**Course Organization and Planning/ Course Design:**

POLI250801_2025SPRG_Cold Wars, Old and New

Distribution of Responses

1. The course was well organized.

5 Strongly Agree	21	77.78%
4 Agree	4	14.81%
3 Uncertain	2	7.41%
2 Disagree	0	0.00%
1 Strongly Dis…	0	0.00%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
Total	**27**	

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.70
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.61

2. The learning objectives were clearly defined

5 Strongly Agree	22	84.62%
4 Agree	4	15.38%
3 Uncertain	0	0.00%
2 Disagree	0	0.00%
1 Strongly Dis…	0	0.00%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
Total	**26**	

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.85
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.37

Course Difficulty and Workload:

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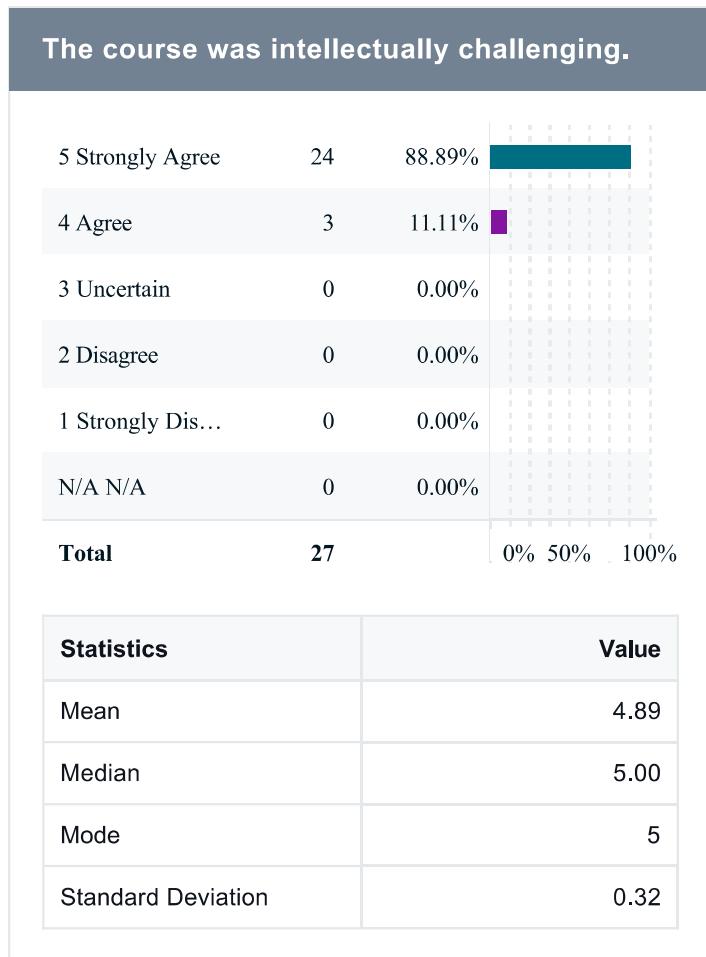
Distribution of Responses

The course was intellectually challenging.		
5 Strongly Agree	24	88.89%
4 Agree	3	11.11%
3 Uncertain	0	0.00%
2 Disagree	0	0.00%
1 Strongly Dis…	0	0.00%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
Total	**27**	

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.89
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.32

On average, how many hours per week outside of class do you devote for this course?

5 10 or More …	0	0.00%	
4 7 - 9	3	11.11%	
3 4 - 6	9	33.33%	
2 1 -3	12	44.44%	
1 <1	3	11.11%	
Total	**27**		
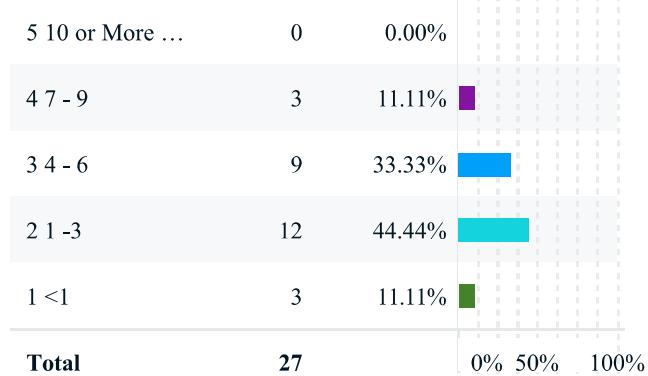
Statistics	Value
Response Count	27
Mean	2.44
Median	2.00
Mode	2
Standard Deviation	0.85

Course Learning Outcomes: - - - - - - - -

POLI250801_2025SPRG_Cold Wars, Old and New

Distribution of Responses

1. Class attendance was necessary for learning the course material.

5 Strongly Agree	27	100.00%
4 Agree	0	0.00%
3 Uncertain	0	0.00%
2 Disagree	0	0.00%
1 Strongly Dis…	0	0.00%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
Total	**27**	0% 50% 100%

Statistics	Value
Mean	5.00
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.00

2. Assignments were helpful in learning the course material.

5 Strongly Agree	17	62.96%
4 Agree	4	14.81%
3 Uncertain	3	11.11%
2 Disagree	1	3.70%
1 Strongly Dis…	0	0.00%
N/A N/A	2	7.41%
Total	**27**	0% 50% 100%

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.48
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.87

3. I learned perspectives, principles or practices that I expect to apply beyond the course.

5 Strongly Agree	24	92.31%	
4 Agree	0	0.00%	
3 Uncertain	1	3.85%	
2 Disagree	1	3.85%	
1 Strongly Dis…	0	0.00%	
N/A N/A	0	0.00%	
Total	**26**		

0% 50% 100%

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.81
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.69

How would you rate this course overall?

5 Excellent	22	81.48%	
4 Very Good	2	7.41%	
3 Good	3	11.11%	
2 Fair	0	0.00%	
1 Poor	0	0.00%	
N/A N/A	0	0.00%	
Total	**27**		

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.70
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.67
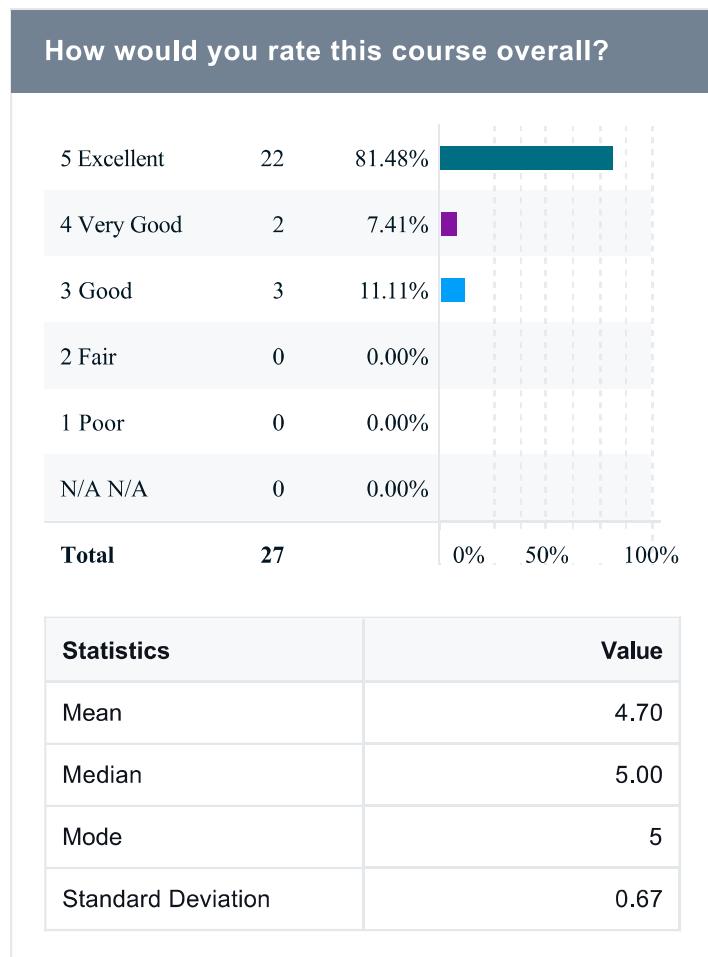
Course Specific Open-Ended Responses:

What are the strengths of this course?

Comments
Clear and straightforward format, manageable reading, very good lectures, highly knowledgeable professor, clear expectations for exams. Intellectually stimulating and highly relevant material.
The application of theory and concepts to understand the Cold War
This course is not only intellectually rigorous and engaging, but gives students meaningful takeaways on a number of important policy positions. Professor Byun's teaching is another strength of this course.
The classes were integral to learning the material of the course. They laid out clearly the necessary information.
very in depth readings
Professor enthusiasm about the content and the clarity with which the professor lectures
Clear learning objectives and thought provoking discussions that make you think deeply on the topic
Covered the Cold War well.
This course is extremely comprehensive and provides an extensive history of the Cold War. Not only does it dive into the detailed history, it provides many scholarly perspectives and conflicting theories that expand your knowledge and ways to think about the same event. I think the lectures were also really well organized and flowed smoothly with the next, building up/adding on theories and information in a meaningful way.
Comprehensive international relations and Cold War survey that incorporated a multitude of scholarly perspectives and debates.
A clear and elaborate understanding of both the literature and IR theory intertwined with the cold war.
Incredibly interesting content with connections to current events.
The professor was deeply engaged and involved in the course topics. He had a great passion for international political theory.
Professor Byun was incredibly intelligent and knowledgable. I felt smarter after every lecture.
very interesting
The lectures are extremely engaging and interesting, I always leave feeling I have learned something new

What would have improved your learning in the course?

| Comments |
|---|
| Nothing comes to mind. |
| Nothing! |
| This course is fantastic as is. |
| Posting some class material to Canvas. |
| nothing, good as is |
| The pace of this class is very fast. I found myself struggling to type all the information into my notes, while students who prefer hand writing were almost unable to keep up. The professor used his own typed notes to guide the lectures and I wish we could have received a copy after class to go over anything we could have missed. |
| Exams could have 1 instead of 2 short essays or shorter analytical essays as it is extremely difficult to have enough time for the analytical essays to be done well. |
| Slides can be helpful because sometimes I wouldn't hear a word or so that were said and was unable to see what I might have missed. |
| Slides would have really helped since Professor Byun moved very quickly through material. |
| N/A |
| There is not much. |
| maybe some slides to help me follow the lectures. |
| Nothing comes to mind |

Additional Comments:

Comments
N/A
NA
na
Nothing
N/A
n/a

Communication Clarity/ Clarity of Instruction:

Instructor Specific Questions for (Hyung-Joon Byun)

Distribution of Responses

1. The instructor was effective in helping students understand difficult concepts, methods, and subject matter.

5 Strongly Agree	25	92.59%	
4 Agree	2	7.41%	
3 Uncertain	0	0.00%	
2 Disagree	0	0.00%	
1 Strongly Dis…	0	0.00%	
N/A N/A	0	0.00%	
Total	**27**		0% 50% 100%
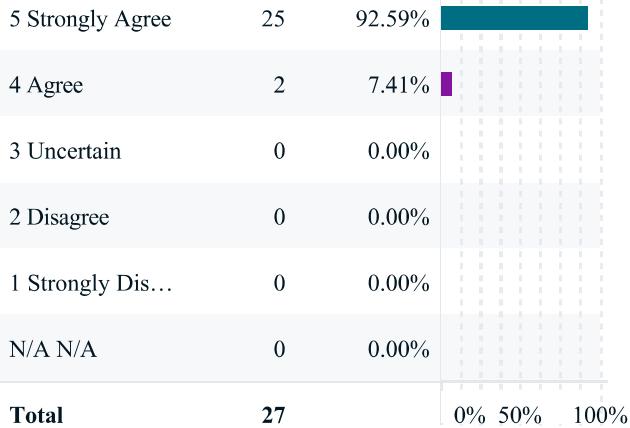
Statistics	Value
Mean	4.93
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.27

2. The instructor was available for help outside of class.

5 Strongly Agree	18	66.67%	
4 Agree	7	25.93%	
3 Uncertain	1	3.70%	
2 Disagree	0	0.00%	
1 Strongly Dis…	0	0.00%	
N/A N/A	1	3.70%	
Total	**27**		0% 50% 100%
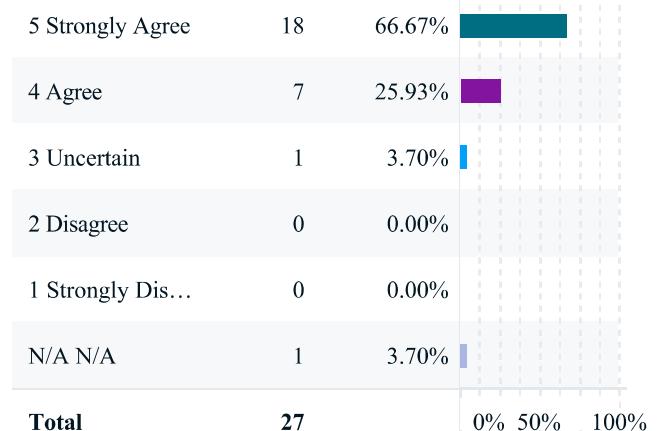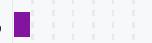
Statistics	Value
Mean	4.65
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.56

3. The instructor stimulated interest in the subject matter.

5 Strongly Agree	26	96.30%	
4 Agree	1	3.70%	
3 Uncertain	0	0.00%	
2 Disagree	0	0.00%	
1 Strongly Dis…	0	0.00%	
N/A N/A	0	0.00%	
Total	**27**		0% 50% 100%

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.96
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.19

4. The instructor motivated me to do my best work.

5 Strongly Agree	24	88.89%	
4 Agree	3	11.11%	
3 Uncertain	0	0.00%	
2 Disagree	0	0.00%	
1 Strongly Dis…	0	0.00%	
N/A N/A	0	0.00%	
Total	**27**		0% 50% 100%

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.89
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.32

How would you rate this instructor overall as a teacher?

How would you rate this instructor overall as a teacher?			
5 Excellent	21	77.78%	
4 Very Good	5	18.52%	
3 Good	1	3.70%	
2 Fair	0	0.00%	
1 Poor	0	0.00%	
N/A N/A	0	0.00%	
Total	**27**	0% 50% 100%	

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.74
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.53
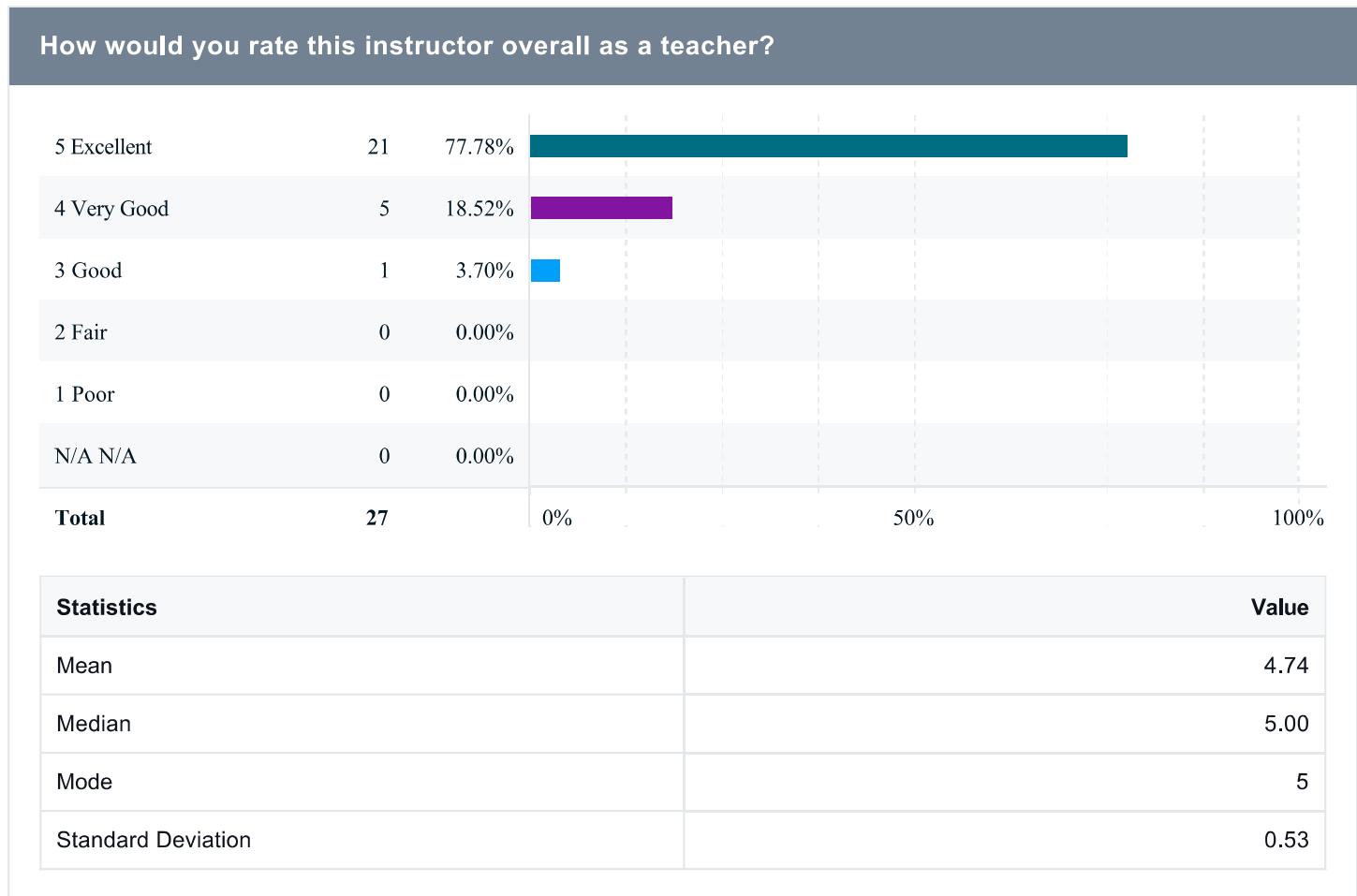
Assignments and Grading:

Instructor Specific Questions for (Hyung-Joon Byun)
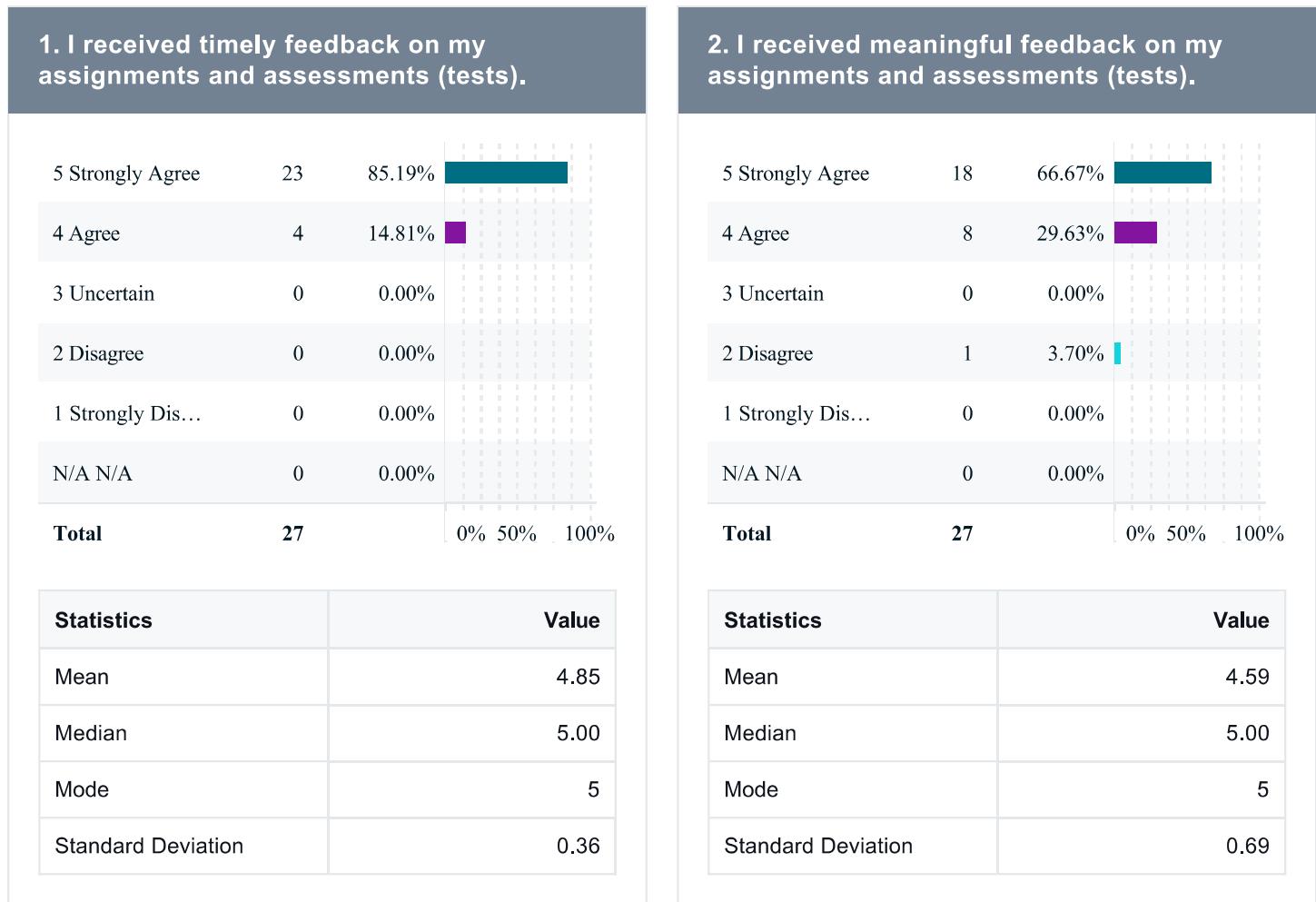
Distribution of Responses

1. I received timely feedback on my assignments and assessments (tests).		
5 Strongly Agree	23	85.19%
4 Agree	4	14.81%
3 Uncertain	0	0.00%
2 Disagree	0	0.00%
1 Strongly Dis…	0	0.00%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
Total	**27**	

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.85
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.36

2. I received meaningful feedback on my assignments and assessments (tests).		
5 Strongly Agree	18	66.67%
4 Agree	8	29.63%
3 Uncertain	0	0.00%
2 Disagree	1	3.70%
1 Strongly Dis…	0	0.00%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
Total	**27**	

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.59
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.69

Did you find the required course materials (e.g., textbook(s), coursepack(s), online resources, etc.) helpful in your learning the subject matter? YES/NO.

Did you find the required course materials (e.g., textbook(s), coursepack(s), online resources, etc.) helpful in your learning the subject matter? YES/NO.

2 Yes	16	84.21%	
1 No	3	15.79%	
Total	**19**		
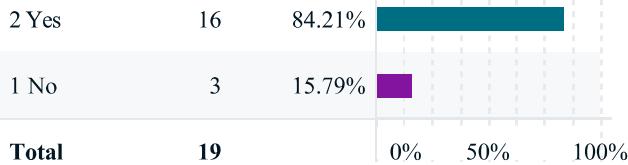
Statistics	Value
Invited Count	35
Response Count	19
Mean	1.84
Median	2.00
Mode	2

Did you find the required course materials (e.g., textbook(s), coursepack(s), online resources, etc.) helpful in your learning the subject matter? YES/NO. (Comments)

| Comment |
| --- |
| - Readings were absolutely necessary as lectures covered all of the reading materials |
| - The readings posted on Canvas and the two required books for the course interacted with course themes meaningfully. |
| - I did not find the resources to be that necessary. |
| - I learned a lot of historical facts and political thought I would not have know if I did not read the books |
| - Readings were important to understanding the subject |
| - I found the readings to be helpful in preparing for the exams and being familiar with the scholars to reference in the exam. |
| - Yes he gave us a wide variety of perspectives and views on international security competition. |
| - helpful for understanding |
| - The lectures are the most important aspect |

Instructor Specific Open-Ended Responses:

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Did the instructor treat all students with respect, and cultivate an open and welcoming environment in class? How or how not?

Comments
Yes, excellent and knowledgeable professor, gave very informative and understandable lectures while covering a great deal of material.
Yes, he was extremely caring, kind, and funny
I did not see or experience anything that would suggest Professor Byun did not meet these requirements. He was incredibly pleasant as an instructor.
Yes, he was very respectful to students and encouraged learning.
yes by relating the material to pop culture
Professor Byun is one of the kindest professors I have had at BC. Although he moves quick, you can tell it's because he is genuinely interested in the material. He made our learning objectives clear and meticulously outlined what he expected from us.
Professor Byun created an excellent classroom environment and was able to answer all questions respectfully and well.
Yes, the instructor engaged with questions and made sure everyone understood the concepts clearly.
Yes, Professor Byun's intellectual stature sometimes made him intimidating, but he is very receptive to questions and discussion with students in and out of the classroom.
Yes, I would recommend Prof. Byun to any political science student for an interesting but still rigorous course.
Yes, he was very respectful.
Yes.
Yes!
Yes, he is very respecting of every student and makes it clear he understands the various circumstances students might be experiencing

Course Questions for (**POLI250801_2025SPRG_Cold Wars, Old and New**) - Benchmarks:

Course Organization and Planning/ Course Design:

1. The course was well organized.
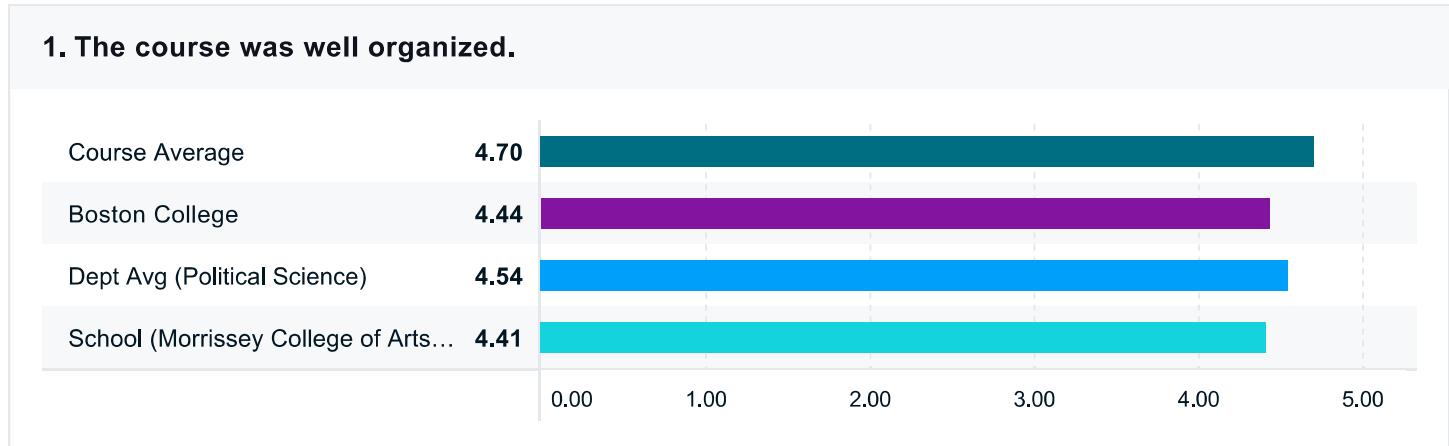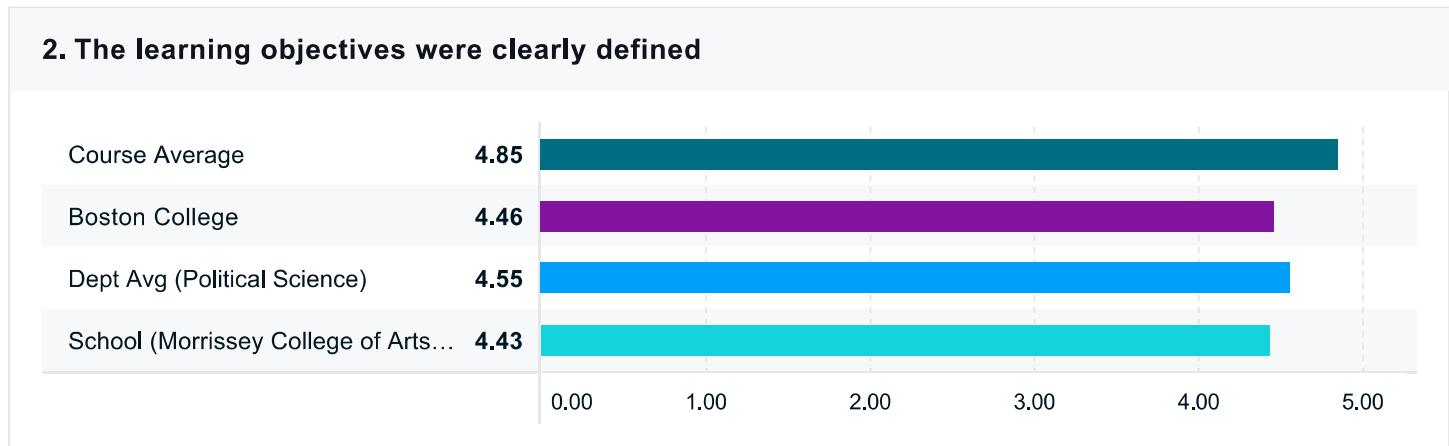
Course Average	**4.70**
Boston College	**4.44**
Dept Avg (Political Science)	**4.54**
School (Morrissey College of Arts…	**4.41**

0.00   1.00   2.00   3.00   4.00   5.00

2. The learning objectives were clearly defined

Course Average	**4.85**
Boston College	**4.46**
Dept Avg (Political Science)	**4.55**
School (Morrissey College of Arts…	**4.43**

0.00   1.00   2.00   3.00   4.00   5.00

The course was intellectually challenging.

Course Average	**4.89**
Boston College	**4.40**
Dept Avg (Political Science)	**4.63**
School (Morrissey College of Arts…	**4.41**

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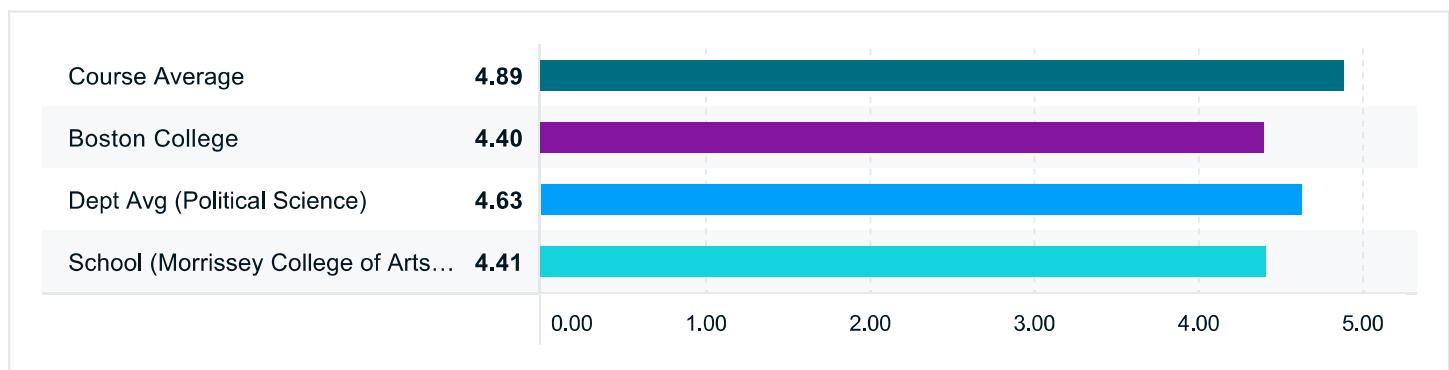
On average, how many hours per week outside of class do you devote for this course?

Course Average	2.44
Boston College	2.69
Dept Avg (Political Science)	2.75
School (Morrissey College of Arts…	2.64

Scale: 0.00 1.00 2.00 3.00 4.00 5.00
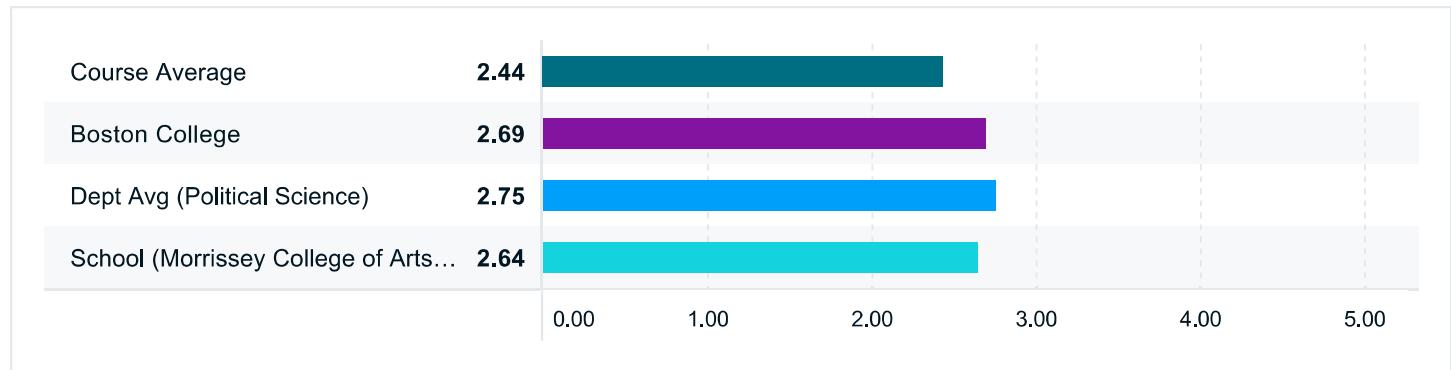
Course Learning Outcomes

1. Class attendance was necessary for learning the course material.
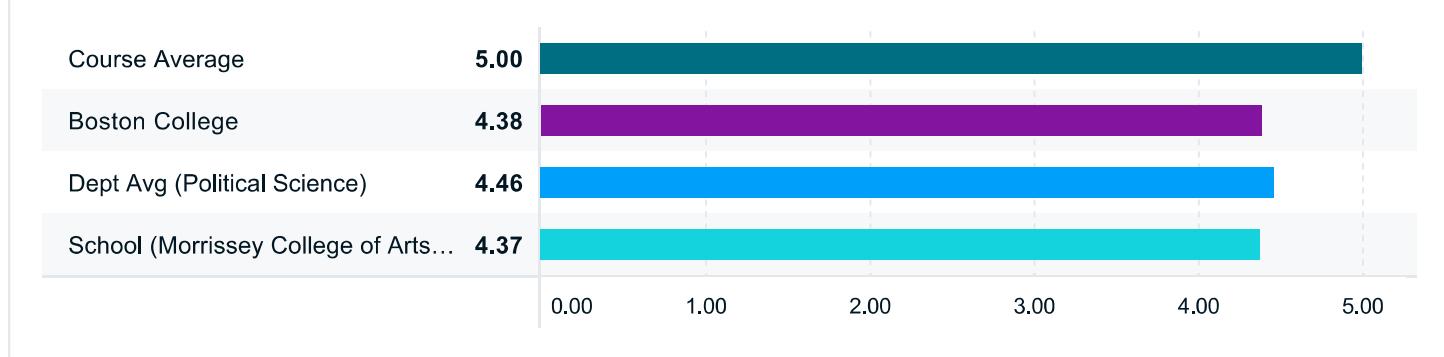
Course Average	**5.00**
Boston College	**4.38**
Dept Avg (Political Science)	**4.46**
School (Morrissey College of Arts…	**4.37**

0.00   1.00   2.00   3.00   4.00   5.00

2. Assignments were helpful in learning the course material.

Course Average	**4.48**
Boston College	**4.41**
Dept Avg (Political Science)	**4.52**
School (Morrissey College of Arts…	**4.39**

0.00   1.00   2.00   3.00   4.00   5.00

3. I learned perspectives, principles or practices that I expect to apply beyond the course.

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Course Average	**4.81**
Boston College	**4.47**
Dept Avg (Political Science)	**4.65**
School (Morrissey College of Arts…	**4.42**

0.00   1.00   2.00   3.00   4.00   5.00

How would your rate this course overall?

Course Average	**4.70**
Boston College	**4.07**
Dept Avg (Political Science)	**4.27**
School (Morrissey College of Arts…	**4.02**

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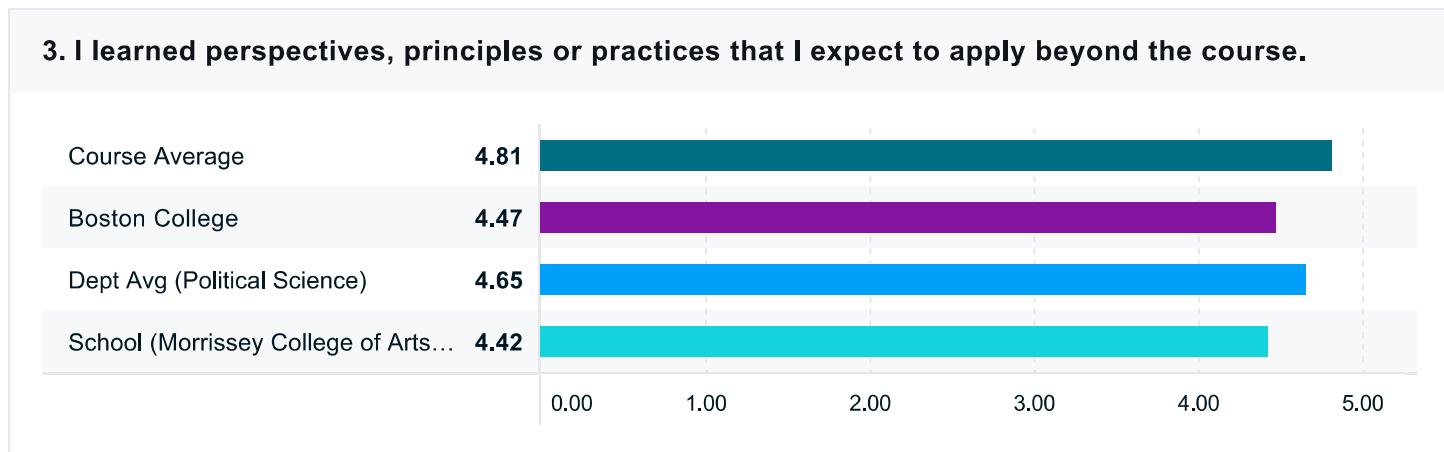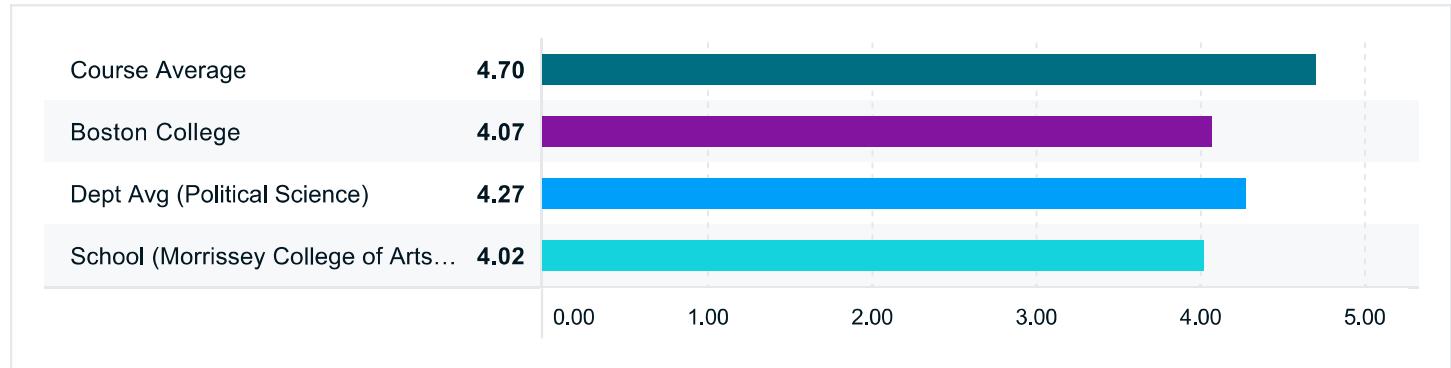
**Instructor Questions for (Hyung-Joon Byun) - Benchmarks:**

Communication/ Clarity of Communication/ Faculty/Student Interaction

1. The instructor was effective in helping students understand difficult concepts, methods, and subject matter.

Course Average	**4.93**
Boston College	**4.50**
Dept Avg (Political Science)	**4.60**
School (Morrissey College of Arts…	**4.48**

0.00   1.00   2.00   3.00   4.00   5.00

2. The instructor was available for help outside of class.

Course Average	**4.65**
Boston College	**4.53**
Dept Avg (Political Science)	**4.59**
School (Morrissey College of Arts…	**4.51**

0.00   1.00   2.00   3.00   4.00   5.00

3. The instructor stimulated interest in the subject matter.

Course Average	**4.96**
Boston College	**4.54**
Dept Avg (Political Science)	**4.65**
School (Morrissey College of Arts…	**4.52**

0.00   1.00   2.00   3.00   4.00   5.00

4. The instructor motivated me to do my best work.

Course Average	4.89
Boston College	4.48
Dept Avg (Political Science)	4.56
School (Morrissey College of Arts…	4.46

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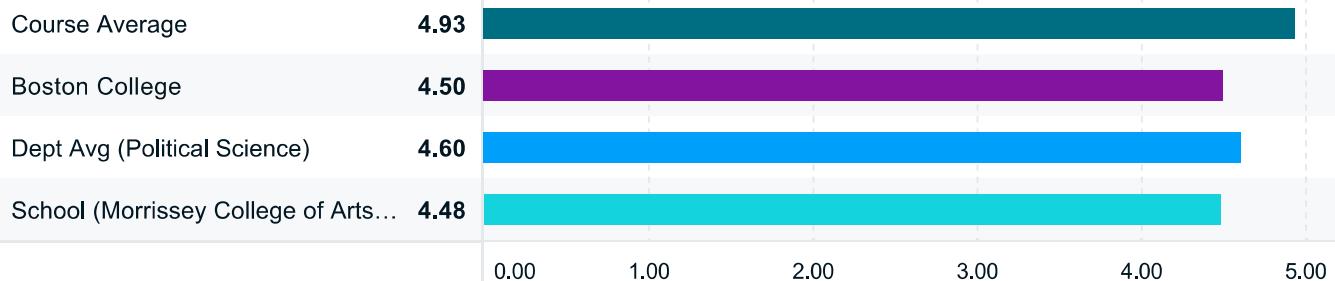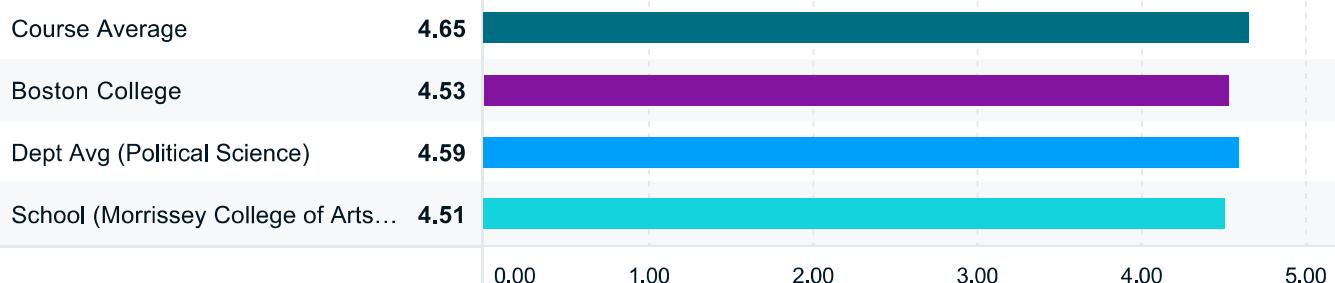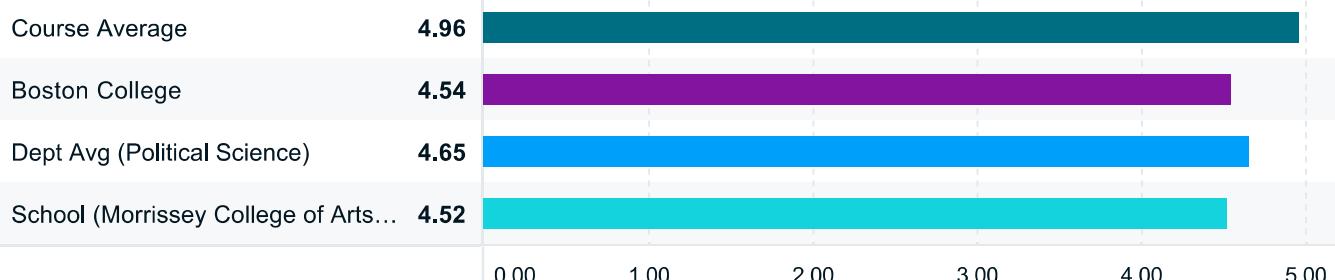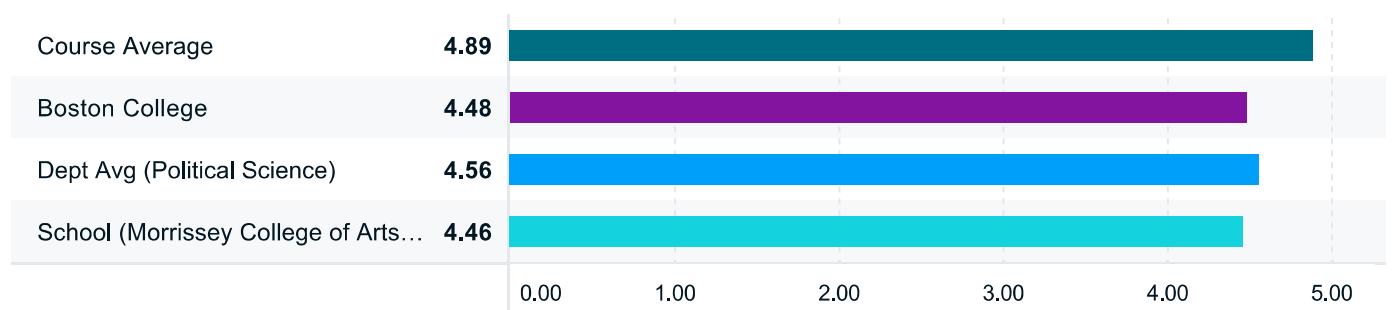
How would your rate this instructor overall as a teacher? - Benchmarks

Course Average	4.74
Boston College	4.28
Dept Avg (Political Science)	4.37
School (Morrissey College of Arts…	4.24

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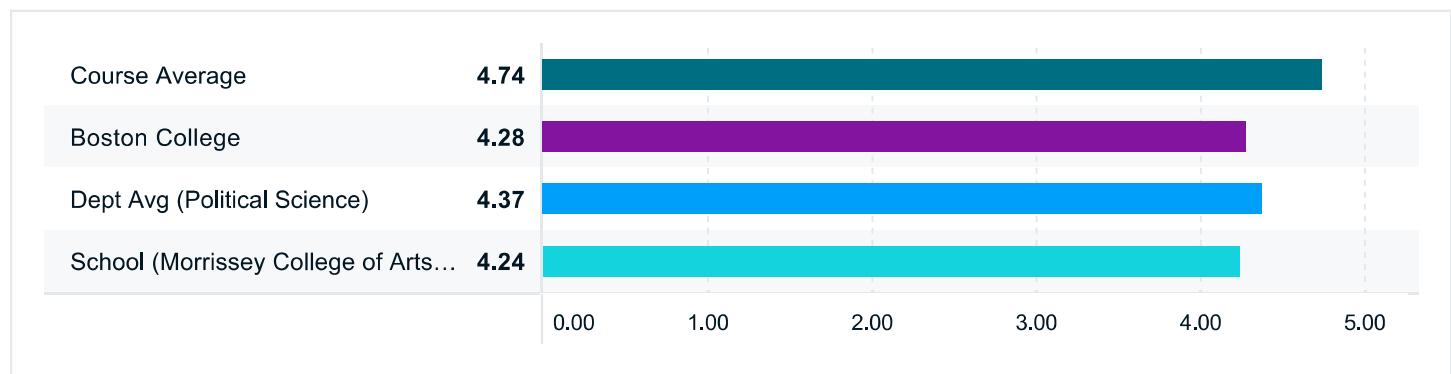
Assignnments and Grading

1. I received timely feedback on my assignments and assessments (tests).
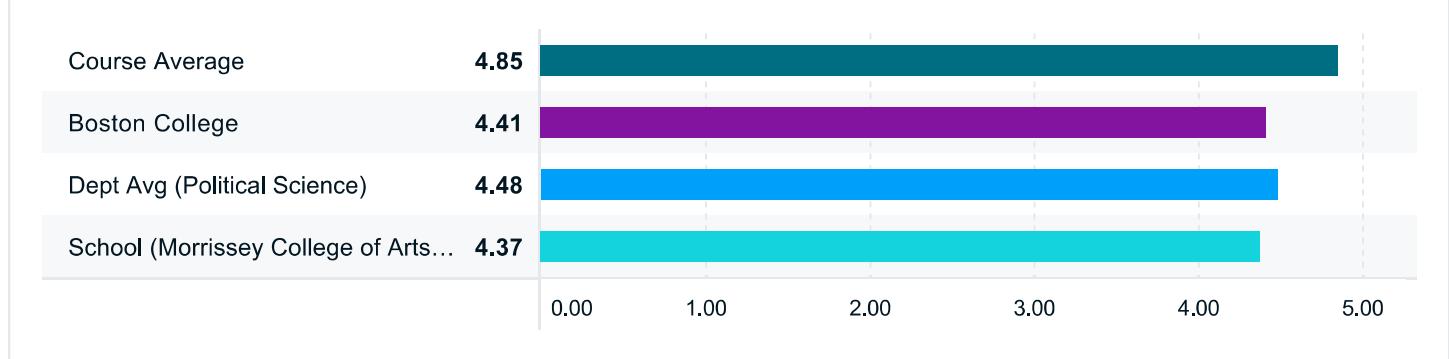
Course Average	**4.85**
Boston College	**4.41**
Dept Avg (Political Science)	**4.48**
School (Morrissey College of Arts…	**4.37**

2. I received meaningful feedback on my assignments and assessments (tests).

Course Average	**4.59**
Boston College	**4.40**
Dept Avg (Political Science)	**4.37**
School (Morrissey College of Arts…	**4.36**
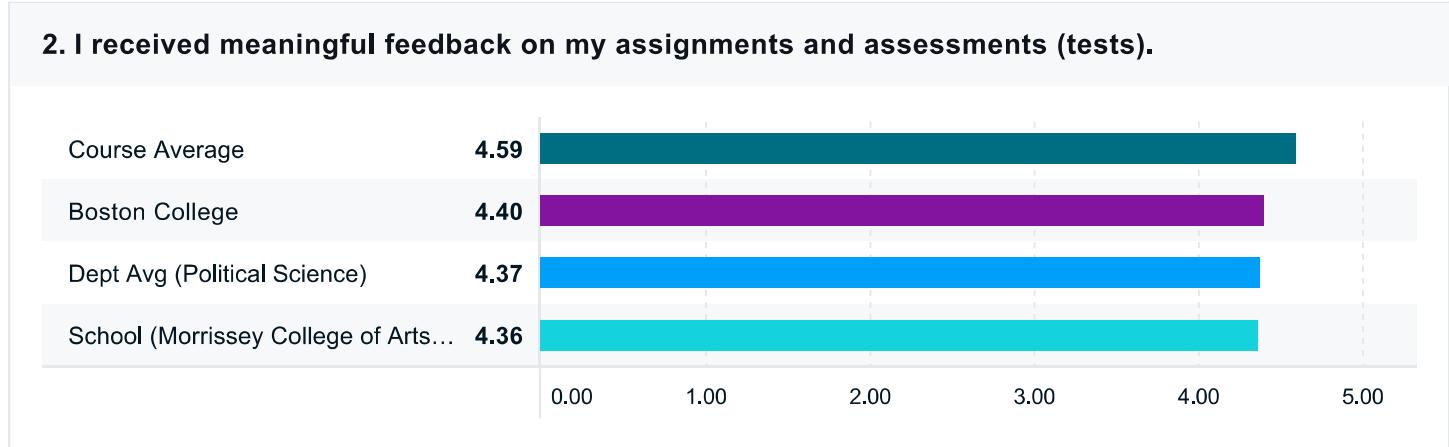
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