

## Student Response Report · Fall 2023

*"I think the writing assignments really helped me understand the complexities of what we were discussing in class, which made the class much more enjoyable."*

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

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

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| <i>"It is nice to have feedback on every single assignment." "Made me write consistently every week." "The amount of writing required in this course allowed me to practice writing in a scientific manner." "The workshops we have done helped build and better my writing." "The more I wrote, the better I got at it." "From my first essay to now, I can more clearly describe my thoughts through prose." "The revision process helped me understand my writing weaknesses." "The various levels of feedback—from peers to TAs—really gave me time and perspective on improving my writing for both large writing projects." "The consistent writing assignments and feedback were so helpful."</i> | <b>SA</b>                    | <b>A</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>SD</b> |
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### 2) The writing assignments enhanced my learning of the subject matter of this course.

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| <i>"Most writing assignments connected to readings, which required me to do a deeper reading, too." "The writing assignments helped me apply class topics to real-life." "The writing forced me to thoroughly read everything and think critically about the reading. Also, the papers included research for me and it helped me develop a deeper understanding of certain topics." "Writing the concepts out has made it easier and put less pressure on me than taking tests based on the readings." "You don't understand it if you can't explain it in writing in my experience." "It forced me to actually understand the topics because I had to explain everything."</i> | <b>SA</b>                    | <b>A</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>SD</b> |
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### 3) The writing assignments encouraged me to be actively involved in the course.

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| <i>"Class discussion of writing assignments fostered course involvement." "I put more of my time toward this class because of the writing portion." "It is impossible to do well if not actively engaged with course material given the frequency and weight of writing workshops." "It gave me incentives to pay full attention so that I would be able to explain my answers." "The assignments allowed me to explore concepts I found interesting in class in more detail." "Writing assignments forced me to work on my paper over the course of the whole semester." "I loved the layout of this course with writing assignments due throughout rather than it all being due at the end, and that kept me working consistently."</i> | <b>SA</b>                    | <b>A</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>SD</b> |
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**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).**

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| <i>"Learning the different styles/breakdown of scientific writing was a big part of the coursework." "We learned what a good statistical report is and looked like and had the chance to apply it to our homework and final project." "The essays especially gave a diverse set of writing opportunities." "This course showed me that writing about syntax is very different from writing about literature or other subject areas." "Scientific writing is confusing and very different from literary writing, like for English, and this class helped me learn a lot about scientific writing." "I had to learn different writing styles for different audiences."</i> | <b>SA</b>                    | <b>A</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>SD</b> |
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**5) The coaching I received from the teaching assistant was effective.**

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| <i>"The TA was great and provided meaningful and effective feedback." "The comments left on the essays effectively helped me pinpoint what specific issues my writing had." "The TA provided great coaching on both effectiveness of writing but also strengthening arguments for my thesis. The TA was also very approachable with made the coaching meetings even more effective because of the lack of stress." "Feedback was helpful and challenging; critiques and highlights were given in a manner that allowed for improvement and future consideration." "Getting regular feedback was really really helpful."</i> | <b>SA</b>                    | <b>A</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>SD</b> |
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**6) The writing I did in this class built on my prior writing experiences, skills, and knowledge.**

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| <i>"I was able to really grow into my writing style and got a lot of lovely feedback that helped me hone it." "I think anytime you write, you will get better and better and especially learning a new style grew my skill set." "It totally built on other writing intensive courses I have taken and showed where I can improve in my writing." "I learned how to use writing skills for math." "The writings in class required me to think in perspective of readers." "I have never taken a class like this before, but it has definitely strengthened my knowledge." "I felt like I was learning similar concepts in a way that was more specific to science."</i> | <b>SA</b>           | <b>A</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>SD</b> |
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**7) The writing I did in this class has prepared me for future writing experiences/assignments/work.**

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| <i>"I honestly believe I am a better writer." "I feel more prepared for writing future statistical research papers." "Being able to explain difficult topics simply will be helpful." "I know that this style of writing will continue to be required in my future career." "With clear feedback and stimulating assignments, I can confidently say my writing has improved." "Other classes/research have been better now that I can properly articulate my thoughts." "I have foundational skills to succeed." "Being in scientific spaces and having to write can be stressful so this instruction was vital."</i> | <b>SA</b>           | <b>A</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>SD</b> |
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**8) The writing element of this class increased my satisfaction with the overall course.**

*"The writing helped me understand and interact with the content on a deeper level than I would without it." "Writing in the class was especially useful given that I always received such helpful feedback, and I didn't feel like I was just sending my writing into the void for no one to ever look at." "Writing in the class helped me understand topics and challenged me in a way that helped improve my writing and comprehension." "I feel more satisfied because I understand the content better. I understand how to analyze and apply the concepts." "I think writing did increase satisfaction with the course as I was able to see improvement in the quality of my writing as the year progressed." "The writing element increased my satisfaction with the overall course because it challenged me to be a better writer and helped me better understand the material." "It did because by forcing me to explain and understand the content, everything became more interesting to me."*