Fall 2014 Course Evaluation Report for ISYS103101_2015F_COMPUTERS IN MGMT-HONORS - James Gips

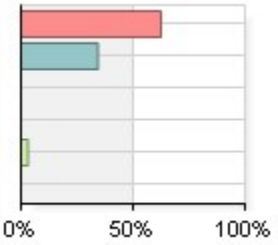
Response Table

Fall 2014	
Raters	**Students**
Responded	34
Invited	38
Response Ratio	89.47%

Course Related Questions for ISYS103101_2015F_COMPUTERS IN MGMT-HONORS- Distribution of Responses

1. The course was well organized.

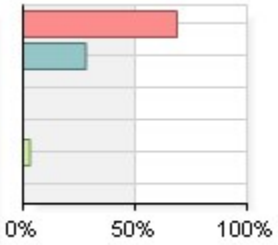
5 Strongly Agree	20	62.50%
4 Agree	11	34.38%
3 Uncertain	0	0.00%
2 Disagree	0	0.00%
1 Strongly Disagree	1	3.13%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
Total	32	



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.53
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.80

2. The course generally followed the syllabus.

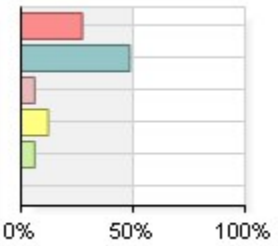
5 Strongly Agree	22	68.75%
4 Agree	9	28.13%
3 Uncertain	0	0.00%
2 Disagree	0	0.00%
1 Strongly Disagree	1	3.13%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
Total	32	



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.59
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.80

3. Class attendance was necessary for learning course material.

5 Strongly Agree	9	27.27%
4 Agree	16	48.48%
3 Uncertain	2	6.06%
2 Disagree	4	12.12%
1 Strongly Disagree	2	6.06%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
Total	33	



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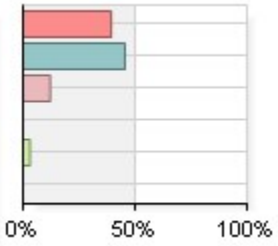
Mean	3.79
Median	4.00
Mode	4
Standard Deviation	+/-1.17

4. The course was intellectually challenging.

5 Strongly Agree	13	39.39%
4 Agree	15	45.45%
3 Uncertain	4	12.12%
2 Disagree	0	0.00%
1 Strongly Disagree	1	3.03%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
Total	33	

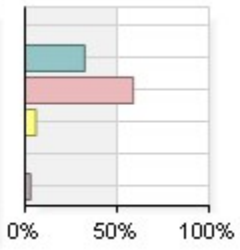


Statistics	Value
Mean	4.18
Median	4.00
Mode	4
Standard Deviation	+/-0.88

Course Related Questions for ISYS103101_2015F_COMPUTERS IN MGMT-HONORS- Distribution of Responses (continued)

Compared to similar courses (ie core, major, etc), this course required:

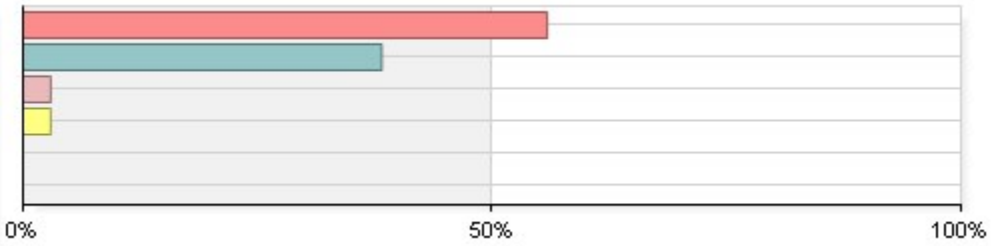
5 Much More Effort	0	0.00%
4 More Effort	11	32.35%
3 About the Same Effort	20	58.82%
2 Less Effort	2	5.88%
1 Much Less Effort	0	0.00%
N/A N/A	1	2.94%
Total	34	



Statistics	Value
Mean	3.27
Median	3.00
Mode	3
Standard Deviation	+/-0.57

How would you rate this course overall?

5 Excellent	19	55.88%
4 Very Good	13	38.24%
3 Good	1	2.94%
2 Fair	1	2.94%
1 Poor	0	0.00%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
Total	34	

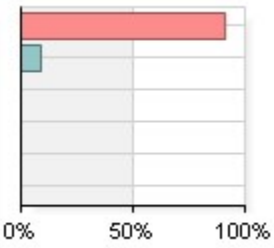


Statistics	Value
Mean	4.47
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.71

Instructor Questions for (James Gips)- Distribution of Responses

1. The instructor was prepared.

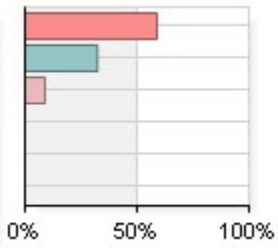
5 Strongly Agree	31	91.18%
4 Agree	3	8.82%
3 Uncertain	0	0.00%
2 Disagree	0	0.00%
1 Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
Total	34	



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.91
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.29

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

5 Strongly Agree	20	58.82%
4 Agree	11	32.35%
3 Uncertain	3	8.82%
2 Disagree	0	0.00%
1 Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
Total	34	



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.50
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.66

3. The instructor returned assignments/tests conscientiously.

5 Strongly Agree	31	91.18%
4 Agree	3	8.82%
3 Uncertain	0	0.00%
2 Disagree	0	0.00%
1 Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%
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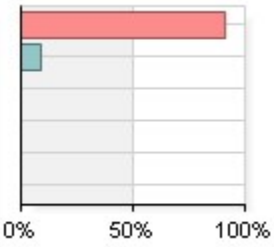
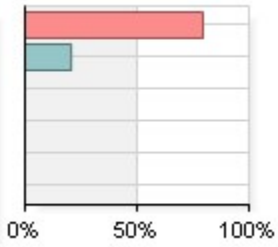


Statistics	Value
Mean	4.91
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.29

4. The instructor showed enthusiasm about the subject matter.

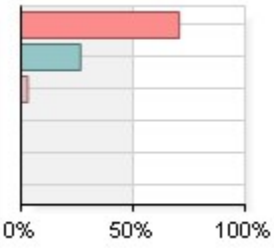
5 Strongly Agree	27	79.41%
4 Agree	7	20.59%
3 Uncertain	0	0.00%
2 Disagree	0	0.00%
1 Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
Total	34	



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.79
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.41

5. The instructor stimulated interest in the subject matter.

5 Strongly Agree	24	70.59%
4 Agree	9	26.47%
3 Uncertain	1	2.94%
2 Disagree	0	0.00%
1 Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
Total	34	



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.68
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.53

6. The instructor's explanations were clear.

5 Strongly Agree	26	76.47%
4 Agree	7	20.59%
3 Uncertain	1	2.94%
2 Disagree	0	0.00%
1 Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%
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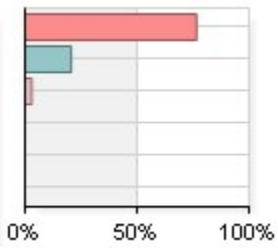

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.74
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.51

Instructor Questions for (James Gips)- Distribution of Responses (continued)

7. The instructor treated students with respect.

5 Strongly Agree	32	94.12%
4 Agree	2	5.88%
3 Uncertain	0	0.00%
2 Disagree	0	0.00%
1 Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%
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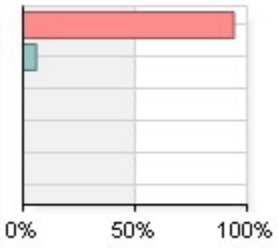

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.94
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.24

How would you rate this instructor overall as a teacher?

5 Excellent	27	79.41%
4 Very Good	5	14.71%
3 Good	2	5.88%
2 Fair	0	0.00%
1 Poor	0	0.00%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
Total	34	

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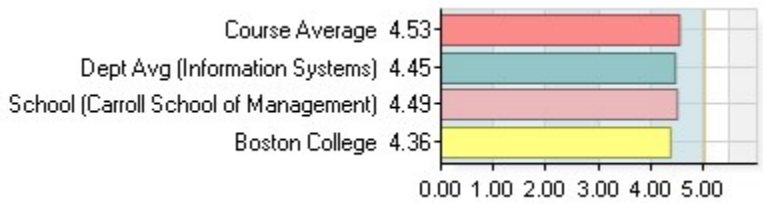
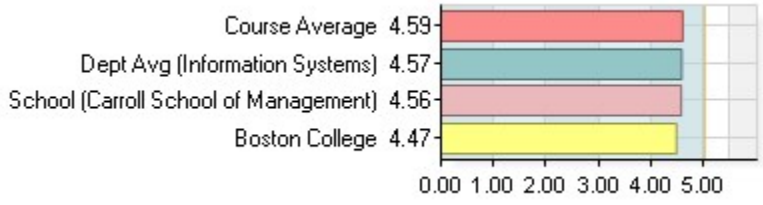
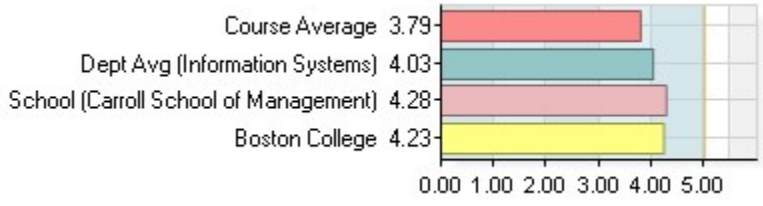
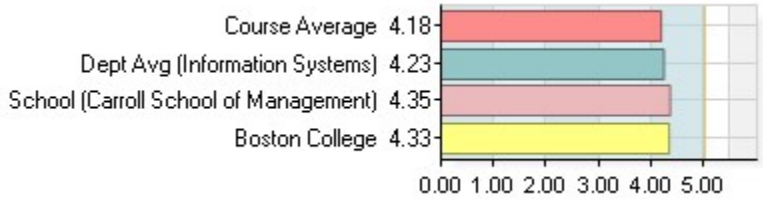
1. The course was well organized.	
2. The course generally followed the syllabus.	
3. Class attendance was necessary for learning course material.	
4. The course was intellectually challenging.	

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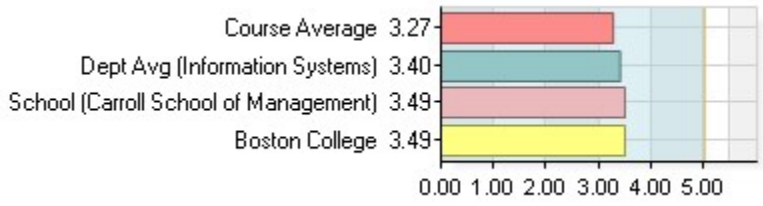
Compared to similar courses (ie core, major, etc), this course required:	

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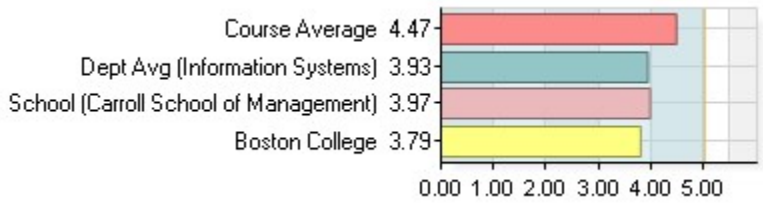
How would you rate this course overall?	

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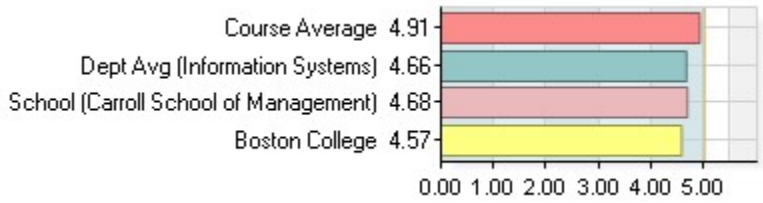
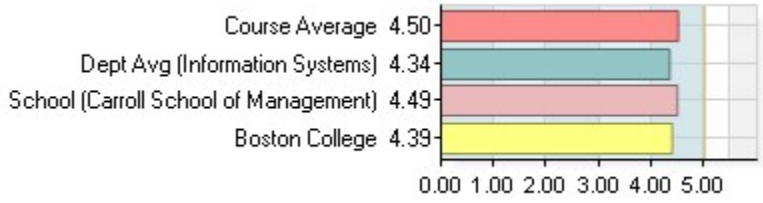
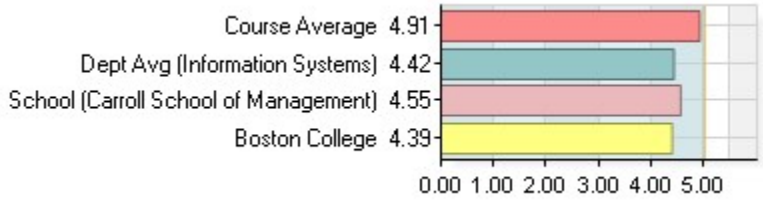
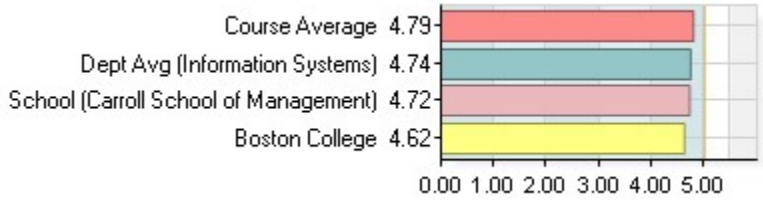
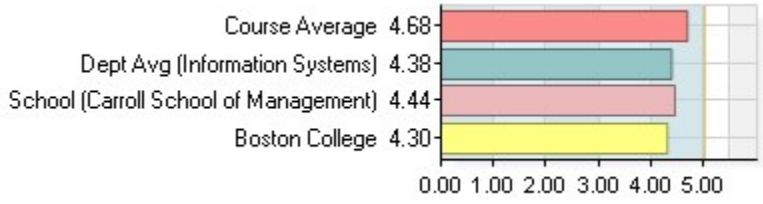
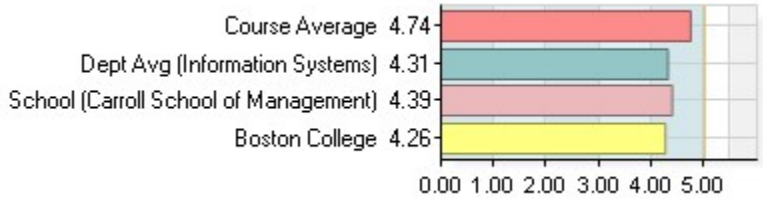
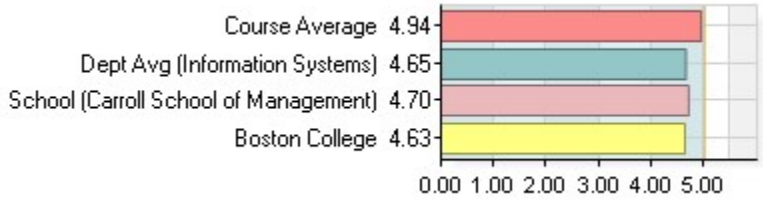
1. The instructor was prepared.	
2. The instructor was available for help outside of class.	
3. The instructor returned assignments/tests conscientiously.	
4. The instructor showed enthusiasm about the subject matter.	
5. The instructor stimulated interest in the subject matter.	
6. The instructor's explanations were clear.	
7. The instructor treated students with respect.	

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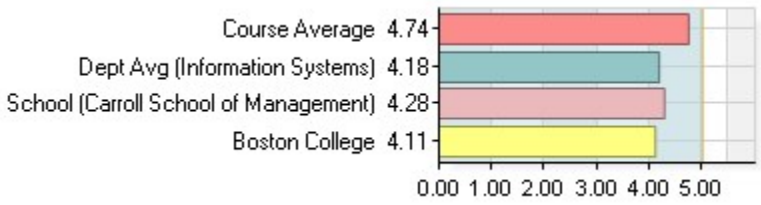
How would you rate this instructor overall as a teacher?	

Comments for ISYS103101_2015F_COMPUTERS IN MGMT-HONORS - James Gips

What are the strengths of this course?

Comment
Professor Gips really cares about his students and also makes his grading and assignments extremely transparent.
Taught skills while providing examples to show how the skills can be used, both for excel and for computers in business historically.
The teacher knew what he was doing
Professor Gips is amazing! Knows his material very well, relates to students, and has a great sense of humor. Also is extremely fair in grading and teaches everything you need to know. PIZZA FRIDAYS!
great teaching interesting topics Pizza Friday
Gips is a master of the subject major. The readings were all very interesting and very analytical. Also the questions along with the readings helped me with what the main points to get out of the readings were. Otherwise it is a ton of information. The homework also prepared me well for the exam. All questions that were homework related were really helpful.
Profesor Gips explains concepts clearly and concisely. The homework reinforces what was taught in class and the reading prepared students for upcoming lecture. Pizza and Flannel Fridays are always a plus and Prof. Gips' sense of humor keeps the class entertaining.
The instructor was absolutely amazing. Additionally, I felt the course taught me real-world skills, which made me want to learn more. Anything that felt too abstract, the instructor did a great job of connecting to current events in business.
The material is interesting and appealing, especially to kids our age in this dynamic society that is constantly changing. We learn stuff that is completely relevant to our lives and stuff that helps us better understand the age of technology we live in. Microsoft Excel is also essential for business students, and I found it sort of fun to do.
Great professor. Interesting material.
Everything the course covers is applicable to real life
This course is stimulating and imparts knowledge from various disciplines. It gives a good picture of the landscape of business as a whole.
Professor Gips was very good at explaining he material in a helpful manner, and he answered any questions clearly.
The Excel portion is taught very well, and the professor was very approachable regarding questions.
The assignments are all graded fairly, the material for the second half of the semester is very varied which keeps the course more interesting, the TA's are available once every week to help with homework.
The excel portion is super useful and feels very practical.
Fun course. Interesting. Pizza Fridays
Professor Gips is amazing and makes the class really interesting and engaging. You learn a ton about computers and gain a very important foundation in Excel. Also there are Pizza Fridays which is amazing.
Pizza Friday, very encouraging atmosphere. Pertinent material for the future of business
Awesome teacher! Very nice and approachable and very knowledgable in his subject manner. Plus pizza and flannel fridays rock!
Professor Gips is an amazing professor who kept even the most simple Excel skills interesting and engaging and was obviously enthusiastic about the subject.
Fantastic instruction in Excel, assignments were helpful and not simply busy-work. I also liked the discussions about specific companies during the second module.
The professor! Professor Gips does a great job of explaining the material and grounding the concepts in real world

examples.
Very aware of how quickly the material of this class is changing, selected relevant articles and cases to examine that match up with the current industry taught practical excel skills that will be used in the future
Subject, teacher, Pizza Fridays, manner of teaching
Professor Gips is awesome. He's a very interesting individual and great all around guy. Tests and assignments were graded and returned very quickly which was nice. Pizza Friday is also the best thing ever! Also it was great to have Paul Deninger come in.
Good reading material and demonstrations.
Excel mastering, interesting concepts
This course was very detailed with Excel. It allowed me to learn the ins and outs of the program. The course also related Excel to the business world. The second module of the course explained the influence and diffusion of technology in the world today. It really stressed the influence of innovation.
In this course you learn about the amazing functions of Excel and how information systems play an important role in management.
It connects business with ethics and other courses that I was taking.
Professor Gips is da man.
Teaches you a lot about Excel and makes you more aware of how technology is shaping the world. Professor is very nice and has a good sense of humor.

How could the instructor improve the course?

Comment
I don't know how creative one can get when teaching excel, but for the second module may be more group work (less lecture).
More class participation
More interesting discussions
I think maybe adding more written assignments for the Excel portion would be helpful. I felt very unprepared for the written portion because I was so accustomed to working the problems on the computers. Either that or make the entire first exam a take home or in class exam on the computer would be helpful. I did all the written practice problems in the book and still got a low B on the first exam which is not typical for me. In the second portion of the class, it might be beneficial to grade in class participation. I think class would be more interesting if it were more discussion based rather than lecture based and really the only way to get people to participate is by adding a grade to it.
The second half of the semester does not seem as imperative as the first.
The instructor could not improve the course. He is a master at the material and teaching it.
None
There is not much improvement needed. I was always interested and engaged when in class
I would recommend more assignments for the second module of the course to ensure that the students stayed on task with the material.
I liked the powerpoints used in regards to some of the topics talked about later in the course. I'd like if there were more powerpoints, because it made it easier to follow what the professor was saying and also understanding what was important to know.
The wording on a few of the homework problems for excel could have been a little clearer.
The second half of the course is ambiguous. It's certainly interesting, but the final exam did not feel like it tested us on what we had really been focusing on. Class time was spent going over big ideas which were incredibly interesting (such as business strategies and business' place in industries) but the final exam fel overlyd etail oriented and did not feel like it tested our knowledge in the best way possible.
Some of the stuff was dry though. Could try to encourage more discussion based topics etc.
It's already fantastic.
Quiet people down more quickly at the beginning of class.

Provide some material to help study for the excel midterm. I found it difficult to study for a written excel test when I didn't have any experience translating my knowledge of excel from the computer to paper; I really struggled with that and it showed on my written midterm even though I did extremely well on the take home computer part.
Nothing, it was great!
I felt that the test for the second module was oddly specific given the focus on general concepts in class.
move faster through excel portions, a lot was common sense and couldve been taught in much fewer classes, missed out on a few key functions of excel that could be useful, homework problems would usually advance learning but sometimes were simply tedious and redundant
None
Maybe some days do some more hands-on stuff.
None
More helpful for tests, homework, very independent
Professor Gips was a great instructor. He maybe could improve the course by having more group projects and assignments that get the students more involved in what we read.
The course could be improved by having more class engagement and participation.
It was great how it was
Be more specific about what to expect on exams.

Would you recommend this course to other students, majors, etc.? Why or why not?

Comment
Yes, because Professor Gips really makes the class worthwhile.
The only people who can take the honors computers class are required to.
yes, if you want to learn excel very well
Definitely, nothing to complain about.
yes, because it is informative and fun. I looked forward coming to class everyday
100% yes. It was a challenge for me and in all honesty I am not a techie person, but today more and more businesses are going full tech and it is very important to have at least a general knowledge on how to use technology in business.
Yes, both for the professor (he is great) and for the usefulness of the excel skills acquired from the class.
Yes, because it is useful and informative.
I would absolutely recommend this course to any student, regardless of whether they are in the business school or not. The class is extremely interesting, more useful than any class I have had so far, and relevant to the time we live in.
Yes definitely. One of the best professors at BC
I would definitely recommend this course to other students because everything it teaches applies to people outside of the field of business as well
This course was my favorite of the semester. I would recommend it to anyone with an interest in technology and business.
Yes! Professor Gips is a very nice man who understands what he is teaching.
Yes, because the professor was approachable and the course was challenging at points, but was overall an appropriate level of difficulty.
I would recommend this course to other students because as long as you do the work and try, you will be able to do well, and Prof. Gips is very nice.
Absolutely! A very useful and interesting class. Certianly things to be aware of no matter what major you're in
Yes! It's a very good course and Prof. Gips rocks.
Definitely. Gips is great and this course is very important.
Yes - Gips is awesome.
I would certainly recommend this class to other students needing to fulfill their computers in management core. For a non-techy person, this class certainly made technology easier to understand and use.

Yes absolutely, it is a great course!
Yes. The instruction in Excel was great and I have used it in other classes already (especially in my science lab).
Yes! It's a great class that allows students to come away with a great understanding of the role of technology in business, and comprehensive knowledge of Excel.
yes, great class to have with the honors program, really brought us together, Gips is the best professor ever with the kindest most compassionate heart Basic and pretty easy with appropriate amount of homework that taught valuable and practical skills and knowledge of the technology sector
Yes, very interesting and fun to learn; funny teacher
Definitely! It was well worth my time. I've already been able to use excel for other things which has been exciting. Also everything we learned about in the second half of the semester is very relevant.
Yes, it is a really good class for Excel and Management
Yes, need an excel background
I would recommend this course to other students and majors. It was an interesting course overall and it really made me knowledgable about how to use Excel.
I would definitely recommend this course to other students because being able to use Excel is an important skill to have in the business world.
yes because even if you are not going into business, it is still informative and interesting
Yes
Yes, because it is useful and interesting. The professor is also very personable and would not give you a hard time.

Additional Comments:

Comment
Thank you!
Gips rocks! So glad I got to spend the semester with him. Too bad I'm not so interested in the tech aspect of business so I probably won't have him again :(
Professor Gips is an incredible man- extremely generous with his time and knowledge. He is very selfless. He will also go way out of his way to help you in anyway possible (connections, resume advice, general advice, etc...). Favorite class and professor this semester.
Flannel Friday is an absolute must.
none
The excel midterm was too long. I did not have enough time to adequately complete the exam and my grade certainly reflected that.
Gips is the man
Stay awesome!
Professor Gips is an excellent professor who is very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the subject!
Great class overall, not too stressful over the semester but the final was tough.

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The Excel book added to my learning.

5 Strongly Agree	14	41.18%
4 Agree	15	44.12%
3 Uncertain	4	11.76%
2 Disagree	1	2.94%
1 Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%
N/A N/A	0	0.00%
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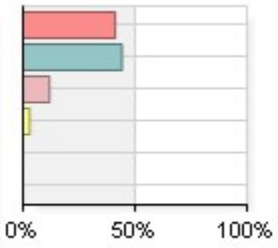

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Mean	4.24
Median	4.00
Mode	4
Standard Deviation	+/-0.78

The ISYS1031 Course Booklet added to my learning.

5 Strongly Agree	7	21.21%
4 Agree	15	45.45%
3 Uncertain	8	24.24%
2 Disagree	3	9.09%
1 Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%
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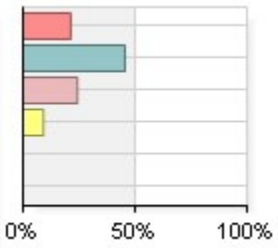

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Standard Deviation	+/-0.89

The articles handed out in class added to my learning.

5 Strongly Agree	15	44.12%
4 Agree	19	55.88%
3 Uncertain	0	0.00%
2 Disagree	0	0.00%
1 Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%
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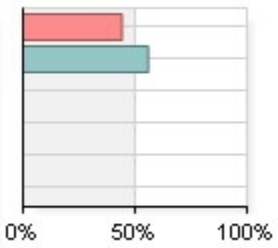

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Mean	4.44
Median	4.00
Mode	4
Standard Deviation	+/-0.50

Pizza Fridays added to my learning.

5 Strongly Agree	32	94.12%
4 Agree	2	5.88%
3 Uncertain	0	0.00%
2 Disagree	0	0.00%
1 Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%
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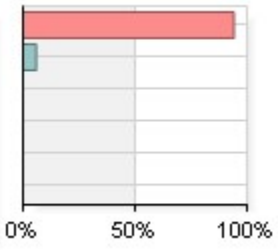

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Standard Deviation	+/-0.24