

Student Response Report · Spring 2018

"I feel like I got more out of the course because of the writing."

SA = Strongly Agree A = Agree D = Disagree SD = Strongly Disagree

1) My experience in this course strengthened my writing.

"The writing assignments helped me evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of my research." "It taught me how to balance and organize more." "I came into the course with no prior knowledge of how to write a scientific paper and I learned how to." "I was able to write my best college paper yet!" "It helped me to switch between writing styles based on the writing required." "By having examples of what a research paper should look like, it was easier to learn what to include the paper."

SA	A	D	SD
165	337	100	13
27%	55%	16%	2%
SA + A = 82%			

BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
129	338	164	99
18%	46%	22%	14%
SA + A = 64%			

2) The writing assignments enhanced my learning of the subject matter of this course.

"Definitely through research and application." "They helped me associate what I learned with real events and places." "Easier to navigate." "This was my first course of this type so each paper allowed me to research and learn more of the subject." "It helped me engage with the texts and notice all the details involved." "Research and weekly reflections helped to facilitate this." "I got to research a topic of my choice."

SA	A	D	SD
265	289	49	11
43%	47%	8%	2%
SA + A = 90%			

BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
143	311	161	130
19%	42%	22%	17%
SA + A = 61%			

3) The writing assignments encouraged me to be actively involved in the course.

"It pushed me to do and understand the readings." "Without the intensive nature of writing assignments this class would be simple lecture but the writing keeps a high level of engagement." "I had to apply the course knowledge on the assignments." "Yes, helped me stay on task." "It incremented which really made the paper be less daunting and more manageable."

SA	A	D	SD
241	297	68	11
39%	48%	11%	2%
SA + A = 87%			

BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
145	336	163	104
19%	45%	22%	14%
SA + A = 64%			

4) The writing assignments helped me to understand the ways of writing that are particular to this subject (for example the ways of writing in the sciences, the social sciences, or the humanities).

"The writing subjects helped me become a better scientific writer." "This was my first time learning how to do a literature review which was important for the final paper." "I learned a new citation style." "It was certainly challenging and new but I feel more skilled because of it." "I did learn about certain citation styles and different approaches one can write from." "The class helped me to fuse various disciplines of writing to create a holistic view for the required work." "It was great to find out how to write different parts like literature review, abstract, etc."

SA	A	D	SD
270	251	76	16
44%	41%	12%	3%
SA + A = 85%			

BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
209	409	105	68
26%	52%	13%	9%
SA + A = 78%			

5) The coaching I received from the teaching assistant was effective.

*“Without assistance I would have been clueless on approaching my writing.”
 “Peer review and instructor review helped me to make better papers.” “Writing workshops very helpful for all of my papers.” “Always helpful when I had questions.” “Always available.” “Good feedback on assignments.” “It showed me where my writing needed work.” “Helped me strengthen my papers.” “I appreciate the consistent feedback and care that we received.”*

SA	A	D	SD
211	266	65	48
36%	45%	11%	8%
SA + A = 81%			

BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
264	323	95	82
35%	42%	12%	11%
SA + A = 77%			

6) The writing I did in this class built on my prior writing experiences, skills, and knowledge.

“In the past I’ve written history papers so this classics course built on what I knew.” “Yes. I was able to take the minimal writing experience I had and refine it.”

SA	A	D	SD
258	299	48	10
42%	49%	8%	1%
SA + A = 91%			

7) The writing I did in this class has prepared me for future writing experiences/assignments/work.

“The assignments helped prepare me for the future.” “This work prepares me for writing grants.” “It has taught me time management for big papers.” “I hope to take more WIP classes in the future.” “I have expanded my repertoire of writing styles and this will be helpful in the future.” “It did expose me to different approaches and styles so it forced me out of my comfort zone.”

SA	A	D	SD
271	263	61	19
44%	43%	10%	3%
SA + A = 87%			

8) The writing element of this class increased my satisfaction with the overall course.

“I was able to use what I learned in class and apply it to a subject that interested me.” “The way this course was structured made me more confident of going into my internship.” “By getting feedback throughout for each section I wasn’t stressed when it was time to submit the final paper.” “It was a lot of work but breaking down the assignments and feedback made it easier to get through.” “I can’t imagine successfully completing this course without constant guidance and support.” “I feel like it gave me better insight into the literature I was learning about.” “It caused me to learn how to more adequately utilize scholarly sources in my writing to support thesis.” “It allowed me to conceive thoughts and ideas I would not have otherwise.” “It definitely reinforced my knowledge and forced me to challenge my old way of thinking.” “I thought it was an effective way to approach the subject matter.” “I feel like I got more out of the course because of it.”