Special Circumstances for Student Ratings of Courses and Teaching – Spring 2021

Web Administration

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the shift to delivering instruction via varying methods (In-person, Online, Hybrid, Hyflex), Spring 2021 Student Ratings of Courses and Teaching forms were administered via the web. Students received emails during the final two weeks of classes (April 20 to May 5) asking them to complete the Ratings forms. In addition, The Dean of Faculty's Office sent pre-notification emails about the process to students and faculty the week before.

Response Rates

The overall response rate, as usual, was calculated using all courses where the response rate is > 0%. Twenty-six (26) courses with no responses (a total of 70 students enrolled) were excluded. The final overall all-College response rate for Spring 2021 was 45.8% (5,173 responses/11,298 enrollments). Although this is lower than the response rates Skidmore obtained via paper forms for past terms (between 89-92%), anecdotal information suggests that many institutions administering ratings online have response rates between 40-55%. The Spring 2021 term response rate is within the range of student response rates that Skidmore College attains in traditional online surveys (NSSE, etc.). When viewing the response rates at the course section level, 58% of course sections had a response rate below 50%. Nearly three-quarters (72%) of courses had a response rate between 30-69%.

Response Rate	Course Sections (N)	Course Sections (%)
0%	26	3%
1-9%	3	0%
10-19%	25	3%
20-29%	86	11%
30-39%	162	21%
40-49%	152	20%
50-59%	160	21%
60-69%	75	10%
70-79%	42	5%
80-89%	19	2%
90-99%	4	1%
100%	20	3%
Grand Total	**774**	**100%**

Faculty Vote

The faculty voted on a motion presented by CEPP at the March 5, 2021 Faculty Meeting.

> ***MOTION****: CEPP moves that Student Ratings and Feedback surveys (i.e., all-college quantitative forms and departmental long forms) be administered online in Spring 2021 and the results made available to instructors only; and that individual instructors may share the results of their Student Ratings and Feedback surveys at their discretion.*

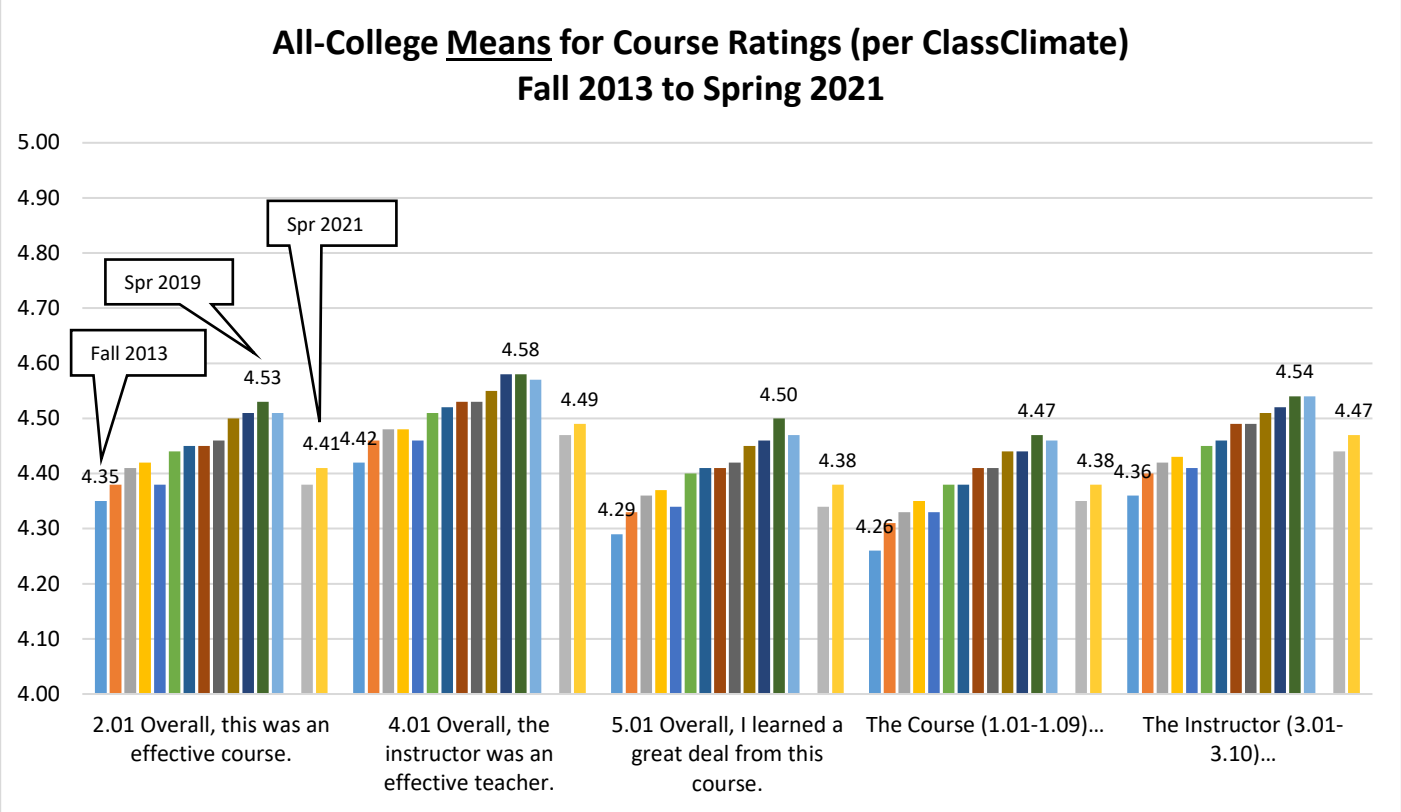
The motion was voted on and passed by majority vote (after voting results were tallied over the weekend). Course section results will therefore be distributed only to the faculty member teaching each course section after the grade deadline has passed. As there will be no scanning of paper forms, a byproduct of web administration is that results should be distributed to faculty slightly earlier than before.

Please see the CEPP statement regarding Student Ratings and pandemic conditions. CEPP encourages faculty to keep the following statement in their records.
https://www.skidmore.edu/cepp/documents/Stmt-Regarding-Student-Ratings-Pandemic-Conditions-101920.pdf

All-College Report

The standard overall Spring 2021 All-College Report follows this preface. When comparing overall question results from Spring 2021 (web administered; lower response rate) to a 3-year prior spring average (paper administered), all-College means in Spring 2021 are -0.04 to -0.08 lower (see table). The Spring 2021 all-College overall question means were not lower than any single prior administration of the current form, first administered in Fall 2013 (see graph), though, due to a trend of slightly increasing means between Fall 2013 and Spring 2019, the Spring 2021 means are closer to those observed in year two (2014-15) of the current form.

All-College - Means			
	Paper	*Web*	**Difference**
	3-Year Average (Spr 2017, Spr 2018, Spr 2019)	**Spring 2021**	
2.01 Overall, this was an effective course.	4.49	4.41	-0.08
4.01 Overall, the instructor was an effective teacher.	4.55	4.49	-0.06
5.01 Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.	4.45	4.38	-0.07
The Course (1.01-1.09)…	4.44	4.38	-0.06
The Instructor (3.01-3.10)…	4.51	4.47	-0.04



All College - Spring 2021 (45.8% Response Rate)

No. of responses = 5173

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Survey Results

1. The Course...

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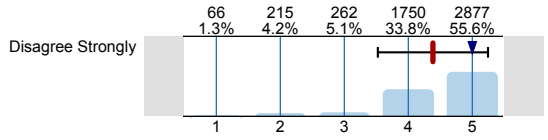

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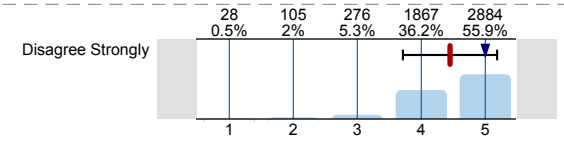
1.2) objectives were met.



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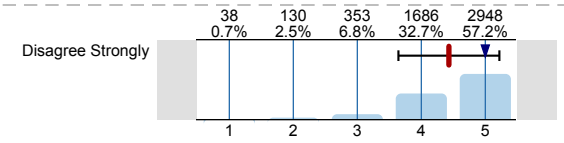
1.3) materials (e.g., readings, handouts, videos) contributed to my learning.



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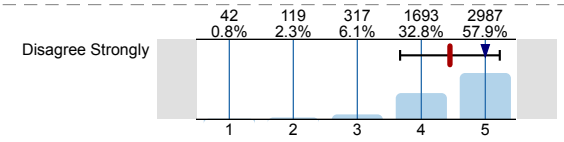
1.4) helped me learn concepts and methods.



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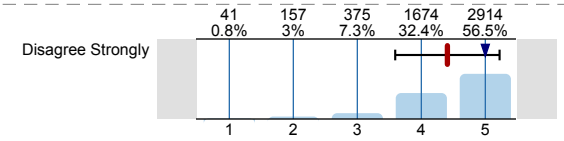
1.5) improved my ability to communicate clearly about the subject.



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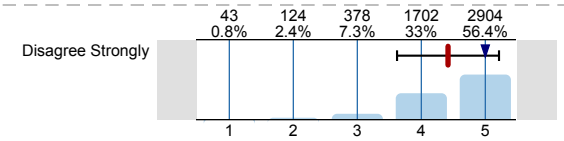
1.6) enabled me to think independently about the subject matter.



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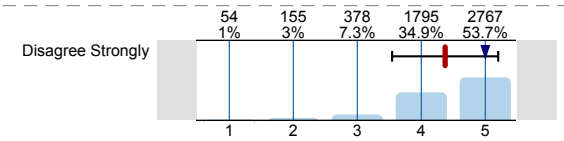
1.7) assignments helped me achieve the course objectives.



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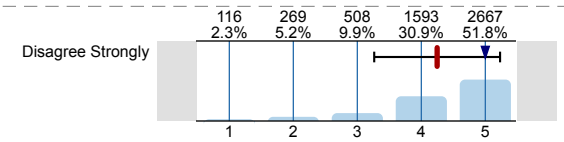
1.8) feedback I received helped me achieve the course objectives.



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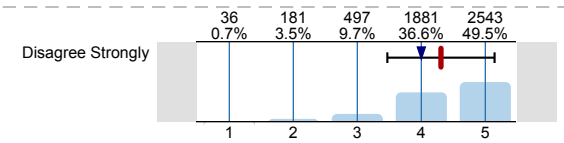
1.9) was challenging.



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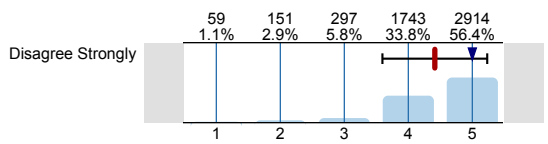
2. Course Overall

2.1) **Overall, this was an effective course.**



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av.=4.41
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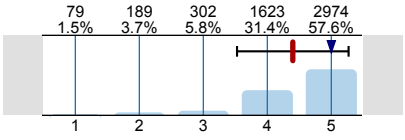
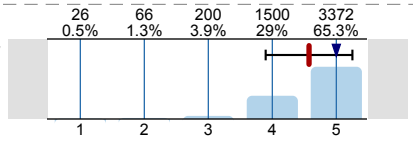
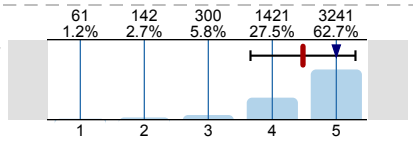
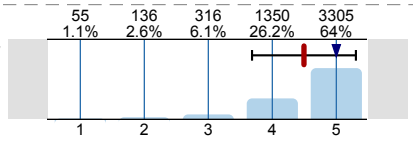
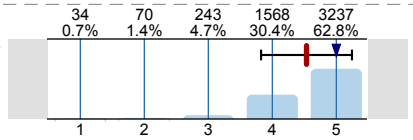
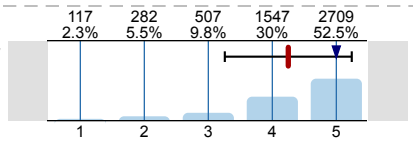
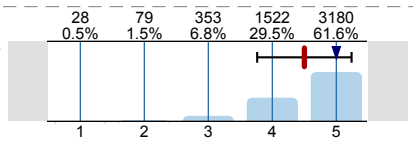
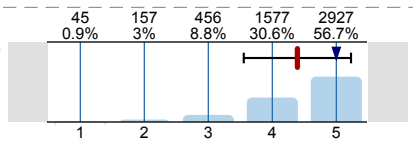
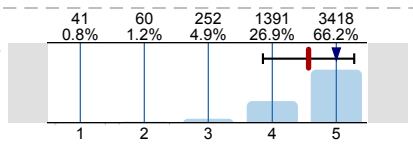
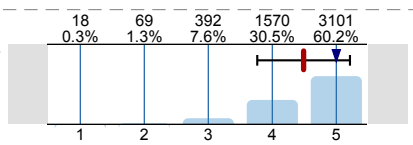
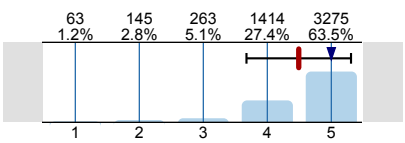
3. The Instructor...

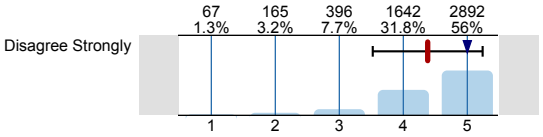
3.1)	presented the course material effectively.	79 1.5%	189 3.7%	302 5.8%	1623 31.4%	2974 57.6%	Disagree Strongly		Agree Strongly	n=5167 av.=4.4 md=5 dev.=0.87
3.2)	was prepared for class.	26 0.5%	66 1.3%	200 3.9%	1500 29%	3372 65.3%	Disagree Strongly		Agree Strongly	n=5164 av.=4.57 md=5 dev.=0.68
3.3)	answered questions effectively.	61 1.2%	142 2.7%	300 5.8%	1421 27.5%	3241 62.7%	Disagree Strongly		Agree Strongly	n=5165 av.=4.48 md=5 dev.=0.82
3.4)	stimulated interest in the subject.	55 1.1%	136 2.6%	316 6.1%	1350 26.2%	3305 64%	Disagree Strongly		Agree Strongly	n=5162 av.=4.49 md=5 dev.=0.81
3.5)	gave assignments related to the course objectives.	34 0.7%	70 1.4%	243 4.7%	1568 30.4%	3237 62.8%	Disagree Strongly		Agree Strongly	n=5152 av.=4.53 md=5 dev.=0.71
3.6)	provided clear criteria for grading.	117 2.3%	282 5.5%	507 9.8%	1547 30%	2709 52.5%	Disagree Strongly		Agree Strongly	n=5162 av.=4.25 md=5 dev.=0.99
3.7)	was available outside of class (e.g., office hours, by appointment, email).	28 0.5%	79 1.5%	353 6.8%	1522 29.5%	3180 61.6%	Disagree Strongly		Agree Strongly	n=5162 av.=4.5 md=5 dev.=0.74
3.8)	suggested ways students could improve.	45 0.9%	157 3%	456 8.8%	1577 30.6%	2927 56.7%	Disagree Strongly		Agree Strongly	n=5162 av.=4.39 md=5 dev.=0.84
3.9)	fostered an environment of respect in the classroom.	41 0.8%	60 1.2%	252 4.9%	1391 26.9%	3418 66.2%	Disagree Strongly		Agree Strongly	n=5162 av.=4.57 md=5 dev.=0.71
3.10)	set high standards for students.	18 0.3%	69 1.3%	392 7.6%	1570 30.5%	3101 60.2%	Disagree Strongly		Agree Strongly	n=5150 av.=4.49 md=5 dev.=0.72

4. Instructor Overall

4.1)	**Overall, the instructor was an effective teacher.**	63 1.2%	145 2.8%	263 5.1%	1414 27.4%	3275 63.5%	Disagree Strongly		Agree Strongly	n=5160 av.=4.49 md=5 dev.=0.82

5. Learning Overall

5.1) **Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.**



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av.=4.38
md=5
dev.=0.86

6. Student Information

6.1) At the beginning of the semester, how was this course listed?

n=5151

Online	59.5%
Hybrid (taught using a blend of in-person and online instruction)	16.9%
Hyflex (taught simultaneously in person and online)	4.4%
In-person	19.2%

6.2) Which best describes the way you took this course?

n=5131

All or mostly online	63.1%
Mixture of online and in-person	13.9%
All or mostly in-person	23%

6.3) Which best describes this course for you? ***(answer all that apply)***

n=5173

Required for major	36.8%
Elective for major	18.7%
Non-major elective	24.2%
All-College requirement	14.9%
Other requirement	14.6%

6.4) Your desire to enroll in this course was:

n=5054

Much less than most courses	3.3%
Less than most courses	10.6%
About the same as most courses	33.7%
More than most courses	34.6%
Much more than most courses	17.7%

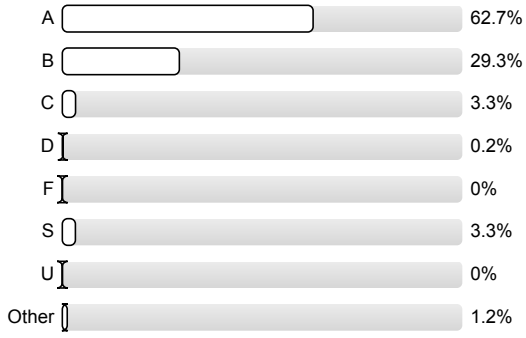
6.5) How many hours per week did you devote to this course?

n=5153

0	0.4%
1-3	23.1%
4-6	43.4%
7-9	23.5%
10-14	7.8%
15+	1.8%

6.6) What is your expected grade in the course?

n=5141



Profile

Compilation: All College - Spring 2021 (45.8% Response Rate)

Values used in the profile line: Mean

1. The Course...

1.1)	content was well organized.	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5170	av.=4.38	md=5.00 dev.=0.86
1.2)	objectives were met.	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5160	av.=4.45	md=5.00 dev.=0.74
1.3)	materials (e.g., readings, handouts, videos) contributed to my learning.	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5155	av.=4.43	md=5.00 dev.=0.79
1.4)	helped me learn concepts and methods.	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5158	av.=4.45	md=5.00 dev.=0.78
1.5)	improved my ability to communicate clearly about the subject.	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5161	av.=4.41	md=5.00 dev.=0.82
1.6)	enabled me to think independently about the subject matter.	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5151	av.=4.42	md=5.00 dev.=0.80
1.7)	assignments helped me achieve the course objectives.	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5149	av.=4.37	md=5.00 dev.=0.83
1.8)	feedback I received helped me achieve the course objectives.	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5153	av.=4.25	md=5.00 dev.=0.98
1.9)	was challenging.	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5138	av.=4.31	md=4.00 dev.=0.84

2. Course Overall

2.1)	**Overall, this was an effective course.**	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5164	av.=4.41	md=5.00 dev.=0.82

3. The Instructor...

3.1)	presented the course material effectively.	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5167	av.=4.40	md=5.00 dev.=0.87
3.2)	was prepared for class.	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5164	av.=4.57	md=5.00 dev.=0.68
3.3)	answered questions effectively.	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5165	av.=4.48	md=5.00 dev.=0.82
3.4)	stimulated interest in the subject.	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5162	av.=4.49	md=5.00 dev.=0.81
3.5)	gave assignments related to the course objectives.	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5152	av.=4.53	md=5.00 dev.=0.71
3.6)	provided clear criteria for grading.	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5162	av.=4.25	md=5.00 dev.=0.99
3.7)	was available outside of class (e.g., office hours, by appointment, email).	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5162	av.=4.50	md=5.00 dev.=0.74
3.8)	suggested ways students could improve.	Disagree Strongly	Agree Strongly	n=5162	av.=4.39	md=5.00 dev.=0.84

3.9) fostered an environment of respect in the classroom.

Disagree Strongly — Agree Strongly

n=5162 av.=4.57 md=5.00 dev.=0.71

3.10) set high standards for students.

Disagree Strongly — Agree Strongly

n=5150 av.=4.49 md=5.00 dev.=0.72

4. Instructor Overall

4.1) **Overall, the instructor was an effective teacher.**

Disagree Strongly — Agree Strongly

n=5160 av.=4.49 md=5.00 dev.=0.82

5. Learning Overall

5.1) **Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.**

Disagree Strongly — Agree Strongly

n=5162 av.=4.38 md=5.00 dev.=0.86

Profile Line for Indicators

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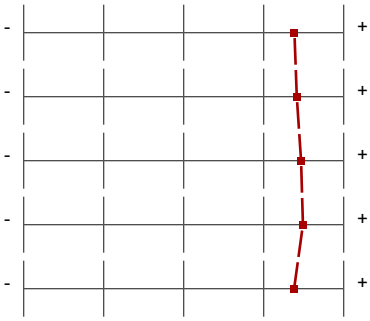

1. **The Course...**	av.=4.38	dev.=0.83
2. **Course Overall**	av.=4.41	dev.=0.82
3. **The Instructor...**	av.=4.47	dev.=0.79
4. **Instructor Overall**	av.=4.49	dev.=0.82
5. **Learning Overall**	av.=4.38	dev.=0.86