

## H. Course Difficulty, Workload and Pace

Students who feel overwhelmed by a course will find it difficult to experience any feelings of success or reinforcement for their efforts. On the other hand, if they achieve success too quickly and are unchallenged, it is unlikely they will work to their capacity and/or value their learning highly.

	Very Difficult	Somewhat Difficult	About Right	Somewhat Elementary	Very Elementary	Omitted
37. For my preparation and ability, the level of difficulty of this course was:	50	33	17	---	---	---
	Much Heavier	Heavier	About the Same	Lighter	Much Lighter	Omitted
38. The work load for this course in relation to other courses of equal credit was:	25	33	42	---	---	---
	Very Fast	Somewhat Fast	Just About Right	Somewhat Slow	Very Slow	Omitted
39. For me, the pace at which the instructor covered the material during the term was:	---	33	58	---	---	8

Means are not appropriate for COURSE DIFFICULTY, WORKLOAD AND PACE. Review the distribution of students' responses

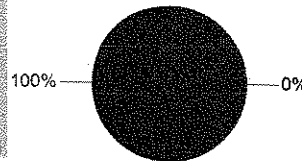
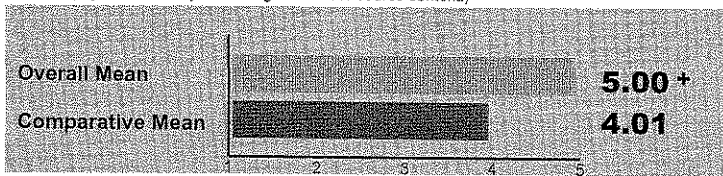
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## I. Overall Evaluation †

### Overall Evaluation Ratings:

40. Rate the quality of instruction in this course as it contributed to your learning.

(Try to set aside your feelings about the course content.)



Graph	%	Rating
	100 %	Very Effective
	0 %	Effective
	0 %	Moderately Effective
	0 %	Somewhat Ineffective
	0 %	Ineffective
	0 %	Omitted

† This is not a summary of items 1 through 39

## J. Student Information

41. Which one of the following best describes this course for you?	A Major/Minor Requirement	A College Requirement	An Elective	Other	Omitted			
	42	33	25	---	---			
42. What is your class level?	Freshman/1st Year	Sophomore/2nd Year	Junior/3rd Year	Senior/4th Year	Graduate	Other	Omitted	
	25	8	33	33	---	---	---	
43. Do you communicate better in English or in another language?	Better in English	Better in Another Language	Equally Well in English and Another Language	Omitted				
	92	---	8	---				
44. Sex	Female	Male	Omitted					
	33	67	---					
45. What grade do you expect to receive in this course?	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C	Below C	Omitted
	---	17	25	17	8	25	8	---

## K. Supplementary Questions

	5	4	3	2	1	NA	Omitted
46. ....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
47. ....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
48. ....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
49. ....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
50. ....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
51. ....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
52. ....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
53. ....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
54. ....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
55. ....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

## D. Assignments, Exams, and Grading

An important aspect of this scale is the quality of feedback students receive from instructors on their assignments, exams and grades. Instructors choose assignments and textbooks that are helpful in understanding course material.



	5 Effective	4 Effective	3 Effective	2 Ineffective	1 Ineffective	Omitted	N/A	Mean
16. The information given to students about how they would be graded	92	8	---	---	---	---	---	4.92
17. The clarity of exam questions	67	25	---	---	---	---	8	4.73
18. The exams' coverage of important aspects of the course	92	8	---	---	---	---	---	4.92
19. The instructor's comments on assignments and exams	83	8	8	---	---	---	---	4.75
20. The overall quality of the textbook(s)	42	33	25	---	---	---	---	4.17
21. The helpfulness of assignments in understanding course material	83	17	---	---	---	---	---	4.83

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## E. Supplementary Instructional Methods \*\*\*

	5 Effective	4 Effective	3 Effective	2 Ineffective	1 Ineffective	Omitted	N/A	Mean
22. Problems or questions presented by the instructor for small group discussions	75	25	---	---	---	---	---	***
23. Term paper(s) or project(s)	33	8	---	---	---	8	50	***
24. Laboratory exercises for understanding important course concepts	17	---	---	---	---	25	58	***
25. Assigned projects in which students worked together	50	8	---	---	---	17	25	***
26. Case studies, simulations, or role playing	8	17	---	---	---	25	50	***
27. Course journals or logs required of students	17	---	---	---	---	25	58	***
28. Instructor's use of computers as aids in instruction	25	---	---	---	---	25	50	***

\*\*\* Means are not reported for these statements

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## F. Course Outcomes

The goal of any course is to increase student learning. Making progress toward course objectives and increasing student interest in the subject area are important corollaries to this outcome. This scale measures students' perceptions of their learning in the course, as well as to what extent the course helped them think independently.



	5 Much More Than Most Courses	4 More Than Most Courses	3 About the Same as Others	2 Less Than Most Courses	1 Much Less Than Most Courses	Omitted	N/A	Mean
29. My learning increased in this course	58	33	---	---	8	---	---	4.33
30. I made progress toward achieving course objectives	58	17	8	8	8	---	---	4.08
31. My interest in the subject area has increased	58	8	8	17	8	---	---	3.92
32. This course helped me to think independently about the subject matter	58	8	33	---	---	---	---	4.25
33. This course actively involved me in what I was learning	58	25	8	8	---	---	---	4.33

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## G. Student Effort and Involvement

Student learning is also determined by how much effort is put into the course. How much time students spend studying and completing assignments, how well prepared they are for each class, and their attitudes toward the content itself are only partially under the teacher's control.



	5 Much More Than Most Courses	4 More Than Most Courses	3 About the Same as Others	2 Less Than Most Courses	1 Much Less Than Most Courses	Omitted	N/A	Mean
34. I studied and put effort into this course	58	33	8	---	---	---	---	4.50
35. I was prepared for each class (writing and reading assignments)	33	42	25	---	---	---	---	4.08
36. I was challenged by this course	67	25	8	---	---	---	---	4.58

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Admin. Date: 05/16 Batch No.: 4797

Report No.: 850345 Report: CLASS

College: BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY

Class: PEARS PHIL 310 001

Class Enrollment: 14 No. of Respondents: 12

**Suggestions for Improving Your Teaching**

Educational Testing Service offers an on-line set of suggestions for improving instruction. This Compendium of suggestions includes practices that highly rated teachers say they use as well as research-based effective teaching practices. The suggestions are grouped according to the SIR II scales and are linked to additional sources of information.

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(The percentages and means are based on the total number of respondents, not class enrollment.)

**A. Course Organization and Planning**

This scale speaks to how well the instructor has made requirements clear and is prepared for each class. It also reflects whether students view the instructor as being in command of the subject matter and able to emphasize the important points to be learned.

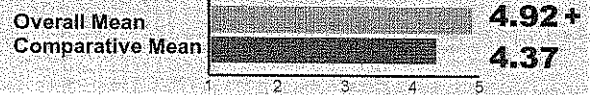


	Very Effective 5	Effective 4	Moderately Effective 3	Somewhat Ineffective 2	Ineffective 1	Omitted	N/A	Mean
1. The instructor's explanation of course requirements	92	8	---	---	---	---	---	4.92
2. The instructor's preparation for each class period	92	8	---	---	---	---	---	4.92
3. The instructor's command of the subject matter	100	---	---	---	---	---	---	5.00+
4. The instructor's use of class time	100	---	---	---	---	---	---	5.00+
5. The instructor's way of summarizing or emphasizing important points in class	92	8	---	---	---	---	---	4.92

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**B. Communication**

Making clear and understandable presentations and using examples or illustrations when necessary are important tools for communicating with students. Communication is also facilitated by an instructor's enthusiasm for the material and use of challenging questions or problems in class.

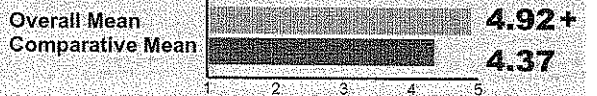


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6. The instructor's ability to make clear and understandable presentations	92	8	---	---	---	---	---	4.92
7. The instructor's command of spoken English (or the language used in the course)	92	8	---	---	---	---	---	4.92
8. The instructor's use of examples or illustrations to clarify course material	92	8	---	---	---	---	---	4.92
9. The instructor's use of challenging questions or problems	83	17	---	---	---	---	---	4.83
10. The instructor's enthusiasm for the course material	100	---	---	---	---	---	---	5.00+

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**C. Faculty/Student Interaction**

Students prefer instructors who are helpful, responsive and show concern for their students' progress. Highly rated teachers are available to give students extra help if needed and show a willingness to listen to students' questions and opinions.



	Very Effective 5	Effective 4	Moderately Effective 3	Somewhat Ineffective 2	Ineffective 1	Omitted	N/A	Mean
11. The instructor's helpfulness and responsiveness to students	92	8	---	---	---	---	---	4.92
12. The instructor's respect for students	100	---	---	---	---	---	---	5.00+
13. The instructor's concern for student progress	92	8	---	---	---	---	---	4.92
14. The availability of extra help for this class (taking into account the size of the class)	83	17	---	---	---	---	---	4.83
15. The instructor's willingness to listen to student questions and opinions	92	8	---	---	---	---	---	4.92

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