The University of Texas at Austin

Course-Instructor Survey – Basic Form + Discussion Supplement

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The major objective of this survey is to aid in improving teaching effectiveness. Your responses provide valuable feedback to instructors, administrators, and other students. The results are used by administrators to make promotion and salary decisions, and responses to some of the items are also made available on the Web for students to use in selecting classes. Your responses to the questions are extremely important, so please respond honestly and fairly. Consider the semester as a whole and try not to focus on isolated incidents. Note: In the scales below, "Neutral" means "no strong opinion one way or another." "Neutral" does *not* mean "Not applicable/cannot rate."

Instructions:

Please complete this form using a #2 pencil.
Complete the course information in the box to the right.
Make sure your marks are complete, as in the example.
Make sure any erasures are complete.

RIGHT ● ● ●   WRONG ⊘ ⊗ ⊖ ⊙

Discussion Leader's Name: _____

Course Abbreviation and Number: _____

Course Unique Number: _____

Semester and Year: _____

Questions 1-9 use the same response scale. The term "instructor" refers to the person who led your discussion section.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. The instructor clearly defined and explained the course objectives and expectations.	○	○	○	○	○
2. The instructor was prepared for each instructional activity.	○	○	○	○	○
3. The instructor communicated information effectively.	○	○	○	○	○
4. The instructor encouraged me to take an active role in my own learning.	○	○	○	○	○
5. The instructor was available to students either electronically or in person.	○	○	○	○	○
6. The course was well organized.	○	○	○	○	○
7. The instructor made me feel free to ask questions, disagree, and express my ideas.	○	○	○	○	○
8. The course materials (e.g., text and supplemental materials) were helpful to me.	○	○	○	○	○
9. Overall, I learned a great deal in this course.	○	○	○	○	○

For questions 10-14, choose the appropriate response from those given for each question. "Instructor" again refers to the person who led your discussion section.

10. Overall, this instructor was	○ Very Unsatisfactory	○ Unsatisfactory	○ Satisfactory	○ Very Good	○ Excellent
11. Overall, this course was	○ Very Unsatisfactory	○ Unsatisfactory	○ Satisfactory	○ Very Good	○ Excellent
12. In my opinion, the workload in this course was	○ Excessive	○ Somewhat high	○ About right	○ Somewhat light	○ Insufficient
13. My overall GPA to date at UT is	○ Less than 2.00	○ 2.00 - 2.49	○ 2.50 - 2.99	○ 3.00 - 3.49	○ 3.50 - 4.00
14. My probable grade in this course is	○ A	○ B	○ C	○ D	○ F

Questions 15-29 use the same response scale.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
15. The discussion sessions were relevant to and supplemented the lecture part of the course.	○	○	○	○	○
16. The discussion sessions were interesting to me.	○	○	○	○	○
17. The discussion sessions were helpful to me in understanding the lecture content.	○	○	○	○	○
18. There was enough time devoted to discussing the lecture content in the discussion sessions.	○	○	○	○	○
19. The discussion sessions helped clarify the readings and lectures.	○	○	○	○	○
20. The discussion leader carried out the objectives of the discussion sessions.	○	○	○	○	○
21. The discussion leader was usually able to handle effectively the problems and questions that arose in the discussion sessions.	○	○	○	○	○
22. The discussion leader raised challenging questions.	○	○	○	○	○
23. The discussion leader guided the discussion rather than lectured.	○	○	○	○	○
24. The discussion leader spoke as much as he/she should have in the discussion session.	○	○	○	○	○
25. The discussion leader was helpful to me when I talked with him/her outside of class.	○	○	○	○	○
26. The discussion leader was able to encourage broad student participation.	○	○	○	○	○
27. The discussion leader demonstrated the ability to conduct discussions.	○	○	○	○	○
28. The discussion leader provided the right amount of structure and guidance.	○	○	○	○	○
29. Tests and papers were adequately discussed in discussion section.	○	○	○	○	○

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For questions 30-35, choose the appropriate response from those given for each question.

30. With regard to the contribution the discussion section made to the course I feel that the discussion sections was:
    ◯ Very unimportant   ◯ Moderately unimportant   ◯ Average in importance   ◯ Moderately important   ◯ Very important

31. The general attitude and preparedness of students in this discussion section was:
    ◯ Poor   ◯ Below average   ◯ Average   ◯ Very good   ◯ Excellent

32. The discussions were usually:
    ◯ Much more theoretical   ◯ Somewhat more   ◯ About equally theoretical   ◯ Somewhat more practical   ◯ Much more practical
    than practical   theoretical than practical   and practical   than theoretical   than theoretical

33. Compared with other students in the discussion section, my preparedness was:
    ◯ Well below average   ◯ Below average   ◯ Average   ◯ Above average   ◯ Well above average

34. Compared with other students in the discussion section, my degree of participation was:
    ◯ Well below average   ◯ Below average   ◯ Average   ◯ Above average   ◯ Well above average

35. Compared with what I expected to learn in the discussion section, I feel I learned:
    ◯ Far less than I expected   ◯ Less than I expected   ◯ About as much as I   ◯ More than I expected   ◯ Far more than I
    expected   expected

Optional questions provided by instructor

1. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ	5. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ	9. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ	13. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ	17. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ
2. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ	6. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ	10. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ	14. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ	18. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ
3. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ	7. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ	11. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ	15. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ	19. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ
4. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ	8. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ	12. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ	16. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ	20. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ

Comments

In many ways your written comments can be the most important part of your evaluation of the course and instructor. In the space provided, please indicate what aspects of the course content and instruction were best, how the instructor could improve his or her teaching, and how the content of the course might be improved. The instructor will receive this form after the semester is over.