

## Student Response Report · Spring 2020

*"The writing assignments pushed me to think critically and really understand the content."*

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

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

*"Daily practice in my writing in this course has allowed me to formulate stronger responses to metacognitive questions." "I've gained more experience in writing analysis." "I received great constructive feedback that will continue to help me in the future." "The lab report assignment allowed me to strengthen my writing in a scientific fashion." "The feedback I received was very insightful and greatly strengthened my writing ability." "This course allowed me to write often and in ways that made me think critically." "I learned how to better combine claims and evidence in a science paper." "I have learned to write a strong, thorough, and concise research paper that is supported with evidence throughout the paper."*

SA	A	D	SD
34	56	11	1
33%	55%	11%	1%
SA + A = 88%			
BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
134	296	88	52
24%	52%	15%	9%
SA + A = 75%			

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

*"By writing out my processes and findings it helped me to better remember and understand what we talked about." "Writing about each topic helped me understand the significance of the unit and how it relates to my life/our society." "I was forced to think about the subject matter more when I wrote about it." "Made me apply everything we learned and think critically about it." "I was able to get lots of practice reading academic articles and understanding the main point while making connections to other concepts." "The assignments allowed me to focus on a topic and learn how to properly elaborate and analyze." "Writing down my thoughts and reasoning made clear what I really understood and what I didn't, and allowed me to brush up on those areas." "Encouraged me to think deeper."*

SA	A	D	SD
45	48	7	2
44%	47%	7%	2%
SA + A = 91%			
BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
117	301	103	75
20%	50%	17%	13%
SA + A = 70%			

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

*"By having a better understanding, I was able to better engage in conversation and have points to talk about." "Having constant assignments prompted me to always be thinking about the course content." "It encouraged me to be more active with the course outside of lab." "This class has helped me become more comfortable expressing my ideas in a classroom setting." "Each assignment required me to put lots of time and effort into my work, which kept me engaged and striving for improvement." "The peer reviews and writing activities helped me become more involved and have more discussions with my classmates." "The writing assignments challenged me to apply what was taught in class to the topic I was researching."*

SA	A	D	SD
40	50	11	1
39%	49%	11%	1%
SA + A = 88%			
BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
152	289	95	76
25%	47%	16%	12%
SA + A = 72%			

### 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).

*"I can now write like a scientist." "The course greatly enhanced my knowledge of the conventions of history papers." "I've definitely learned the importance of clarity of writing, because the consequences of a misunderstood message in statistics can be bad." "I am more familiar with the appropriate language in research articles due to the writing activities." "I feel like it helped me understand better how scientific writing differs from the Health Promotion writing I had been doing." "We wrote in a format I have never written before." "I definitely learned how to read, write, and organize a paper like a philosopher."*

SA	A	D	SD
43	47	10	2
42%	46%	10%	2%
SA + A = 88%			
BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
205	323	55	40
33%	52%	9%	6%
SA + A = 85%			

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

*"The coaching greatly enhanced the quality of my writings and imparted lessons to me that I will remember for the rest of my life." "Encouraged me to do better." "My TA graded my paper and gave back GREAT advice and ways to improve it." "She did a great job of making sure to highlight positives in our writing, which helped me know what was and was not working." "Very specific and easy to follow." "He was very willing to meet with me and further my research." "She was just as encouraging as she was critical of my writing. Her insights always pushed what I already had to the next level." "My TA provided insightful feedback." "It was effective because it made me actually look back at the writing and try my best to improve it." "It was some of the most effective feedback I have ever received." "The feedback provided helped me see my strengths and weaknesses with writing."*

SA	A	D	SD
39	42	17	4
38%	41%	17%	4%
<b>SA + A = 79%</b>			
BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
232	252	73	37
39%	42%	12%	6%
<b>SA + A = 81%</b>			

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

*"My prior writing experiences, skills and knowledge form the base from which this course built up my writing abilities to new heights." "The writing I did in this class built on the skills I've developed throughout my educational process so far." "This class helped me sharpen my skills." "Allowed me to enhance skills and knowledge that I previously had." "Having 1-2 essays due a week really made me build on my prior writing experiences, skills, and knowledge. I was constantly writing which only betters my skills, especially when I am able to get such thoughtful feedback quickly."*

SA	A	D	SD
51	39	8	4
50%	38%	8%	4%
<b>SA + A = 88%</b>			

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

*"I feel like I will be able to apply these experiences in future assignments both in class and in my field of work." "I can now write like a scientist." "I will take the lesson I learned from this course with me through all future writing I do for the rest of my life." "Absolutely. I feel confident in continuing my proof-writing career." "100%, I will be a better writer because of this class." "The writing in this class will help me in the future as I'll have more experience expressing and articulating my thoughts." "Learning how to craft an argument will be very beneficial for law school and becoming a practicing attorney." "I am more prepared to work in research programs and write papers on my results." "After the experience I have gained in this class I feel far more prepared for any endeavor."*

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48	42	8	4
47%	41%	8%	4%
<b>SA + A = 88%</b>			

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

*"Writing helped me improve the quality of my interactions with the content and think more critically about what I was reading and learning." "Made a deeper connection with the material and management skills learned in the course." "The writing element helped me to articulate myself more clearly." "It helped me feel more confident in my writing as it made me more knowledgeable on the topic!" "I liked being able to produce tangible expressions of my understanding and insight." The feedback I received from my TA increased my satisfaction with the course since I could tell it was making me a better writer."*