

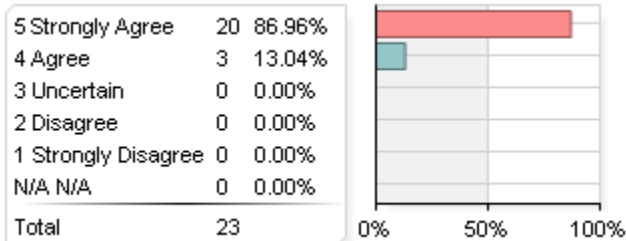
# Fall 2015 Course Evaluation Report for SOCY100202\_2016F\_INTRO SOCIOLOGICAL HEALTHCARE - Lara Birk

## Response Table

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Responded	23
Invited	28
Response Ratio	82.14%

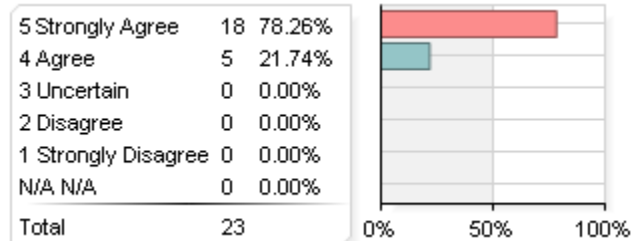
## Course Related Questions for SOCY100202\_2016F\_INTRO SOCIOLOGICAL HEALTHCARE- Distribution of Responses

1. The course was well organized.



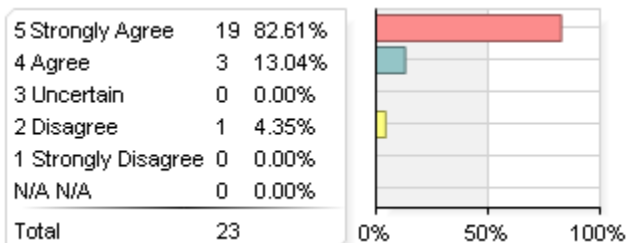
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Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.34

2. The course generally followed the syllabus.



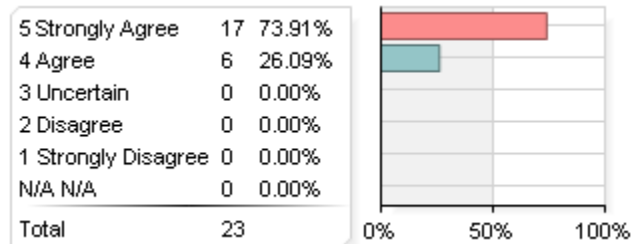
Statistics	Value
Mean	4.78
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.42

3. Class attendance was necessary for learning course material.



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.74
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.69

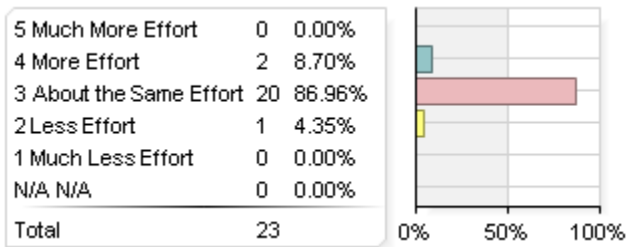
4. The course was intellectually challenging.



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.74
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.45

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



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Mean	3.04
Median	3.00
Mode	3
Standard Deviation	+/-0.37

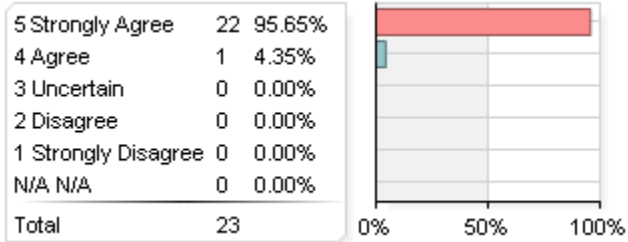
How would you rate this course overall?



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Standard Deviation	+/-0.29

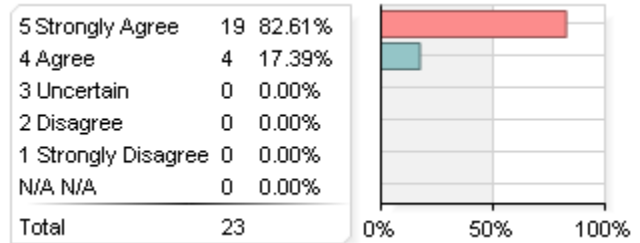
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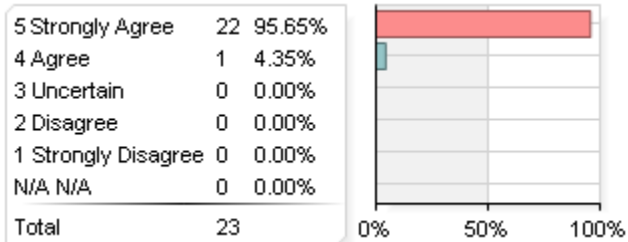
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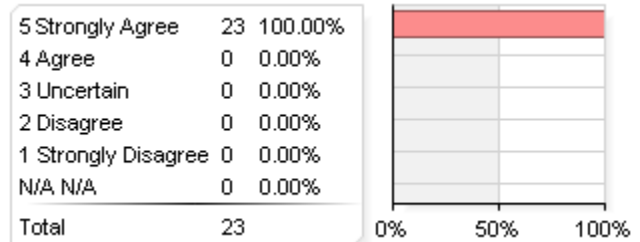
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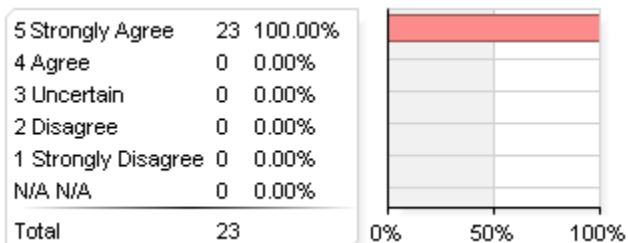
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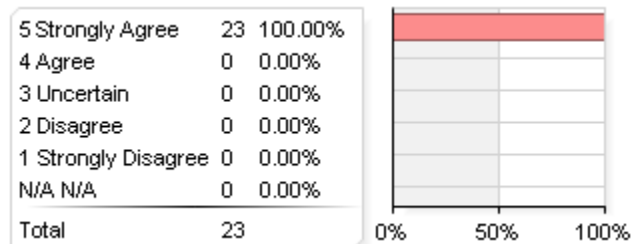
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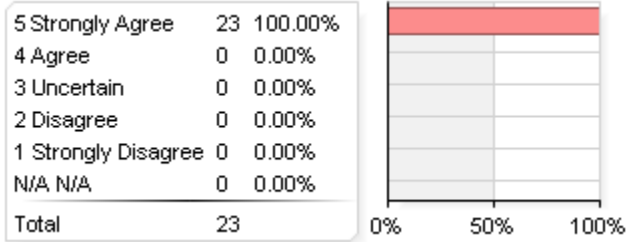
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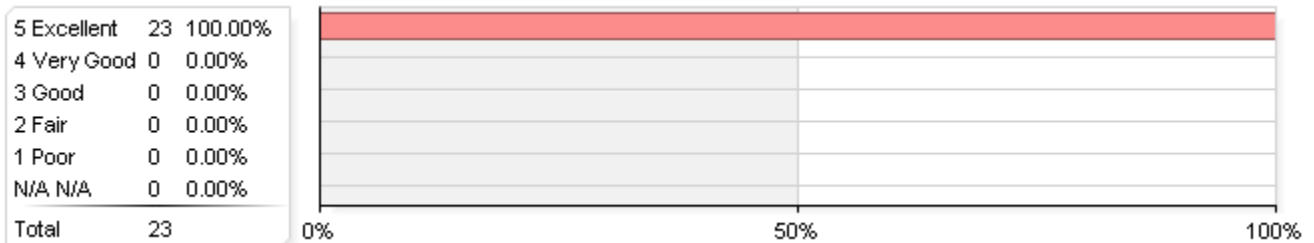
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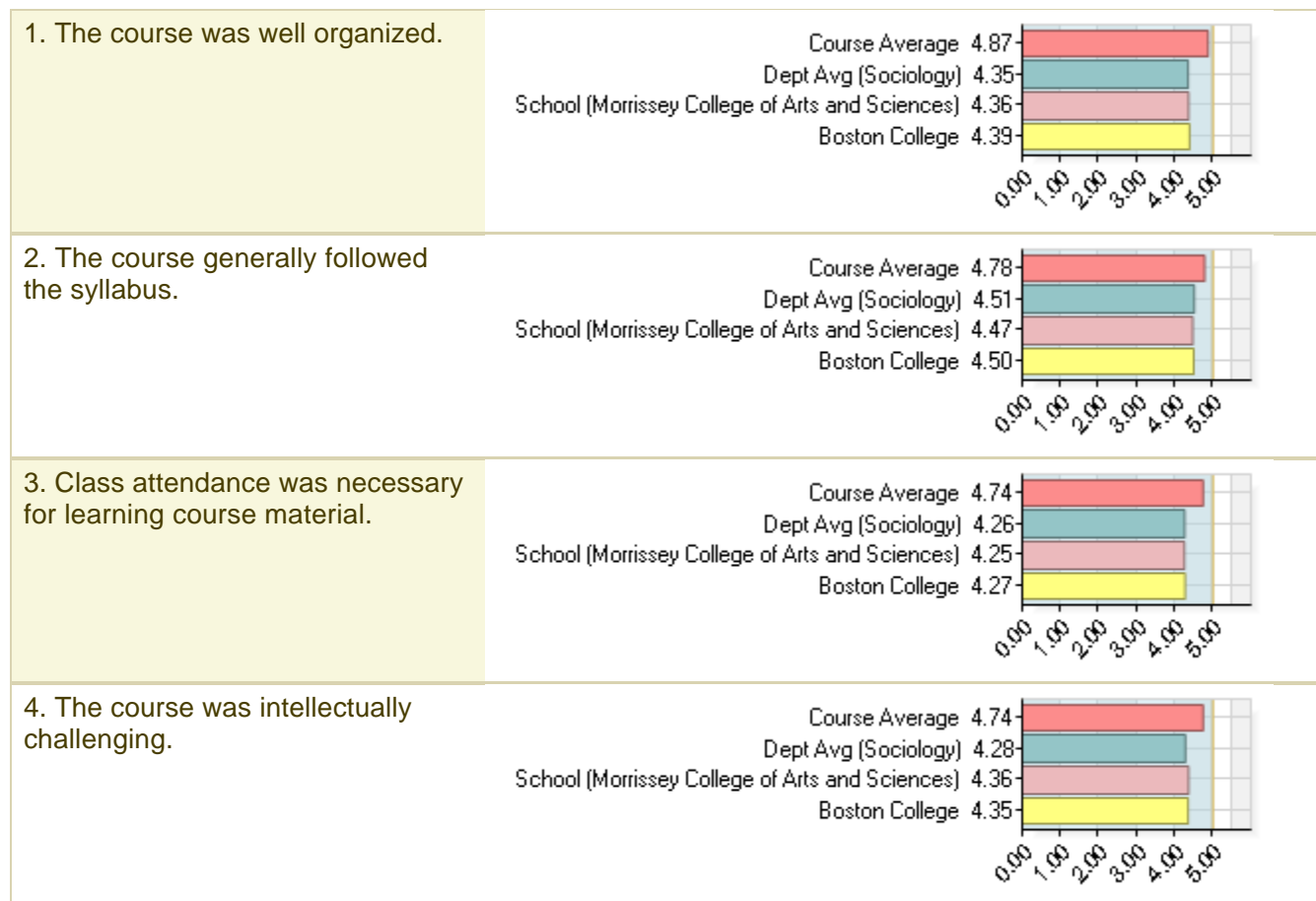
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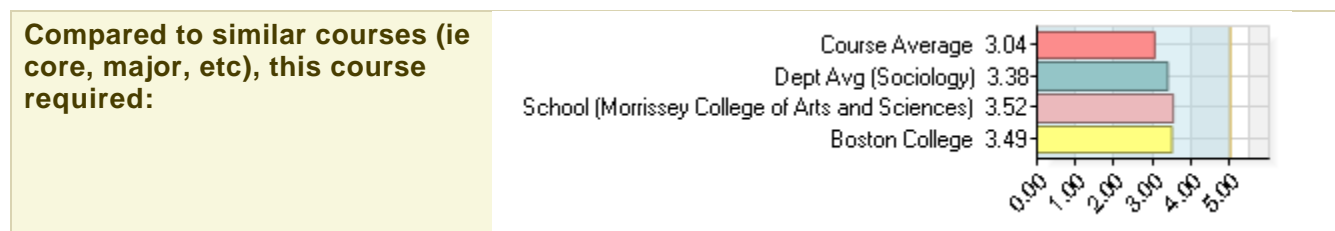


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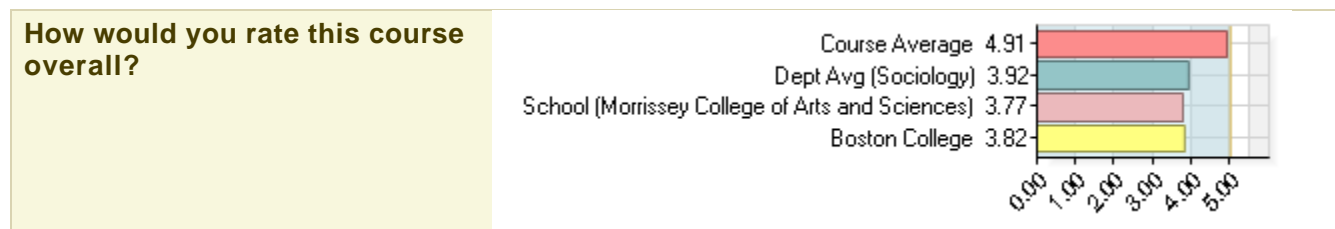
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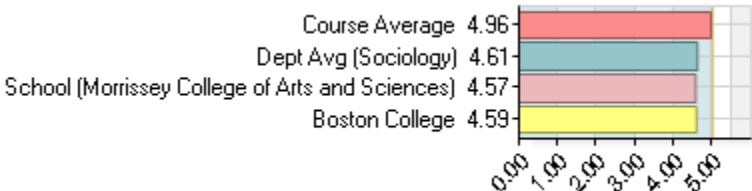
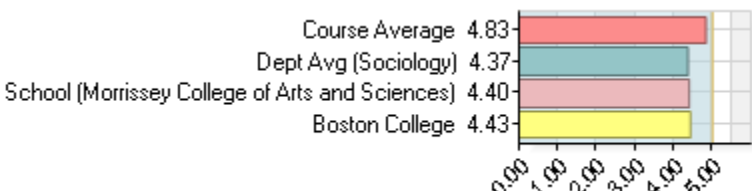
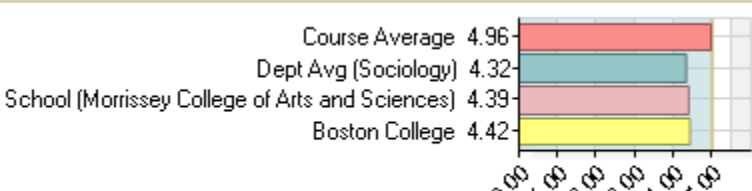
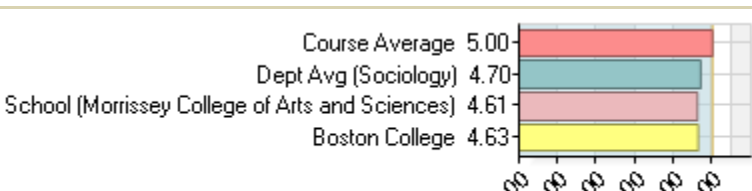
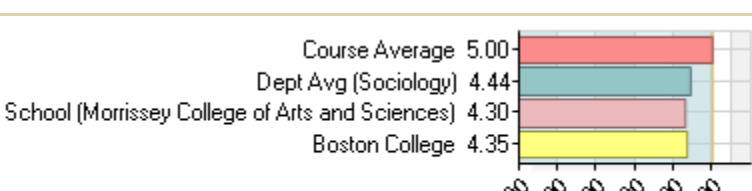
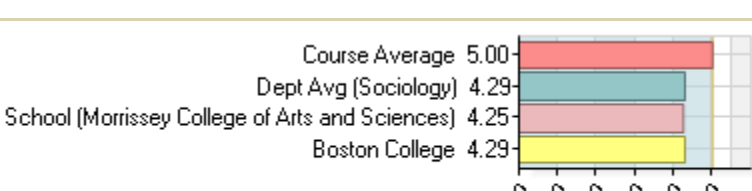

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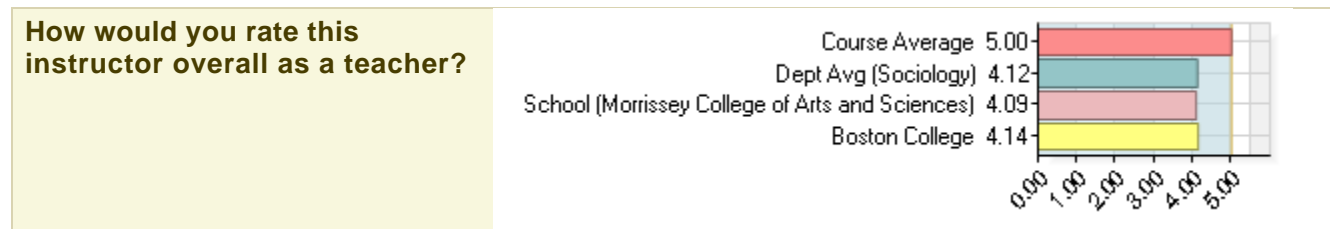


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How would you rate this instructor overall as a teacher?



# Comments for SOCY100202\_2016F\_INTRO SOCIOLOGICAL HEALTHCARE - Lara Birk

## What are the strengths of this course?

Comment
Great professor, interesting topics, good discussions
The professor is personable, caring, and genuine. She truly cares about the topics she presents and she is very well-informed about them. She is passionate about sociology and would like students to expand their minds to become better people.
Class discussion. Video clips and relevant topics, not just boring lecture.
The strengths of this course was the connections made through the different topics that were discussed in class. The discussions that were held in each class truly made the class more special because each student brought their own different opinions, personal experiences, and unique perspectives that made it more fruitful. These discussions were guided with the overall concepts of sociology which really brought a more introspective look and allowed the students to be more objective about their community.
This was my favorite course so far in my 3 years at BC. Professor Birk is amazing!! She keeps discussion challenging and interesting and keeps you questioning the world.
The readings were always interesting, informative and relevant to contemporary issues that we see in our society.
Professor Birk is extremely knowledgeable about the subject, and she fosters a comfortable environment for everyone to participate in.
The Professor. Professor Birk was hands down the best professor I have had here at BC. She always presented the material in a really interesting manner, treated her students with the utmost respect, she valued our opinions and would work our opinions into discussion, she produced an environment where everyone felt that they could share their own personal story, and above all else, she was exactly what everyone wanted in a professor.
Very discussion based, very engaging, very relevant topics, really an important class for everyone to take.
Professor Birk was amazing. She engaged conversation and created an environment where everyone felt comfortable to speak.
Everything from the AWESOME discussions, fascinating articles and stories, funny yet relevant videos, and the amazing professor who led us in discussion. I always struggled with participating in discussion but this class, especially professor Birk, allowed me to be comfortable to contribute in discussion and made me into a better person. Also, sociology is such an important topic of education that people need to know, and I am so thankful to have realized this through Professor Birk.
This course did a great job of giving an overview of introductory sociological concepts while catering them towards future health care professionals would be interested in. This course also generated some fantastic discussion with a variety of opinions.
Integrating real life matters, such as the racial demonstrations on campus and discussing it in the class room. I thought the professor was very special in that she shared a bit of her personal background story to illustrate concepts we learned in class.
This course did an amazing job covering a wide array of sociological concepts relating to societies within America, throughout the world, and specific aspects of the healthcare society. I really enjoyed the articles and stories we read to supplement the concepts
Professor Birk is very enthusiastic about the material and stimulates excitement in students. Although most of the topics we talk about in class can be difficult to discuss at times, she was always able to encourage open discussion and a lot of class participation. It was very obvious she is very passionate about the material and cares a lot about her students. She also did very well at connecting the topics we discussed to how we would see them in our future medical careers.
Lots of discussion, applied to current events, felt comfortable in the class
Professor Birk was excellent. I liked how she really involved the entire class and made us contribute to each other's learning. She expertly melded in current issues to talk about which is imperative in this day and age. She was very accessible and I admired her own vulnerability when discussing her story. She cares about her students and designed the course well.



One of the best teachers I've had at BC thus far.

We were able to have a safe space to discuss many sociological issues that have both a direct and indirect effect on our lives. We grew close to our peers and professor. It was an excellent course. One of my favorites.

Learned a lot of material that I can apply to life and work now! Very interesting with stimulating discussions

## How could the instructor improve the course?

### Comment

Shorter readings maybe, some of them were pretty long especially when asked to read more than one

Honestly, this class exceeded my expectations.

Nothing!

N/A

She could not. She made this the best course I have taken. I was always excited to go to class and learn.

Less readings could potentially allow us to go more in depth to each reading

Nothing, she was amazing.

She's an awesome professor, and I don't want her to leave BC.

No way. It was one of my favorite classes this semester!

It's already great and Prof. Birk is great.

I cannot think about how this course could be improved.

The peer led discussions were sometimes difficult to participate in, maybe have less of these

Maybe a final test instead of a paper

Could not be improved. It was amazing.

Honestly, can't think of anything

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

### Comment

Yes it's a great class

Of course! Health care professionals are so interested in excelling academically, that they fail to recognize the true purpose of life. This class will open their minds to just that.

Yes, very interesting and enjoyable.

I would most definitely recommend this course to other students, especially those with an interest in healthcare because it empowered the students to really challenge the society and see the medical field in an objective way.

Absolutely - Professor Birk is wonderful!

N/A

Absolutely, this opened my eyes to so many different sociological phenomena, I feel like it should be mandatory to take this class.

I already have and will continue to; Professor Birk was absolutely incredible.

Yes, to everyone

Yes! To majors and non-majors. This class is very interesting and stimulated intellectual conversations about pressing issues in society.

Yes. Definitely, yes. Even if you're not a sociology major, or have no idea what sociology is, take it. This class teaches you the fundamentals of being a good human being and allows you to have a worldly view on many problems in the world. It's also not a lecture; it's more of a place where you sit and discuss worldly topics and relevant issues for an hour or so with an amazing professor and awesome classmates.

Yes! It puts healthcare into a real life perspective and the discussion is incredible.

Yes, the instructor was amazing and the class was great. I learned a lot in this class and enjoyed it.

YES. I would recommend it to everyone because I think it would challenge everyone to think more about the society they live in and try to make changes to combat the inequalities present in terms of gender, class, race, and opportunity.

Absolutely, Professor Birk makes this class interesting and accessible for anyone. I would highly recommend this class to any student.

YES, great professor, learned a lot, felt up to date on current events and could apply this to my healthcare practice

Yes. It really has changed my view on the world and the current issues surrounding us today.

Absolutely! It was incredible. We got to talk openly and learn about many interesting things. We were also able to formulate our own opinions on certain topics while feeling free to question different things without judgment.

yes! already did!

### Additional Comments:

#### Comment

Professor Birk, thank you for being understanding, caring, and compassionate about the issues your students face. You are an incredible professor and I truly enjoyed your class. It was great using our sociological imaginations and phenomenal being able to share our own personal stories.

Prof. Birk is awesome.

PROFESSOR BIRK WAS THE BEST!

N/A

She was the best professor I have had in the three years I have been at BC.

Thank you so much for a great semester, Professor Birk. I really enjoyed having you as my professor and have so much respect for everything you do. You were more than just a professor, but a role model and a mentor. I really hope you don't forget about us and our class! Thank you again, and I will truly miss having you as my professor.

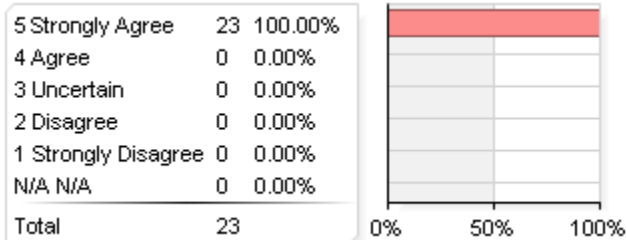
Sometimes some topics seemed a little oversimplified or I had already learned about them in other classes so it was not as intellectually stimulating for me, but it was nice to hear from other students and these topics are important, especially for biology and healthcare majors who do not get to learn a lot of humanities.

Not challenging for upperclassmen humanities majors who have taken discussion based classes before! Still loved the discussion and gained many new insights from this class.

Prof. Birk truly is a wonderful professor and human being and she was a pleasure to take this course with

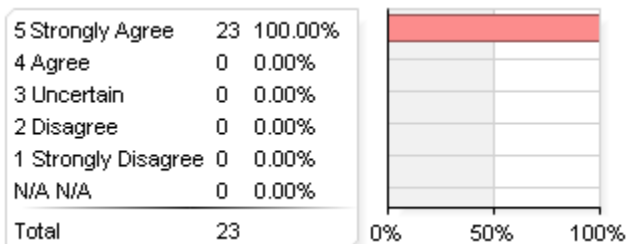
## Responses to Customized Questions for SOCY100202\_2016F\_INTRO SOCIOLOGICAL HEALTHCARE - Lara Birk

**This professor's teaching style was engaging and conducive to generating interesting discussions.**



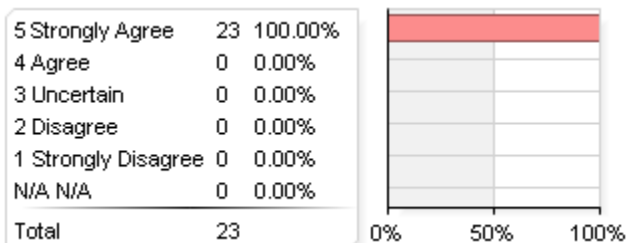
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**The professor was approachable, responsive, and genuinely concerned about her students.**



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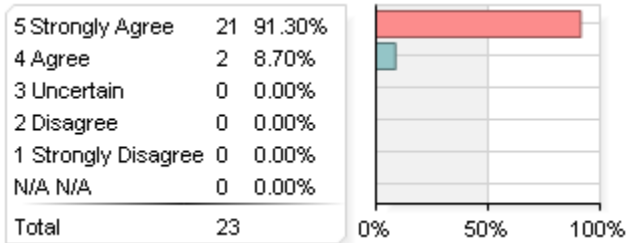
**This course gave me the tools to better understand / appreciate people who are different from me.**



Statistics	Value
Mean	5.00

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**Do you leave this course with a different or more complex perspective on yourself, your place in society, and/or the world around you? Please elaborate.**



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Mean	4.91
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**What was your favorite part of this course?**

Comment
The fact that it was discussion oriented.
Prof. Birk and her teaching style/ ability to engage students in thought provoking discussion, rather than lecturing and taking notes.
My favorite parts were the discussions that not only talked about the material but connected it with society. Especially during this time where our society is constantly changing in regards to equality, this course brought on fruitful discussion that drew on new perspectives and gave the ability to investigate society.
Getting to know my professor and classmates in a way that was deeper than other classes because of the complexity of topics we covered.
Honestly, I loved every part of the course.
I enjoyed writing the papers for this course.
The fact that we could learn so much from each other.
It was interesting and helped me appreciate people who are different from me.
When I was able to share my life story to the entire class. Thank you once again Professor Birk, you really changed my life.
Learning to think about things in entirely new ways
Class discussions.
I sincerely enjoyed every part of this course. If I had to pick, I loved the lectures on labeling theory, the importance of patient's stories, and pain and disability. I particularly enjoyed these three because I learned things that allowed me to vividly see and explain why they occurred the way they did- for the labeling theory- and I loved how you shared with us your story during the pain and disability lecture. Really, I enjoyed every part of this course and the things I learned in this course will truly stay with me as I advance in my career. I won't forget to give you credit when good things happen as a result of your teachings!
The discussion was my favorite part. Professor Birk did an excellent job of generating interesting discussion and making everyone feel open and welcomed to sharing their opinions. I learned so much this semester about how different people from myself view the world.
Professor Birk's story
I enjoyed many of the readings, especially the more personal narrative type pieces, I also really like the encouraging and open atmosphere in which I felt comfortable speaking and expressing my views. I loved that I got to know my

classmates better and even became friends with so many of them.

My favorite part of this course was the discussions we had every day. It was very interesting to hear from a lot of different points of view on a lot of different topics.

discussions, use of media to learn and reinforce teaching

Not-including the final, the papers

The open environment that was created. I felt as if my voice within the class really mattered and was important.

My favorite part was being able to take sociological concepts that we learned in class and applying them to my own life as we did in the first paper.

Conversation and participation in class.

Everything! I really liked the chapters on race and class. Applying it to current events was perfect

## How does this professor compare to other professors you have had?

### Comment

One of the best

Significantly better; the best professor I have had at BC.

Cares more about the students, more understanding/down to earth, makes class WAY more enjoyable.

This professor was open and personal and was really able to bring about rewarding discussions. Compared to other classes the professor made the course intimate making it a safe place to discuss difficult topics in a healthy way.

Professor Birk is the best professor I've had in college

This discussion based course was actually discussion based as opposed to the professor being the main one discussing their opinion.

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More engaging, caring, interesting, energetic, a great teacher

Professor Birk was AMAZING.

This professor cannot compare to any other professors I've had because I've never had any as good as her. If all subjects in college were taught by professors like Professor Birk, the world would not only have brilliant, well-rounded students, but also students who do things because they have passion for that subject. Professor Birk instilled in us ways to view the unseen problems in the world and allowed us to view them in a different light. You could clearly see her passion for sociology and for her students to understand these concepts, which makes students want to pursue sociology, and whatever their interest is, with passion.

She is fantastic. You could tell she really cares about her students and wants them to succeed!!

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SHE IS THE BEST. She is kind, caring, enthusiastic, encouraging, approachable and dedicated to teaching sociology

I have never taken a sociology class before, but she is definitely one of the most approachable and caring professors I have ever had!

she is much more approachable and has very clear descriptions of sociological terms, helps us to learn ourselves through discussion

Excellent. Very concerned about the students and Boston college in general

One of the best.

very approachable, understanding to students' needs and interests, engaging

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above and beyond!