

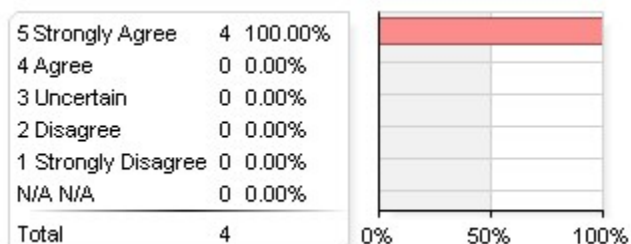
Spring 2013 Course Evaluation Report for EC87401_2013S TOP:INT'L MACROECONOMICS - Fabio Ghironi

Response Table

Spring 2013	
Raters	Students
Responded	4
Invited	5
Response Ratio	80.0%

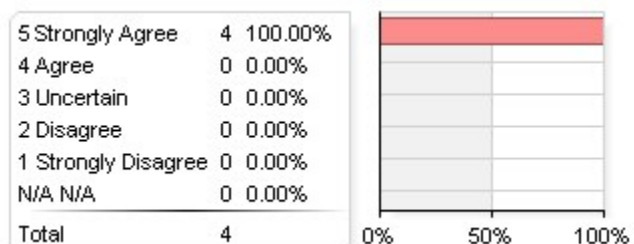
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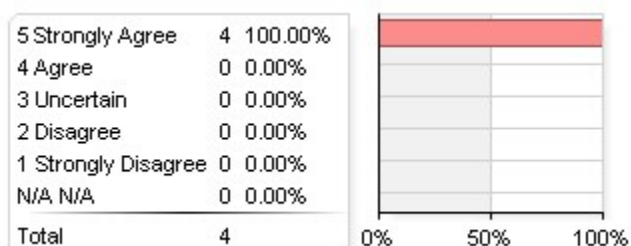
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Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.00

2. The course generally followed the syllabus.



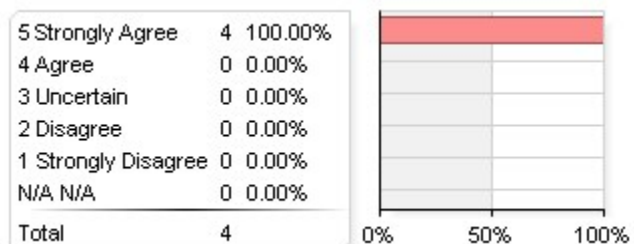
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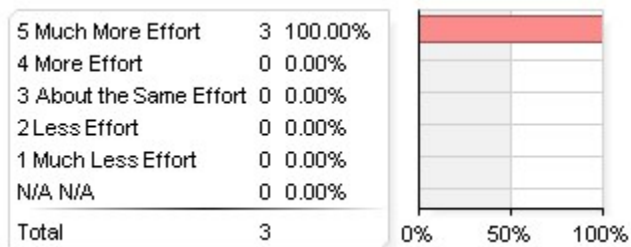
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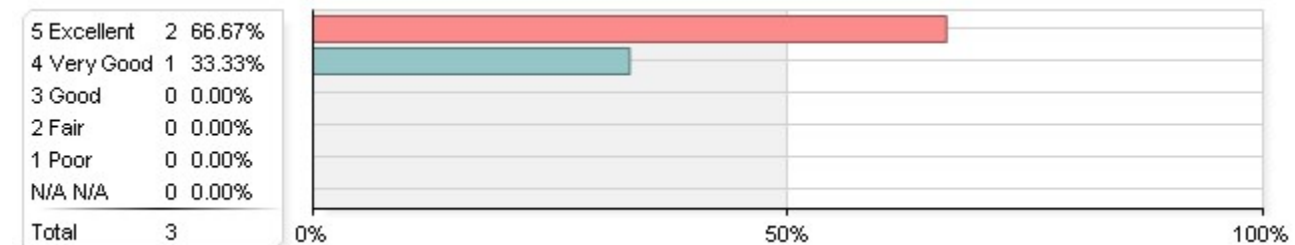
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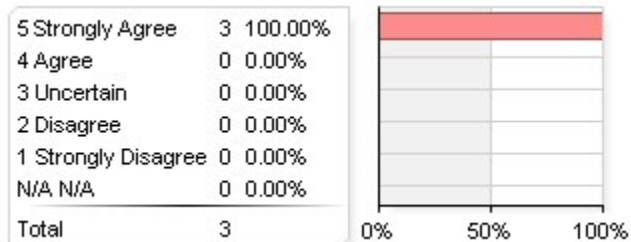
How would you rate this course overall?



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Standard Deviation	+/-0.58

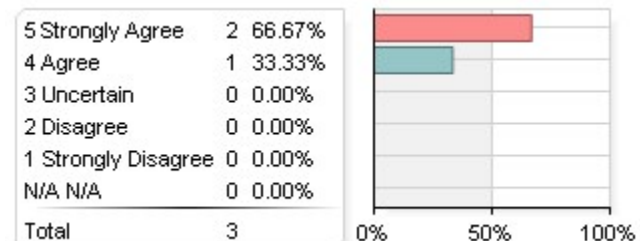
Instructor Questions for (Fabio Ghironi)- Distribution of Responses

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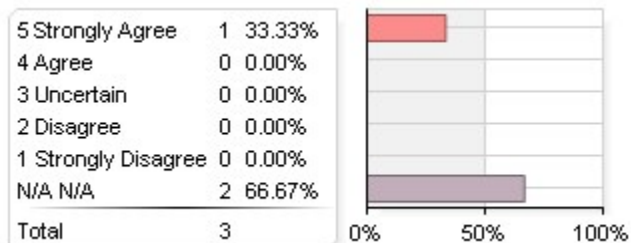
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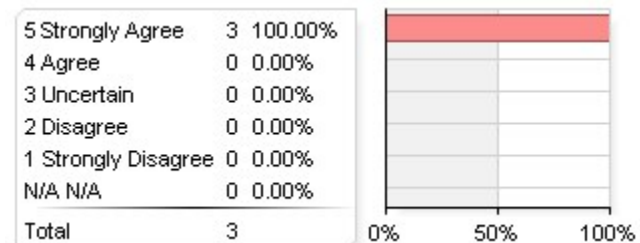
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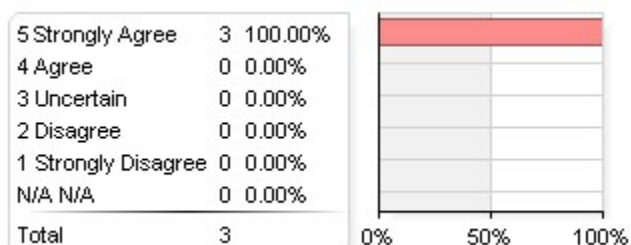
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4. The instructor showed enthusiasm about the subject matter.



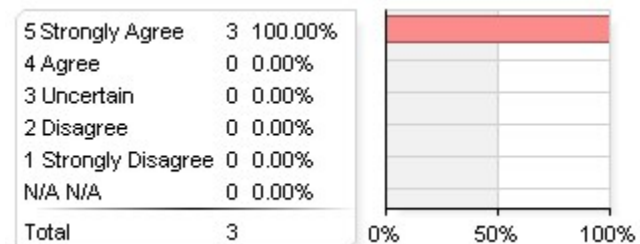
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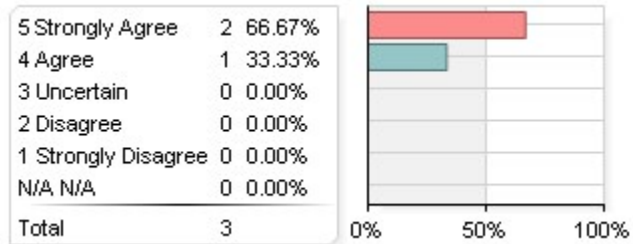
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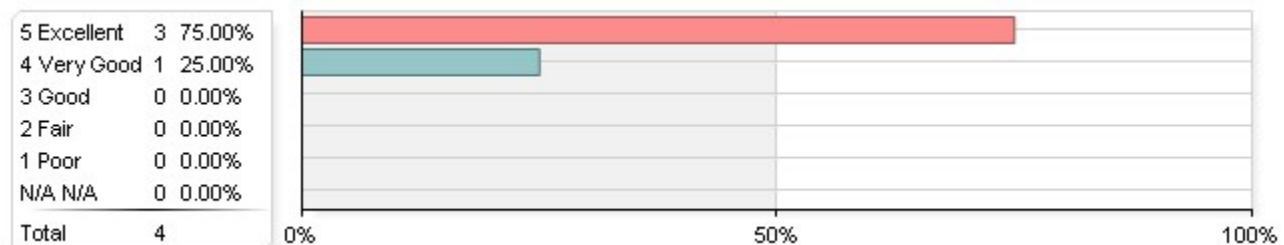
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7. The instructor treated students with respect.



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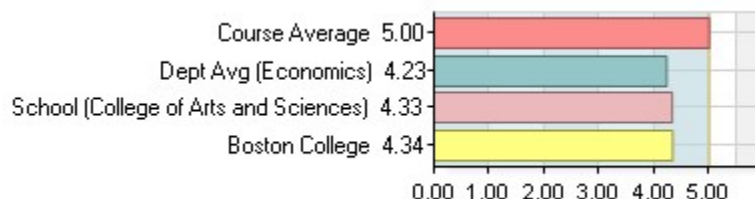
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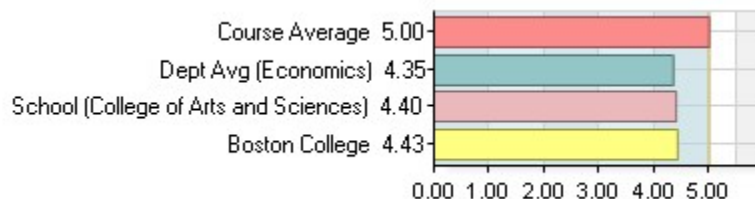
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Course Questions for EC87401_2013S TOP:INT'L MACROECONOMICS - Benchmarks

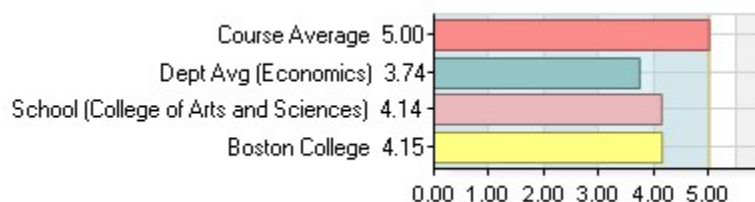
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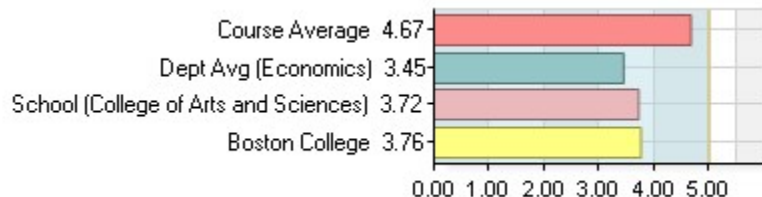
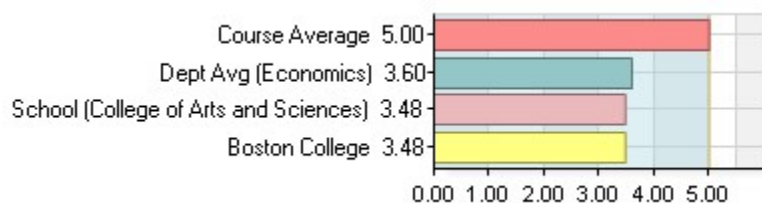
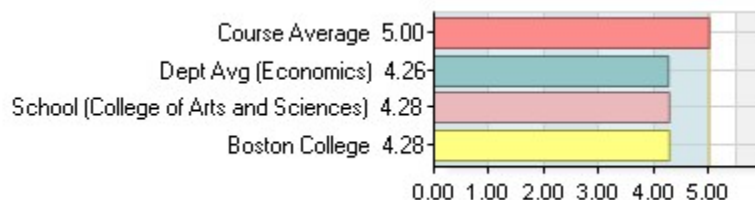
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3. Class attendance was necessary for learning course material.

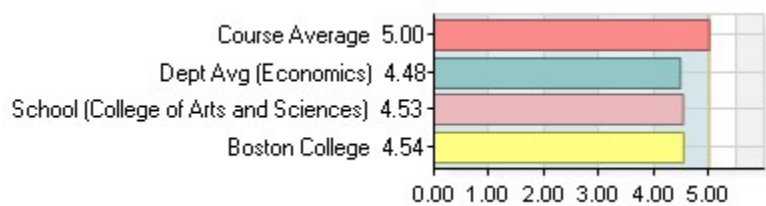


4. The course was intellectually challenging.

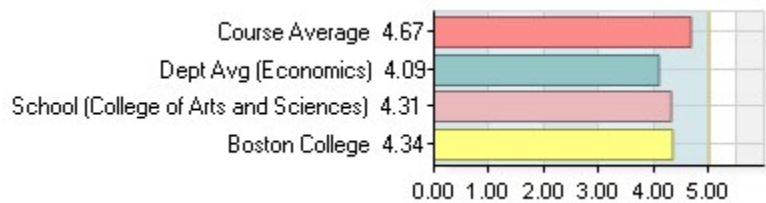


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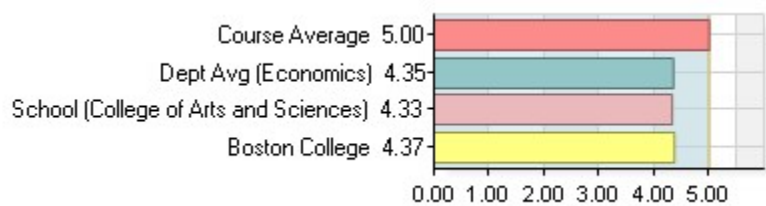
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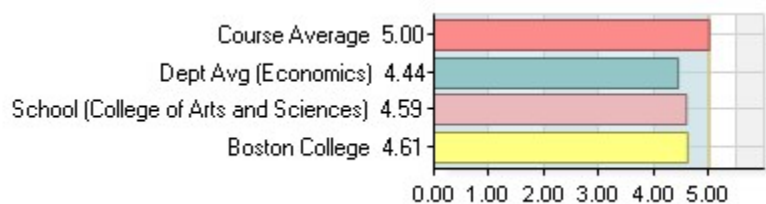
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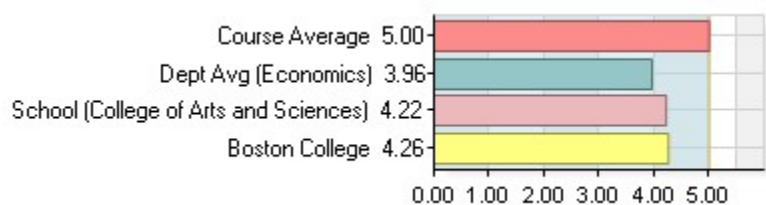
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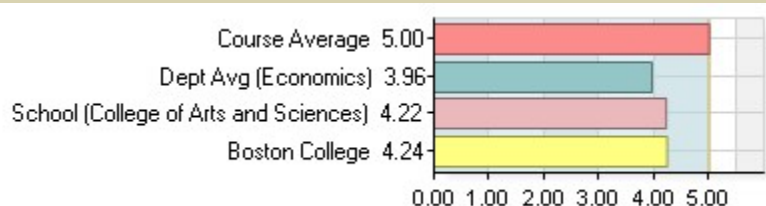
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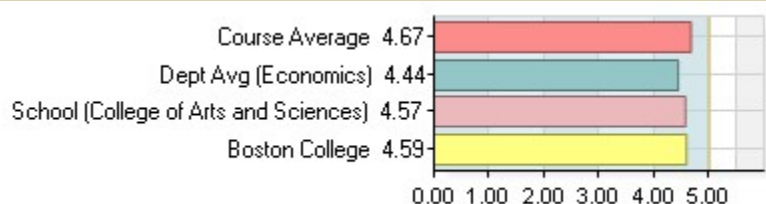
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6. The instructor's explanations were clear.

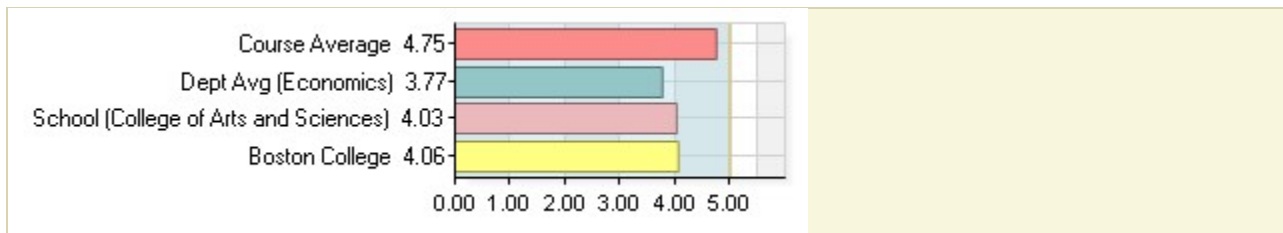


7. The instructor treated students with respect.



Instructor Questions for (Fabio Ghironi) - Benchmarks (continued)

How would you rate this instructor overall as a teacher?



Comments for EC87401_2013S TOP:INT'L MACROECONOMICS - Fabio Ghironi

What are the strengths of this course?

Comment

The course is really well structured and taught. As a student in this class, I learned a lot, not only about historical development of the field but also about the state-of-the-art in international macroeconomics. With his unbounded knowledge, Professor Ghironi guides you through the details of the models, highlighting the transmission mechanisms at play. Taking this course opens up a new world to ex-first-year students who are used to think about macroeconomics only in closed economies. This was an invaluable learning experience.

The range of topics covered and the way these topics are presented.

How could the instructor improve the course?

Comment

See comments below.

Would you recommend this course to other students, majors, etc.? Why or why not?

Comment

I would recommend this class to anybody who is interested in macro, especially in DSGE modeling.

Absolute must for anyone interested in open economy macro.

Additional Comments:

Comment

This course is built by Professor Ghironi base on the idea that one can only fully understand the model when one can solve it from beginning to end with pencil and paper. While I completely agree with this statement in the LR, in the SR it might not always be the first-best solution.

What I mean by that? It is simple: in its current form the course best suits the needs of those, who will later have international macro as their field of research. However, people like me, who took this course to have a better understanding of the basic models in international macro, but who will not actually make it their primary research field — for those people this course is not well structured.

People like me want to see intuition first and foremost. I strongly believe that if one cannot describe the model in an undergrad economic terms, then either one doesn't know the model or the model is bad or both. Every new model, in my opinion, should start with a description of the basic components, followed by a DETAILED description of the results and the intuition behind them. And only then should one proceed to models equations.

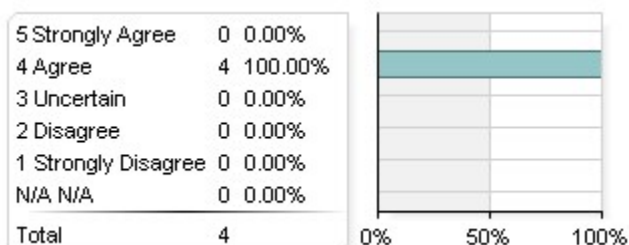
Essentially, there was only one example in the whole course, when we did exactly this. It's the Ghironi-Melitz model. The model was presented in almost absolutely perfect way — what inspired the model, what are its key ingredients and what are its key results, although the IRFs should actually have the slides with words describing what is going on. And only after all of this all the equation followed.

I think that the course can be greatly improved and made far more understandable, if every single model's presentation will be remade with the GM model as the example. Yes, that will require some serious work with the slides, but that can be done by graduate students working in this field, so Professor Ghironi will only need to supervise the results.

Another thing that the course lacks is the SPECIFIC questions about models' comparative behavior/results. Yes, there are references such as "unlike in model A, here we see this". But that is not enough. I think there should be a set of standard questions, such as reaction to typical shocks or the importance of key assumptions, that should be covered after every model. Again, we might have covered some of those question in the class, but never in the systematic matter. But it would really help understand the intuition (again, not trough equations, but through general understanding of the model), if we could have a table, whether the same questions have answers from different models.

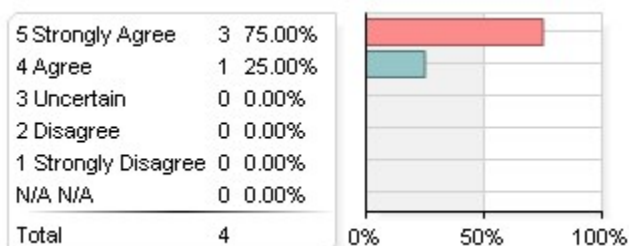
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BC's first-year graduate macro sequence gave me sufficient preparation for this course.



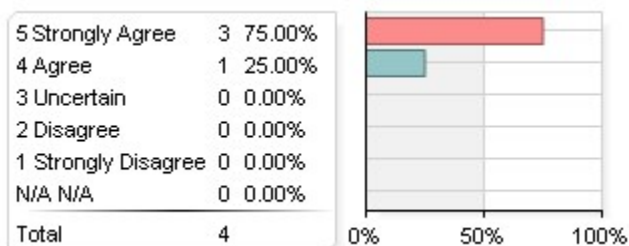
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Median	4.00
Mode	4
Standard Deviation	+/-0.00

A graduate course on the history of international monetary systems would be a valuable addition to BC's menu of course offerings.



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Mean	4.75
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Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.50

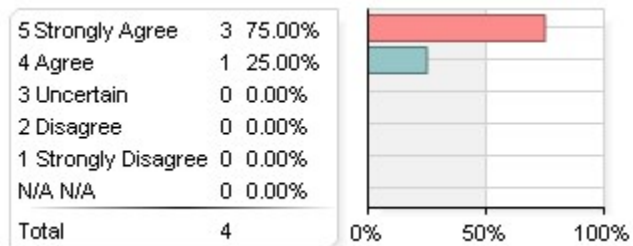
The course was a valuable academic experience.



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Median	5.00

Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.50

The instructor cared about students in this course.



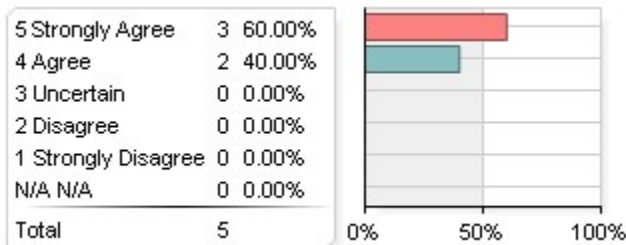
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Enrolled: 5
Responded: 5
Response Rate: 1

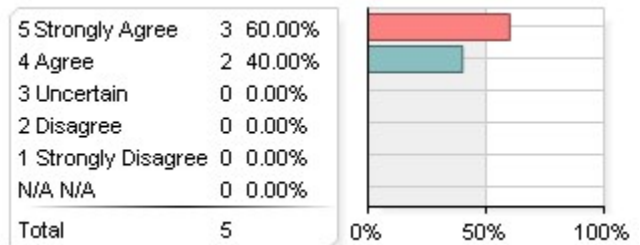
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1. The course was well organized.



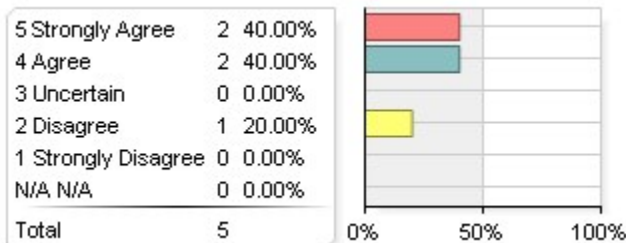
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2. The course generally followed the syllabus.



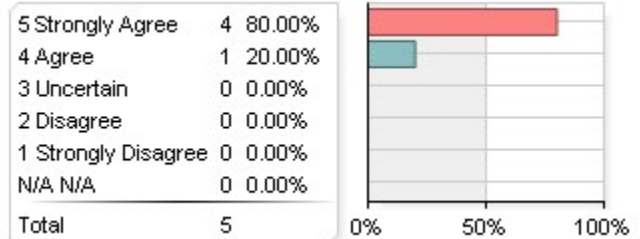
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3. Class attendance was necessary for learning course material.



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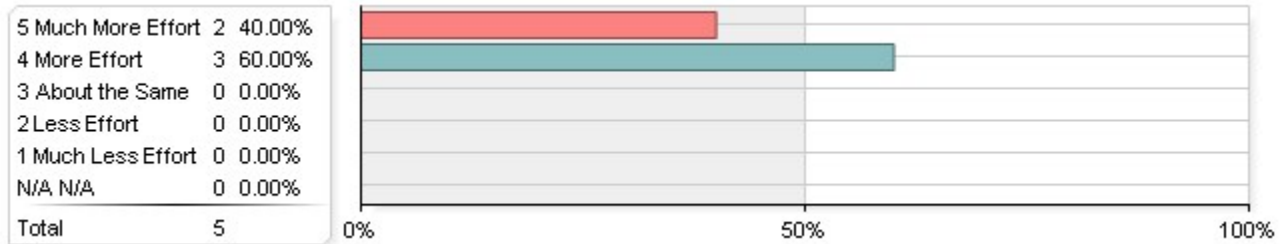
4. The course was intellectually challenging.



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Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.45

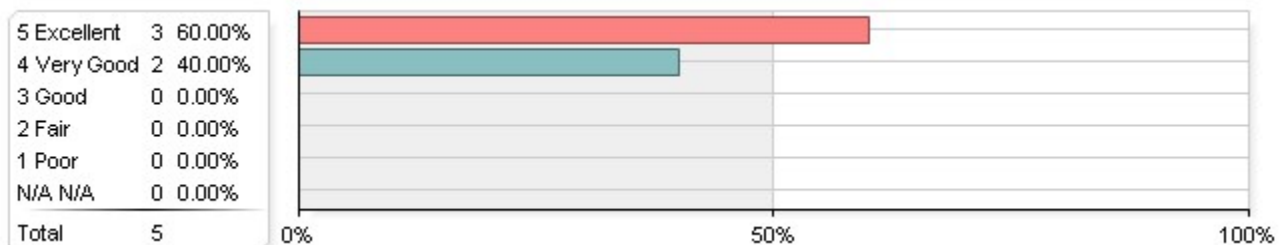
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Mode	4
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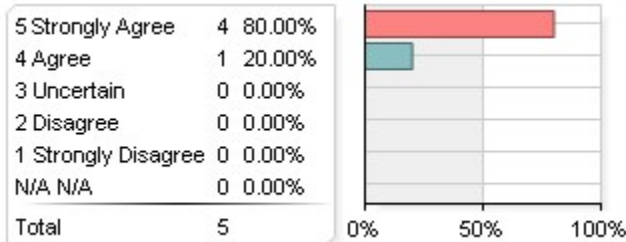
How would you rate this course overall?



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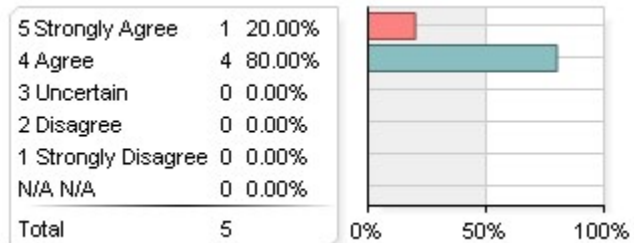
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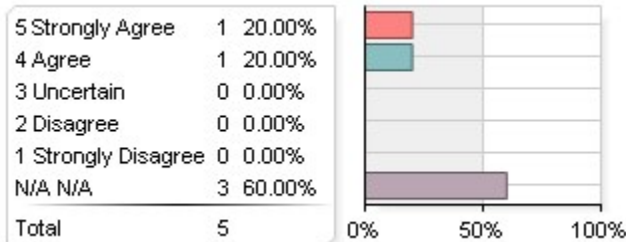
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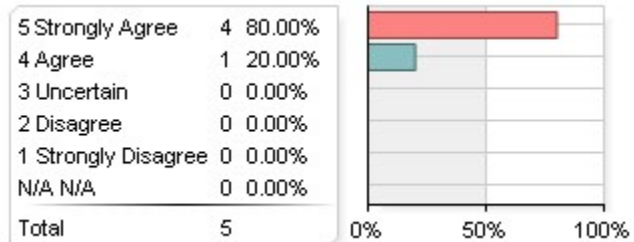
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3. The instructor returned assignments/tests conscientiously.



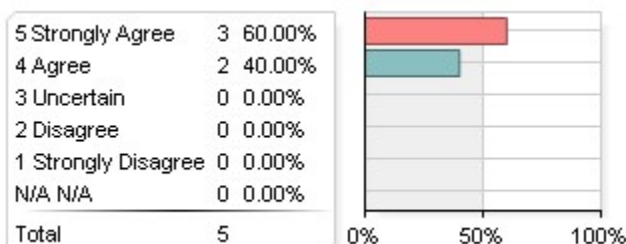
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4. The instructor showed enthusiasm about the subject matter.



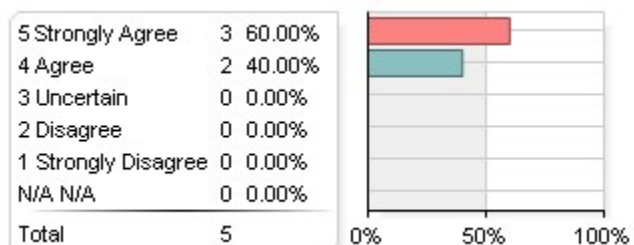
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5. The instructor stimulated interest in the subject matter.



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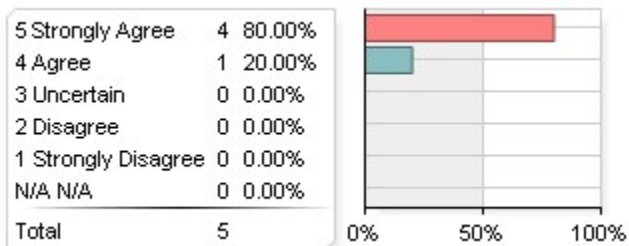
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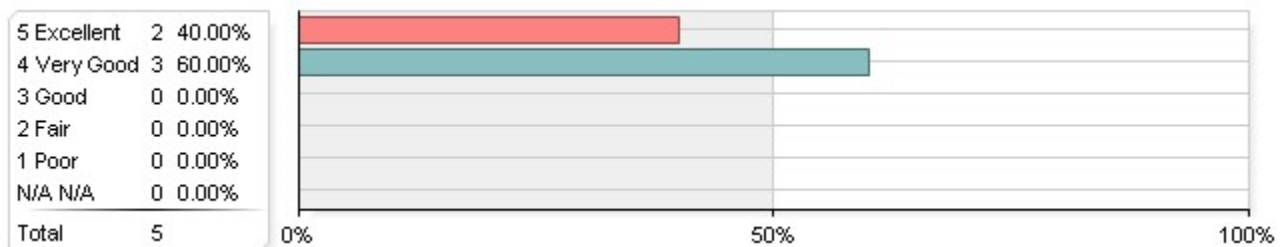
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7. The instructor treated students with respect.



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How would you rate this instructor overall as a teacher?

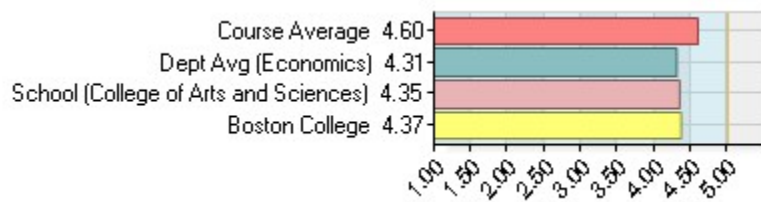


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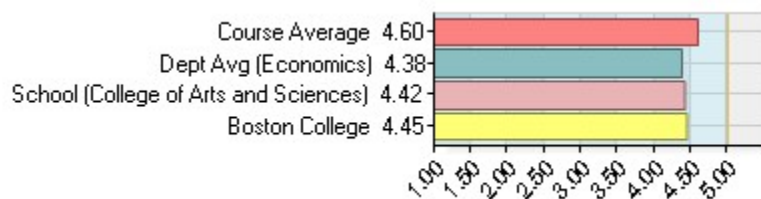
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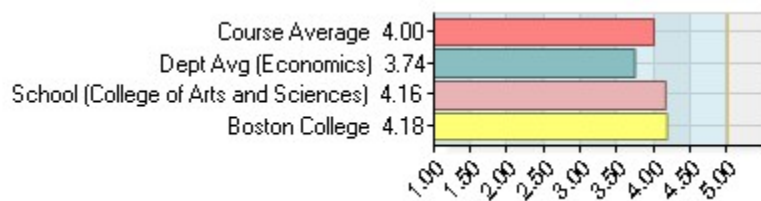
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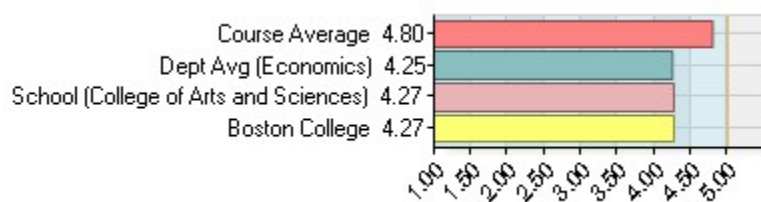
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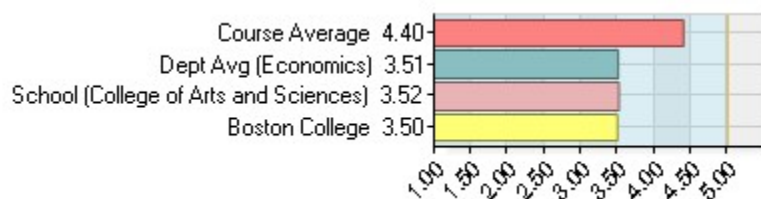


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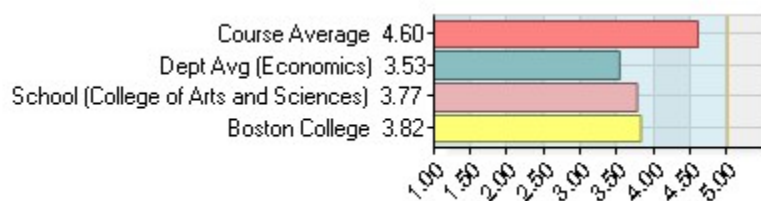
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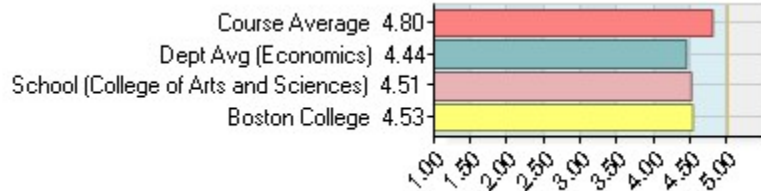
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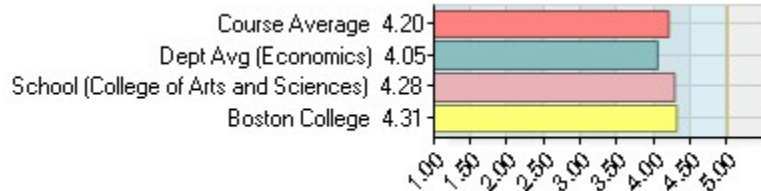


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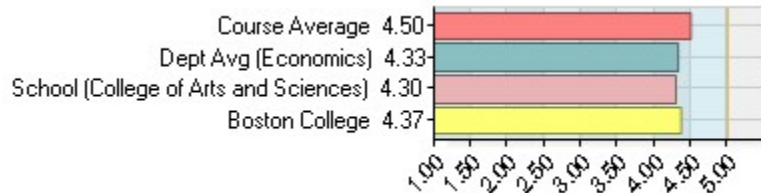
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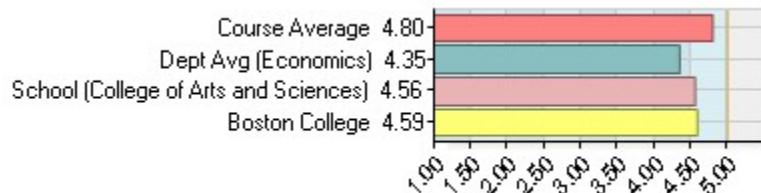
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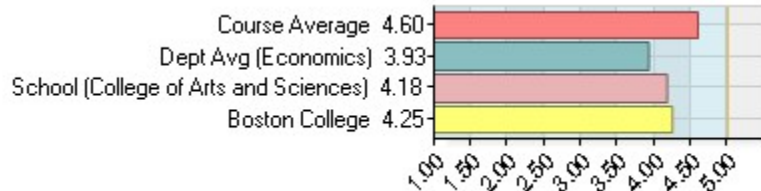
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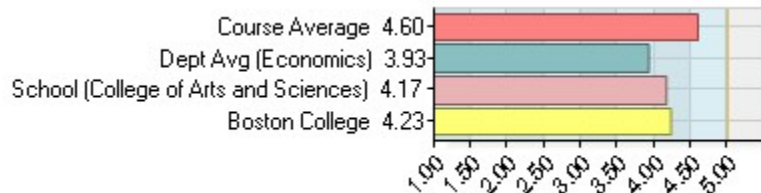
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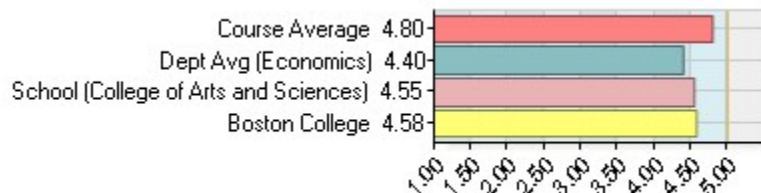
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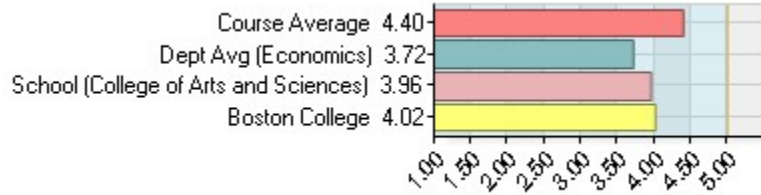
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Instructor Questions for (Fabio Ghironi) - Benchmarks (continued)

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Comments for EC87401_2012S_TOP:INT'L MACROECONOMICS - Fabio Ghironi

What are the strengths of this course?

Comment

Not Answered

How could the instructor improve the course?

Comment

1. It would be a good idea to write a first draft of the research proposal few weeks before the end of the class, so as to receive a first feedback before the final draft is due.

Would you recommend this course to other students, majors, etc.? Why or why not?

Comment

Not Answered

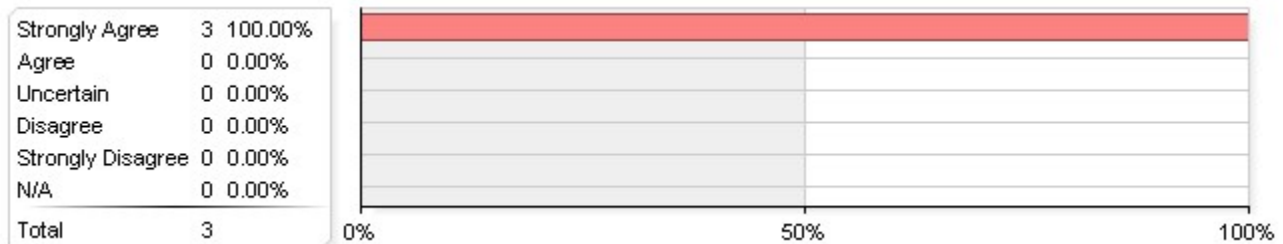
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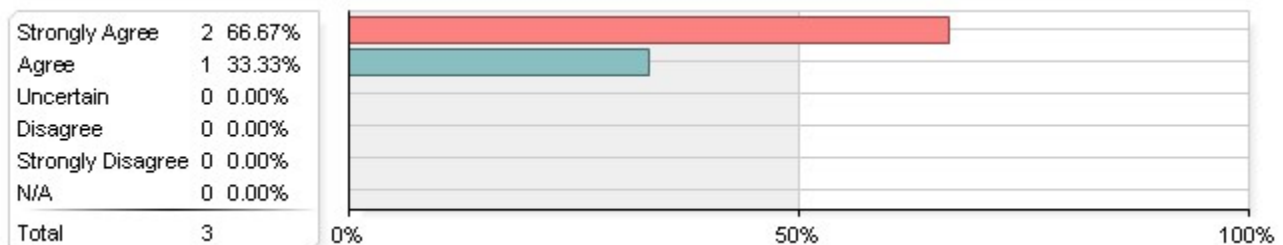
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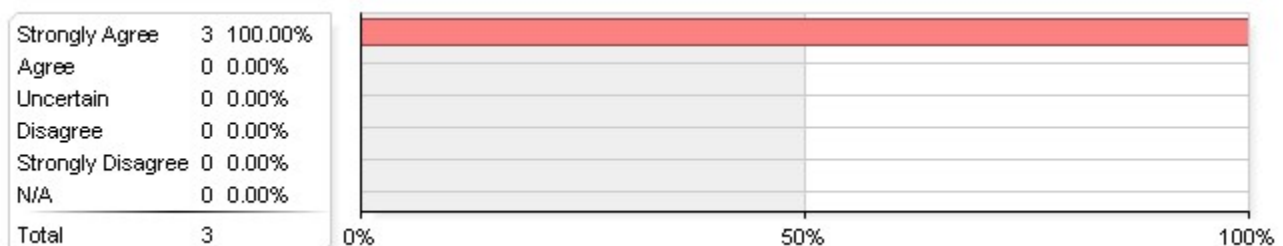
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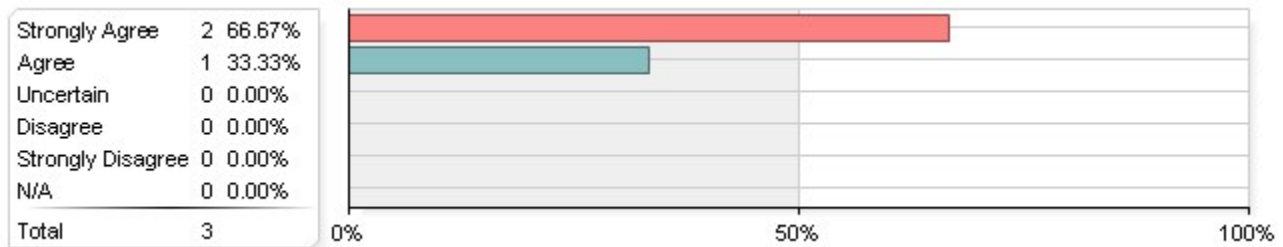
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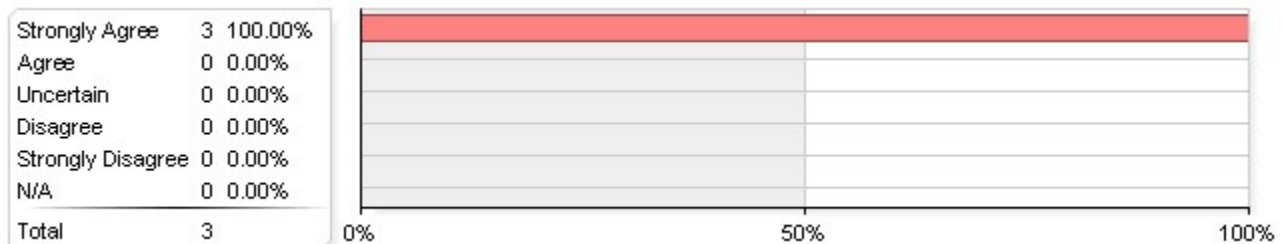
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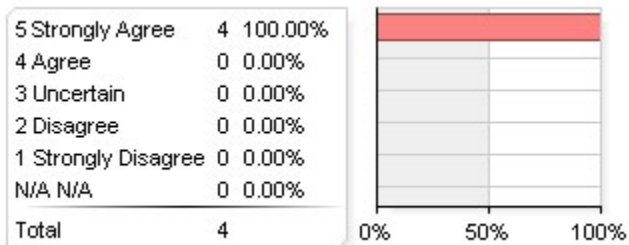
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Responded: 4
Response Rate: .67

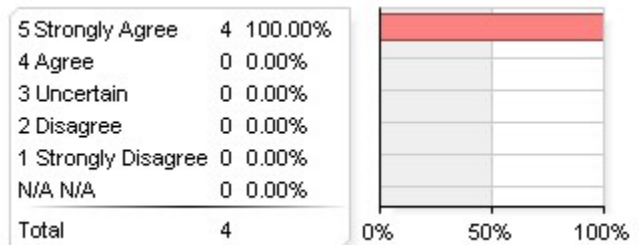
Course Related Questions for EC87401_2011S_TOP:INT'L MACROECONOMICS- Distribution of Responses

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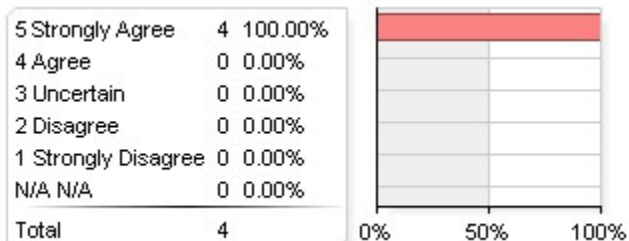
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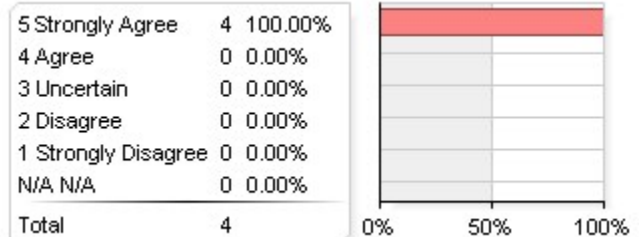
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3. Class attendance was necessary for learning course material.



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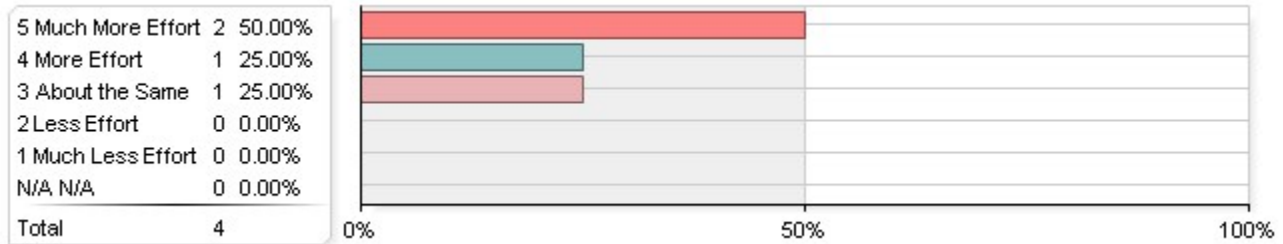
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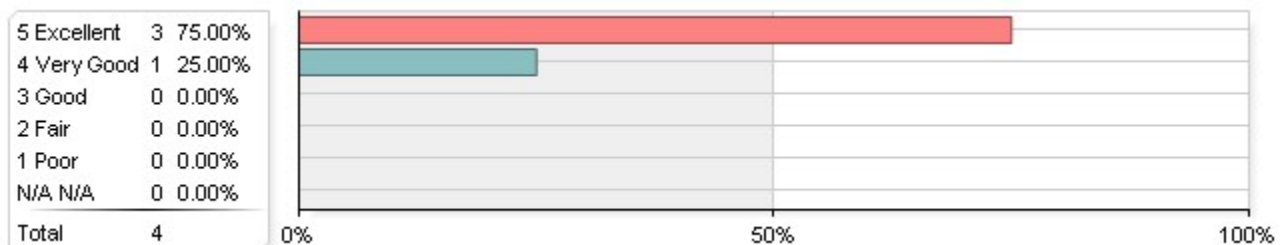
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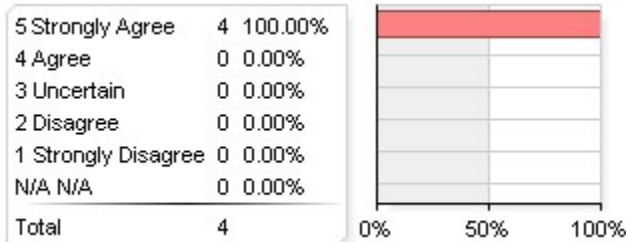
How would you rate this course overall?



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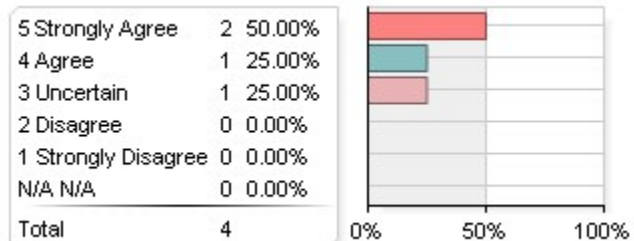
Instructor Questions for (Fabio Ghironi)- Distribution of Responses

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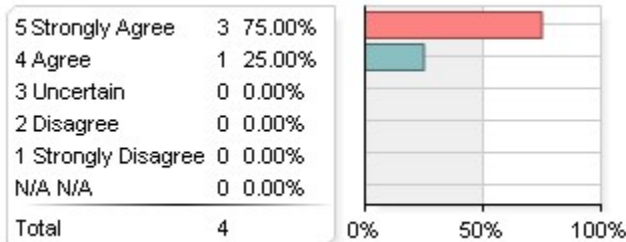
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2. The instructor was available for help outside of class.



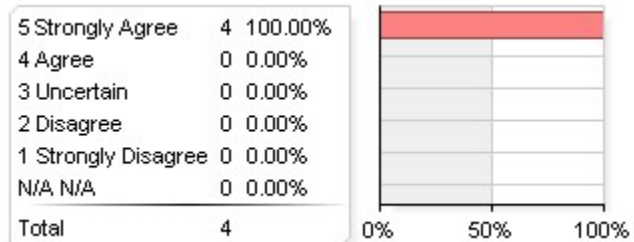
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3. The instructor returned assignments/tests conscientiously.



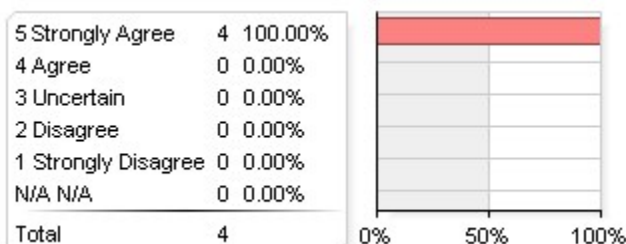
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4. The instructor showed enthusiasm about the subject matter.



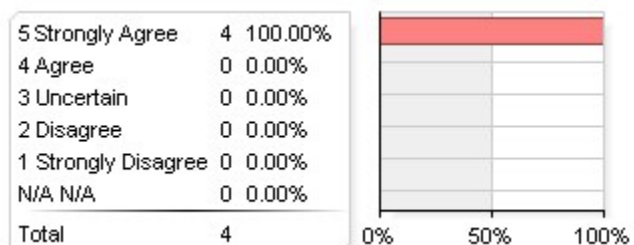
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5. The instructor stimulated interest in the subject matter.



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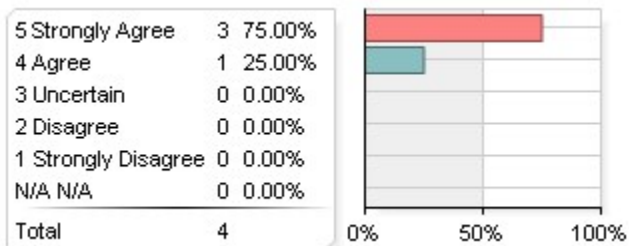
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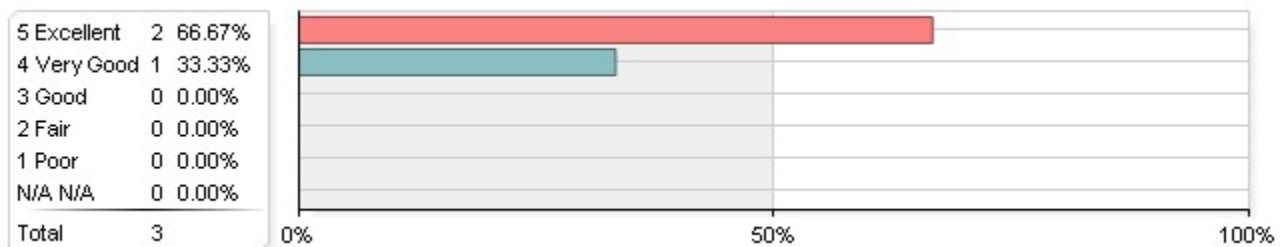
Instructor Questions for (Fabio Ghironi)- Distribution of Responses (continued)

7. The instructor treated students with respect.



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How would you rate this instructor overall as a teacher?

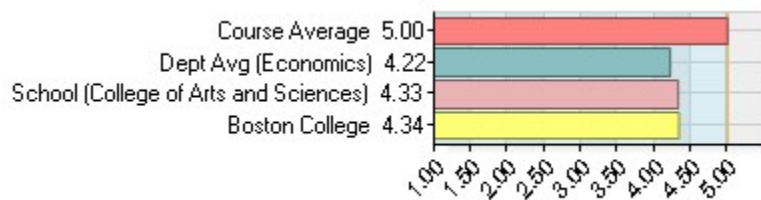


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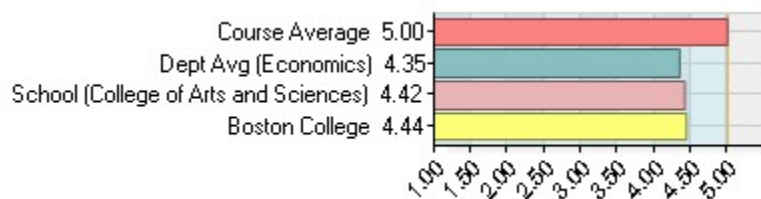
Course Questions for EC87401_2011S_TOP:INT'L MACROECONOMICS - Benchmarks

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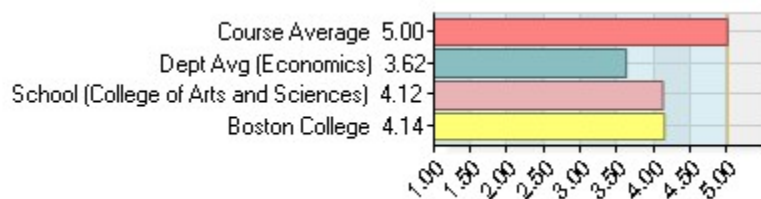
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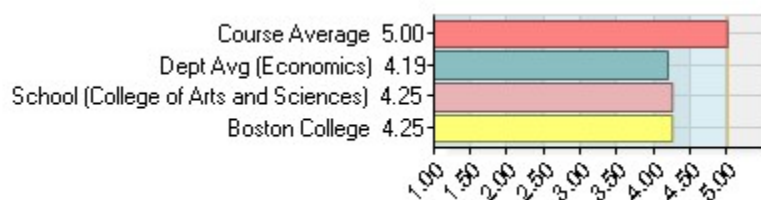
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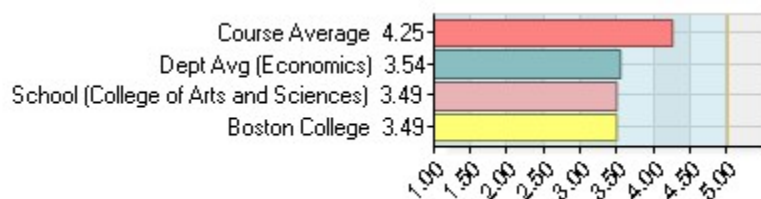


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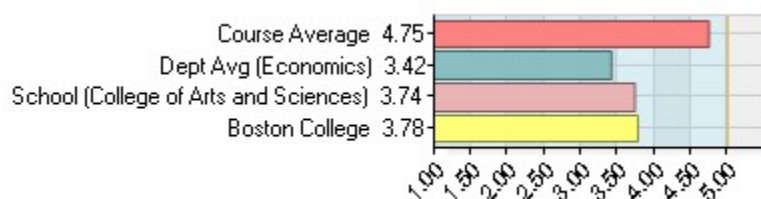
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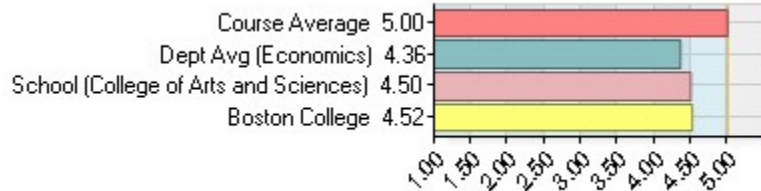
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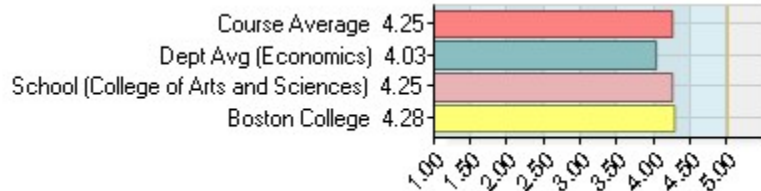


Instructor Questions for (Fabio Ghironi) - Benchmarks

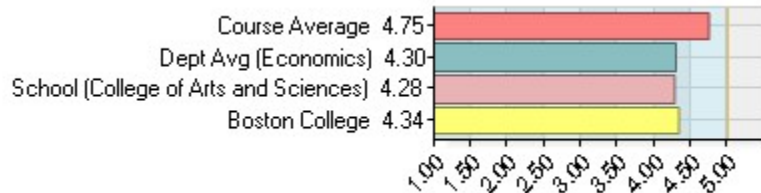
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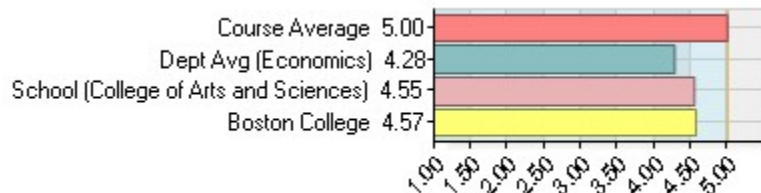
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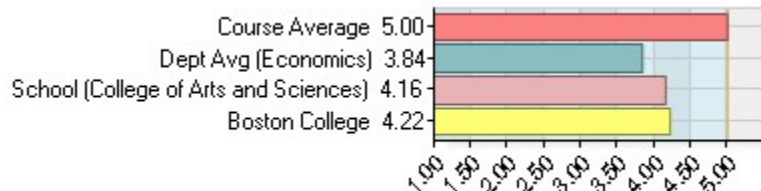
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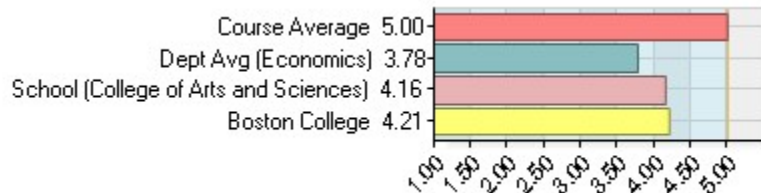
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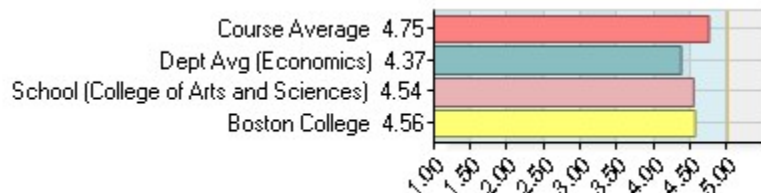
5. The instructor stimulated interest in the subject matter.



6. The instructor's explanations were clear.



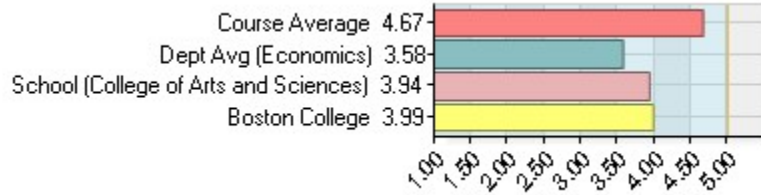
7. The instructor treated students with respect.



Instructor Questions for (Fabio Ghironi) - Benchmarks (continued)

How would you rate this instructor overall as a teacher?

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Comments for EC87401_2011S_TOP:INT'L MACROECONOMICS - Fabio Ghironi

What are the strengths of this course?

Comment

1. Excellent overview of international macro. Fabio is a wonderful teacher. Interesting material, and wonderful anecdotes about international macro as a field --- the history, publishing fiascos, personalities, debates, etc. Great course.
2. bounch of paper, learn a lot

How could the instructor improve the course?

Comment

1. More emphasis on some of the technical details at the beginning of the course would be very helpful. e.g. Hold a tutorial to go over the optimal price indices, setting up and solving a basic IRBC model. Or, if not a tutorial, have a handout that does this for a simple model. I think this would go a long way to helping us go through the notes and papers. I am not intelligent enough to do this on my own :-)

Would you recommend this course to other students, majors, etc.? Why or why not?

Comment

1. Yes. If you want to do international macro, it is a must. Excellent overview, and interesting material.
2. yes!!! enjoy "pencil and paper"!

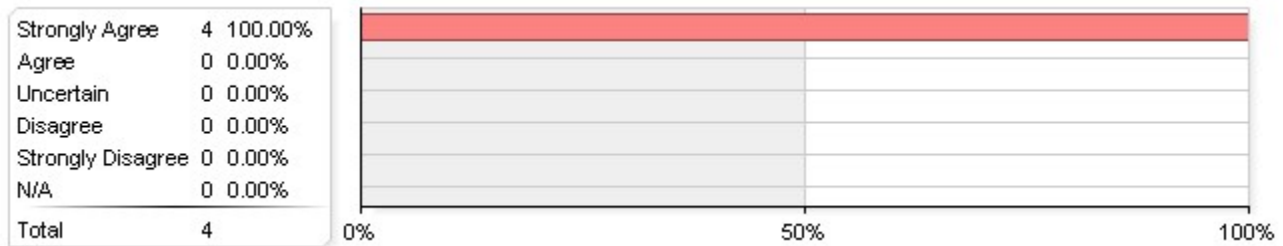
Additional Comments:

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1. Because of his strong research and teaching ability, Fabio is in high demand and quite busy. Many people want him as an advisor. His ability to meet/discuss things outside of class is limited as a result of his popularity. Between the seminar series he runs, his undergrad classes and advisees, and his grad advisees, his schedule is packed. I don't know why the department doesn't get more international macro people instead of hiring in areas where few students do research. There are so many more micro professors and "general macro" professors per student than international macro. The grad student/faculty ratio is most pronounced in econometrics. Hardly any grad students do research primarily in econometrics, yet we keep hiring econometricians. This greatly puzzles me. Until the department rectifies the situation, I don't see how Fabio can be expected to handle such a heavy load of courses, advisees, etc. Unlike Fabio, there are professors who don't teach undergrads at all, have very few advisees (sometimes none), and don't seem engaged in the department, yet nobody says anything because they do good research. This discourages me. The lack of established faculty in international macro makes it difficult to choose this field over others, in spite of personal interest. If faculty interaction and engagement with grad students is a goal of the department, appropriate hiring in popular fields is necessary. In summary, Fabio needs some additional help to cope with the popularity of international macro as a research field. He simply can't advise everyone who wants to do international macro. It's not fair to expect him to do so either. The department would be wise to look closely at faculty advising and hiring to ensure the distribution of grad students is more evenly balanced across professors and fields, rather than letting many professors fly under the radar while a few bear the burden of the department's advising responsibilities.

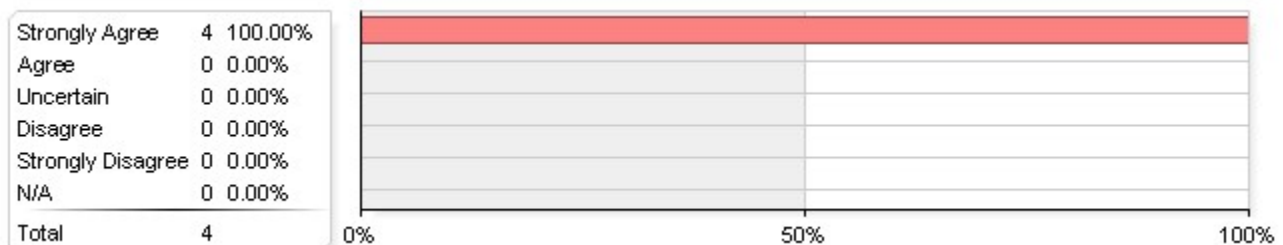
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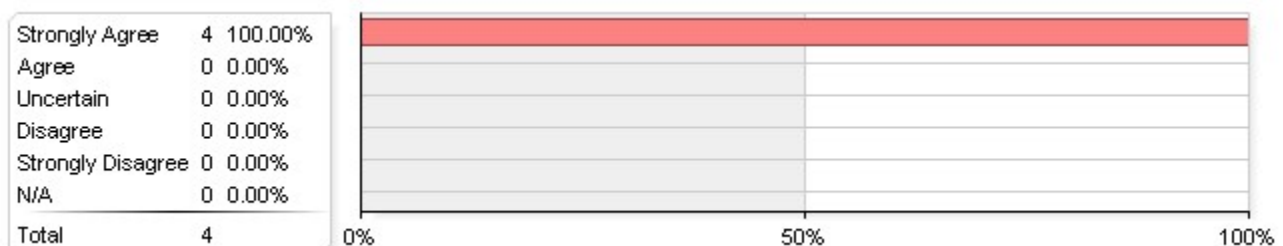
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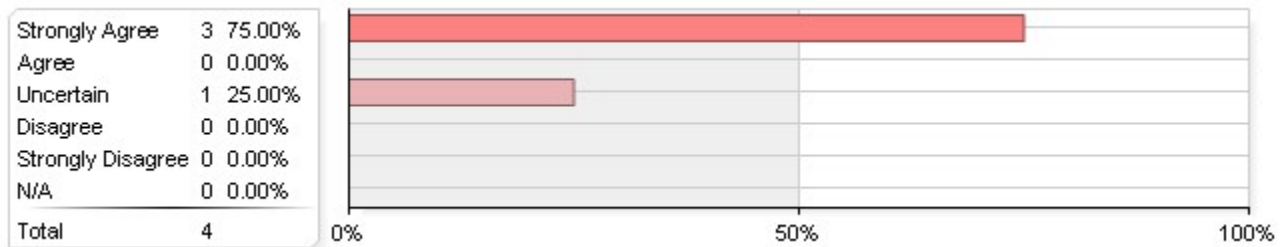
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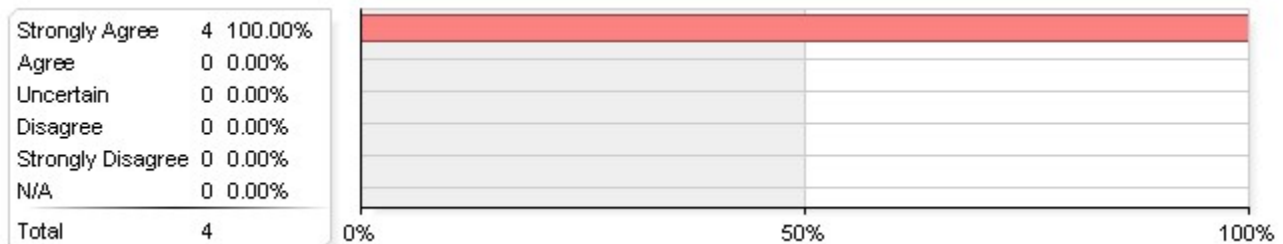
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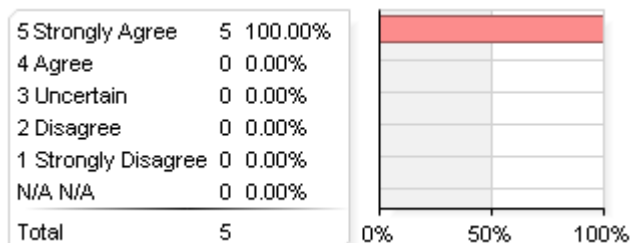
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Responded: 5
Response Rate: .83

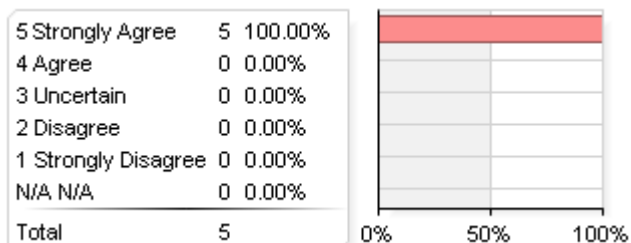
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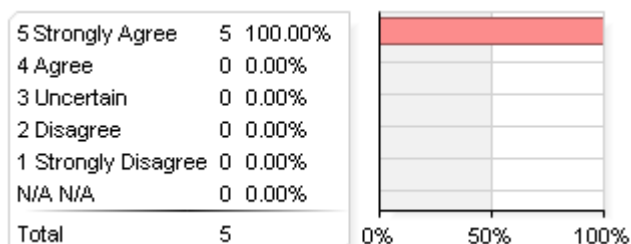
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2. The course generally followed the syllabus.



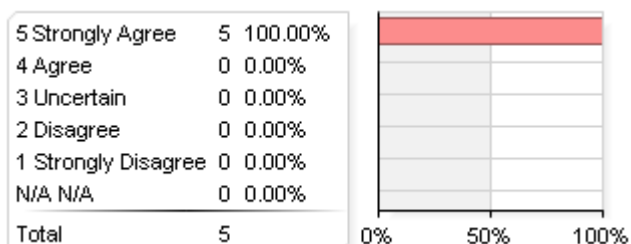
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3. Class attendance was necessary for learning course material.



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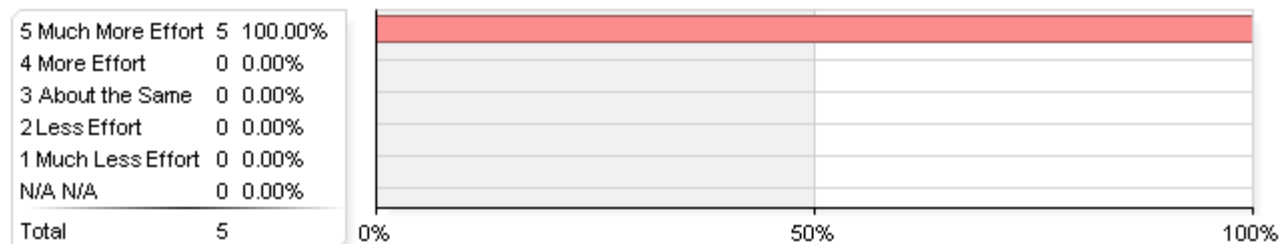
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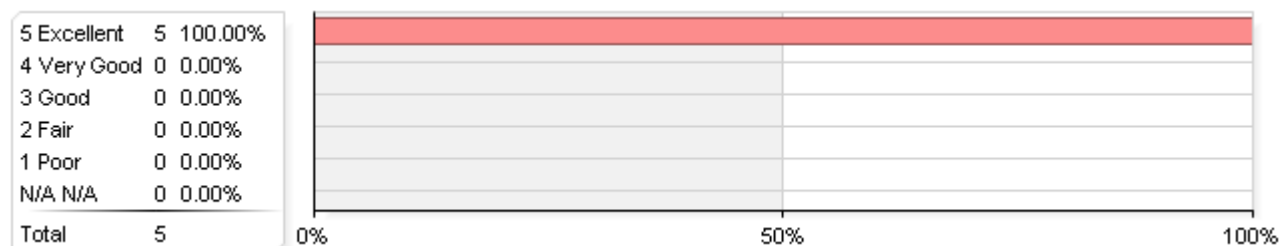
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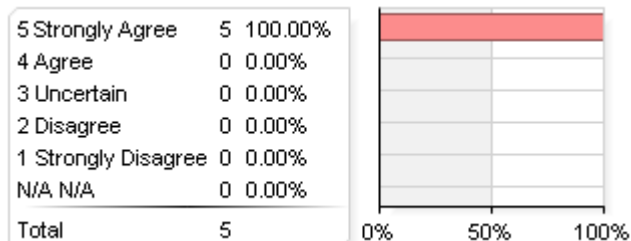
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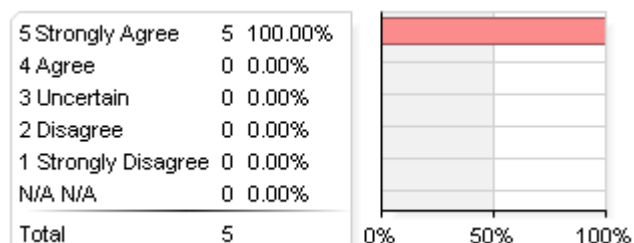
Instructor Questions for (Fabio Ghironi)- Distribution of Responses

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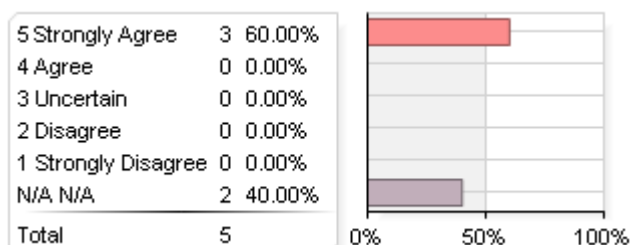
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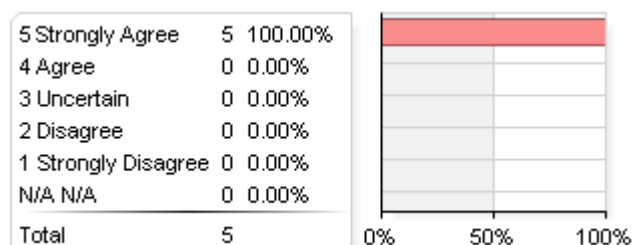
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3. The instructor returned assignments/tests conscientiously.



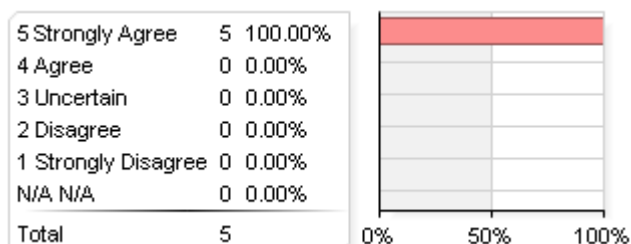
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4. The instructor showed enthusiasm about the subject matter.



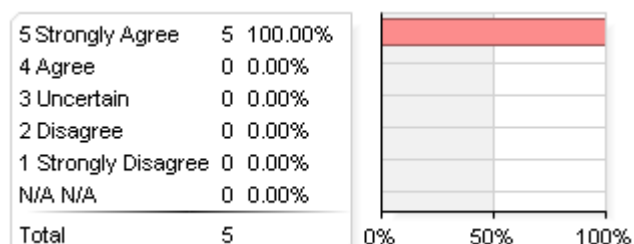
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5. The instructor stimulated interest in the subject matter.



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6. The instructor's explanations were clear.



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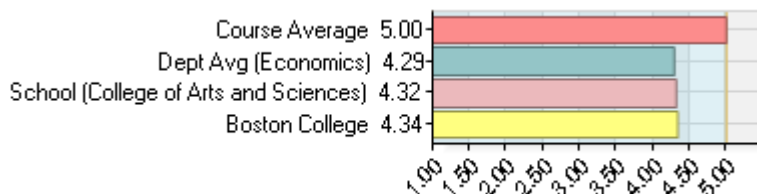
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Select your agreement level with the following statements about this course.

7. The instructor treated students with respect.

1. The course was well organized.



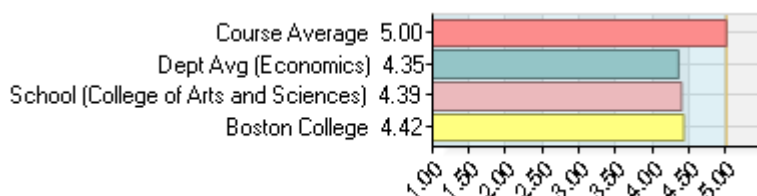
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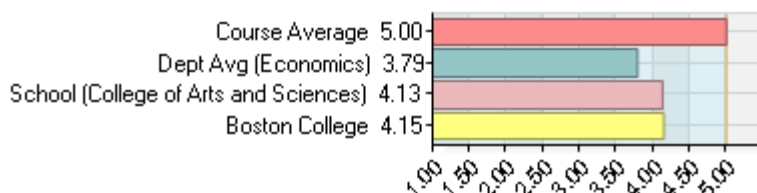
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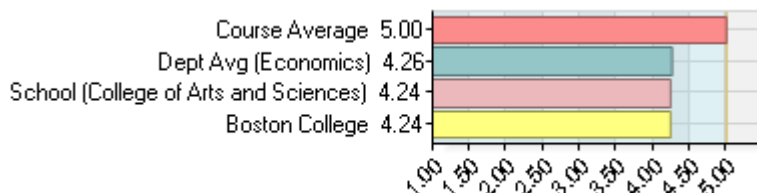
3. Class attendance was necessary for learning course material.



4. The course was intellectually challenging.

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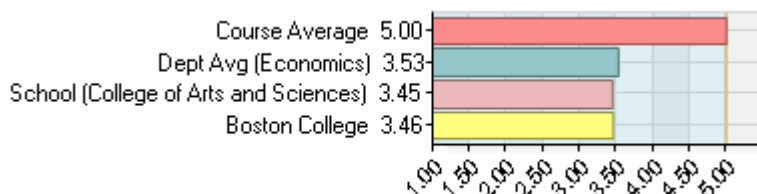
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Compare to similar courses, this course required.

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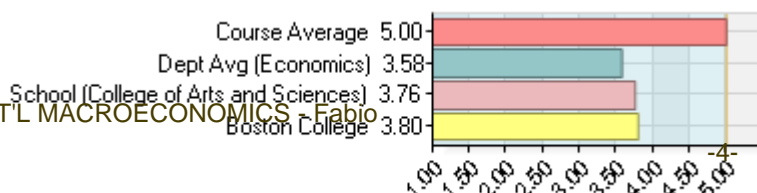
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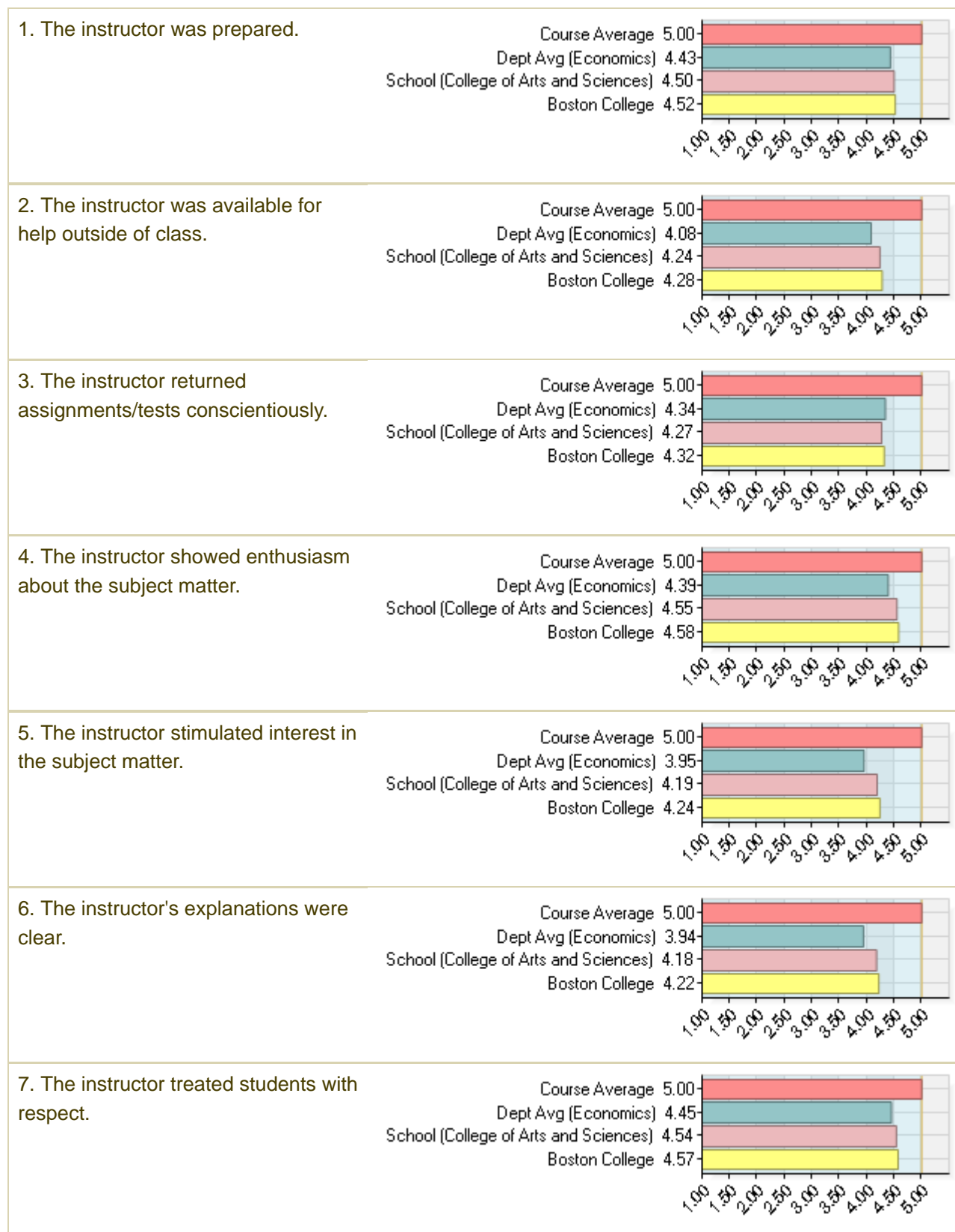
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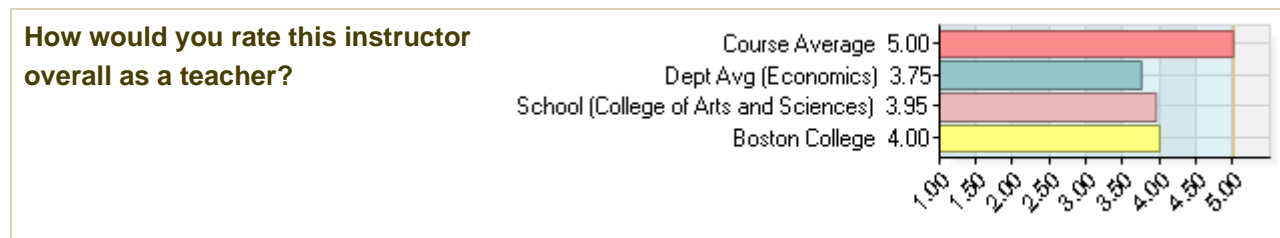
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Course Report for EC87401_2010S_TOP:INT'L MACROECONOMICS - Fabio Ghironi

Instructor Questions for (Fabio Ghironi) - Benchmarks (continued)

How would you rate this instructor overall as a teacher?



Comments for EC87401_2010S_TOP:INT'L MACROECONOMICS - Fabio Ghironi

What are the strengths of this course?

Comment

1. Broad coverage of what seems to be the entirety of international macroeconomics literature. Field is heavily Italian-dominated and the professor seems to know everybody "from back when they were undergrads at Bocconi." Nobody else could have taught this so well; promote him to full professor already.
2. This course is very well structured. It covers all important topics that a student must know to concentrate on International Macro. We had two discussions meetings, where we had to discuss a paper as a referee. It was really helpful. It forced us to read all related literature to discuss about a particular topic.
3. It gives the big picture of the international macro literature. It covers the recent on going research. It is well-organized. It gives the essentials of critical reading in research. It is a great step to become a researcher since it gives an opportunity to learn how to discuss a paper and how to present it. It is one of the courses - and they are not many- in the program that makes the students learn and think about the their own research while getting ready for the comprehensive exam.
4. We got the best possible education in the field!

How could the instructor improve the course?

Comment

1. If there is any trace of redundancy or obsolescence in this class, get rid of it. Too much to memorize here.
2. Providing some home works can be helpful.
3. However, I know the course work is already overwhelming, I believe that the students can learn how to write a good referee report not a summary of a paper from Professor Ghironi.
4. Hmm... very hard question. Course is very structured and deviation from the line might be harmful

Would you recommend this course to other students, majors, etc.? Why or why not?

Comment

1. No, it takes a special kind of student to self-select into this course.
2. Please take this course if you want to know the beauty of International macro.
3. Yes, I would strongly do...
4. If You love Macro ... just do it! It is beautiful

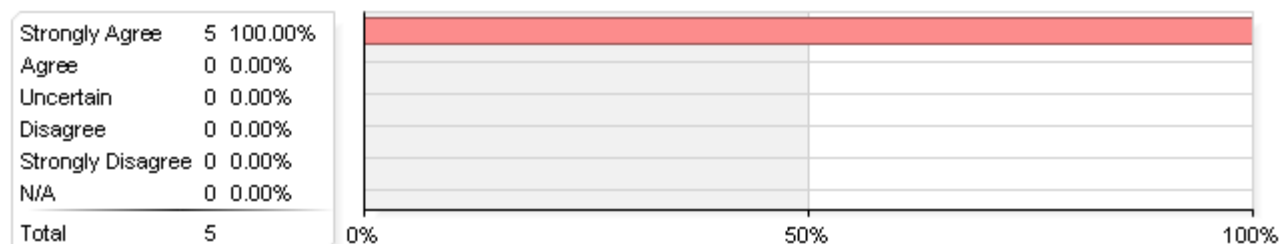
Additional Comments:

Comment

1. This is the best course in my life. I have learned so many things in a very short span of time. Thanks to professor Fabio for taking such a wonderful course. Thanks again for encouraging in every classes.
2. It was hard but it was an excellent course! Thank you very much!
3. best course in my life!

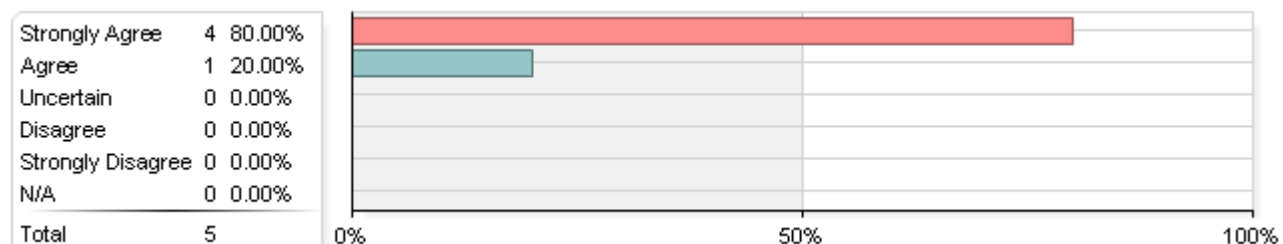
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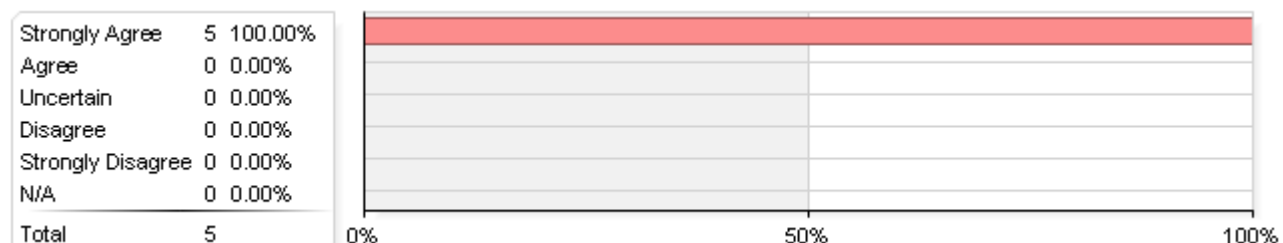
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Customized Question 2



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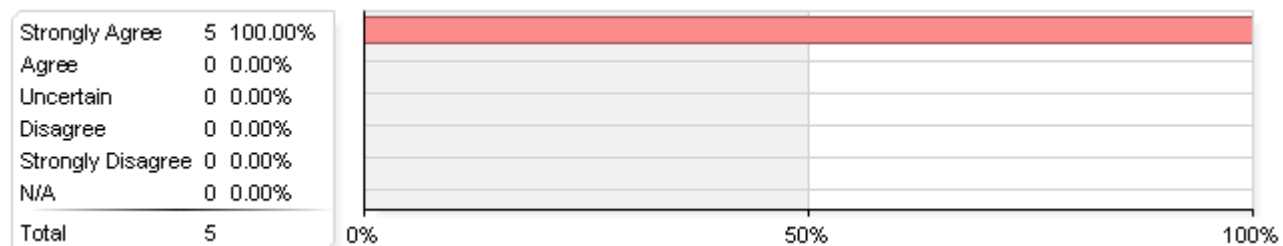
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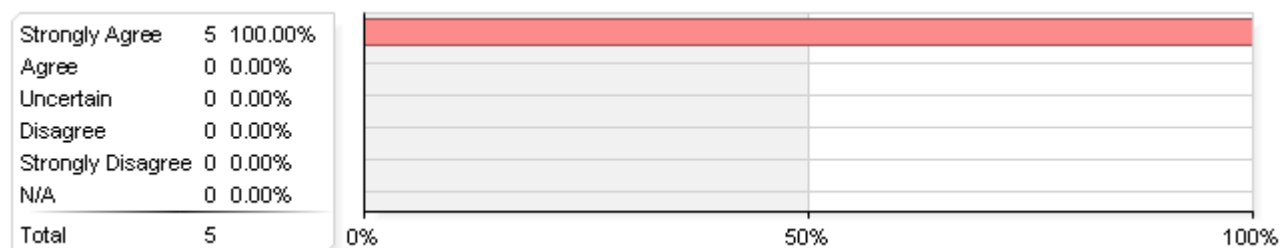
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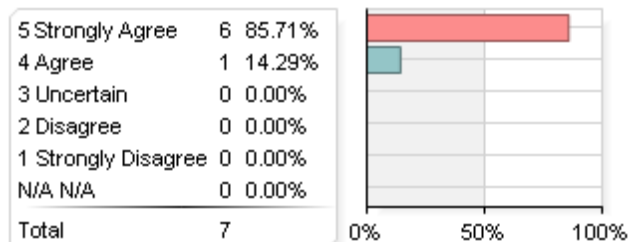
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Enrolled: 8
Responded: 7
Response Rate: .88

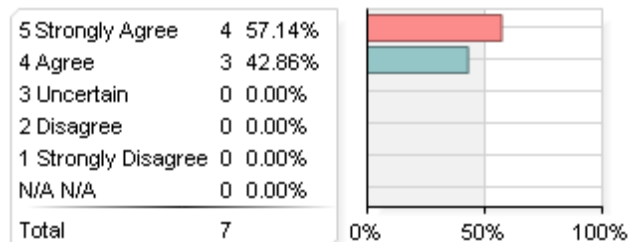
Course Related Questions for EC87401_2009S_TOP:INT'L MACROECONOMICS- Distribution of Responses

1. The course was well organized.



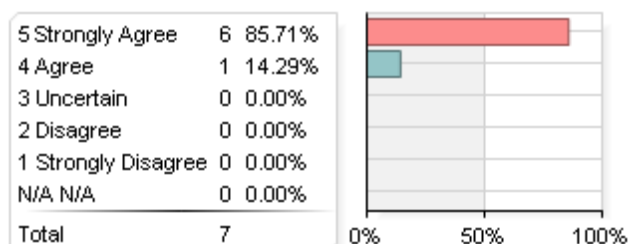
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Standard Deviation	+/-0.38

2. The course generally followed the syllabus.



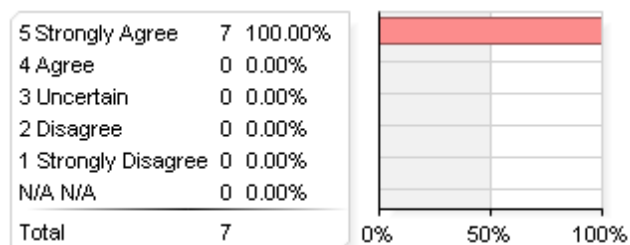
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3. Class attendance was necessary for learning course material.



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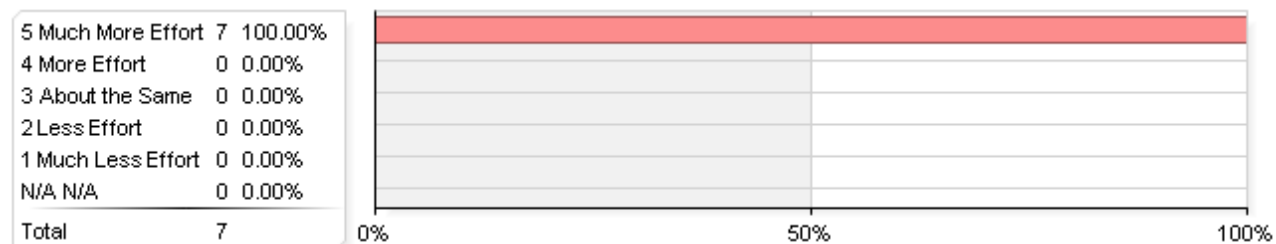
4. The course was intellectually challenging.



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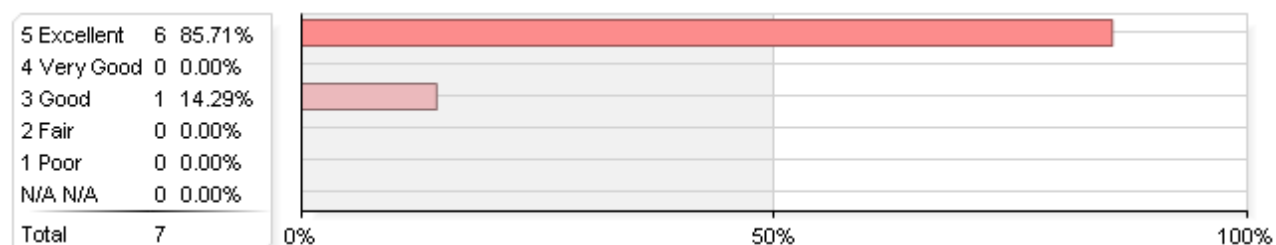
Course Related Questions for EC87401_2009S_TOP:INT'L MACROECONOMICS- Distribution of Responses (continued)

Compared to similar courses (ie core, major, etc), this course required:



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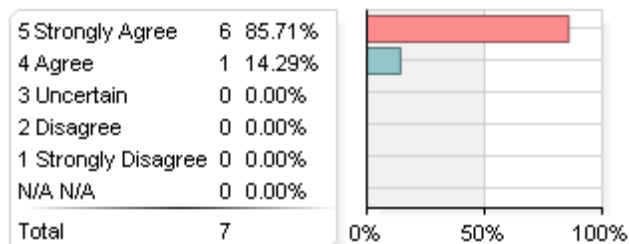
How would you rate this course overall?



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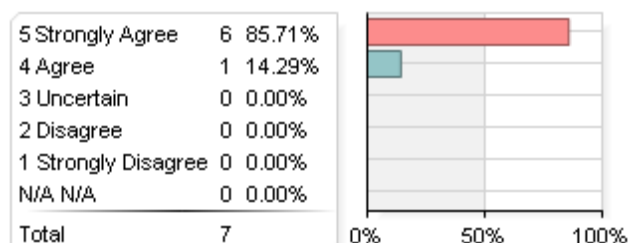
Instructor Questions for (Fabio Ghironi)- Distribution of Responses

1. The instructor was prepared.



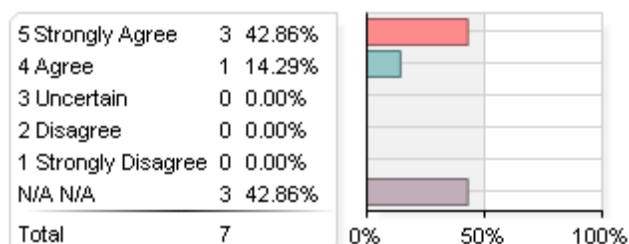
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2. The instructor was available for help outside of class.



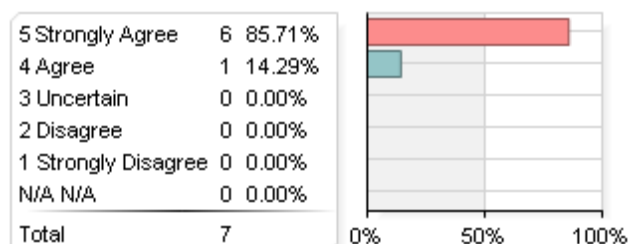
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3. The instructor returned assignments/tests conscientiously.



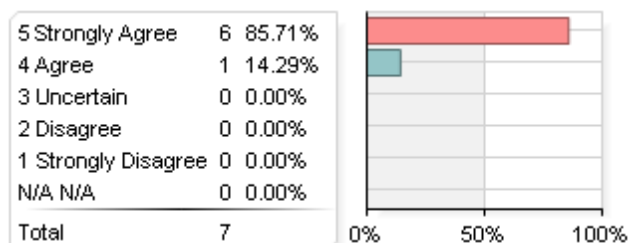
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4. The instructor showed enthusiasm about the subject matter.



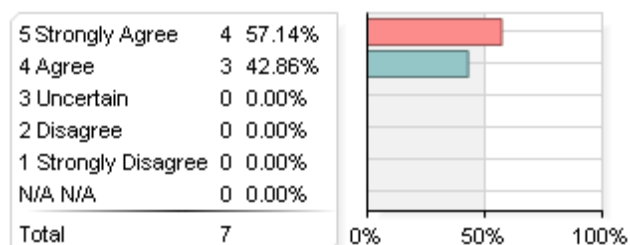
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Standard Deviation	+/-0.38

5. The instructor stimulated interest in the subject matter.



Statistics	Value
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Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.38

6. The instructor's explanations were clear.



Statistics	Value
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Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.53

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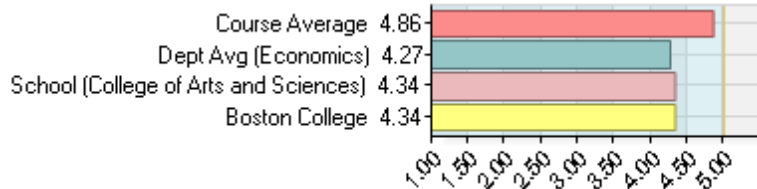
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Course Questions for EC87401_2009S_TOP:INT'L MACROECONOMICS - Benchmarks

Instructor Questions for (Fabio Ghironi) - Distribution of Responses

Select your agreement level with the following statements about this course.
7. The instructor treated students with respect.

1. The course was well organized.



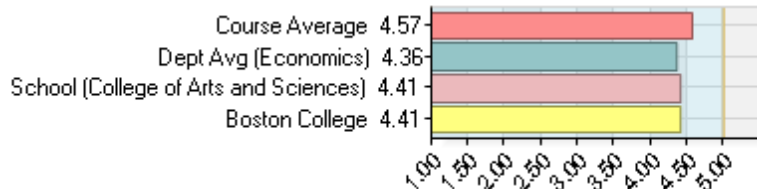
2. The course generally followed the syllabus.

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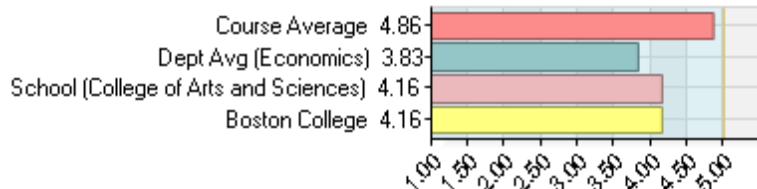
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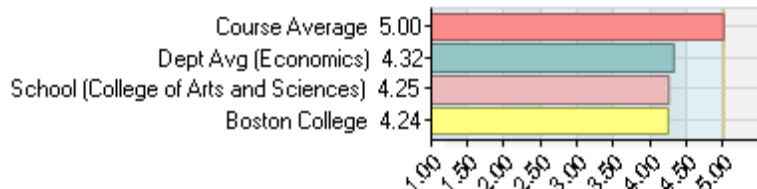


3. Class attendance was necessary for learning course material.



4. The course was intellectually challenging.

3 Good	1	14.29%
2 Fair	0	0.00%
1 Poor	0	0.00%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
Total	7	0%



Statistics

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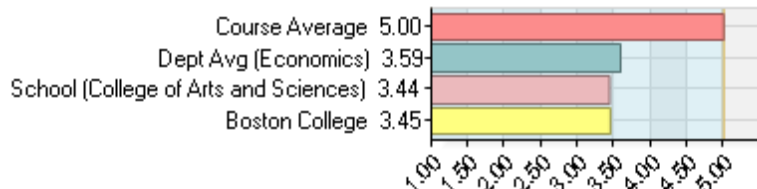
Compare to similar courses, this course required.

Value

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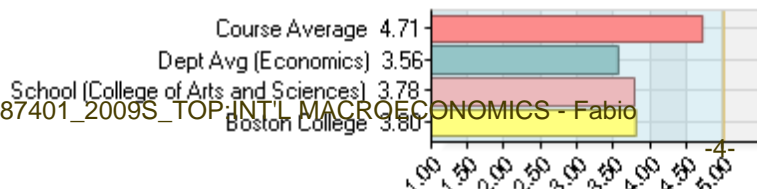
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How would you rate this course overall?

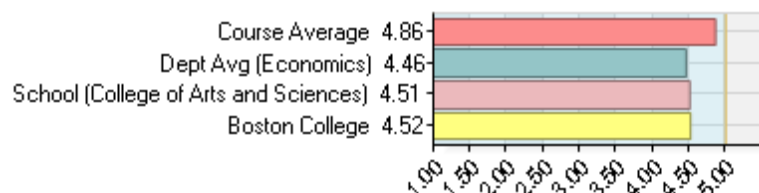
How would you rate this course overall?

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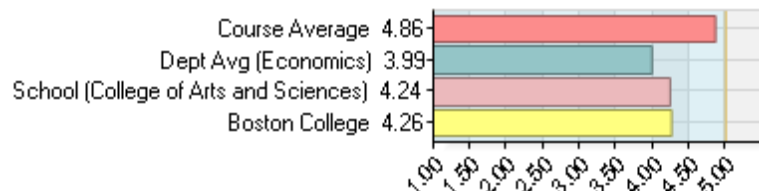


Instructor Questions for (Fabio Ghironi) - Benchmarks

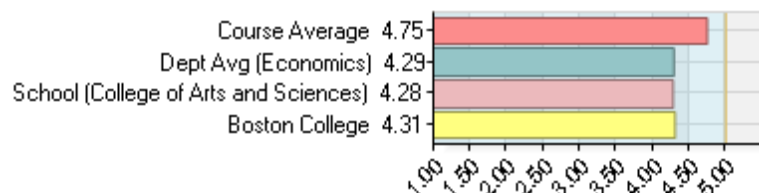
1. The instructor was prepared.



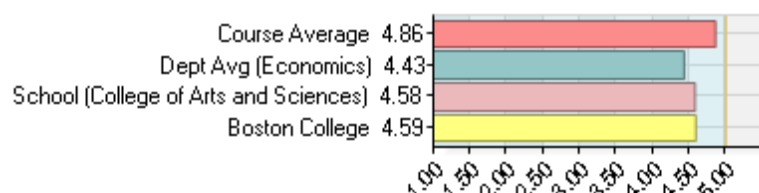
2. The instructor was available for help outside of class.



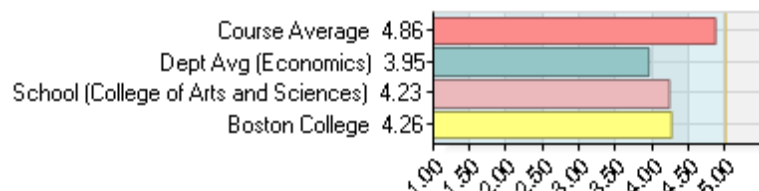
3. The instructor returned assignments/tests conscientiously.



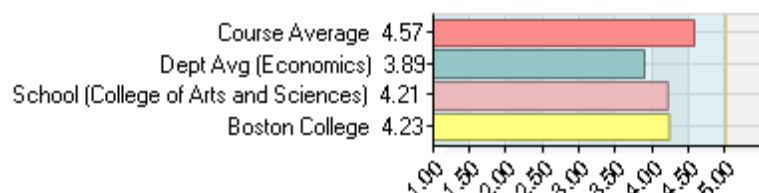
4. The instructor showed enthusiasm about the subject matter.



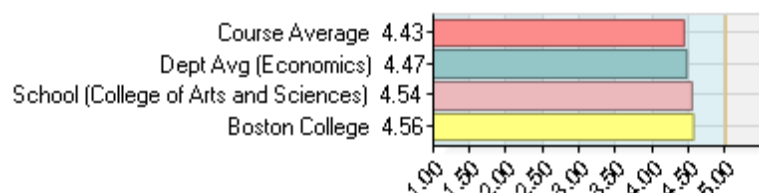
5. The instructor stimulated interest in the subject matter.



6. The instructor's explanations were clear.



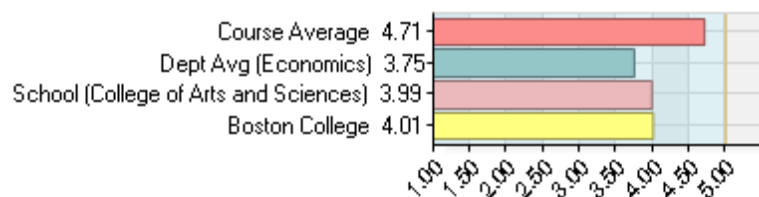
7. The instructor treated students with respect.



Instructor Questions for (Fabio Ghironi) - Benchmarks (continued)

How would you rate this instructor overall as a teacher?

How would you rate this instructor overall as a teacher?



Comments for EC87401_2009S_TOP:INT'L MACROECONOMICS - Fabio Ghironi

What are the strengths of this course?

Comment

1. Covered a huge amount of literature. The literature is current and interesting. The professor was knowledgeable about all the topics covered and was able to refer the class to additional readings on a topic with ease. The professor was more than willing to answer questions and offer insight.
2. Course conference is good.
3. Great selection of topics. Great selection of papers within the individual topics. Intelligently designed exam that emphasizes understanding of the field rather than memorization of math formulas. The field comp is designed with the same purpose in mind. Course conferences were very good use of time. Within a few hours, we learnt a lot about current research. The discussions in the course conference were good because they linked the papers to the papers covered during regular classes. Encouraged students to produce good term papers. Highlights interesting areas for future research.
4. Covered almost all macro topics.

How could the instructor improve the course?

Comment

1. Perhaps spend more time on explaining the intuition behind equations and results, and a bit less time on the math/equations themselves. Also, maybe cover a bit less, but more deeply (of course there's a tradeoff between knowing a lot of material fairly well vs. knowing a bit less material but very very well).
2. Make on lecture about overview of the course. Mark star in reading list.
3. It would be great if the course could be more coordinated with International Finance course taught by Dr. Strasser. Some of the topics in Dr. Strasser's empirical course were covered before the theory was covered in the theoretical international macro course. Also, a few theory things Dr. Strasser needed for his empirical course were not covered in the theoretical international macro course, so they had to be covered in the empirical course. It would be helpful if the department could schedule the course in a place and time that allows students to be on time.
4. Huge coverage of exam is not efficient.

Would you recommend this course to other students, majors, etc.? Why or why not?

Comment

1. Yes, but be prepared to put in a lot of effort and time.
2. Yes!

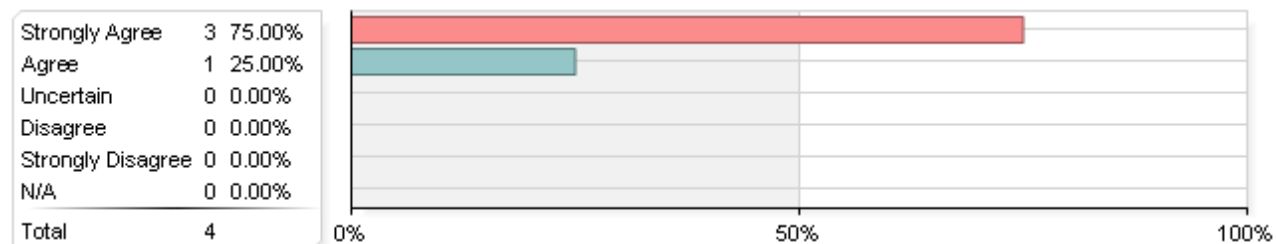
Additional Comments:

Comment

1. I think it would be useful, to have a few homework assignment where we redo some of the simulations in the most important papers. These kind of exercises always turn out to give a deeper understanding of the workings of the model and the importance of certain parameter values in delivering the results.
2. One of the best courses in the department. Definitely competes very well with similar courses offered at other top economics departments. Thank you!

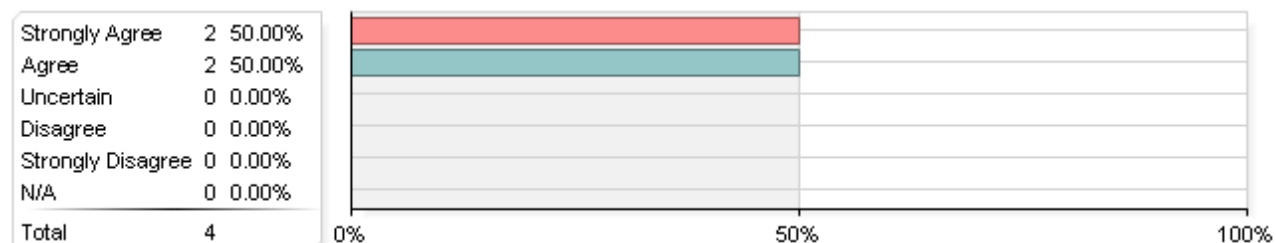
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Customized Question 1



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Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.50

Customized Question 2



Statistics	Value
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Median	4.50
Mode	5, 4
Standard Deviation	+/-0.58

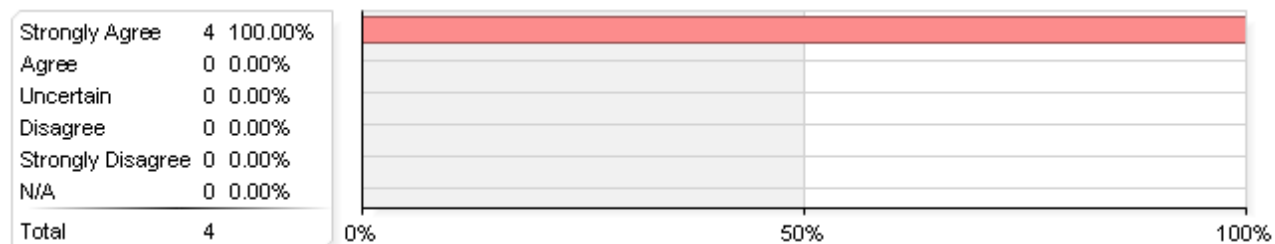
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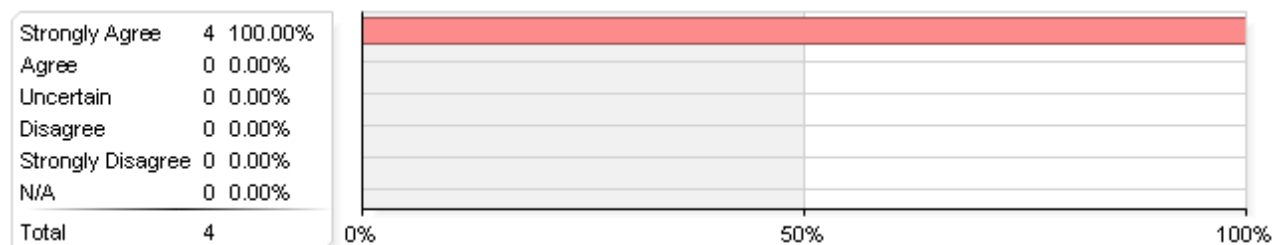
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Customized Question 4



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Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.00

Customized Question 5



Statistics	Value
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Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.00



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Course Evaluation Summary Report - EC87401-2008S-tx1 TOP:INT'L MACROECONOMICS Ghironi, Fabio

	Total Surveys	Surveys Submitted	Response Rate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6
2008 Spring - BC2008S	54,617	49,087	89.87%	3.96	4.04	4.22	4.26	4.10	3.35
Arts & Sciences	37,131	33,427	90.02%	3.93	4.02	4.19	4.23	4.07	3.35
Economics	2,589	2,369	91.50%	3.68	3.80	4.18	4.22	3.81	3.34
EC87401-2008S-tx1 TOP:INT'L MACROECONOMICS Ghironi, Fabio	5	4	80.00%	4.75	4.75	4.50	5.00	4.75	4.25

	Response 1	Response 2	Response 3	Response 4	Response 5	N/A	No Response	Mean	STD
1. What rating does this instructor deserve as a teacher?	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4.75	0.50
Poor = 1/Acceptable = 2/Good = 3/Very Good = 4/Excellent = 5	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%	0.00%		
2. Regular class attendance was necessary for learning the required content.	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4.75	0.50
Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%	0.00%		
3. The course helped me to acquire factual information.	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	4.50	0.58
Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%		
4. The course helped me to understand principles and concepts.	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	5.00	0.00
Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%		
5. The instructor was available for help outside of class.	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4.75	0.50
Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%	0.00%		
6. Compared to other courses having the same credits and hours, the time required for this course was:	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	4.25	1.50
Much Less = 1/Less = 2/The Same = 3/More = 4/Much More = 5	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	0.00%	75.00%	0.00%	0.00%		

	Response 1	Response 2	Response 3	Response 4	Response 5	N/A	No Response	Mean	STD
1. The course was well organized.	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4.75	0.50
Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%	0.00%		
2. The instructor explained the material clearly.	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4.75	0.50
Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%	0.00%		
3. The instructor showed enthusiasm about the subject matter.	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4.75	0.50
Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%	0.00%		
4. The instructor cared about the students in this course.	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	4.50	1.00
Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	75.00%	0.00%	0.00%		
5. The course was a valuable academic experience.	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	5.00	0.00
Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%		

7. What are the strengths of this instructor?

* Very unique style of introducing the material and the nuances involved therein. The coverage of this course is extremely intimidating, but it is Fabio's approach and exposition that makes it so memorable and enjoyable. It was an intellectual treat for me.

* He introduces all the recent developments in the field besides the main concepts. After this class I feel that I am ready the research with all sufficient knowledge necessary at the initial level.

* able to drive you into the details of each paper, which is useful to develop modeling skills

8. How could this instructor improve the course?

* It is relatively tough, maybe less workload will be helpful to get more insight into the concepts.

* Maybe a couple of less technical, more "broad picture" classes would help not to loose the perspective of the main themes because overwhelmed by the equations.

* The course conferences were a great opportunity to discuss your ideas and thoughts about some of the innovative papers in the field. It would be good to have some more sessions like that to collectively brainstorm and learn from each other.

9. Additional comments:

* One of the best courses I have taken so far. I wish I can audit it once more just to get even more familiar with the vast body of fascinating literature in the arena of International Macroeconomics. I hope someday I am able to make my own little contribution to this eclectic field.



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Course Evaluation Summary Report - EC87401-2007S-tx1 TOP:INT'L MACROECONOMICS Ghironi, Fabio

	Total Surveys	Surveys Submitted	Response Rate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6
BC2007S	54,400	49,036	90.14%	3.91	4.04	4.20	4.22	4.06	3.36
Arts & Sciences	37,741	34,351	91.02%	3.89	4.04	4.18	4.20	4.03	3.35
Economics	2,372	2,182	91.99%	3.62	3.90	4.17	4.18	3.73	3.27
EC87401-2007S-tx1 TOP:INT'L MACROECONOMICS Ghironi, Fabio	7	7	100.00%	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.71	4.71	4.57

	Response 1	Response 2	Response 3	Response 4	Response 5	N/A	No Response	Mean	STD
1. What rating does this instructor deserve as a teacher?	0	0	1	1	5	0	0	4.57	0.79
Poor = 1/Acceptable = 2/Good = 3/Very Good = 4/Excellent = 5	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%	0.00%		
2. Regular class attendance was necessary for learning the required content.	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	4.57	0.53
Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%	0.00%		
3. The course helped me to acquire factual information.	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	4.57	0.53
Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%	0.00%		
4. The course helped me to understand principles and concepts.	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	4.71	0.49
Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%	0.00%		
5. The instructor was available for help outside of class.	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	4.71	0.49
Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%	0.00%		
6. Compared to other courses having the same credits and hours, the time required for this course was:	0	0	1	1	5	0	0	4.57	0.79
Much Less = 1/Less = 2/The Same = 3/More = 4/Much More = 5	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%	0.00%		

7. What are the strengths of this instructor?

- * He's extremely competent, a great guide through the literature. Great presence, always available!
- * Very well organized, knowledgeable, passionate about the field of international economics. Provide insight into different papers and different schools of thought in the literature.
- * very knowledgeable

8. How could this instructor improve the course?

- * May be some assignments and more class discussions from the beginning of the semester.
- * No way to do it better (perhaps shrinking a little bit the reading list would be perfect).

9. Additional comments:

- * An excellent experience.