

# Section 1 Course Evaluation Executive Summary

Course Name: Philosophy of Religion PHL235H5-F-LEC0101	Instructor: Ioan Dragos
Course Code: PHL235H5	Section: LEC0101

<b>UTM Fall 2016 UG</b>	
<b>Raters</b>	<b>Students</b>
Responded	24
Invited	46

## Part A. Core Institutional Items

Scale: 1 - Not At All 2 - Somewhat 3 - Moderately 4 - Mostly 5 - A Great Deal

Question	Summary	
	Mean	Median
I found the course intellectually stimulating.	4.4	5.0
The course provided me with a deeper understanding of the subject matter.	4.4	5.0
The instructor ( <a href="#">Ioan Dragos</a> ) created an atmosphere that was conducive to my learning.	4.5	5.0
Course projects, assignments, tests, and/or exams improved my understanding of the course material.	4.4	5.0
Course projects, assignments, tests and/or exams provided opportunity for me to demonstrate an understanding of the course material.	4.6	5.0
<b>Institutional Composite Mean</b>	4.5	-

Scale: 1 - Poor 2 - Fair 3 - Good 4 - Very Good 5 - Excellent

Question	Summary	
	Mean	Median
6. Overall, the quality of my learning experience in this course was....	4.4	5.0
7. Please comment on the overall quality of the instruction in this course.	See Section 2	
8. Please comment on any assistance that was available to support your learning in this course.	See Section 2	

## Part B. Divisional Items

Scale: 1 - Very Light 2 - Light 3 - Average 4 - Heavy 5 - Very Heavy

Question	Summary	
	Mean	Median
9. Compared to other courses, the workload for this course was...	3.0	3.0

Scale: 1 - Not At All 2 - Somewhat 3 - Moderately 4 - Mostly 5 - Strongly

Question	Summary	
	Mean	Median
10. I would recommend this course to other students.	4.3	5.0

Scale: 1 - Not At All 2 - Somewhat 3 - Moderately 4 - Mostly 5 - A Great Deal

Question	Summary	
	Mean	Median
11. The course inspired me to learn more about the subject matter.	4.0	4.0

## Part C. Departmental Items - Philosophy

Scale: 1 - Not At All 2 - Somewhat 3 - Moderately 4 - Mostly 5 - A Great Deal

Question	Summary	
	Mean	Median
12. The course instructor was enthusiastic about the course material.	4.6	5.0

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Question	Summary	
	Mean	Median
13. The course instructor expressed an interest in student understanding when explaining course concepts.	4.5	5.0

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14. The course provided instruction on how to critically evaluate ideas.	4.4	5.0

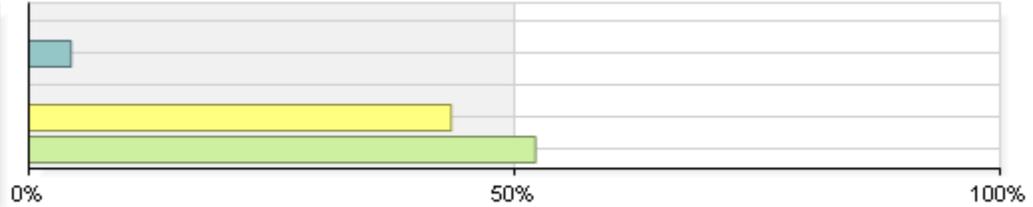
# Section 2 Course Evaluation Details and Summaries

## Response Distributions and Associated Statistics

### Part A. Institutional Items

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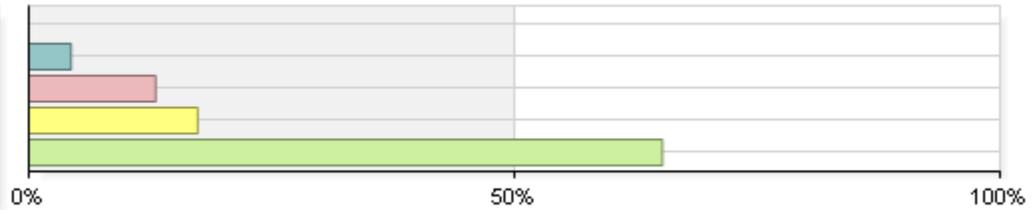
1 Not At All	0	0%
2 Somewhat	1	4%
3 Moderately	0	0%
4 Mostly	10	43%
5 A Great Deal	12	52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.4
Median	5.0
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.7

#### 2. The course provided me with a deeper understanding of the subject matter.

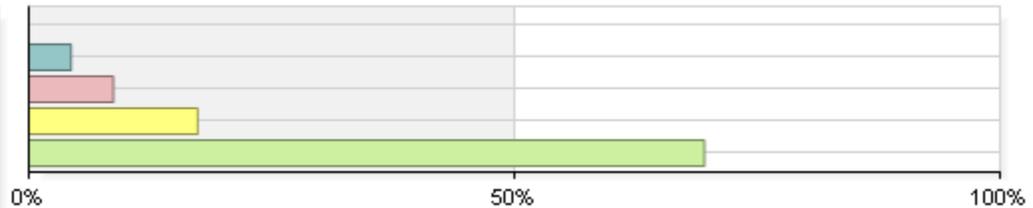
1 Not At All	0	0%
2 Somewhat	1	4%
3 Moderately	3	13%
4 Mostly	4	17%
5 A Great Deal	15	65%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.4
Median	5.0
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.9

#### 3. The instructor (**Ioan Dragos**) created a course atmosphere that was conducive to my learning.

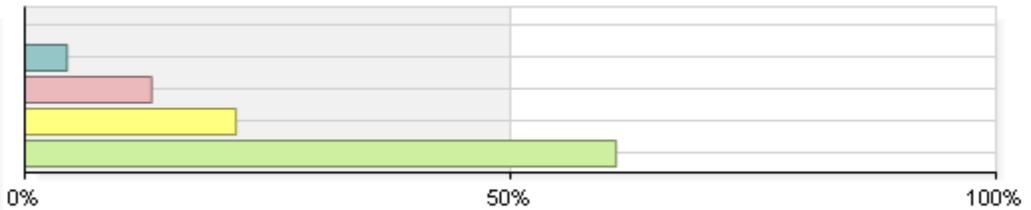
1 Not At All	0	0%
2 Somewhat	1	4%
3 Moderately	2	9%
4 Mostly	4	17%
5 A Great Deal	16	70%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.5
Median	5.0
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.8

**4. Course projects, assignments, tests and/or exams improved my understanding of the course material.**

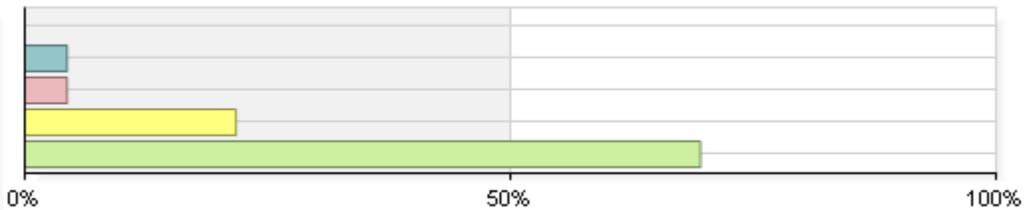
1 Not At All	0	0%
2 Somewhat	1	4%
3 Moderately	3	13%
4 Mostly	5	22%
5 A Great Deal	14	61%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.4
Median	5.0
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.9

**5. Course projects, assignments, tests and/or exams provided opportunity for me to demonstrate an understanding of the course material.**

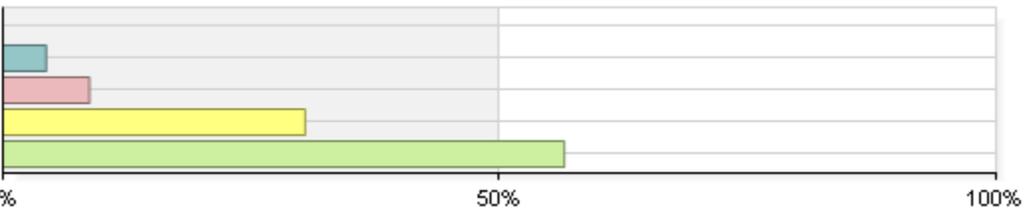
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3 Moderately	1	4%
4 Mostly	5	22%
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<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.6
Median	5.0
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.8

**6. Overall, the quality of my learning experience in this course was....**

1 Poor	0	0%
2 Fair	1	4%
3 Good	2	9%
4 Very Good	7	30%
5 Excellent	13	57%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.4
Median	5.0
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.8

## 7. Please comment on the overall quality of the instruction in this course.

### Comment

This is one of my most favorite Profs ever. I hope to take more of his classes.

As a finance student I rarely get to voluntarily take courses like this, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. It was well taught and you could tell Chris really knew the depth of topics we discussed in class. I really got to appreciate the quality of his explanations - not all profs are able to make concepts easy to understand, especially philosophy topics. Some readings were very complex and confusing, but he was always able to break it down simply in lecture. My only piece of feedback would be that you can sometimes get very in-depth early on in the lecture and start explaining a plethora of things we don't understand yet. i.e. when we overview the course or topics we will cover, or future topic, you can go into terms and ideas we haven't gotten to yet. I understand why, but think it would be better to save the in-depth parts for when we reach the topic.

The overall quality of instruction for this course was good. Course lectures are presented in a humorous and descriptive manner. While sometimes it is difficult to follow the instructor (sometimes, the instructor tries to explain the premise in detail while he is laying out the premise, and it makes it very difficult to follow), there was a comprehensive explanation on the subject matter. Without a tutorial, or a chance to meet the teaching assistant, students find it challenging to receive enough advice, and doubt the justification of the grades given. The instructor is very diligent and is willing to spend additional time to make the course more accessible and really goes out of his way to answer any concerns students may have.

It was really clear what the instructor conveyed, even though there were a lot of complex ideas to summarize.

Professor Dragos is honestly one of the kindest, most understanding and passionate professors I've been taught by in my undergrad (graduating this semester) He truly cares about the well being of his students, he understands and accommodates each student! For him, it's less about dead lines and more about giving his students the extra time to understand the context. He is available via email and phone when needed and is great with his marking! He's assignments and tests are fair and gives his students enough feedback so we know how to improve next time. I honestly really respect him!

Overall the atmosphere was very accepting of questions and comments. The prof did a great job explaining the more confusing aspects of the class readings.

This course was one of the best I have taken in my three years at UTM. Professor Dragos made the learning material very interesting and he instructed everything very well.

Great course, professor was able to remain neutral on the topic of theology. Explained concepts clearly, tests and assignments were fair and fairly graded.

After having completed my first degree at the University of Windsor, and now taking my first semester at the University of Toronto, I found this instructor to be the best one I have ever had. This instructor was able to invoke my interest to the highest degree. Throughout the course, the instructor remained very professional by being extra careful not to take the side of atheism or theism. In other words, he remained objective and unbiased. Further, the professor created the best power point slides I have ever seen in any course taught at a University. He was able to condense the work and make it easier for me to understand the course material. I was able to grasp the content of this course to such a high degree that I felt comfortable teaching it to other people. As well, the instructor was always available for assistance when required. I would absolutely recommend this professor's classes, and because of him, I would also recommend the University of Toronto to anyone interested.

Ioan Dragos was approachable and patient. In a philosophy class, some concepts/ideas are difficult to explain because they tend to get "wordy" and complicated. However, I found that he was very patient in explaining the concepts during lectures even when things were not as relatable. He makes very informative slides and is great at communicating in a professional yet not boring manner. The time of the class was 6pm-9pm and while I've typically found myself falling asleep or losing focus in other classes during this time, I did not find that in his class. Even when some of the readings were dry and complex, I found that Ioan Dragos still made things interesting.

I would say that quality were very good, I enjoyed the class.

I like the instruction, however, it was very long. I found it hard to keep my attention focused on the topic for 3 hours

The instructions were clear and direct. The professor had the information well organized and reminded about the instruction at the beginning of the lectures and through announcements.

He could benefit from breaking down concepts to a more every day person tone, he always remains in a philosopher tone and rarely simplifies things even when he claims to. He is very passionate about his topic, but sometimes found doing the readings of the textbook and his slides were easier to understand and learn the course from than his actual lectures. As he never really broke anything down to be easier.

The prof knew what he was talking about. The subject matter was taught in a manner that was easily understandable.

Professor Dragos is an excellent professor. I enjoyed attending lectures, he was very thorough and organized.

The instructor for this course was excellent. He was very approachable and explained the material well. He answered questions sufficiently and was happy to offer help and feedback if asked.

## 8. Please comment on any assistance that was available to support your learning in this course.

### Comment

This Prof stayed much longer after every class to help students. He answered emails very promptly and allowed for great class discussions.

Although there might have been difficulties with the teaching assistant and marking for this course, the instructor offers extra assistance for those who still have questions and is very accomodating to students' needs. The instructor was extremely meticulous with his slides which were beyond expectations and very assistive to students who took a longer time to understand the argument (because they could always look back and read the premises over and over again). The instructor also created an inclusive environment for students who were intimidated to speak up in class to explain their answers in detail with a written group submission at the end of each class. The instructor also provides lengthy and detailed answers to every student's question in class.

Asking questions really helped to try and understand the material.

He's always available via email and phone if needed! His office hours are great and he makes sure to constantly let his students know that he's there for them whenever needed. Before class, during break and after class he makes sure his students know they can approach him and he takes time to answer each one of our questions

The facilitaed class discussions where a great way to clarify any confusing topics.

The professor was very approachable, thus making it easy to ask questions.

Assistance was available throughout the course primarily by the instructor himself. He made sure to be available whenever required. He was able to give feedback or help with an idea or question usually within the same day the of the email. At all times, the instructor was willing to help me and all the other students in the class.

Ioan Dragos made sure that everyone knew when and where he was available for assistance from the very first day of classes.

I was really happy that my teacher was always willing to provide feedback and answer all my questions.

Office hours of the professor were supportive to my learning.

Was very good and understanding as far as accommodations. Appreciated during tests he would visit the accessibility centre to see if I had any questions for him.

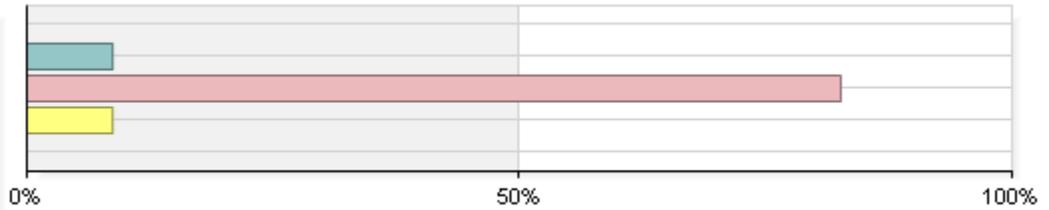
The professor was always available during office hours and responded to emails very quickly

The instructor for this course offered support during the lecture/tutorial times, and through email. He made clear any ideas that were not clear, and would offer excellent feedback on what we could do next time to improve.

## Part B. Divisional Items

### 9. Compared to other courses, the workload for this course was...

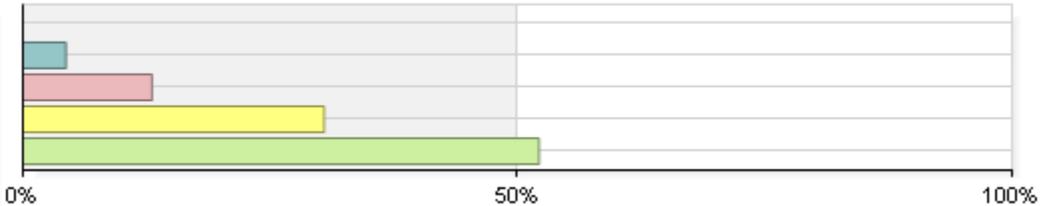
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3 Average	19	83%
2 Light	2	9%
1 Very Light	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	



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Mean	3.0
Median	3.0
Mode	3
Standard Deviation	+/-0.4

### 10. I would recommend this course to other students.

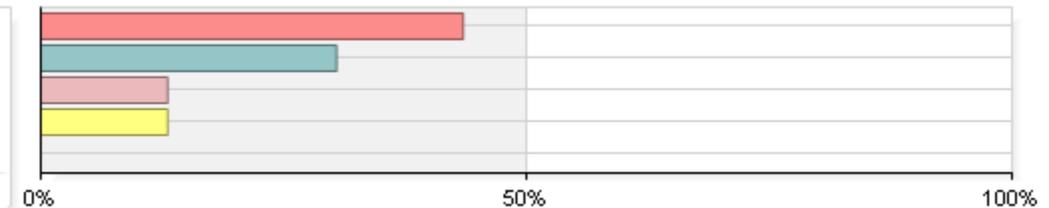
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Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.9

### 11. The course inspired me to learn more about the subject matter.

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4 Mostly	7	30%
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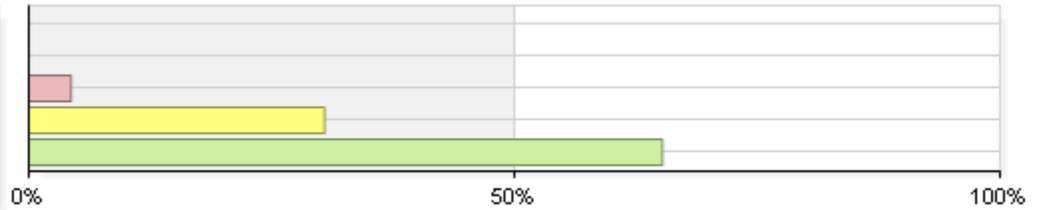


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## Part C. Departmental Items - Philosophy

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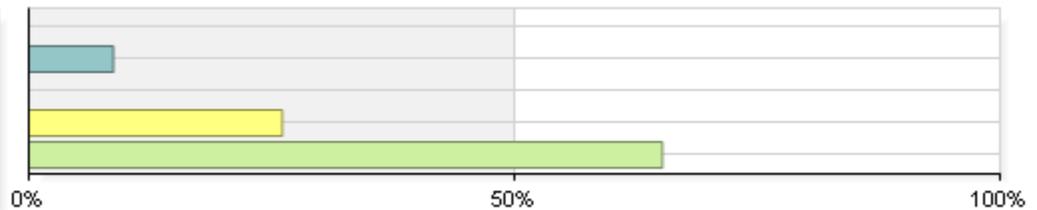
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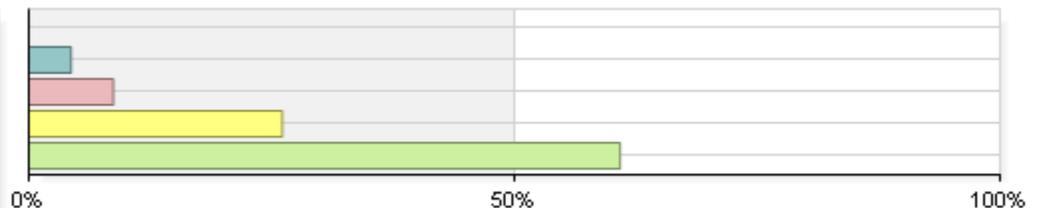
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### 14. The course provided instruction on how to critically evaluate ideas.

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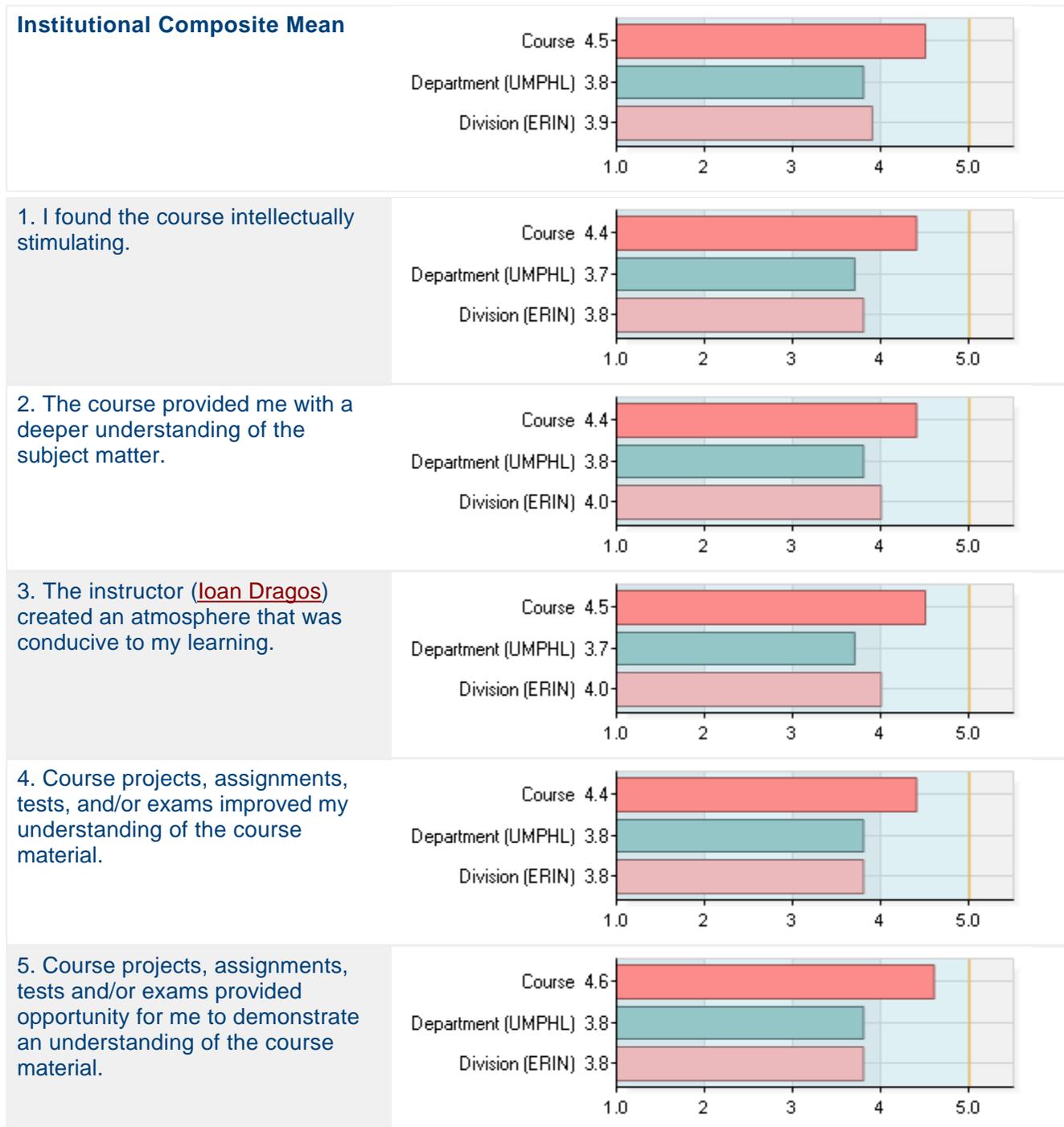


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Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.8

## Section 3. Comparative Data

### Part A. Core Institutional Items

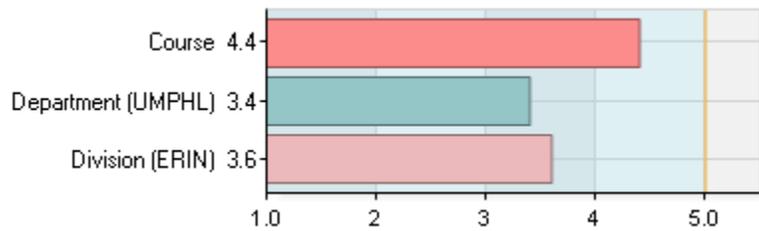
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### Section 3. Comparative Data (continued)

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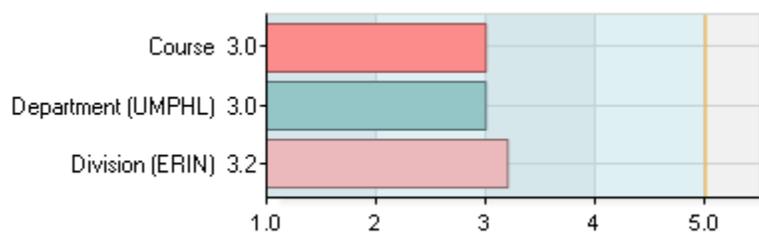
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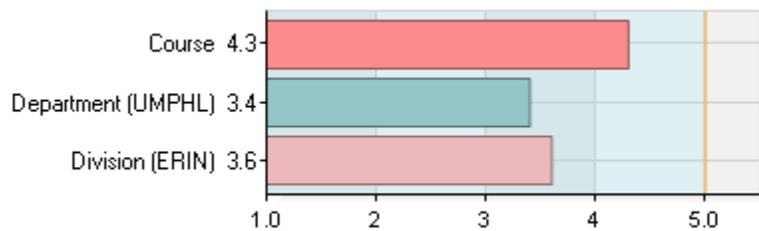
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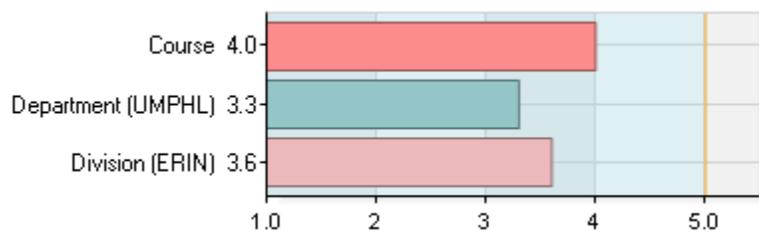
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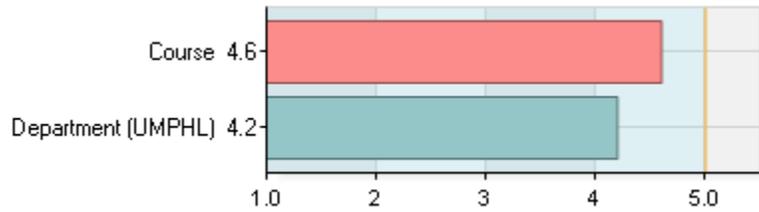


## Section 3. Comparative Data (continued)

### Part C. Departmental Items - Philosophy

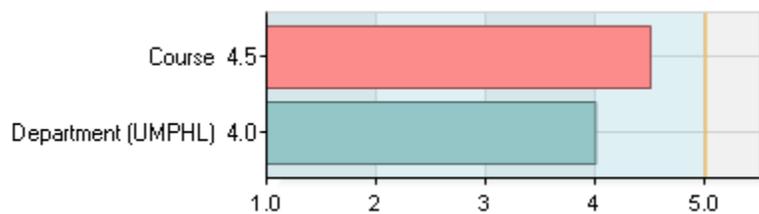
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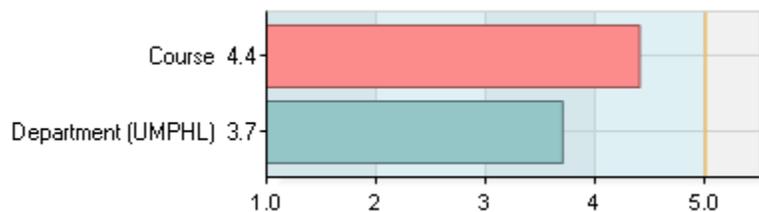
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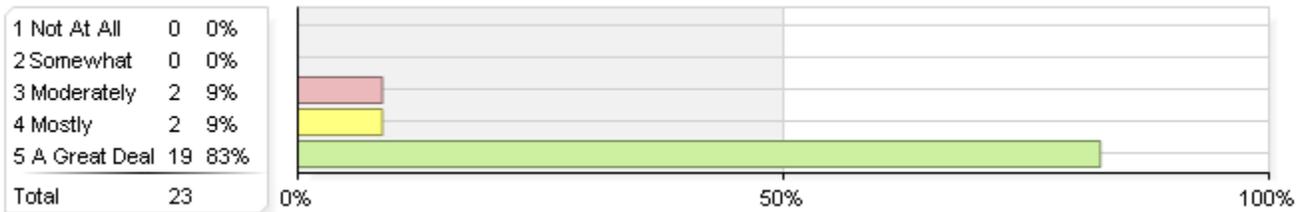
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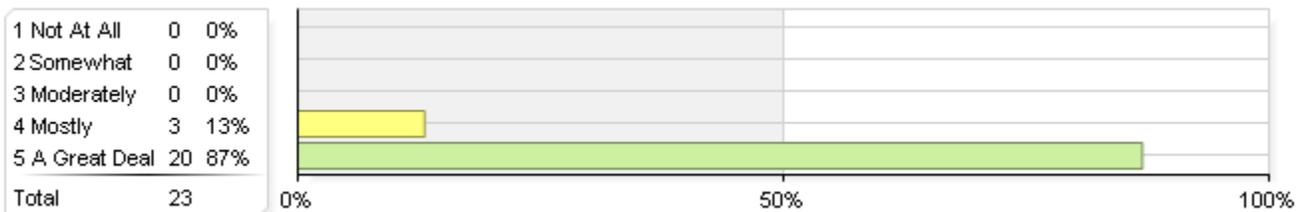
## Section 4. Formative Data

**C-3. The course instructor ([loan Dragos](#)) organized lectures in a logical manner.**



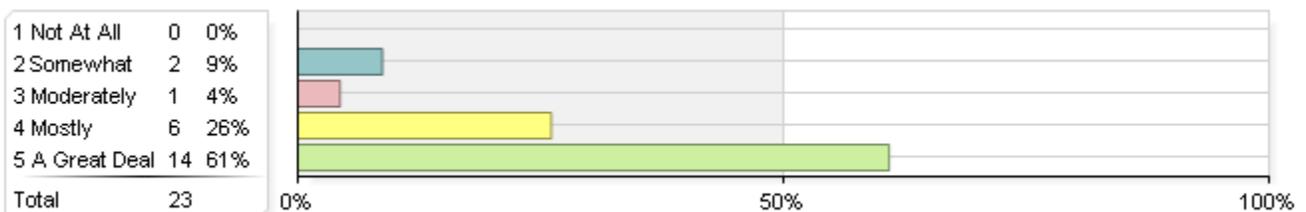
Statistics	Value
Mean	4.7
Median	5.0
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.6

**D-1. The course instructor ([loan Dragos](#)) responded respectfully to students' questions.**



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.9
Median	5.0
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.3

**M-4. The course stimulated new ways for me to think about the world.**



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.4
Median	5.0
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.9