



# Course Evaluation for PHIL 302 001 (14299) - MODERN PHILOSOPHY

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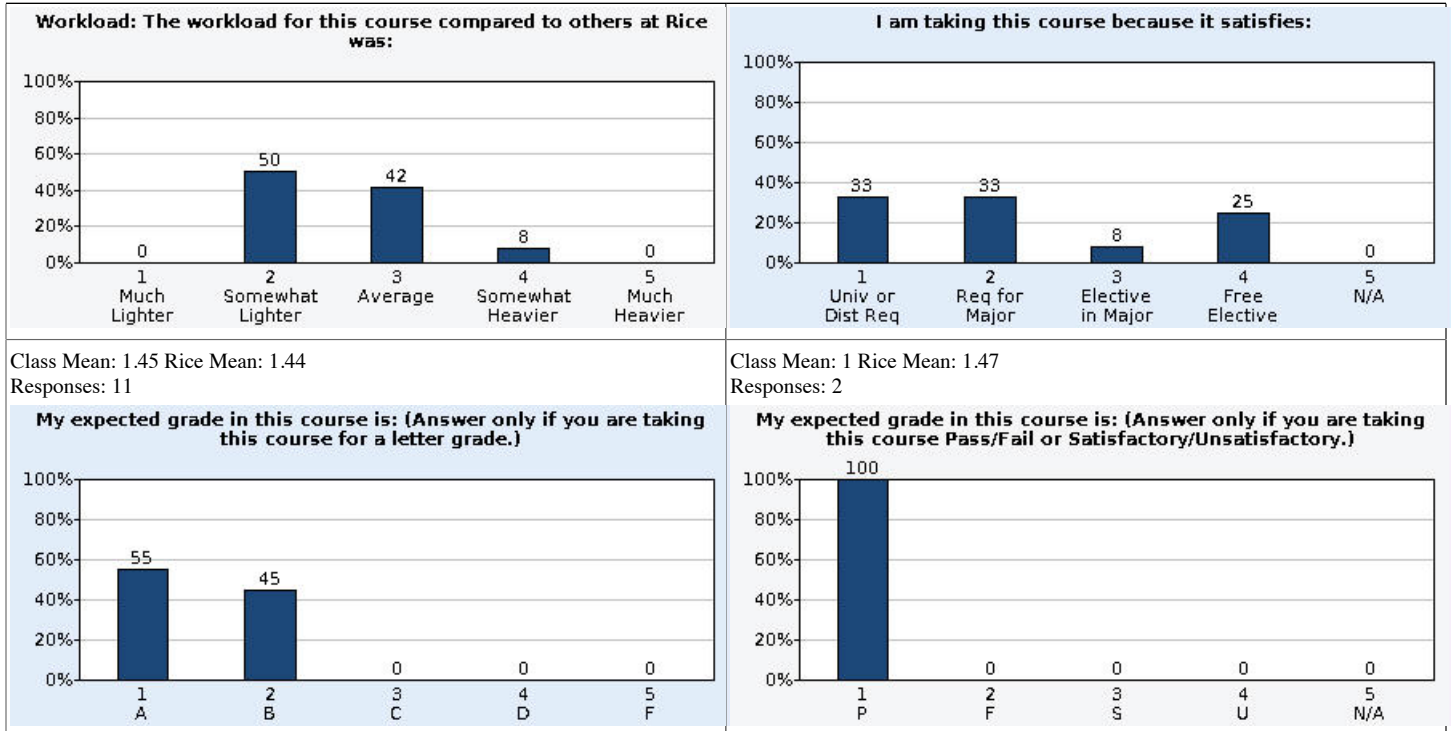
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### Student Comments

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Really interesting topics, presented well. 2 essays and 10 pop quizzes. Take the pop quizzes seriously because they are a very significant portion of your final grade.

12/26/2018 10:12 A.M.

We talked about Aristotle, Galileo, Descartes, Hobbes, and Locke. In particular, we spent a lot of time on Descartes, and I absolutely hates his work, so I didn't like the course that much. However, I have to say the course is organized and taught pretty well.

12/25/2018 05:12 P.M.

Very interesting material. Would recommend prior experience in philosophy before taking.

12/22/2018 12:12 A.M.

Modern phil is probably my favorite phil course as of right now. Its cool to go so deep into some of the subjects we have touched on in other classes. I would highly recommend this class. Only two essays, neither of which are awful. You get lots of freedom. I will also say, DONT LET THE POP QUIZZES SCARE YOU. They aren't bad. You get a C for writing your name, and you can fake your way to a B most of the time.

12/12/2018 03:12 P.M.

This course is a repeat of PHIL 202. Course structure is ten (easy) pop quizzes and two essays where you pick your own prompt. It wouldn't have been bad to go over the PHIL 202 material in more depth, but we spent almost a month and a half just on Descartes. This was way too much Descartes. Dr. Miller is an engaging lecturer, but there's only so much to say on Descartes. I would have much rather spent the time learning about other philosophers. It's not a hard course so it's a good distribution class, but I wouldn't recommend it if you've already taken 202.

12/11/2018 12:12 A.M.

Not the material I initially expected, but it was taught well.

12/03/2018 09:12 P.M.



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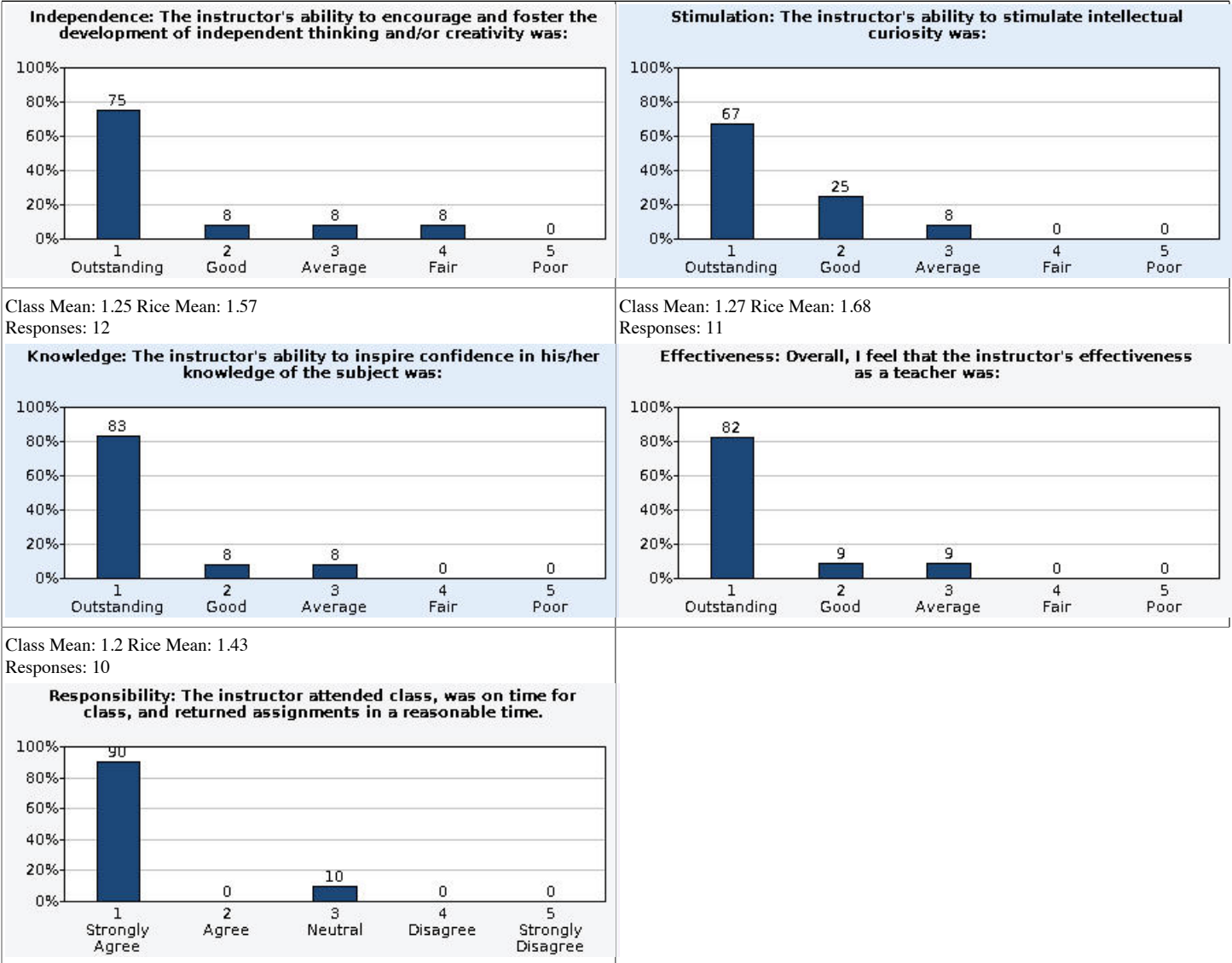
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Really engaging in-class. Not very helpful when it came to how to write a philosophy essay he deemed "good".

12/26/2018 10:12 A.M.

Dr. Miller is a fantastic professor. The material is presented in a way that is clear and easy to follow, even though the long-dead philosophers themselves presented the arguments in the most convoluted way possible. Dr. Miller also welcomes counter arguments in class, and seems more focused on teach philosophy than following a set schedule.

12/25/2018 05:12 P.M.

Dr. Miller was very helpful. He would post lecture notes online after we finished sections and was available to go over paper topics with us before deadlines.

12/22/2018 12:12 A.M.

Dr. Miller knows and is very passionate about philosophy more specifically epistemology. Highly recommend if you are interested in Philosophy.

12/13/2018 01:12 A.M.

I really like Miller! I will be taking another course with him next semester. Would highly recommend him to both a beginner in philosophy or a more experienced major.

12/12/2018 03:12 P.M.

Good professor, very entertaining lecturer. Really likes Descartes.

12/11/2018 12:12 A.M.

I really enjoyed Miller as a professor. I was not super interested in the material at first, but he made the lectures super engaging and understandable. I actually enjoyed writing my papers, even though the lack of prompt left me a little stressed. My favorite thing about Miller is that he actively checks his bias as a professor and makes sure that everyone in the class is treated equally. I noticed him stopping guys from talking over girls, which is not something I ever experienced from a male teacher before and really appreciated. He presented material thoughtfully, was not intimidating, and he made sure that each student could speak from their unique perspective if they desired.

12/03/2018 09:12 P.M.