

## Student Response Report · Fall 2018

*"I felt that the paper strengthened my education more than anything else I have done this semester across my academics."*

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

### 1) My experience in this course strengthened my writing.

*"I learned to better explain my thinking." "Having a chance to correct my writing afterwards helped me understand how to write better." "I now know how to properly structure a research paper." "I never wrote a paper this big so I learned how to organize and tie it all together." "Forced me to think critically and differently." "Instructors gave examples of what was good work."*

SA	A	D	SD
116	229	53	6
29%	56%	13%	1%
<b>SA + A = 85%</b>			

BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
129	338	164	99
14%	36%	17%	11%
<b>SA + A = 50%</b>			

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

*"It helped me elaborate my thinking." "Yes, it reinforced the material." "It helped me understand because I had to explain my thinking." "Having to write things out helped me learn more." "Breaking it down was essential, I would've been lost without it." "Taking the research paper piece by piece really helped me understand what each section was all about."*

SA	A	D	SD
164	204	26	8
40%	50%	6%	2%
<b>SA + A = 90%</b>			

BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
143	311	161	130
15%	33%	17%	14%
<b>SA + A = 48%</b>			

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

*"Reading was well-incorporated to facilitate this." "I felt prepared to discuss in class." "Had to be active and focused." "The structure of the assignments enhanced my organization." "It made me take the class more seriously." "I was new so I had to be engaged to understand." "Because I had to write often, I had to stay on top of things."*

SA	A	D	SD
164	188	39	11
40%	46%	10%	3%
<b>SA + A = 86%</b>			

BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
145	336	163	104
15%	36%	17%	11%
<b>SA + A = 51%</b>			

### 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, social sciences, or humanities).

*"It was very content focused." "I had to learn the language to use for the concepts we learned." "All geared toward the specific writing style." "Aided me to appreciate the tone of the era." "The assignments were helpful in learning how to write in the proper style."*

SA	A	D	SD
166	185	45	8
41%	46%	11%	2%
<b>SA + A = 87%</b>			

BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
209	409	105	68
22%	44%	11%	7%
<b>SA + A = 67%</b>			

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

<i>"Very understanding and gave great, helpful feedback." "Helped me shape my explanations." "Feedback was thorough." "Gave constructive criticism."</i>	<b>SA</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>SD</b>
	149	193	44	15
<i>"I was able to understand what I was doing wrong and how to correct it."</i>	37%	48%	11%	4%
<i>"Knew what I needed to improve before the assignment was due."</i>				
<i>"Excellent feedback taught me how to refine my writing."</i>				
		<b>SA + A = 84%</b>		

BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L				
264	323	95	82	
28%	34%	10%	9%	
		<b>SA + A = 63%</b>		

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

<i>"It was aligned with what we knew." "I had to use what I already knew plus what I learned to formulate my answers." "Built on my prior knowledge of some concepts." "Buttressed my ability to format citations and order bibliography." "My writing has never been challenged as much as it was in this course."</i>	<b>SA</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>SD</b>
	170	207	23	5
	42%	51%	6%	1%
		<b>SA + A = 93%</b>		

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

<i>"The writing will help my teaching." "I am now prepared for future writing intensive programs." "I can explain concepts to students." "I was able to use the paper for dissertation work." "I feel more confident about capstone paper I have to write." "I feel more prepared for the intern course."</i>	<b>SA</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>SD</b>
	174	199	27	3
	43%	49%	7%	1%
		<b>SA + A = 92%</b>		

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

*"Helped build my confidence." "Yes, I feel more prepared." "Challenging in many ways, but overall effective and helpful." "It made it more challenging and meaningful." "It made me think deeper." "Going through the process of writing a paper in stages has been super helpful." "I was able to think through my work more than once before submitting final." "The layout of the assignments and one-on-one meetings were so effective and useful." "I believe that writing was integral to the subject." "It changed the way I thought about the subject." "Helped me understand the content." "I enjoyed that my paper was connected to my research experiment." "Allowed me to fully understand the writing process for a research paper." "It helped cement all the ideas very well." "I'm glad this was writing intensive!"*