

Project Title: 2204 - Teaching Survey Spring 2020

Courses Audience: 19
Responses Received: 13
Response Rate: 68.42%

Subject Details	
Name	IL 1580 - FOUNDATIONS OF SPECIAL EDUC - 1020 - Lecture
DEPARTMENT_CD	I-L
CAMPUS_CD	PIT
SCHOOL_CD	EDUC
CLASS_NBR	17402
SECTION_NUMBER	1020
TERM_NUMBER	2204
COURSE_TYPE	Lecture
CLASS_ATTRIBUTE	
First Name	Sheila
Last Name	Conway
RANK_DESCR	Associate Professor
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Report Comments

Student Opinion of Teaching Survey – Instructor Report Report Guidelines for Spring/Summer 2020

Provost Cudd has provided [guidelines](#) for Student Opinion of Teaching Surveys for Spring and Summer 2020.

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Additional questions were added at the request of the Office of the Provost to surveys completed after March 23rd in order to gather student input about the remote learning experience.

Included in this report:

- Responses to Remote Instruction and Learning Questions
- Numerical results to Likert scaled items - Summary and Detailed Result
- Responses to Comments or Open-ended Questions
- Responses to additional School or Department Questions (if applicable)
- Responses to additional QP/Custom Questions (if applicable)

Collect student feedback early next term.

[Read more about Midterm Course Surveys and the OMET option.](#)

Creation Date: **Tuesday, May 12, 2020**

Remote Instruction and Learning Questions

Students were asked to provide feedback about the move to remote instruction and learning as part of the University's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

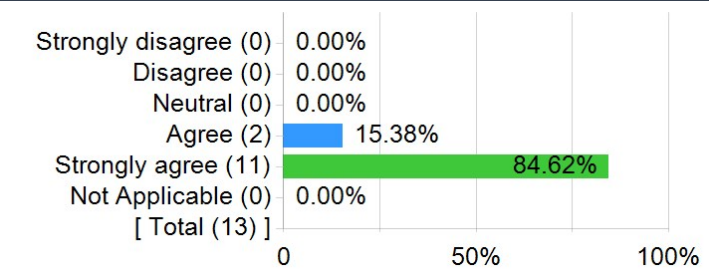
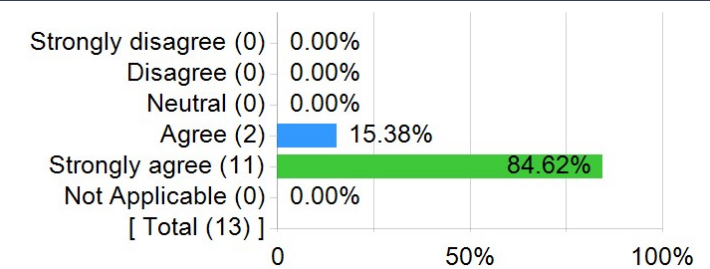
Instructor Interaction - Scale: Strongly Disagree (1) to Strongly Agree (5)

Question	Results		
	Response Count	Mean	Standard Deviation
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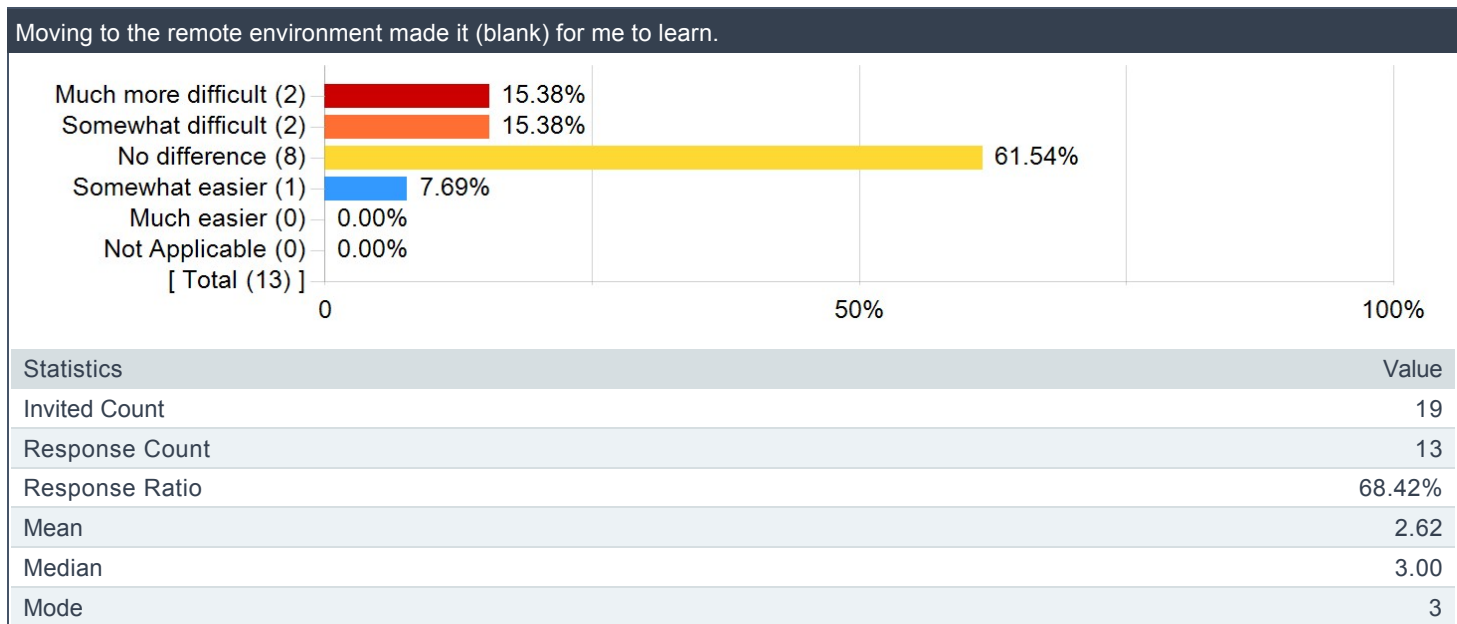
Course Resources - Scale: Strongly Disagree (1) to Strongly Agree (5)

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I had the resources I needed to finish my coursework when the course was changed to a remote instruction format.	13	4.85	0.38

Instructor and Course Details

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Move to the remote environment - Scale: Much more difficult (1) to much easier (5)



What do you think the University should know about your experience as a student in the current remote learning situation?

Comments
Once again, it is difficult to limit distractions when the whole family is at home trying their best to virtually learn as well!
I thought this class was easy to transition to as an online format. The links provided for homework were accessible and Dr Conway was really good at communicating with us about deadlines and expectations. In the future, I hope that faculty are able to make their courses suitable for both in class and online instruction. A part of me wishes that our classes were synchronous only so I was able to continue with structure, but I understand the reasons why they were not.
that we have many other responsibilities now for our families on top of our class work
The inability to carry out everything as normal
The switch to remote learning was fabulous. Although I miss our engaging lectures, the virtual lessons provided an interactive and engaging way to learn about the topics. Dr. Conway did a great job!
While it is so much more difficult for me to learn in this remote format, I appreciate the University's decision to do this to keep students and faculty safe. I think that many of the courses at Pitt are not designed to be delivered in an online format, and everyone is managing the best they can. It's hard enough doing this as a student, so I can only imagine how much more difficult it would be to be a professor teaching multiple courses in this format.
She did a great job with flexibility of the course. I never felt out of the loop and really still was able to learn a lot even though it was online.

University Questions

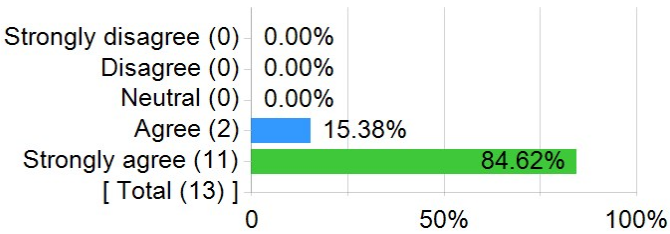
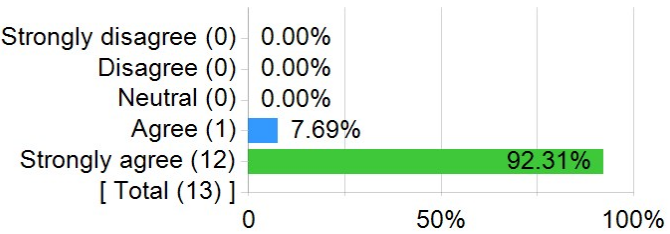
Instructor Summary of Results - Scale: Strongly Disagree (1) to Strongly Agree (5)

Question	Results		
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The instructor stimulated my thinking.	13	4.85	0.38
The instructor was enthusiastic about teaching the course.	13	4.92	0.28
The instructor presented the course in an organized manner.	13	4.92	0.28
The instructor maintained an environment where students felt comfortable participating.	13	4.92	0.28
The instructor maintained an environment where students felt comfortable seeking assistance.	13	5.00	0.00
The instructor provided helpful feedback.	13	4.77	0.60
Assignments contributed to my understanding of the subject.	13	4.69	0.48
Overall	-	4.87	0.37

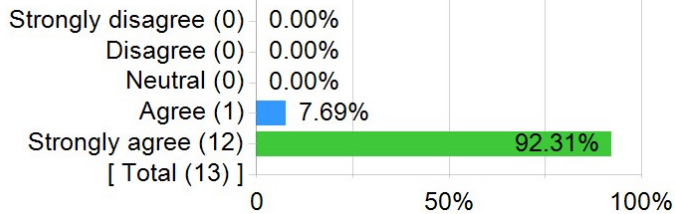
Instructor's overall teaching effectiveness

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Express your judgment of the instructor's overall teaching effectiveness.	13	5.00	0.00

Instructor Items: Detailed Results

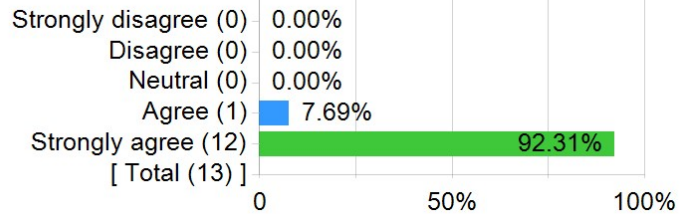
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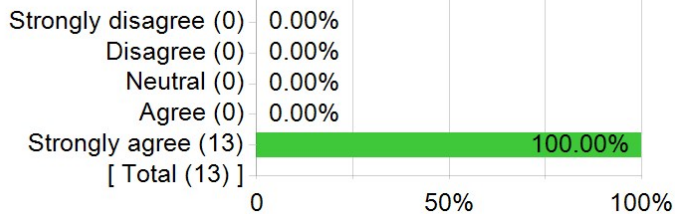
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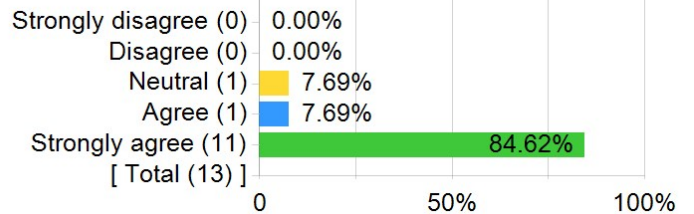
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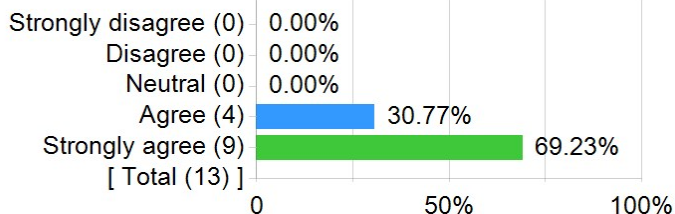
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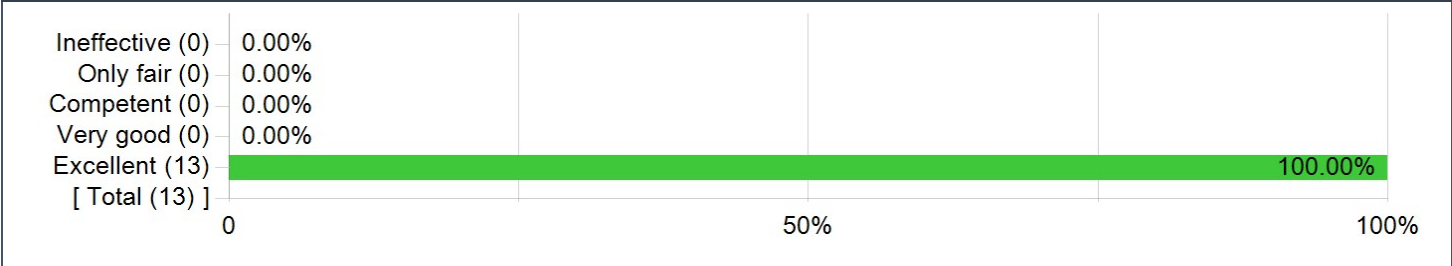
7. Assignments contributed to my understanding of the subject.



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Instructor's overall teaching effectiveness:

Express your judgment of the instructor's overall teaching effectiveness.



Comments

What did the instructor do to help you learn?

Comments
Dr. Conway had excellent presentations and supplemented with videos which I found to be very helpful.
Dr Conway incorporated a lot of in class activities that I really liked. They ranged from worksheets to more collaborative work and I really enjoyed doing them. I also liked the field placement component. It was nice to get in person experience in special education classrooms and I thought that I was able to apply the information from class into those settings.
provided helpful assignments and powerpoints
Her lectures were clear and easy to understand. I was able to grasp new information easily because of her explanations.
she broke down lessons into simple and understandable content
The observations were so helpful and the way that the class was formatted was also very beneficial to learning the subject material. Dr. Conway was really helpful and friendly and wanted to see the best for the students and she really worked to help her students out no matter what the circumstances.
She provided active class and out of class assignments to engage in the material along with real examples and videos to give us a deeper look at the topics.
very enthusiastic and willing to teach
Included discussions and thoughtful real life examples.
Dr. Conway helped me learn by having the class participate in field experience at a school or other location where we were able to interact with students who have disabilities. This was one of my favorite parts of taking this course, as it really provided me with a lot of insight into the field of special education. At the beginning of the course, she and two other instructors helped us to find a site and teacher we could shadow, which I also thought was very helpful. The teacher I had for my field experience was wonderful, and I really enjoyed getting to know the students there. I feel that this is such a valuable component to this course. Dr. Conway also helped me learn by having us engage in different class activities each week. I really enjoyed these, as it not only helped me to get to know other people in the class, but it really helped me to gain a better understanding of the material. I also really liked that she had us start a rough draft for our final paper to get a head start on it. In my experience, I've had many times where I didn't start a paper as early as I should have, so this really helped me to start early and work on it throughout the term. I think it also helped me to build a stronger paper.
She always had questions and in class activities built in to help us understand the content even better.

What could the instructor do to improve?

Comments
I don't have strong feedback for improvements. Sometimes the powerpoints were a little wordy, but other than that I thought the presentations were fine. I might also make this class meet twice a week for an hour and 15 minutes instead of once a week for 3 hours. That may not be under Dr Conway's control, but I think I would have stayed more focused and really absorbed the material a lot better if the class were shorter.
Explain the practice paper better. I felt a little lost on the requirements, but that may be my own fault.
nothing, perfect!
I would love to do more small group discussions spread out throughout the class time!
less outdated videos
Nothing.
Nothing!
Posting or emailing the assignments due the following week, it was just hard to keep track of what exactly was expected of students after not meeting for a whole week.

Do you have any other information that you would like your instructor to know?

Comments
I really enjoyed this class and am sad that we were unable to finish together in person!
I really enjoyed this class!
Thank you for making this such an engaging and positive environment!
Your class was my favorite. I am sad we had to end it early, but I am so thankful for you and this class!
I really enjoyed taking this course! I loved participating in the field experience and having the opportunity to see what it's like to teach in the field of special education. I also really loved interacting with the students and the teacher I shadowed. Overall, this was really a wonderful experience. Dr. Conway is a wonderful professor who genuinely cares about her students and wants them to succeed. Given this unprecedented time, I felt that she handled this situation well, and even though I would've much rather had class in person, I did enjoy completing the weekly online modules. I also really appreciated her understanding of students having difficult situations during this time, as she was very willing to adjust deadlines and due dates, and was very quick to resolve any issues we had with accessing the material.
You were one of the best professors I have had :)
I really enjoyed taking this course and look forward to having you in the Fall semester again! Thanks for giving me something to look forward to on Monday mornings!
Thank you for an awesome semester, I truly loved this class and learned a lot of information that I hope to use in the future! Also thank you for being so supportive and flexible after the class switched to remote learning, it was just nice knowing a professor truly care about our well-being!