

Student Response Report · Spring 2024

"I absolutely processed and understood everything in this course better with writing."

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

1) My experience in this course strengthened my writing.

"I wasn't as good of a writer before this class." "It allowed me to practice writing." "Our in-class writing activity honestly transformed the way I wrote in-class essays and essays overall." "Learning the peer review process was very helpful to learn/understand." "With every class discussion I was presented with ideas from various people that I previously would not have thought of. This greatly strengthened my writing." "Being able to discuss readings/films has given me a deeper understanding of the content, so I can effectively write." "My scientific writing improved immensely through practice." "It's forced me to explain my internal thoughts so that someone else can understand the message."

SA	A	D	SD
167	266	28	0
36%	58%	6%	0%

SA + A = 94%

BIOL	1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L
270	288
45%	48%

SA + A = 93%

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

"I got to dive deeper into topics." "The writing encouraged me to do extensive research outside of class." "Made me look at the reading materials in a different way in order to understand the material." "Forced me to have a deeper analysis of the literature/texts/films we were reading." "The writing assignments kept me on track with the reading and forced me to dive deeper into specific subjects." "Our required reading and writing made me think critically and look at materials in ways I had not done previously." "The writing helped me enhance my understanding on a deeper level in regard to the subject."

SA	A	D	SD
238	212	11	0
52%	46%	2%	0%

SA + A = 98%

BIOL	1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L
267	302
44%	49%

SA + A = 93%

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

"The assignments forced me to understand concepts." "I was more willing to do readings." "I felt like I could really engage in the class conversations." "We had to reply to our peers and were able to contribute to the creation of our questions as well!" "The class is largely participation and discussion so the assignments helped facilitate active engagement." "In this course, having the writing assignments made me not only engage with the readings and course materials, but with classmates and instructors." "Working in groups or individually helped me to be involved and understand more." "By reading/writing more, I was more involved in the content material." "The writing assignments gave me the confidence to participate during class/share my ideas."

SA	A	D	SD
249	184	28	0
54%	40%	6%	0%

SA + A = 94%

BIOL	1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L
319	287
50%	45%

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).

"Helped me learn how to write a defensible paper on my interpretation of a certain piece of literature/film." "Writing an annotated bib and learning about historiography makes writing history make more sense." "I learned a lot through writing and reading." "As a history major, it really helped with historical reasoning." "For sure, I've never written like this before." "The assignments helped me to understand how write ups an work in different classes."

SA	A	D	SD
232	193	31	5
50%	42%	7%	1%
SA + A = 92%			

BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
321	282	15	13
51%	45%	2%	2%
SA + A = 96%			

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

"The TA gave thorough and helpful feedback. She was respectful and made it clear that she had given thought to my writing." "The rubric and feedback for the assignment provided great direction." "We had good peer review sessions that were effective." "I got really helpful feedback in person and written form." "The teaching assistant was great, knowledgeable, and quick to assist when writing." "I always love the detailed advice and instructions offered to which I can go back and improve on." "Gives amazing feedback on our writing." "Feedback has always been constructive and incredibly helpful." "Coaching was detailed, concise, and effective." "The TA always makes writing seem less daunting and gives good advice on how to begin the writing process."

SA	A	D	SD
233	191	29	8
51%	41%	6%	2%
SA + A = 92%			

BIOL 1103L/1104L/1107L/1108L			
368	226	29	19
57%	35%	5%	3%
SA + A = 92%			

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

"The writing process was forgiving and helpful." "The writing I submitted for this class was better than my prior writing. I've learned how to more effectively communication information." "The class added to my prior knowledge." "How could writing not build on previously learned skills?" "I gained a lot of experience growing in writing." "It has helped me put effort and thoughtfulness on how my writing flows." "This class allowed me to adapt a new form of writing building on my previous knowledge."

SA	A	D	SD
245	194	21	1
53%	42%	5%	0%
SA + A = 95%			

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

"I am better able to think creatively and inquisitively about everyday things and can formulate those thoughts into cohesive arguments." "I feel more confident in my writing ability." "Writing in this class has given me a better, more scholarly way of writing." "Any writing assignment in the future will be better because of this course. I have never written so much in my life." "I feel more confident that I will be able to use evidence to form an argument in the future." "I feel more comfortable speaking my opinion. I now know how to put it on paper in a convincing way."

SA	A	D	SD
234	205	22	0
51%	44%	5%	0%
SA + A = 95%			

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

"I absolutely processed and understood everything in this course better with writing. I loved to be able to produce my own intelligent, well informed statement/comment on this subject matter, as I believe if you can write about something you have deeper understanding rather than just only revealing information from your mind when taking tests." "Learning to write for multiple audiences, careers, and schools!! Most important!" "I think the writing element gave me an opportunity to demonstrate my learning." "I appreciated the opportunity to expand my skillset and apply the information I learned into my writing. It was because of the writing assignments that I gained a deeper understanding of the information taught." "I'm satisfied in all I have completed and learned in this course—lots of hard work paid off and I think I gained valuable skills in this class." "I really enjoyed the level of engagement this course required. Active learning at its best!"