

Statistical Summary

Texas A&M University, College Station
Summer 2019
SOCI 420 900
End-of-Term
Gabriel H. Miller

Demographics

Total Number of Evaluations Submitted: 7

Total Number of Students Enrolled in the Class: 22

Percentage of students who submitted an evaluation: 31.82%

	Response	No. of Responses	Percentage
College:	Liberal Arts	7	100.00
Classification:	JUNIOR	1	14.29
	SENIOR	6	85.71
Campus:	COLLEGE STATION	7	100.00
Is This Course Required?	Yes	7	100.00
Expected Grade in Course:	A	1	14.29
	B	3	42.86
	C	1	14.29
	D	2	28.57
Sex:	FEMALE	6	85.71
	MALE	1	14.29

Items

The following items were used in the appraisal for this section. Mean scores are calculated on a 5 point basis: A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, E=1.

A = Strongly Agree
B = Agree
C = Undecided
D = Disagree
E = Strongly Disagree

Items	Resp	A	B	C	D	E	Mean StDev	*View Comments
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The instructor seemed well prepared for each class.	7	N	4	3	0	0	0	4.57	View
		%	57.14	42.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.495	
The instructor seemed to care whether the students learned.	7	N	4	0	2	1	0	4	View
		%	57.14	0.00	28.57	14.29	0.00	1.195	
The instructor seemed enthusiastic about the material that was presented.	7	N	4	1	2	0	0	4.29	View
		%	57.14	14.29	28.57	0.00	0.00	0.881	
The instructor stimulated my interest in the subject.	7	N	3	2	1	1	0	4	View
		%	42.86	28.57	14.29	14.29	0.00	1.069	
The instructor's presentations added to my understanding of the material.	7	N	3	2	0	1	1	3.71	View
		%	42.86	28.57	0.00	14.29	14.29	1.485	
The instructor adequately answered questions from students.	7	N	3	2	1	1	0	4	View
		%	42.86	28.57	14.29	14.29	0.00	1.069	
I believe this instructor was an effective teacher.	7	N	3	1	1	2	0	3.71	View
		%	42.86	14.29	14.29	28.57	0.00	1.278	
The exams/projects were presented and graded fairly.	7	N	3	1	0	2	1	3.43	View
		%	42.86	14.29	0.00	28.57	14.29	1.591	
Help was readily available for questions and/or homework outside of class.	7	N	4	1	1	0	1	4	View
		%	57.14	14.29	14.29	0.00	14.29	1.414	
On the whole, this is a good instructor.	7	N	4	1	1	1	0	4.14	View
		%	57.14	14.29	14.29	14.29	0.00	1.125	
I would take another course from this professor.	7	N	4	0	2	0	1	3.86	View
		%	57.14	0.00	28.57	0.00	14.29	1.457	
The course was well-organized.	7	N	3	2	2	0	0	4.14	View
		%	42.86	28.57	28.57	0.00	0.00	0.833	
The course requirements were clear.	7	N	3	1	2	1	0	3.86	View
		%	42.86	14.29	28.57	14.29	0.00	1.125	
The amount of work and/or reading was reasonable for the credit hours received in the course.	7	N	3	0	0	1	3	2.86	View
		%	42.86	0.00	0.00	14.29	42.86	1.884	
On the whole, this was a good course.	7	N	3	1	2	1	0	3.86	View
		%	42.86	14.29	28.57	14.29	0.00	1.125	

Overall Mean *Overall Mean score does not include instructor selected items.

3.90

*** If a link is not active, this represents that no comments were given by students for that item.**

Item Comments

Items on the Appraisal

The instructor seemed well prepared for each class.

Comments from Students

1. [B] Professor Miller always showed up to class prepared with slideshows and print outs to class.
2. [A] Every class he had chapter notes printed out, which helped out a lot, and was well organized.

The instructor seemed to care whether the students learned.

Comments from Students

1. [C] I don't think Professor Miller didn't care whether students learned or not, but the nature of this course during a summer semester makes the learning process and environment murky.
2. [A] Gabe Miller made sure each student understood and even held extra class time in order for students to go ask questions and get clarification.

The instructor seemed enthusiastic about the material that was presented.

Comments from Students

1. [B] Professor Miller is very enthusiastic and knowledgeable in his field.

The instructor stimulated my interest in the subject.

Comments from Students

1. [B] Professor Miller did stimulate my interest in this subject and made me aware of how important literacy in the subject is for sociology research. Again, the nature of this course did not stimulate my interest in this subject whatsoever.

The instructor's presentations added to my understanding of the material.

Comments from Students

1. [D] Lectures added to my understanding of the material. Slideshow presentations, paired with my textbook, did not.
2. [A] Elaborated what seemed confusing, by utilizing a dry erase board in order to give extra examples and to physically show how things were connected or worked.

The instructor adequately answered questions from students.

Comments from Students

1. [D] The homework assignments were so ridiculously hard compared to what we ever did in class.

I believe this instructor was an effective teacher.

Comments from Students

1. [D] Never in my life have I struggled/stressed about a course so much.
2. [C] I believe Professor Miller is an exemplary teacher, but this course is too much of a limitation for any professor or student classroom.

The exams/projects were presented and graded fairly.

Comments from Students

1. [E] We had a very long research paper assigned that was extremely difficult and did not help me better understand this class. I understand it is a writing intensive class but the papers requirements were graduate level and I know all students struggled with writing it.
2. [D] He pick and chose who and what he took points from. On some assignments he'd deduct for one thing, but then not on another.

Help was readily available for questions and/or homework outside of class.

Comments from Students

1. [E] While Professor Miller was always readily available to help during his classroom and office hours, as well as through email, this class could've been much more effective help-wise had there been a TA present for the lab course of the class, as well as for help hours.
2. [A] Gabe Miller always responded to emails within 24 hours of me emailing him and would always make sure that no further questions were needed.

On the whole, this is a good instructor.

Comments from Students

1. [C] Would not advise him teaching the course again unless he took out the paper.

I would take another course from this professor.

There were no comments for this item.

The course was well-organized.

Comments from Students

1. [B] This course is how organized every sociology course should be during fall and spring semesters.

The course requirements were clear.

Comments from Students

1. [D] Our 20+ page paper was completely on our own and we basically had no guidance from him.

The amount of work and/or reading was reasonable for the credit hours received in the course.

Comments from Students

1. [E] Ridiculous amount of work.
2. [E] Once again, the nature of this course being taught in the summer semester is border line negligent.

On the whole, this was a good course.

There were no comments for this item.

Essay Question Comments

Essay Questions on the Appraisal

Please add your overall thoughts on the course and instructor.

1. I believe the SOCI 420 course should be taught during spring and fall semesters, or, at the very least, during summer 1 AND 2. I believe the material presented to us in this course is of utmost necessity in the field of sociology as well as in academics, however it is borderline negligence to offer such a rigorous course during such a short term without a present TA or any sort of educational rubric for the sociology department. Throughout my sociology courses, including the pre-requisite course for this class, professors did not seem to have an ongoing set of standards of learning even though all courses are related. It was unrealistic and unobtainable, at least personally, to keep up with the rigor of this courses' readings, homework, exams, and research paper while balancing a full-time job. At many points in the last two weeks, the anxiety and depression as a result of these events and factors lead me to dark thoughts and precarious mental states. I have not been able to reach out for professional help as a result of the same factors and events. But this is just the reality of many college students. I suggest the department focus on the realistic experiences of students when considering what courses should be made available for the summer.

2. Although Gabe Miller is a graduate student himself, on top of his personal life, and academic work, he provided each student with the opportunity to receive help. No matter how late or early things were, Mr. Miller always made sure each student was taken care of.

3. I loved this instructor! He was very helpful and spent many hours helping my classmates and I out. He was quick to respond to our questions and was accommodating when needed. He seemed to care about the subject and his students. I would take him again.