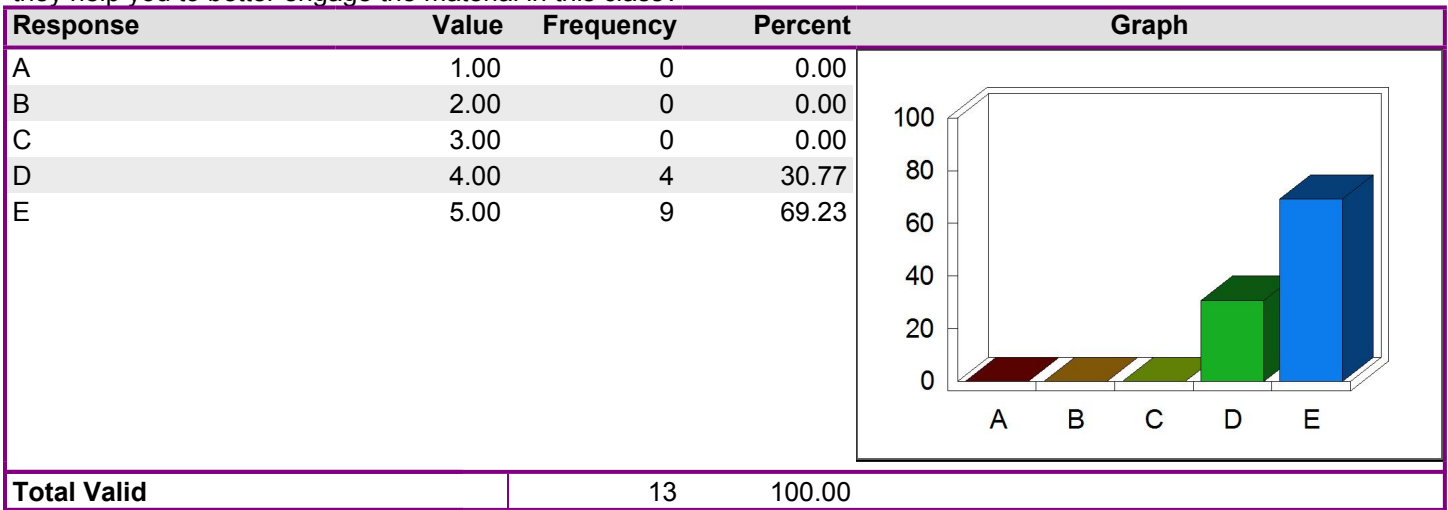
Did the course help you develop critical interpretive or analytical abilities?

Mean: 4.62



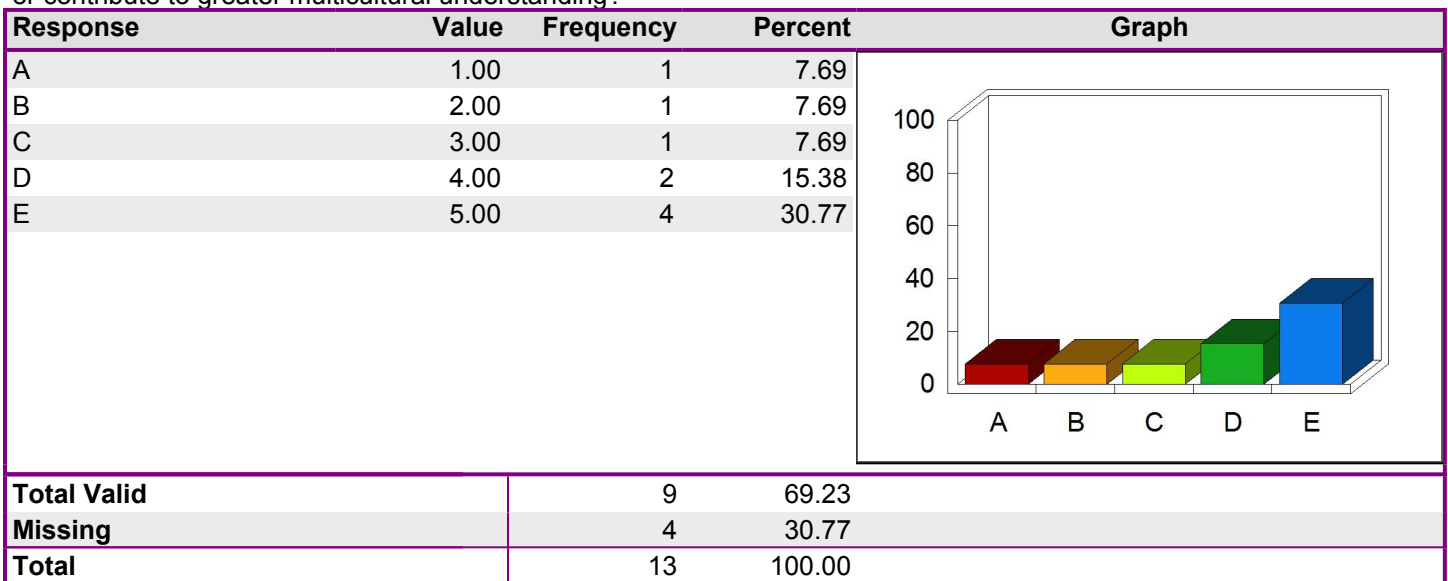
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Mean: 4.69



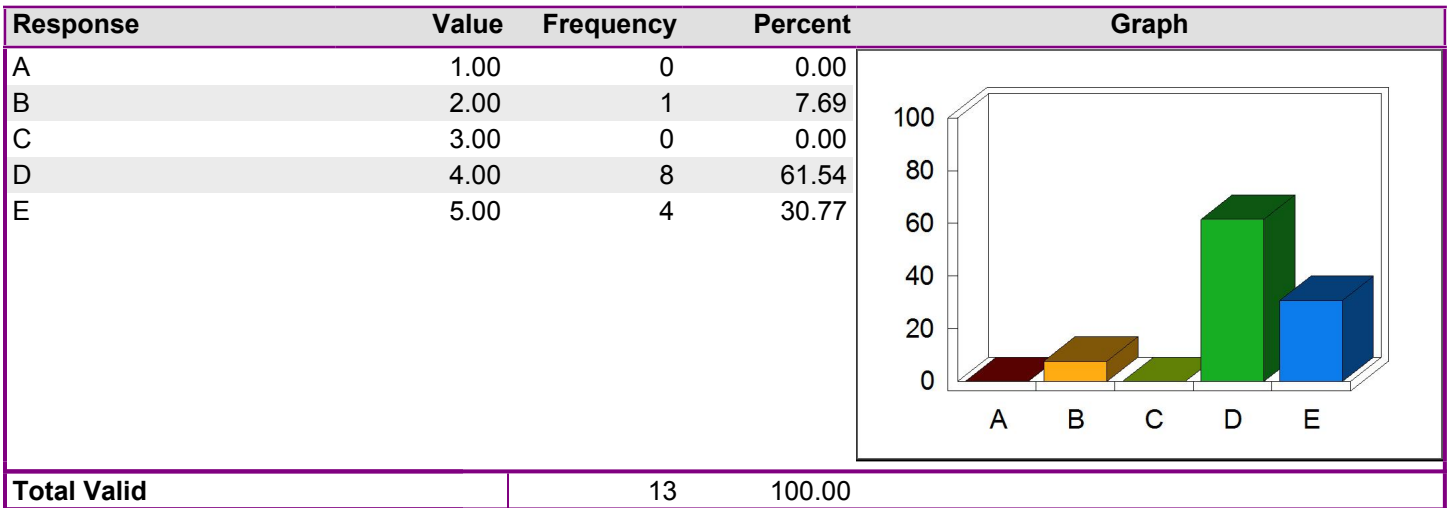
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Mean: 3.78



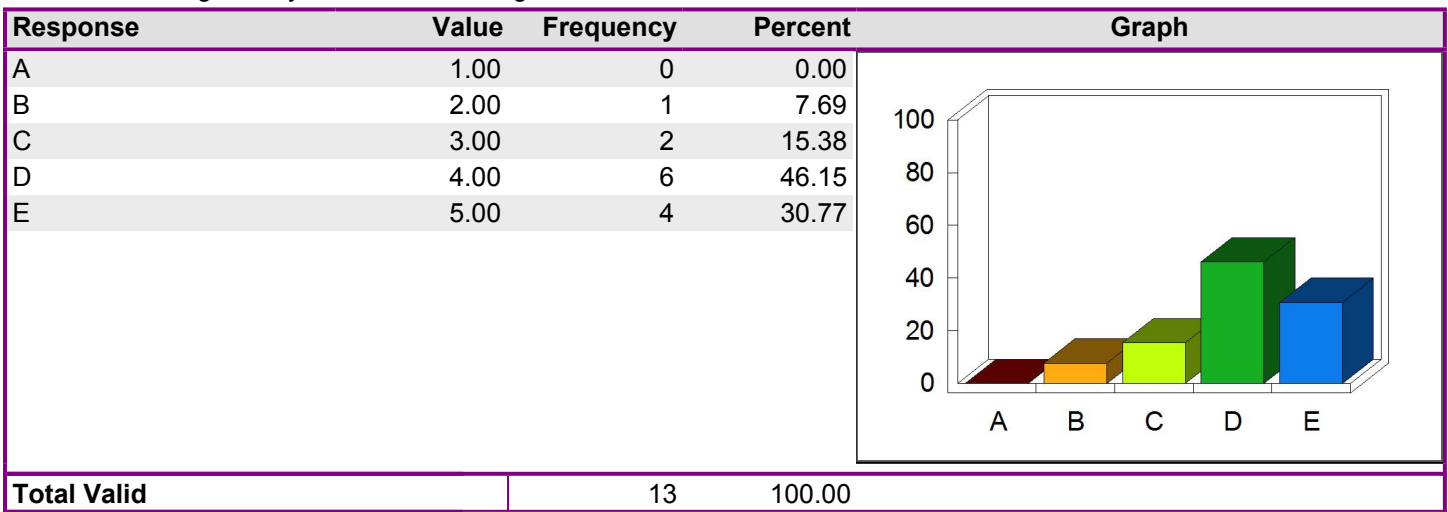
Rate the course overall.

Mean: 4.15



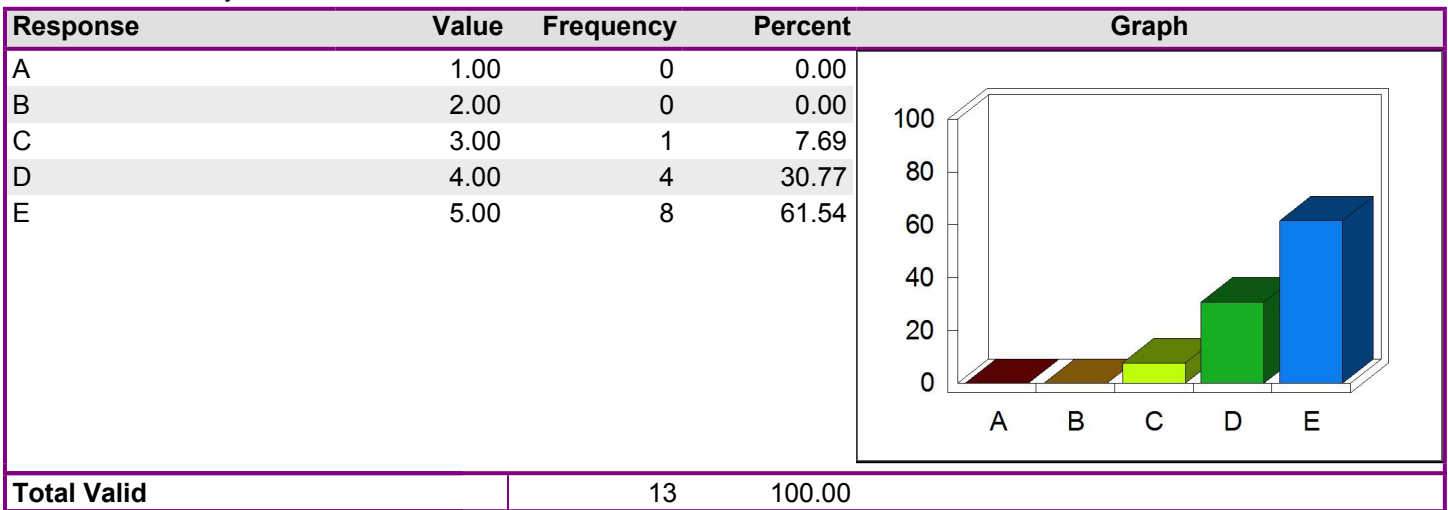
Evaluate the degree of your overall learning from this course.

Mean: 4.00



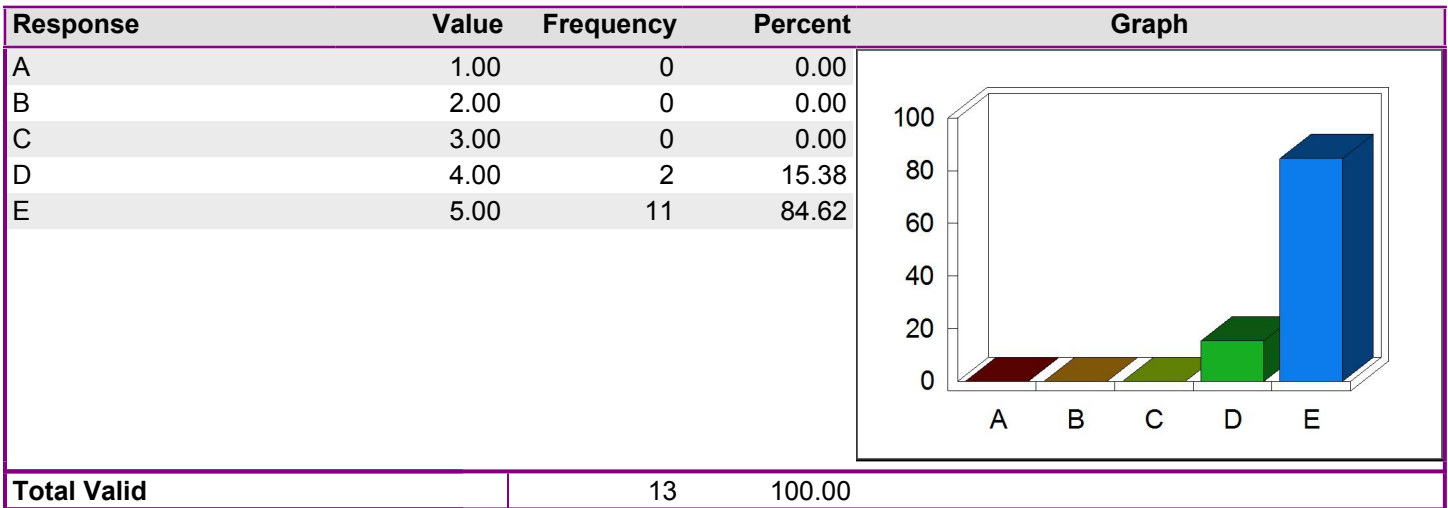
Evaluate the clarity of the instructor's lectures.

Mean: 4.54



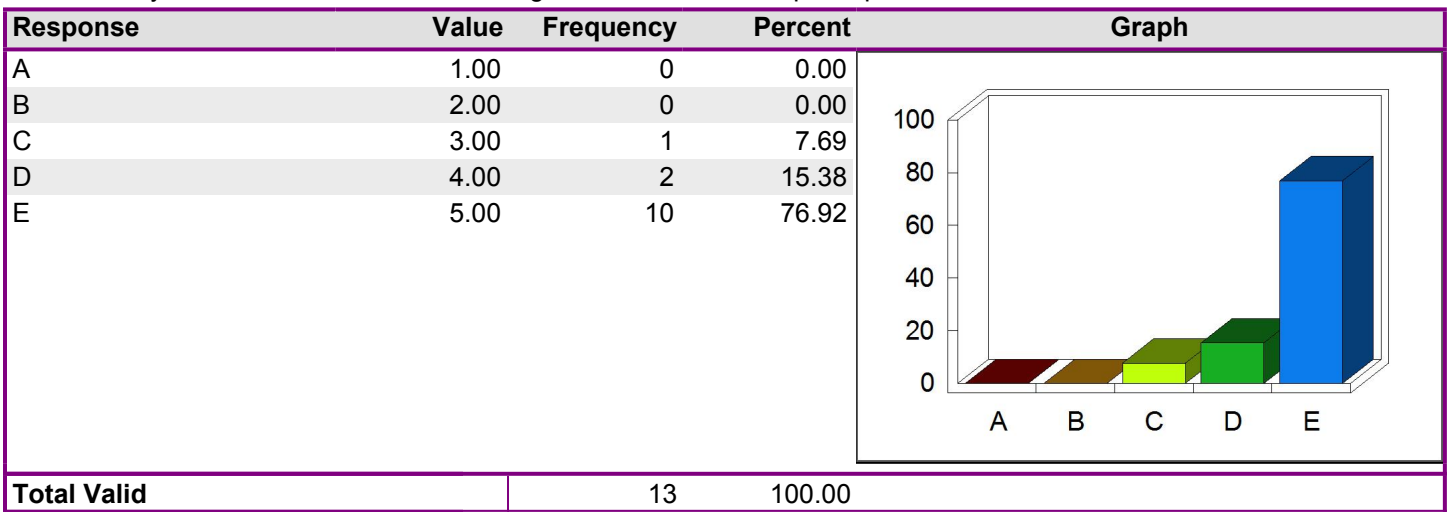
Evaluate the degree of the instructor's preparedness.

Mean: 4.85



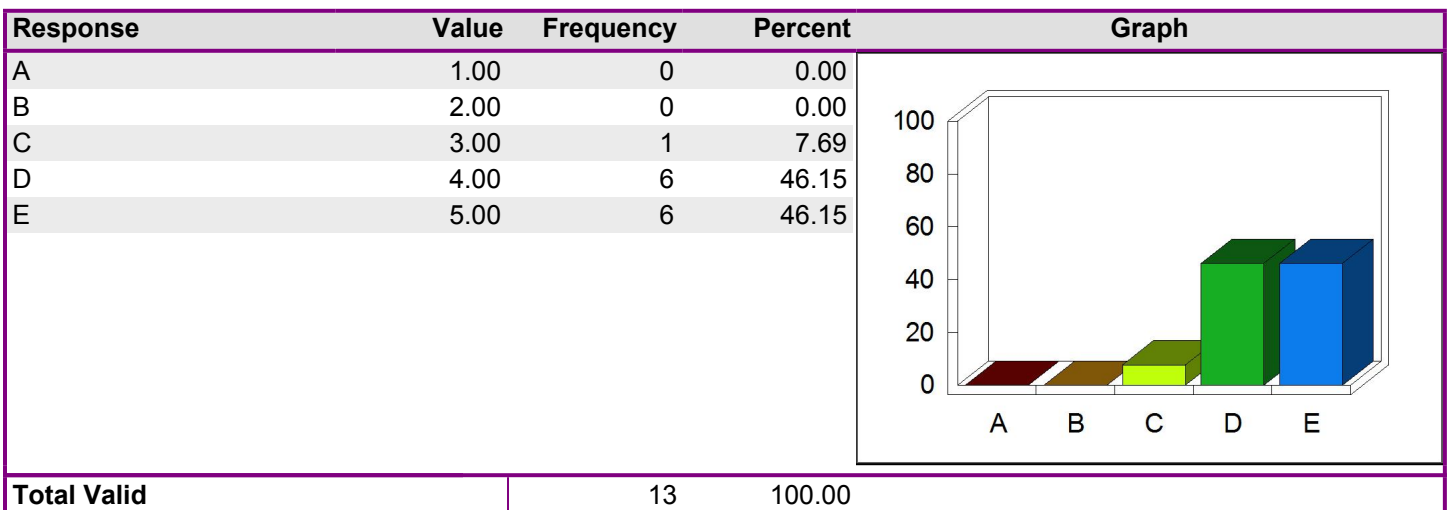
How would you rate the instructor's encouragement of students to participate in discussion?

Mean: 4.69



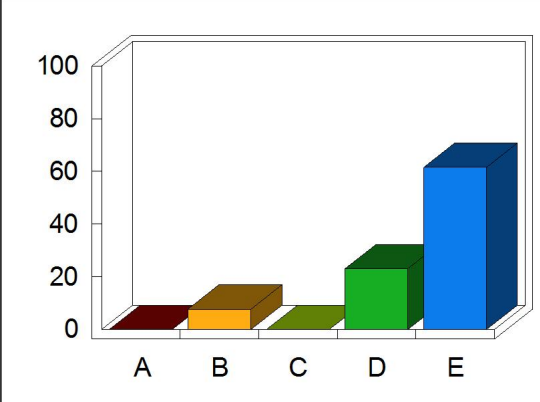
How well did the instructor's lectures stimulate interest in the course material?

Mean: 4.38



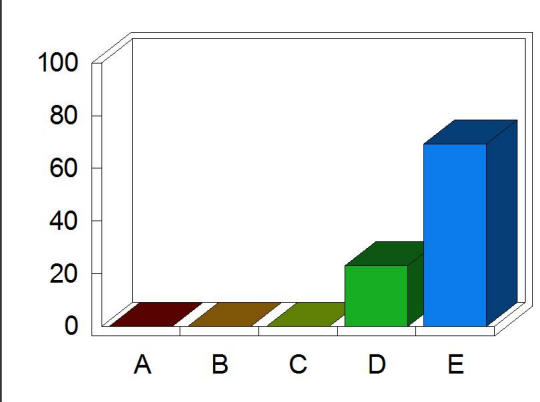
Evaluate the availability of the instructor outside class.

Mean: 4.50

Response	Value	Frequency	Percent	Graph
A	1.00	0	0.00	
B	2.00	1	7.69	
C	3.00	0	0.00	
D	4.00	3	23.08	
E	5.00	8	61.54	
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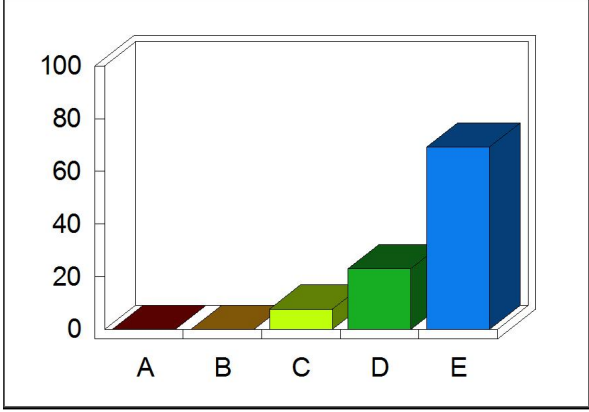
Evaluate the fairness of the instructor's exams.

Mean: 4.75

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How would you rate the instructor overall?

Mean: 4.62

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Semester	Year	7 Week - or - 14 Week	J-term
J-term	2014		

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Which assignments were the most valuable? Which assignments, if any, do you think should be dropped or modified?

How could the course be improved?

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

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J-term 2014	2014	3 week	

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The python programming was valuable

How could the course be improved?

More clear structure & learning objectives

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

Yes. Python

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

B to A

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Not really

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Juan (the senior) who ~~teach~~ teaches the afternoon python class is really knowledgable, helpful and is a good teacher.

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		7 Week - or - 14 Week	

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How could the course be improved?

It is quite scattered, in the sense that we do some computer programming, a little bit of statistics, a little bit of probability, one experiment, one game etc. I found it hard to focus on learning each of these properly as they were introduced and used quite close to each other and instead of learning one thoroughly and using it ~~in~~ in different situations, I was torn between focusing on learning and understanding programming better, as I found that generally difficult, or whether I to focus on learning readings properly for the quizzes every day etc.

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

No, but I'm generally not very interested in science courses. Juan Felipe, our GAF was very good at making it interesting, though, and kept telling us every day uses of programming.

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

B

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

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Workload was very manageable

Experiments exercise was a lot of fun

All course texts were very interesting

Auction game a bit stressful

How could the course be improved?

More synthesis + overview of how different lessons/topics fit together. Sometimes felt like a mixed bag w/o connections.

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

Yes, deepened my interest. If I had more aptitude I would take further courses.

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

B - B+

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

n/a

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

Yes - one of the best cores I've taken and a rare good one

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Working with the same partner on every assignment got a bit tiring

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Juan Felipe was an excellent Python teacher and very willing to help. With more teaching practice he will only get better.

Demis Shasha was excellent. Very patient and broke down complex topics to understanding for everyone. Invite him back!



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Name of Primary Instructor <i>Pennii Shasha</i>			
Semester <i>J-Term</i>	Year <i>1st Year</i>	7 Week - or - 14 Week - 3 Week	

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The most valuable assignments were the quizzes/preparation for quizzes for it helped us really get to know the topic. The book the film and the pendulum was a tough read, but it was one of the most inspiring science books I've read.

How could the course be improved?

More fun stuff? (To be fair there was a lot of fun stuff already.)
For me, it has generally okay. Great already.

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

Yes! It made me want to major in CS! Because not only do you get these great thinking exercises, but you meet fun and awesome people.

What grade do you expect to receive for the course? A?

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

~~NA~~ NA

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

Yes! We were really able to see a lot of different areas like Humanities and stuff.

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It was an awesome GAF. Seeing the intro to CS Curriculum, we were able to do more than expected. Really awesome person. Would not have any other person teach me python!

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I love Perini! People should take his classes. Pittag and Kiser are awesome, Perini!



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Name of Primary Instructor

Semester

Year

7 Week - or - 14 Week

Deena Shasha

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Which assignments were the most valuable? Which assignments, if any, do you think should be dropped or modified?

The presentations and programming assignments were good, but the experiment seemed forced and unnecessary.

How could the course be improved?

I think some of the experimental ~~parts~~ could be dropped,
let shasha to teach this for a semester.

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

Yes

What grade do you expect to receive for the course? A

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N/A

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

N/A

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Fantastic course. would be great for a full semester.

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shasha is fantastic.



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Y-term	2014		

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Loved the entire course. Struggled with the programming part but both the professor and senior Juan Felipe, who was leading the programming classes, were very helpful.

How could the course be improved?

less python, more ketchaks!

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

It was interesting to learn heuristics of everyday life but because I do not like programming that much, I would not pursue further courses. Although I loved the material about the puzzles and class presentations.

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

A

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If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

Yes

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It was all great. The only thing is that the hours per day for class were quite overwhelming.

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Both Juan-Felipe and Professor Shasha are great. Loved the atmosphere in the classroom. They were challenging us and at the same time giving guidance on how to overcome those challenges. Juan-Felipe is an outstanding teacher and individual and professor Shasha is just awesome!



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Name of Primary Instructor	<i>Deris Shasha</i>		
Semester	<i>5-term 2014</i>	Year	<i>2014</i> 7-Week - or - 14-Week

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Which assignments were the most valuable? Which assignments, if any, do you think should be dropped or modified?

Quizzes were most valuable.

How could the course be improved?

more problems, less presentations

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

Yes

maybe

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

A

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

Yes

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Bythos workshops were very helpful.

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Name of Primary Instructor	DENNIS SHASHA		
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The audio game was valuable. The games against each other & the experiment should be dropped.

How could the course be improved?

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Make it less random & all over the place. Focus only on heuristics. No need for history, experiments, game theory, etc.

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

N/A

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

A

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

N/A

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

No, the Core Curriculum continues to confuse me. No point of having it.

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We don't ~~need~~ need to read Jane, Germ, Steel & co. Focus only on heuristics

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Cool guy, but needs to focus on teaching & subject, not 15.



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the experiment In the morning section, it was the probabilities of finding the best solution. In the Python part, it was all interesting and made me consider Computer Science.

How could the course be improved?

Use ^{more} visual aids for the concepts, and go over basics of probability with students. I was bad with probabilities.

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

Yes, I might pursue intro. to computer science.

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

B+

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

Yes, I believe.

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Juan Felipe was the best. Eased me right into Python.



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The auction game was valuable.

How could the course be improved?

Reduce the scope increase the depth.

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

Yes it did.

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

B+

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If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

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Juan was a really valuable teacher. Regardless of experience everyone has something to learn from him.



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I really liked all the presentations that we had to do. The final project in python was a little tough but I certainly learnt some programming from that.

How could the course be improved?

I really don't know. Maybe having a couple of guest speakers would spice up the class.

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

I am not sure about taking further programming courses. But that was definitely something I wanted to explore earlier. And this stuff is quite interesting.

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

no idea

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

We didn't write too much

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

Meh.

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uff, the pace. I feel I say that for all J-term courses. but the pace is intense.

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\$ Dennis is certainly the best!



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The python programming was valuable

How could the course be improved?

More clear structure & learning objectives

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

Yes Python

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

B to A

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

Not really

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Juan (the senior) who ~~teach~~ teaches the afternoon python class is really knowledgable, helpful and is a good teacher.

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It is quite scattered, in the sense that we do some computer programming, a little bit of statistics, a little bit of probability, one experiment, one game etc. I found it hard to focus on learning each of these properly as they were introduced and used quite close to each other, and instead of learning one thoroughly and using it ~~in~~ in different situations, I was torn between focusing on learning and understanding programming better, as I found that generally difficult, or whether I to focus on learning readings properly for the quizzes every day etc.

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

No, but I'm generally not very interested in science courses. Juan Felipe, our GAF was very good at making it interesting, though, and kept telling us every day uses of programming.

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

B

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If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

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Which assignments were the most valuable? Which assignments, if any, do you think should be dropped or modified?

Workload was very manageable

Experiments exercise was a lot of fun

All course texts were very interesting

Auction game a bit stressful

How could the course be improved?

More synthesis + overview of how different lessons/topics fit together. Sometimes felt like a mixed bag w/o connections.

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

Yes, deepened my interest. If I had more aptitude I would take further courses.

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

B - B+

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

n/a

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

Yes - one of the best cores I've taken and a rare good one

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Working with the same partner on every assignment got a bit tiring

In the following space, please feel free to provide any additional comments on your primary instructor.

Juan Felipe was an excellent Python teacher and very willing to help. With more teaching practice he will only get better.

Demis Shasha was excellent. Very patient and broke down complex topics to understanding for everyone. Invite him back!



NYUAD Student Course Evaluation Form

Course Number	Course Name <i>Heuristics</i>		
Name of Primary Instructor <i>Pennii Shasha</i>			
Semester <i>J-Term</i>	Year <i>1st Year</i>	7 Week - or - 14 Week - 3 Week	

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Which assignments were the most valuable? Which assignments, if any, do you think should be dropped or modified?

The most valuable assignments were the quizzes/preparation for quizzes for it helped us really get to know the topic. The book the film and the pendulum was a tough read, but it was one of the most inspiring science books I've read.

How could the course be improved?

More fun stuff? (To be fair there was a lot of fun stuff already.)
For me, it has generally okay. Great already.

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

Yes! It made me want to major in CS! Because not only do you get these great thinking exercises, but you meet fun and awesome people.

What grade do you expect to receive for the course? A?

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

~~NA~~ NA

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

Yes! We were really able to see a lot of different areas like Humanities and stuff.

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It was an awesome GAF. Seeing the intro to CS Curriculum, we were able to do more than expected. Really awesome person. Would not have any other person teach me python!

In the following space, please feel free to provide any additional comments on your primary instructor.

I love Perini! People should take his classes. Pittag and Kiser are awesome, Perini!



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Course Number

Course Name

Name of Primary Instructor

Semester

Year

7 Week - or - 14 Week

Deena Shasha

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2014

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Which assignments were the most valuable? Which assignments, if any, do you think should be dropped or modified?

The presentations and programming assignments were good, but the experiment seemed forced and unnecessary.

How could the course be improved?

I think some of the experimental ~~parts~~ could be dropped,
let shasha to teach this for a semester.

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

Yes

What grade do you expect to receive for the course? A

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

N/A

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

N/A

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Fantastic course. would be great for a full semester.

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shasha is fantastic.



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Name of Primary Instructor	D. Shasha		
Semester	Year	7 Week - or - 14 Week	
Y-term	2014		

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Loved the entire course. Struggled with the programming part but both the professor and senior Juan Felipe, who was leading the programming classes, were very helpful.

How could the course be improved?

less python, more ketkabs!

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

It was interesting to learn heuristics of everyday life but because I do not like programming that much, I would not pursue further courses. Although I loved the material about the puzzles and class presentations.

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

A

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

Yes

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It was all great. The only thing is that the hours per day for class were quite overwhelming.

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Both Juan-Felipe and Professor Shasha are great. Loved the atmosphere in the classroom. They were challenging us and at the same time giving guidance on how to overcome those challenges. Juan-Felipe is an outstanding teacher and individual and professor Shasha is just awesome!



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Course Number	Course Name <i>Heuristics</i>		
Name of Primary Instructor	<i>Denis Shasha</i>		
Semester	<i>5-term 2014</i>	Year	<i>2014</i> 7-Week - or - 14-Week

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Which assignments were the most valuable? Which assignments, if any, do you think should be dropped or modified?

Quizzes were most valuable.

How could the course be improved?

more problems, less presentations

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

Yes

maybe

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

A

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

Yes

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Bythos workshops were very helpful.

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Name of Primary Instructor	DENNIS SHASHA		
Semester	Year	7 Week - or - 14 Week	F-TERM
F-TERM	2014		

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Which assignments were the most valuable? Which assignments, if any, do you think should be dropped or modified?

The audio game was valuable. The games against each other & the experiment should be dropped.

How could the course be improved?

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Make it less random & all over the place. Focus only on heuristics. No need for history, experiments, game theory, etc.

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

N/A

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

A

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

N/A

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

No, the Core Curriculum continues to confuse me. No point of having it.

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We don't ~~need~~ need to read Jane, Germ, Steel & co. Focus only on heuristics

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Cool guy, but needs to focus on teaching & subject, not 15.



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Name of Primary Instructor	DENNIS SHASHA		
Semester J-TERM	Year 2014	7 Week - or - 14 Week	

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How could the course be improved?

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the experiment In the morning section, it was the probabilities of finding the best solution. In the Python part, it was all interesting and made me consider Computer Science.

How could the course be improved?

Use ^{more} visual aids for the concepts, and go over basics of probability with students. I was bad with probabilities.

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

Yes, I might pursue intro. to computer science.

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

B+

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

Yes, I believe.

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Juan Felipe was the best. Eased me right into Python.



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The auction game was valuable.

How could the course be improved?

Reduce the scope increase the depth.

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

Yes it did.

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

B+

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

Yes

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Juan was a really valuable teacher. Regardless of experience everyone has something to learn from him.



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I really liked all the presentations that we had to do. The final project in python was a little tough but I certainly learnt some programming from that

How could the course be improved?

I really don't know. Maybe having a couple of guest speakers would spice up the class.

Did the course deepen your interest in the subject? Will you pursue further courses in this discipline because of this course?

I am not sure about taking further programming courses. But that was definitely something I wanted to explore earlier. And this stuff is quite interesting.

What grade do you expect to receive for the course?

no idea

If applicable, how did the course assignments help you improve your writing?

We didn't write too much

If applicable, did you find the mission of the Core Curriculum clear?

Meh.

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uff, the pace. I feel I say that for all J-term courses. but the pace is intense.

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\$ Dennis is certainly the best!