

Summer II 2014 Virginia Tech Student Perception of Teaching (SPOT) Survey

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Results of survey

Started: August 7, 2014

Ended: August 14, 2014

Reply rate: 20% (9 / 44)

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Please provide constructive feedback by responding to each of the following items. While you are encouraged to express your thoughts and opinions freely, keep in mind the Virginia Tech Principles of Community which support open expression within a climate of civility, sensitivity, and mutual respect.

If a course was taught by multiple instructors, you will be asked to respond to the same items for each instructor. For course-related items, please consider the nature of the course as it was taught by each named instructor.

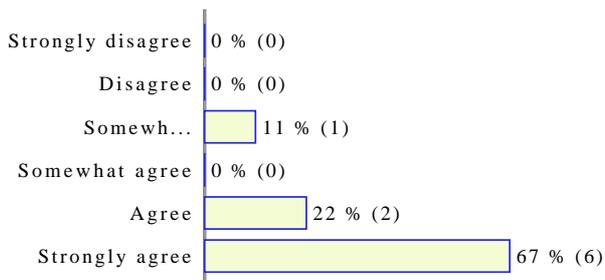
Thank you for contributing to the goal of continuously improving teaching and learning at Virginia Tech.

Instructor/Evaluatee: Noah Allen

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:

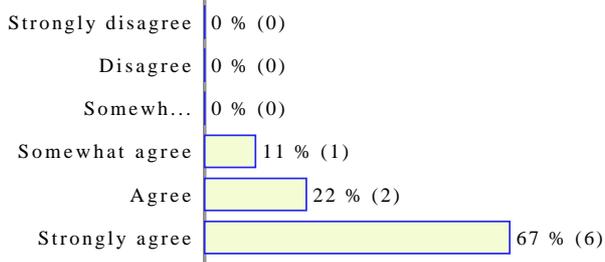
1. The instructor was well prepared.

9 answers, mean = 5.44



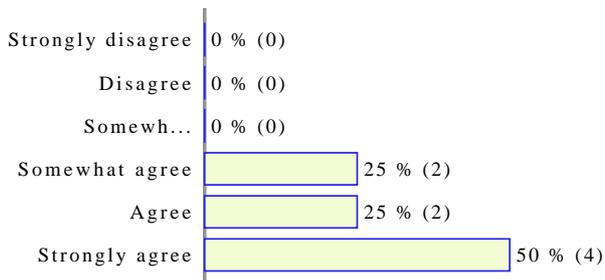
2. The instructor presented the subject matter clearly.

9 answers, mean = 5.56



3. The instructor provided feedback intended to improve my course performance.

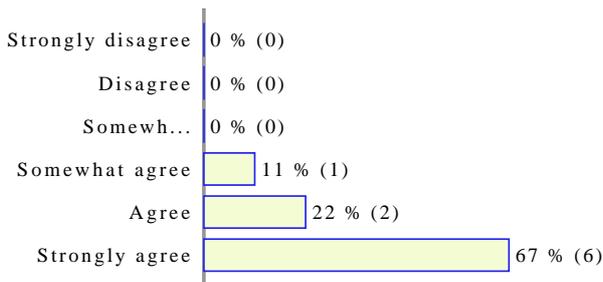
8 answers, mean = 5.25



4. The instructor fostered an atmosphere of mutual

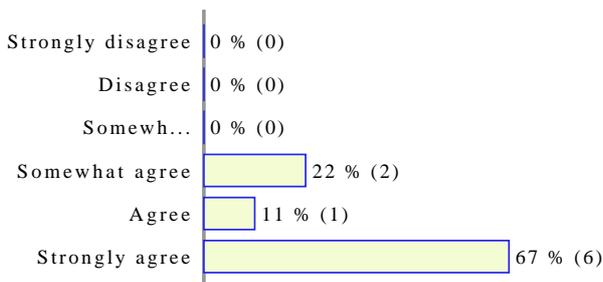
respect.

9 answers, mean = 5.56



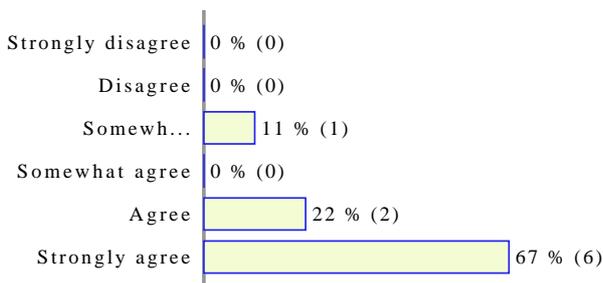
5. I have a deeper understanding of the subject matter as a result of this course.

9 answers, mean = 5.44



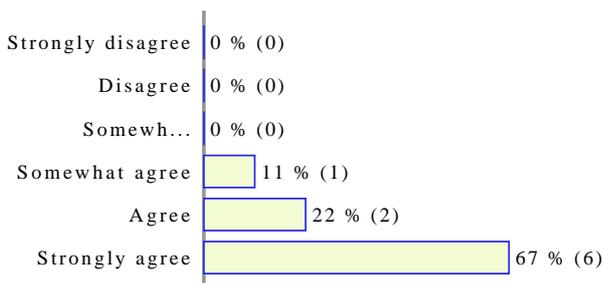
6. My interest in the subject matter was stimulated by this course.

9 answers, mean = 5.44



7. Overall, the instructor's teaching was effective.

9 answers, mean = 5.56



8. What did the instructor do that most helped in your learning?

- He answered our questions even if they created tangents, which showed he really cared.
- My instructor spent a lot of time answering individual and small group questions. This really helped me understand specific parts of his lessons.
- Whenever we had trouble with a workshop, he would always help us and guide us in the right direction

- He gave examples and analogies for every new concept. He brought his own experience to the classroom.
- I learn lots of programm knowledge from him, that makes me feel good
- He provided pdfs that were useful.
- The instructor was able to meet with me on campus regarding a few questions I needed to be clarified. He did a great job explaining the materials.

9. What could you have done to be a better learner?

- Studying the topic before hand.
- Studied circuits more...
- I could have asked more questions about the subjects we learned. I understood all of the big ideas, but I could have looked deeper into the topics by questioning more about small details.
- I did everything I could. If I had more time, I would have done some more in depth problems not included in the course materials.
- more practice after class
- Read things outside of the pdfs he provided.
- I could have programmed in MATLAB more frequently.

10. Please add any additional comments regarding the course and/or instructor here:

- Awesome instructor! He always stayed late if we needed additional help, and was understanding when we had problems/concerns/issues.
- My instructor taught me a lot about how I could start looking into electrical engineering on my own. He showed me processors that I could experiment with and he told me his experiences with trying to make projects. This really stimulated my interest in the field, and it really helped me connect what we were learning to real life scenarios, which made me enjoy the class more.

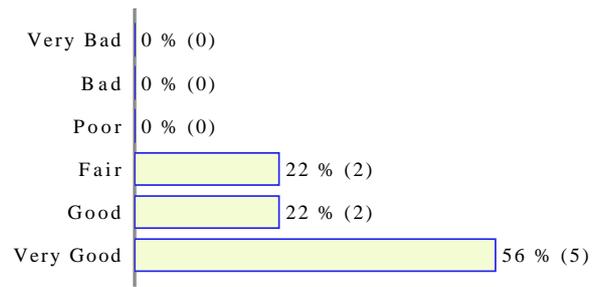
Also, he had always had a positive, calm demeanor. This made me feel comfortable asking questions, and it made me enjoy his lectures.

- Noah is amazing! His lectures are straight to the point and very clear. He is a great communicator and understands the material well. He has a lot of experience too. He cares about his students a lot! Great professor (grad student)!
- our teacher is very excellent and I leant lot from him
- Overall, he was a great instructor. He has been kind and understanding for myself.

11. How would you rate the physical environment in which you took this class based upon your

ability to see, hear, concentrate, and participate?

9 answers, mean = 5.33



12. Please add any comments about the physical environment here:

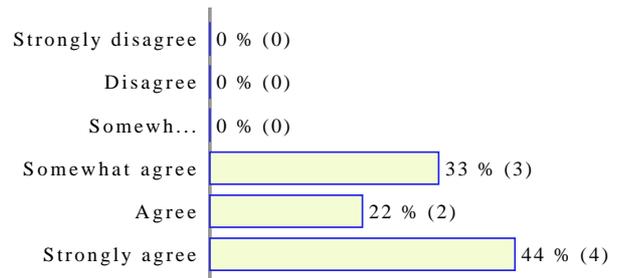
- Nothing was wrong with it. I did sit in the front.
- The class was small and very nicely organized. We worked in small groups and everything was clear.
- excellent physical environment
- It was my house.

Engineering

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements (if an item is not applicable, leave it blank):

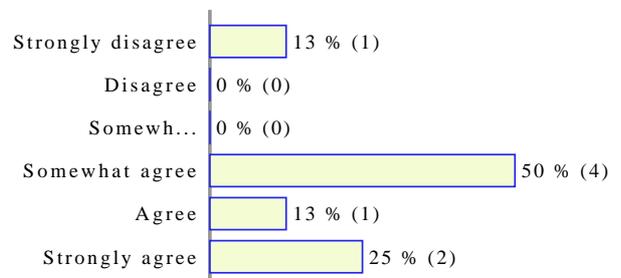
13. I improved my ability to problem solve.

9 answers, mean = 5.11



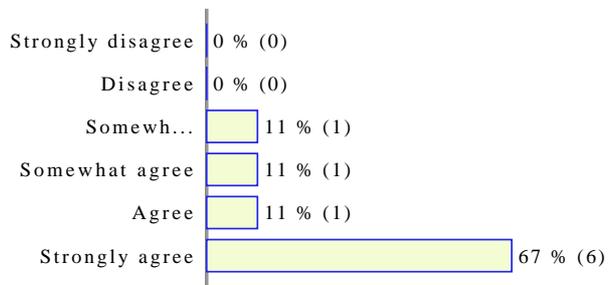
14. The textbook or course readings made a valuable contribution to my learning.

8 answers, mean = 4.25



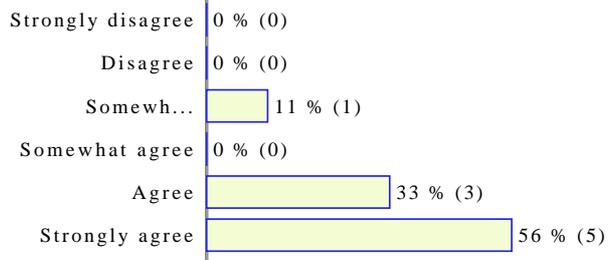
15. The objectives of the course were clearly explained.

9 answers, mean = 5.33



16. The out-of-class assignments were educationally valuable.

9 answers, mean = 5.33



17. The instructor related theories and concepts to practical issues.

9 answers, mean = 5.33

