

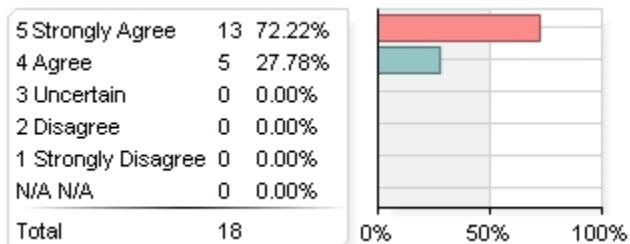
Spring 2018 - Course Evaluation Report for SOCY331401_2018S_MENTAL ILLNESS&SOCIETY - Lara Birk

Response Table

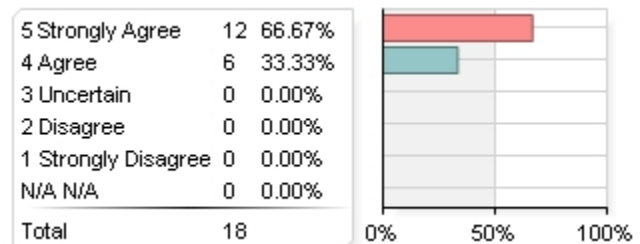
Raters	Students
Responded	18
Invited	20
Response Ratio	90.0%

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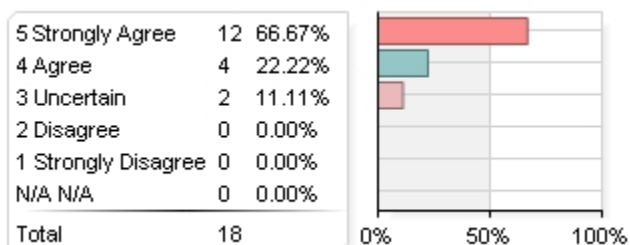
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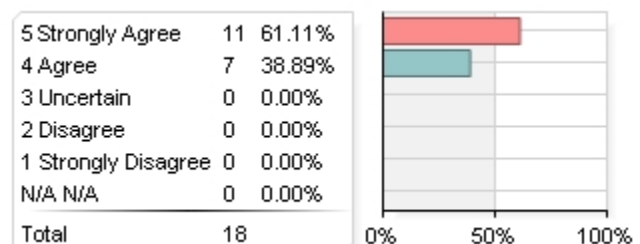
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Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.46

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3. Class attendance was necessary for learning course material.



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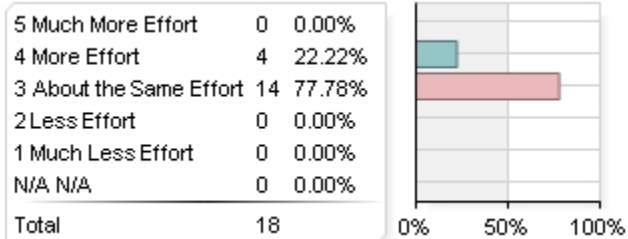


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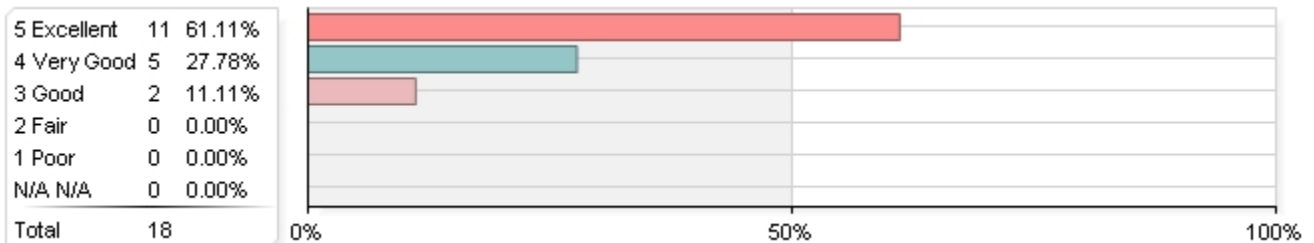
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Compared to similar courses (ie core, major, etc), this course required:



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Mode	3
Standard Deviation	0.43

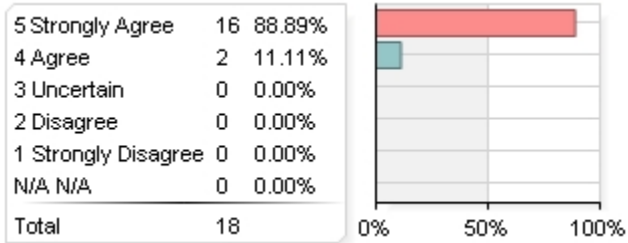
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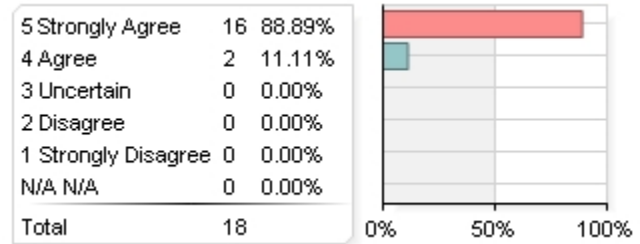
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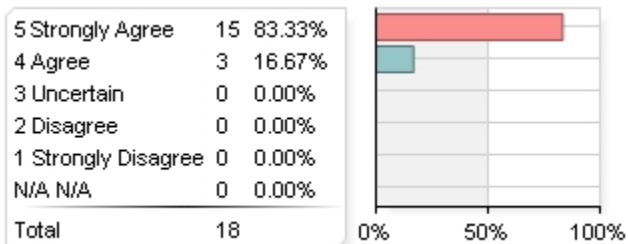
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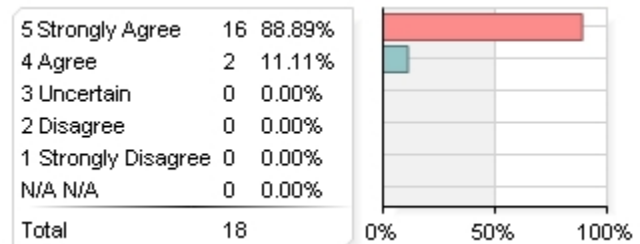
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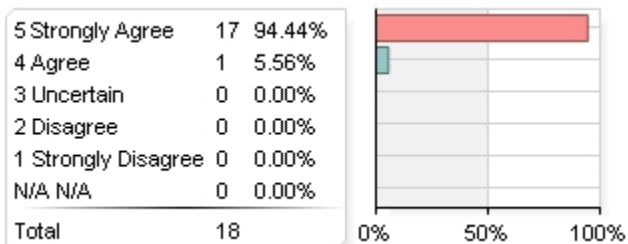
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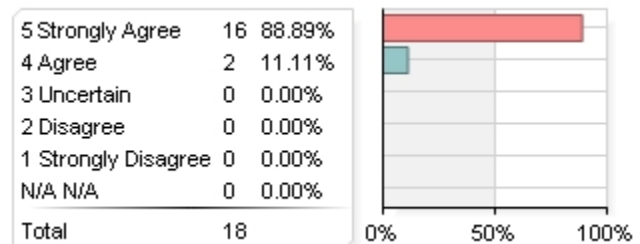
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5. The instructor stimulated interest in the subject matter.



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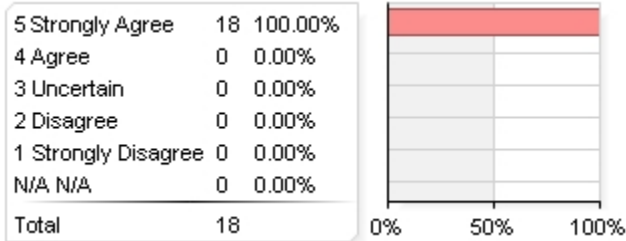
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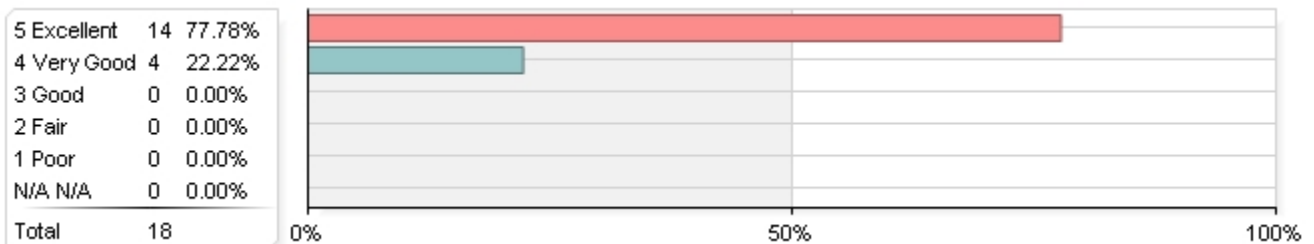
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How would you rate this instructor overall as a teacher?



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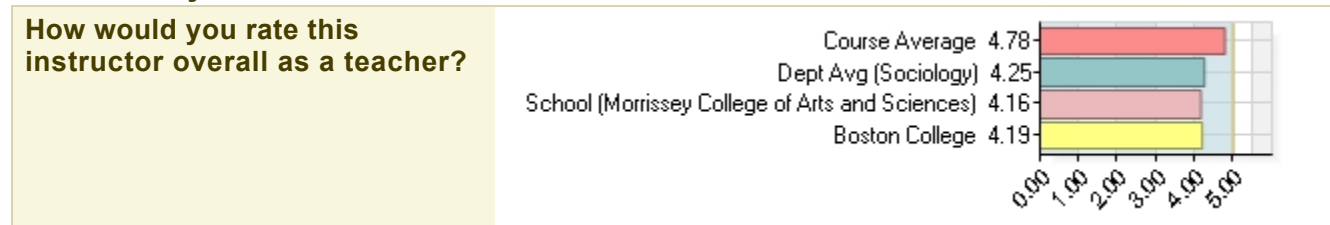
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How would you rate this instructor overall as a teacher?



Comments for SOCY331401_2018S_MENTAL ILLNESS&SOCIETY - Lara Birk

What are the strengths of this course?

Comments
Very stimulating when common topics of mental illness are challenged – great discussions and perspectives overall
Class discussion was the biggest time to learn about the material
Very open environment and a discussion based class.
The discussion was amazing in class. The articles and movies we read were really good too.
Very discussion based.
I can't speak highly enough about Dr. Birk. She is by far one of the best professors I've taken at BC, and this class was very interesting, well-organized, and well-focused. I looked forward to each class meeting, and I wish the semester could have gone on longer.
The discussion format of the class was awesome. Prof. Birk is incredibly knowledgeable and was great at catalyzing compelling discussions. I am not a social science major but this has been one of my favorite classes at BC
This was my second time taking Professor Birk. The reason why I came back to her as a professor was because she creates an amazing class environment based in a discussion. In my last semester at BC, it was amazing to have a professor who is invested in each and every students wellbeing. I learned so much from this class.
Best class and best professor. interesting material and strong class discussions
The holistic view the course takes the student on a journey through the experience of the mentally ill. It was incredibly helpful for real life problems and gave me a new perspective on mental illness
DISCUSSION!! I love how the entire class is based on discussion and how everyone can freely participate without feeling judged. Also, even when there are times that I just don't remember what to say, the professor always makes the effort to make sure I don't feel "dumb" but elaborates and reiterates what I say in a clear, well-articulated way to 1. help the class understand my point and 2. make me feel as if my comment was significant, even if it may not have been the best or most insightful comment. Also, I loved the random days the professor set aside readings and raised discussion points about current issues in the world. I think it helped me stay informed and also motivated me to want to be informed on my own.
This was the absolute best class I have taken at BC. We covered an array of topics regarding mental health and, because the class was discussion based, were able to learn a lot more about mental health and how the stigmatization of mental health manifests in society, as well as its affects on peoples lives.
– topics discussed – professor provides engaging discussions

How could the instructor improve the course?

Comments
More clips about the news and world happening
nothing really.
More projects about the subject matter.
N/A. The course was designed excellently.
It is perfect.
Nothing
Assign less or shorter readings to get across the major points. Allow solo class discussion leading
Definitely having more media or videos! I really enjoyed watching clips relevant to our discussions! I also enjoyed how we split up into groups the first few classes to discuss the different stigmas associated with certain illnesses in light of sociology. I think those are interactive things that can engage students who are not just auditory learners. Also, as mentioned in class, having more case studies or in depth and detailed experiences that people went through with certain mental illnesses would be pretty cool.
N/A

Would you recommend this course to other students, majors, etc.? Why or why not?

Comments
Yes!! Very comprehensive and a lot of material that makes it very worthwhile.
Yes
Yes. You get insights from everyone in the class and it encourages you to think as well.
yes take something with Professor Birk if you can she is amazing
Yes – very enjoyable class.
Absolutely. Not only was this a phenomenal class, taught by a phenomenal professor, but this class shed light on very important issues in our society. I loved every class!
absolutely
Absolutely— Professor Birk is one of the best professors in the Sociology department, right next to Professor McGuffey.
YES, one of the best classes I've ever taken at BC
hundred percent, a great course and very eye opening to majors or non-majors. Awesome course and professor
YES. Everyone is basically a part of society and sociology is a course that helps people to be more aware, informed, and educated on issues that have direct impacts on everyone in the world. I think it's a course that is especially recommended to non-majors because mental illness is becoming increasingly more prevalent and this course equipped me on how to be more sensitive to but not avoid discussing controversial topics.
Absolutely. Professor Birk created a classroom conducive to thoughtful discussion by allowing students to feel comfortable enough to speak up but also consider new perspectives.
yes, students from any major should take this course

Additional Comments:

Comments

none

Professor Birk is one of the greatest professors at Boston College, and I definitely think she'd be an amazing, permanent asset at BC.

I think the worst decision a BC student can make during their undergraduate years is to not take a class with you! You have been the best professor at BC who not only teaches well but also encourages, motivates, and challenges her students to strive to be a good person as well as a good student. Thank you for everything Professor Birk!

I cannot reiterate how much I love this class!!!

Responses to Customized Questions for SOCY331401_2018S_MENTAL ILLNESS&SOCIETY - Lara Birk