

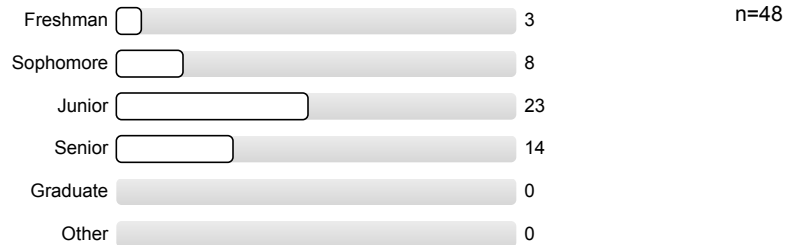


D. FESSLER
Evaluation of Instruction Program Report
 14S: ANTHRO 124P LEC 1: HUMAN SEXUAL BEHAVR
 No. of responses = 48
 Enrollment = 126
 Response Rate = 38.1%

Survey Results

1. Background Information:

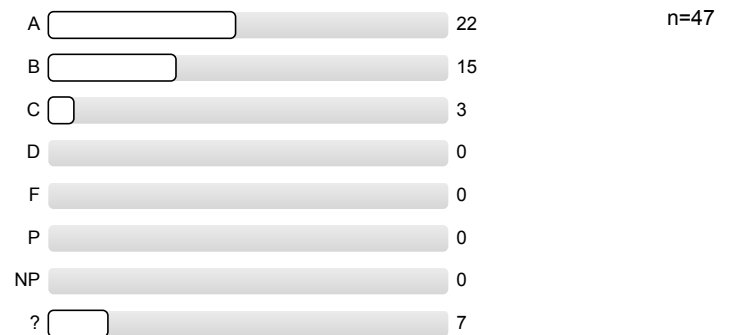
1.1) Year in School:



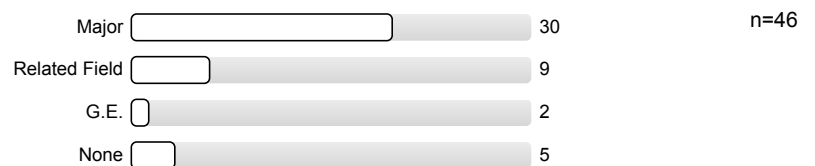
1.2) UCLA GPA:



1.3) Expected Grade:



1.4) What requirements does this course fulfill?



2. To What Extent Do You Feel That:

2.1) Instructor Concern – The instructor was concerned about student learning. n=48
av.=8.17
md=9
dev.=1.46

2.2) Organization – Class presentations were well prepared and organized. n=48
av.=7.81
md=8.5
dev.=1.78

2.3) Interaction – Students felt welcome in seeking help in or outside of the class. n=48
av.=7.85
md=8
dev.=1.53

2.4) Communication Skills – The instructor had good communication skills. n=48
av.=8.15
md=9
dev.=1.65

2.5) Value – You have learned something you consider valuable. n=48
av.=8.46
md=9
dev.=1.44

2.6) Overall – Your overall rating of the instructor. n=48
av.=8.21
md=9
dev.=1.41

2.7) Overall – Your overall rating of the course. n=48
av.=8.25
md=9
dev.=1.41

3. Your View of Course Characteristics:

3.1) Subject interest before course n=48
av.=2.27
md=2
dev.=0.68

3.2) Subject interest after course n=48
av.=2.88
md=3
dev.=0.33

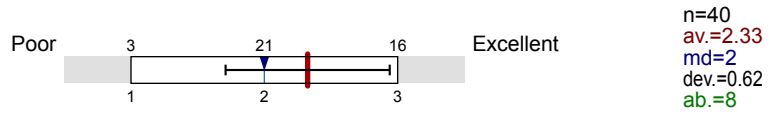
3.3) Mastery of course material n=47
av.=2.49
md=3
dev.=0.55

3.4) Difficulty (relative to other courses) n=48
av.=2.56
md=3
dev.=0.5

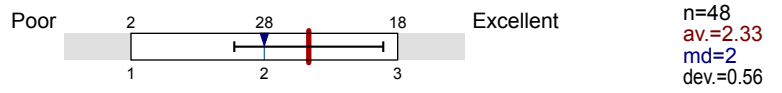
3.5) Workload/pace was n=48
av.=2.23
md=2
dev.=0.42

3.6) Texts, required readings n=47
av.=2.55
md=3
dev.=0.5

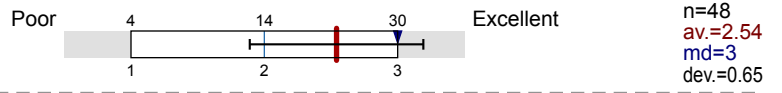
3.7) Homework assignments



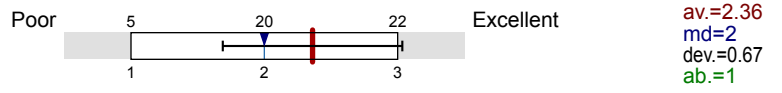
3.8) Graded materials, examinations



3.9) Lecture presentations



3.10) Class discussions

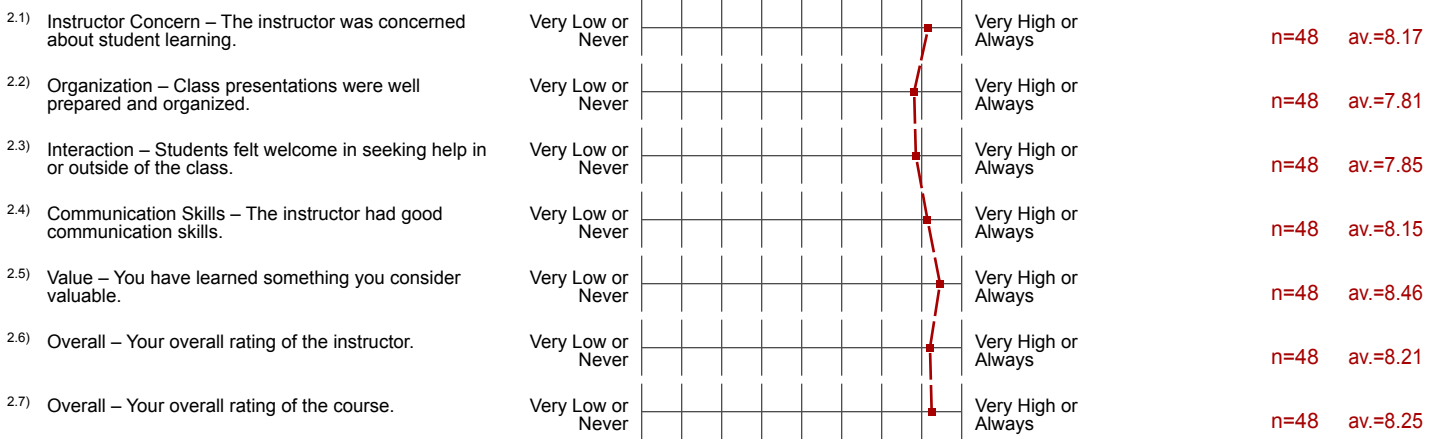


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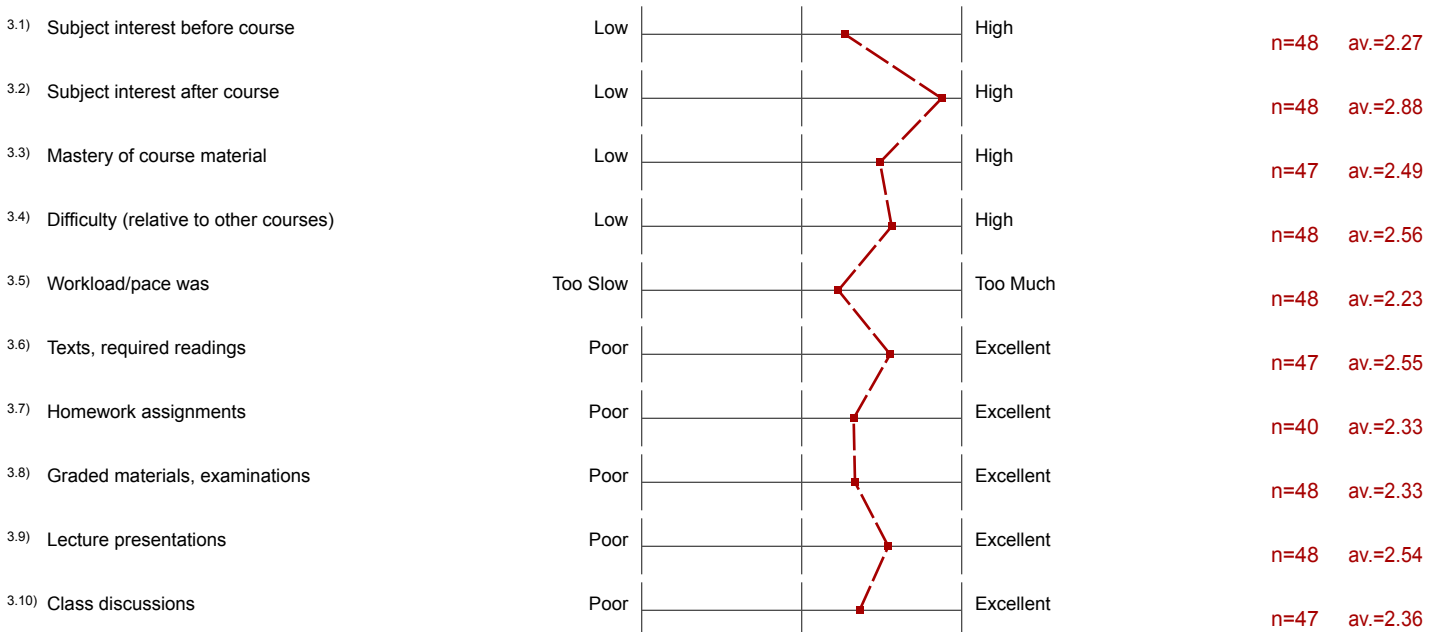
Subunit: ANTHRO
 Name of the instructor: D. FESSLER
 Name of the course: 14S: ANTHRO 124P LEC 1: HUMAN SEXUAL BEHAVR
 (Name of the survey)

Values used in the profile line: Mean

2. To What Extent Do You Feel That:



3. Your View of Course Characteristics:



Comments Report

4. Comments:

- 4.1) Please identify what you perceive to be the real strengths and weaknesses of this instructor and course.
- Amazing class! One of the best I've ever had!
Thank you!
 - An excellent teacher, though I felt somewhat overwhelmed at times by the huge volume of anecdotal and extracurricular information provided in lectures.
 - Dr. Fessler is a great lecturer who engages in student's interests but sometimes he explains too fast or uses complex clusters when I wish that he could instead use simple and straightforward examples. I attended every 8am lecture but one, and I tried my best to focus in class but it was difficult to grasp some concepts. If he had put it in simpler terms, I'm sure it would be easier to understand. The material he taught piqued my interest and I feel that I have learned something very useful from the class. I loved that he gave us the exam questions beforehand to avoid test anxiety, but this only increases the grading standards so there is a cost. Thanks Prof. Fessler!
 - Dr. Fessler is very entertaining and engaging. He is passionate about what he is teaching and deeply cares about how it affects his students. He is definitely one of my favorite professors at UCLA. Course material was relevant not only to the field, but also in everyday life. My only complaints are that I wish there was a little more biology being interwoven into the course material, and that lecture was more than twice a week (I would gladly wake up early one more day a week if we could get more time in lecture). I've recommended this course to all of my friends!
 - Dr. Fessler was an excellent lecturer. I enjoyed how his lectures were very engaging, yet informative. He presented the information in a very interesting manner that was never dry. I actually enjoyed how he did not use lecture slides and just spoke to the class. The only issue I had was the pop quizzes. Oftentimes I did not do well on the quizzes because some of the readings were very dense and I had a hard time remembering some of the details that showed up on the pop quizzes. Overall, one of my favorite courses I have taken at UCLA
 - Favorite class to date, hands down. Doctor Fessler was brilliant and engaging, and the fact that an 8am class was my favorite class just goes to show how enjoyable he made his lectures. The quizzes were a pain, but they definitely got me to read so I support them. Overall great class, great professor, and a lot learned!
 - Fessler made biological anthropology well-rounded and interesting.
 - Great lectures! Best class I've had at Ucla
Thanks
 - I believe I learned valuable information and I wish I could have something more tangible when it came to the information given in lecture.
 - I learned a lot in Fessler's class, but sometimes so much information was thrown at one time that I felt it difficult to keep up in taking notes. Sometimes I'd miss a sentence and be quite confused as to what was happening. I had to record in order to go back and catch what I missed. Otherwise, the course material was pretty interesting.
 - I really wished the lectures had lecture slides and was podcasted. I understand the reasoning behind why it wasn't but I think the pop quizzes were incentive enough to attend lecture. I only say this because some times there are days where I absolutely cannot make it to class due to extenuating circumstances and it would have have been useful to be able to make up for the absence.

- I'm glad I enrolled in the course. It's obvious professor Fessler loves his job. His passion and enthusiasm are evident when he teaches, which helps a lot since it's a 8 am class! I was intimidated at first so I did not attend office hours in the beginning of the course. Luckily, one day (almost at the end of the course) I built up the courage and went during office hours for clarification. I regret not doing it sooner!!!He doesn't make students feel stupid for not understanding. I'm very shy, so for me it meant a lot that he was very welcoming. He's really nice and funny too.
- Interesting and good teacher
- It was helpful that the class did not contain PowerPoint, lecture methods without PowerPoint are a more effective method of learning for the students.
It would be more helpful if the Professor presented the material in lecture more thoroughly as many of the concepts may be difficult to grasp, explaining and giving examples would help to improve students' understanding of the material. Furthermore, it would be helpful to relate the topics we learn in class with topics that are occurring with current events.
- Lectures were very interesting, and I felt that I was learning something valuable. This course increased my interest in anthropology, and I was happy to wake up early to take this class. Fessler did a great job explaining concepts and keeping the material relevant to current issues.
- Professor Fessler is a great professor. He challenges us to really understand the material and think critically about what we already know. I love that he always has related (sometimes inappropriate) jokes to share!
- Professor Fessler is a very interesting man to listen to. Despite lectures being at 8 in the morning, I am able to stay attentive throughout his lectures because I enjoy that he throws in interesting or funny side comments while he lectures. A few minor things I think would be beneficial if changed are the speed in which he changes his slides. There are times where he changes the slides before I even have time to copy them down because I was attempting to type down the supplement information he is telling us about the slides!
- Professor Fessler is an outstanding lecturer. I wish the class met more than twice a week and that he could teach all my classes. It's the only 8 am lecture I don't have a problem waking up for. The structure of the class worked very well for me and I don't agree with people who say there is too much reading. The reading is very interesting and as the quarter goes on, it gets easier to speed read and understand the scientific research papers. There is only one thing I can think of that I would change about the class. When the quizzes are administered, I get flustered when the question and answers are read out loud. It would be easier if the question was just put up on the overhead and then we got 30 seconds of silence to think. I am seriously considering picking up an anthropology minor because of this class. It was absolutely amazing.
- Professor Fessler is by far the greatest professor I've had at UCLA. The class was engaging and I felt like I was interacting with him rather than just trying to memorize information. I found the course to be very informative and I would not change anything about it.
- Professor Fessler is great at giving lectures. They are engaging, funny, and interesting. Sometimes he can come off as pretentious and the rule where TAs cannot give any assistance on exam preparation after the final exam questions are passed out is a bit harsh. Other than that this was a great class. You just have to put the extra effort.
- Professor Fessler really made the topics interesting, however it was difficult listening to lecture and having text on the overhead. Obviously we would want to write down everything. I think in the future if he can post the notes that he projects on the class website so that we wouldn't have to worry about writing it down, it would be helpful. This way we can be more engaged and can listen more intently during his lecture. Another note is the tangents, if there are tangents please make them relevant
- The class subject material is very interesting and you present it in such a great way! I love how

animated you are. It makes going to an 8am class more and easier to stay awake. The only troubling part about lecture is when you put up slides and take them down really fast. It is hard to read the slides quickly, even if you wear glasses like I do, because it is a large lecture hall. I also write my notes, because I find it is a better way to learn the material rather than typing them up; therefore, it takes longer for me to paraphrase slides while at the same time trying to listen to what you are saying. Even though you say you don't have to copy down the slides, I still like to read them to get an outline of what you are referring to when lecturing. I truly enjoyed the class and learned so much. It is one of the most interesting classes I have taken at UCLA!

- The class was based on very interesting subject matter, and Dr. Fessler always chose very interesting readings. He was able to make an 8 am class engaging and interesting, which always seems to be a difficult task. He was overall a great professor with a very interesting course.
- The instructor is very good and explains the concepts very well. The lectures are also very well-structured. I just don't like how the sections cover only the previous week's material.
- The lecture material for this course was always very interesting and I hope I remember much of what I learned and am able to apply the material in my career. My only comment on the professor's lecturing method is that he sometimes spoke rather quickly and used complex language. This showed his knowledge but made it difficult for me to pick up the material in lecture.
- This class is indispensable. I wish that Fessler could teach MORE CLASSES! He is the best professor ever! He is entertaining, but doesn't dumb anything down. He respects his students and treats us like fellow scientists. This man was meant to be a professor, and I hope that every student takes this course- it gave me so much useful and relevant information about daily life! The only problem I had with it were the in-class pop quizzes, if they were given in the first 5 minutes of class, giving us just a few more minutes, I think there would be higher scores. Often I would get the answer wrong even if I had done the reading, just because I was rushed.
- This course was very interesting. Professor Fessler presented the material in a way that was easy to understand and the readings were very informing and interesting.
- This instructor is wonderful. Incredibly knowledgeable and articulate. Every word he says is informative and he makes learning really enjoyable. Can't think of a better class for an 8AM, I'd never consider skipping and his lectures are entertaining. A+ for Fessler. Awesome professor. Course is really interesting as well and I feel like I've learned a lot that I can actually apply to my understanding of things I wonder about in my day to day life.
- Very engaging lectures, easy to stay focused despite the class being held so early. Use bigger slides so they're easier to read.
- lectures were very interesting. it would have helped if the overhead projector was left on a bit longer.
- strengths: very precise wording during lecture.