

Student Response Report · Fall 2024

"The writing forced me to actually learn and increased my satisfaction with this course."

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

1) My experience in this course strengthened my writing.

"I was challenged to think about my writing in a way I usually do not approach it. I got to practice developing my individual writing voice." "The amount of writing and the cycle of doing assignments improved my writing ability." "Good experience breaking down long reports into portions as well as working with academic writing peer review." "The writing was highly logical, which helped my critical thinking." "I like how we regularly did peer reviews. The feedback from my peers was beneficial but it also developed my ability to criticize and improve my own writing." "I have noticed that my writing process has improved, especially my revision process." "Peer evaluations paired with a gradual increase in complexity helped to improve my writing skills."

SA	A	D	SD
136	259	20	5
32%	62%	5%	1%
SA + A = 94%			
BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
273	341	32	17
41%	51%	5%	3%
SA + A = 92%			

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

"Writing makes me think more critically of my ideas." "I really got to dive deep into the content and my own opinions." "They forced me to become more aware/gain a better understanding of the materials." "In order to write about these topics, I had to understand the topic thoroughly." "Weekly commentary prompts for the readings allowed for a lot of engagement with course material." "I believe it will be helpful for future endeavors and careers." "I could apply my own perception and analysis to course content which enhanced my learning."

SA	A	D	SD
210	189	15	6
50%	45%	4%	1%
SA + A = 95%			
BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
273	342	32	19
41%	51%	5%	3%
SA + A = 92%			

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

"Having to write every week kept me engaged." "I had no choice other than to be involved—the writing is not something you can do all on your own." "Very rich and intellectually challenged ideas. Writing helped in further understanding the topics." "Allows me to further understand mathematical statements much faster." "The more engaged I am in the course, the easier the assignments are." "I enjoyed writing and it made me think outside of what I'm used to." "Cannot perform the writing well without engaging actively in the course." "Our daily writings helped me have something to contribute to discussions." "Writing on each reading made sure I was engaged in the readings and discussions." "I engaged in discussion more confidently because writing prepped me for class."

SA	A	D	SD
177	205	34	3
42%	49%	8%	1%
SA + A = 91%			
BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
302	336	18	12
45%	50%	3%	2%
SA + A = 95%			

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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).

<i>"The writing in the sciences helped me become a better writer." "I learned how to write a philosophical paper better and for the first time." "Previous experience I had was strictly essay writing. [This course] showed me how scientific writing is approached, assisting both writing and reading comprehension." "Much deeper critical thinking and creative writing encouraged." "I understand different styles of writing now and how to approach them." "Helped me understand persuasive writing more." "I had to read and practice writing in the same manner." "I learned about different ways to write." "The workshops definitely gave me a perspective on what it meant to do historical research for the first time."</i>	SA 201 48%	A 190 45%	D 21 5%	SD 7 2%
	SA + A = 93%			
	BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
	324 48%	327 48%	16 2%	11 2%
	SA + A = 96%			

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

<i>"[Coaching] was detailed and constructively critical—paper to paper I knew what to improve on." "I went to [the TA] for office hours and he was so helpful and asked the questions that led me to where I wanted to be. After that, I wrote a paper I was proud of." "Lots of feedback on everything was the best part of the course." "[The TA] is one of the best teachers I've ever had and I am going to miss him dearly." "The feedback given on the essays were extremely helpful." "[The TA] was great at helping me develop ideas without saying too much or too little; I was developing my own ideas, just sometimes with his guide and approval."</i>	SA 203 48%	A 161 38%	D 33 8%	SD 7 2%
	SA + A = 86%			
	BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
	363 54%	251 37%	39 6%	23 3%
	SA + A = 91%			

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

<i>"The writing in this course was based on creating multiple drafts and continuously revising; this method has helped me become a more confident writer." "This absolutely built on my prior skills." "It expanded my knowledge on types of writing and research compared to what I've done in the past." "We were forced to view things from unique perspectives that I had not considered."</i>	SA 205 48%	A 192 45%	D 23 5%	SD 5 1%
	SA + A = 93%			

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

<i>"All writing knowledge is good for the future." "Totally, I feel like my writing abilities and efficiency greatly improved, and I will take these skills with me." "It has given me more experience and practice with writing." "The writing is something I will be doing in future work, so this in-depth practice was beneficial." "The research paper was good practice for long papers in the future."</i>	SA 210 53%	A 164 42%	D 16 4%	SD 5 1%
	SA + A = 95%			

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

"Yes, I love writing because it helps me learn and better develop my knowledge." "I enjoyed the writing elements as they encouraged critical thinking about the material and increasing my understanding of topics in class." "Yes, because it allowed me to reflect on the topics independently." "I have loved this course so much!" "The writing assignments helped me understand the concepts in-depth and forced me to think carefully about what I was learning in a way that significantly benefited me." "I feel like the writing in this course helped me become more passionate about the subject and develop more of an opinion. This made class debates interesting and fun." "I was able to be more involved with the material through writing." "I think I'm more confident in writing in general, and how to think through my writing process." "Yes, it has taught me to think about math in a way that I have never thought of before." "I feel like the writing assignments helped me stay on top of the class content and challenged me to learn and adapt." "I was glad to be doing so many writing assignments and with so much feedback because I wanted to improve my skills and I think I have."