



ASIA1025 Individual and Society A,  
Thomas Dubois, Sem 1 2013  
130 Enrolments; 45 Responses

Overall indicators

Experience of lecturing:

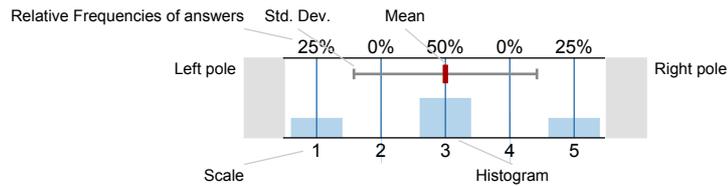


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Survey Results

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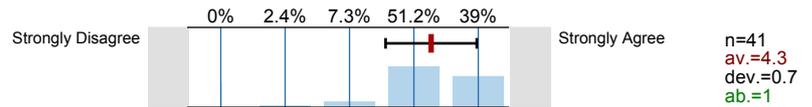
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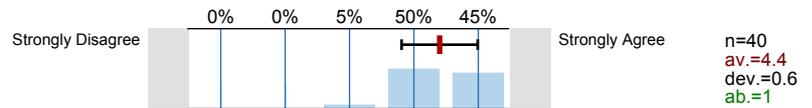
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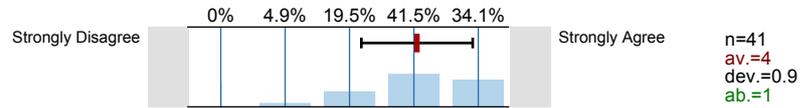
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2. The lecturer stimulated my interest in the subject



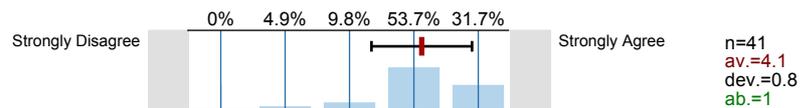
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3. The lecturer effectively used illustrations and examples



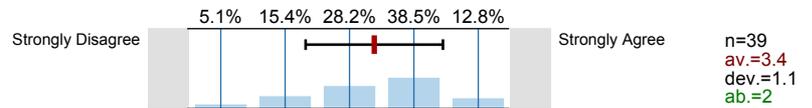
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4. The presentation of lectures was at a suitable pace to assist my learning



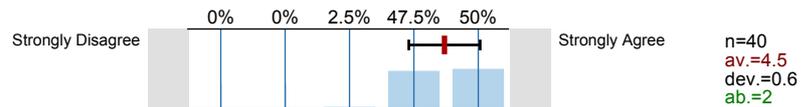
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5. I had sufficient feedback during the course to be able to assess my progress



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6. The lecturer actively encouraged student questions and participation



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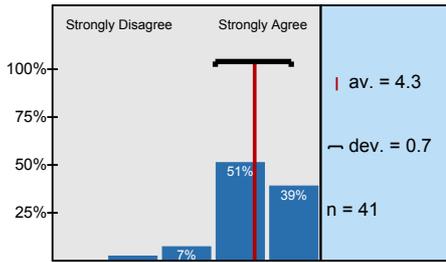
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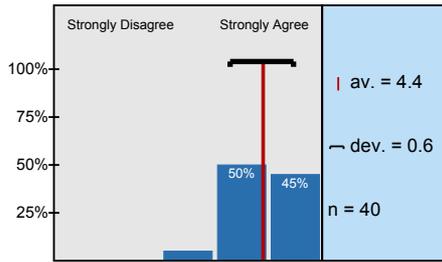
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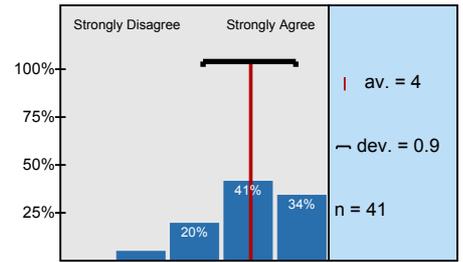
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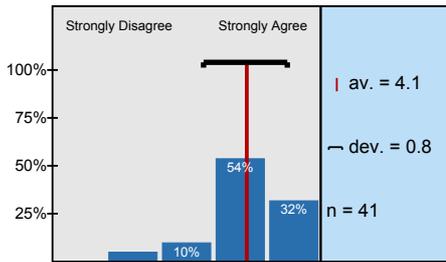
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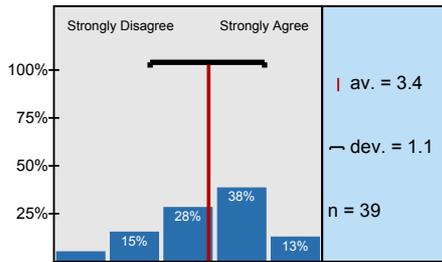
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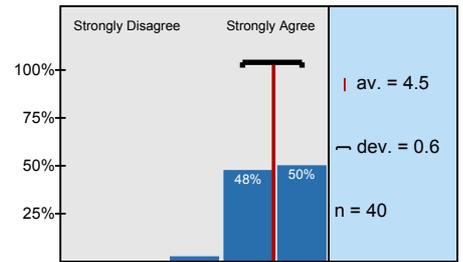
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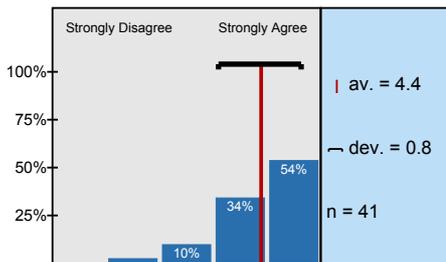
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## Comments Report

## Experience of lecturing:

*Please explain the reason for your rating in question 1*

- Although Associate Professor Dubois only lectured a few times, his presentations heightened my knowledge of the area he covered.
- Engaged interest.
- Fantastic tutorials. Always able to answer questions in a useful way
- Good interrelations between some concepts of the course and others. Linking the material made things much more clear.
- He was clear in articulating the concepts and giving examples.
- Thomas included interesting content and spoke in an engaging manner
- Thomas was encouraging and engaged. Had the ability to wake up the lecture hall at 9am.
- Very good presenting style.
- While Professor Dubois lectures were very entertaining, his lectures did not include enough substance/content.
- Yes, there was always a clear outline delivered at the start of the lecture that explained the approach to the lesson so I found it really easy to understand the point of the lecture and follow it, because there was a clear structure.
- he was a very interested in whatever he talked about.
- so much better then [REDACTED] and was able to engage people and teach the content.
- the lectures supported my learning
- very interesting and didn't go too fast or assume too much knowledge, so it was easy to follow and clear

*Please explain the reason for your rating in question 2*

- Gave great explanations. I intend of taking another one of his courses.
- He's awesome
- His enthusiastic lecturing style was highly engaging.
- His lecturing style was entertaining.
- His presentation and enthusiasm made the subjects he lectured on more interesting.
- Lecturer's personal experience in the field made what was said much more relevant.
- Many of Prof Dubois' personal stories were amusing.
- Only to a small extent.
- Spoke about aspects of culture that was interesting and did a good job of explaining and giving examples of the subject he was speaking on
- Thomas is very good. I found his viewpoint highly interesting.
- YES! The way the lectures were delivered I found myself interested in subjects that I normally wouldn't even have an interest in.
- Yes, especially history of Asia.
- he was really supportive and inclusive.
- more interesting than [REDACTED] and had the most interesting lectures of the whole semester.

- they were interesting

*Please explain the reason for your rating in question 3*

- He used a variety of examples from modern day to illustrate concepts.
- Illustrations and examples were used to not only complement the content but also to engage students in the lecture.
- Professor Dubois did so in his few lectures that proved effective with the lecture audience.
- Slides linked fairly well with the spoken lecture material. A small written explanation of a specific term would have been a nice addition though, rather than just the name.
- Some lectures better than others.
- While the stories Prof Dubois told were fun, they did not always add to or support the lecture content that well.
- Yes, the slides always had the most important points on them and were always helpful to what was being talked about.
- better than [REDACTED]
- excellent examples, his help really improved my essay writing
- giving a very clear examples
- more could have put into lecture slides and some subjects could have been covered more in depth.
- provided good examples of essay outlines
- the powerpoints were good

*Please explain the reason for your rating in question 4*

- Although at high speed.
- At times he did speak fairly fast, although the majority of his teaching was concise.
- Did well to contain so much content to the bounds of the lecture time.
- Good pace.
- The lectures were delivered at such a fast pace that note taking was very difficult. In addition, the rapidity of delivery meant it was often difficult to distinguish interesting but fairly irrelevant material (eg why not to eat pork in China) from the substantive and important content. I often missed the latter while taking rather useless notes of the former.
- Yes, it was always delivered at a pace where I could easily take notes and grasp concepts before moving on, but it wasn't too slow.
- easy to follow and easy to learn from
- he is a very good lecturer, to the point, easy to follow and interesting.
- they were at a good pace

*Please explain the reason for your rating in question 5*

TD: Note that question 5 refers to the course TAs

- Assessment was not handed back when it was said it would be.
- Couldn't find my grades
- Feedback was a bit slow.
- Feedback was too general, and did not address issues within assessment pieces.
- For some tasks I haven't even received feedback yet. Having to wait so long to get the feedback means that by the time you get actually get the feedback it hardly seems relevant anymore and the task isn't fresh in your mind and the feedback isn't very helpful.
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- Professor Dubois replied reasonably on time when I questioned a specific assessment piece and this was the only feedback in a sense, that I received from him.
- i had him as a tutor so i received some feedback through that, but otherwise no.
- same as [REDACTED]
- yes

*Please explain the reason for your rating in question 6*

- Always encouraged the tutorial to discuss as a group
- Asked for questions consistently. Put people he knew from tutorials on the spot on occasion.
- Encouraged student participation in a 'fun' way.
- He was very good at doing this throughout his lectures.
- Prompted students to draw links between separate parts of the course (eg: effects of religion on how certain countries were run at some time).
- Sometimes asked too many questions on topics that were not really substantive or on which it was pretty clear that students did not have much to contribute. In a very large first year class like this one with a huge amount of material to get through it would be better to leave questions that challenge students' thinking to the tutorial context.
- Students felt comfortable asking questions due to the relaxed style.
- Yes, there was always questions asked to the audience.
- was able to answer questions and asked good questions.
- yes
- yes definitely did, and was good at it. it was more fun to go to his lectures.

*Please explain the reason for your rating in question 7*

- A reasonably thorough and interesting introduction to the Asia-Pacific.
- Although the two lecturers had different styles, both were informative and effective.
- Great tutor and always able to help
- I would have preferred more substantive content from Prof Dubois' lectures particularly as the tutorials were focused on essay writing skills rather than reinforcing the content in lectures.
- Interesting content. Obviously a lot of experience in area.
- It was a good quality of teaching
- Professor Dubois not only presented good quality lecturing but also frequently commented additionally throughout the semester on related topics and for additional context.
- Thomas presented some of the best lectures in this course.
- Thomas should have presented all of the lectures, he's pretty ace
- Yes, I was always satisfied with the lectures delivered by Thomas Dubois.
- very satisfied!!
- while he was better than [REDACTED], there were still issues which need to be addressed and he too often made inappropriate political comments.