

# CoAS English & Philosophy End of Term Evaluation [201415]

Completed

Winter Quarter 14-15

Student Course Evaluation / Anonymous Survey

Date: 3/4/2015 to 3/16/2015

Delay Results Until: 3/26/2015

College: Arts and Sciences  
 Department: English & Philosophy  
 Course Section: PHIL 485 - 001 Seminar in a Major Philosopher  
 Instructor: Marilyn Foley

Survey Overview / Course Section Results Aggregate



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Total Surveys

5

Completed

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Pending

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Total Sections

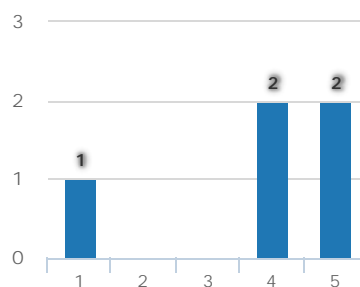
Survey Data / Course Section Results Aggregate

## About the Course

1 The course objectives were clearly stated on the syllabus.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value	Option	Total
1	Strongly Disagree	1
2	Disagree	0
3	Neutral	0
4	Agree	2
5	Strongly Agree	2



Average

3.80

Mode

4,5

Standard Deviation

1.47

Variance

2.16

2 As a result of this class I have achieved the following course learning outcomes.

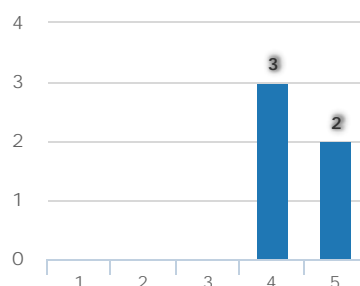
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PHIL 485 section 001 C001

Structure and express their ideas coherently in ways that are truthful and fair in both written and in spoken terms.

After taking this course

Value	Option	Total
1	Strongly Disagree	0
2	Disagree	0
3	Neutral	0
4	Agree	3
5	Strongly Agree	2



Average

4.40

Mode

4

Standard Deviation

0.49

Variance

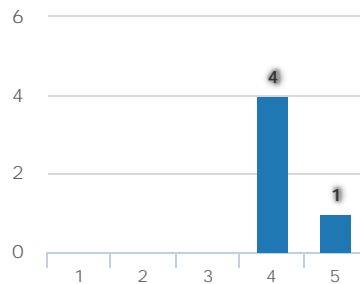
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PHIL 485 section 001 C002

Effectively employ the skills of logical analysis, rational argumentation, reasonable dialogue and debate in the pursuit of truth.

After taking this course

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	0
4 Agree	4
5 Strongly Agree	1



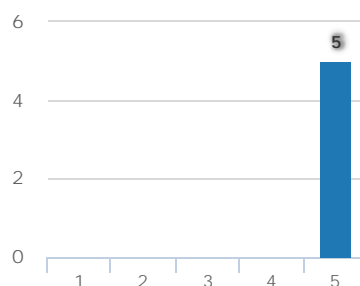
<b>Average</b>	4.20
<b>Mode</b>	4
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.40
<b>Variance</b>	0.16

PHIL 485 section 001 C003

Read and interpret complex, nuanced texts and respond to them reflectively and critically in both written and spoken forms.

After taking this course

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	0
4 Agree	0
5 Strongly Agree	5



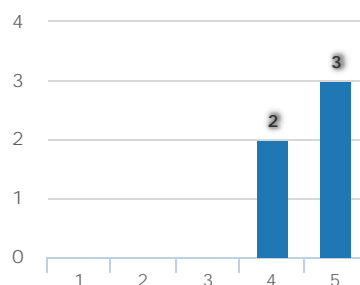
<b>Average</b>	5.00
<b>Mode</b>	5
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.00
<b>Variance</b>	0.00

PHIL 485 section 001 C004

Think critically and independently for themselves, specifically with regard to the complex issues that arise in relation to a Major Philosopher.

After taking this course

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	0
4 Agree	2
5 Strongly Agree	3



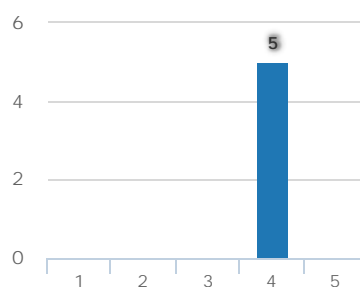
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<b>Mode</b>	5
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.49
<b>Variance</b>	0.24

PHIL 485 section 001 C005

Show an advanced and well-developed understanding of the main questions, problems, concepts, and distinctions involved in the work of a Major Philosopher, and an ability to conduct research in this area.

After taking this course

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	0
4 Agree	5
5 Strongly Agree	0



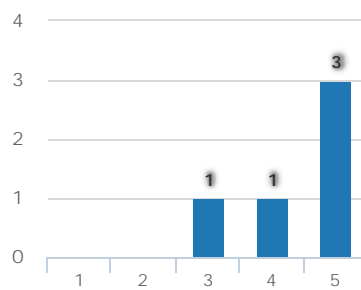
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<b>Mode</b>	4
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.00
<b>Variance</b>	0.00

3

My instructor encouraged me to be actively engaged in this class.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	1
4 Agree	1
5 Strongly Agree	3

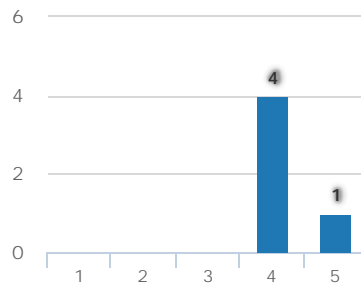


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<b>Mode</b>	5
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.80
<b>Variance</b>	0.64

4 I gained a clear understanding of concepts and principles related to what I was expected to learn in this course.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	0
4 Agree	4
5 Strongly Agree	1

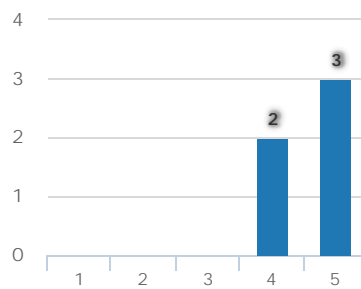


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<b>Mode</b>	4
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<b>Variance</b>	0.16

5 This course has helped me to think deeply about the subject matter.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	0
4 Agree	2
5 Strongly Agree	3

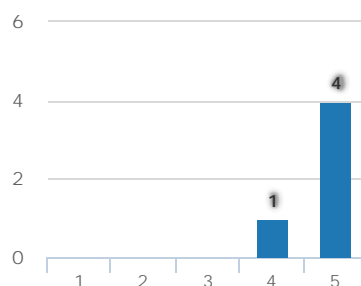


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<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.49
<b>Variance</b>	0.24

6 The course materials (assigned readings, multi-media material, textbook) directly contributed to my learning.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	0
4 Agree	1
5 Strongly Agree	4

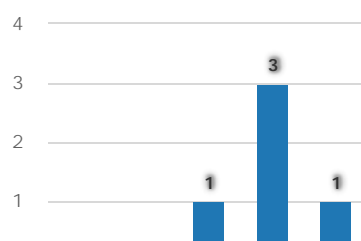


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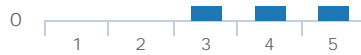
7 Writing assignments were clearly stated, relevant, and contributed to my learning in the course.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	1
4 Agree	3
5 Strongly Agree	1



<b>Average</b>	4.00
<b>Mode</b>	4
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.63



Variance

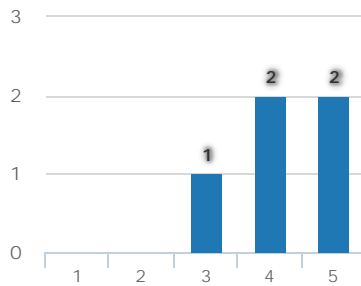
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8

Reading and writing assignments were well paced and manageable.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	1
4 Agree	2
5 Strongly Agree	2



Average

4.20

Mode

4,5

Standard Deviation

0.75

Variance

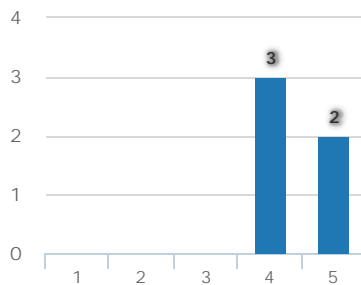
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9

The classroom environment (space, sound, technical support) served to facilitate learning.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	0
4 Agree	3
5 Strongly Agree	2



Average

4.40

Mode

4

Standard Deviation

0.49

Variance

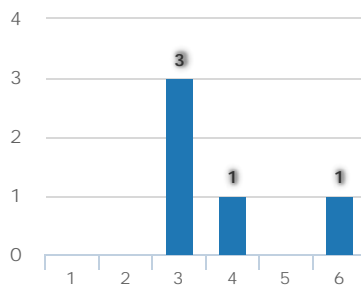
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10

The online space (including online communication tools where relevant) was well designed.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	3
4 Agree	1
5 Strongly Agree	0
6 No Answer	1



Average

3.25

Mode

3

Standard Deviation

0.43

Variance

0.19

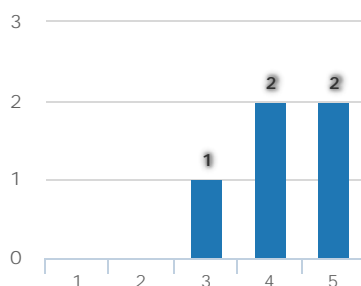
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Overall, I would rate this course as:

Overall Course Rating

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Poor	0
2 Fair	0
3 Good	1
4 Very Good	2
5 Excellent	2



Average

4.20

Mode

4,5

Standard Deviation

0.75

Variance

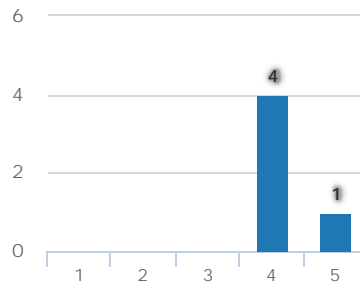
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12

The instructor encouraged and challenged me in a constructive manner.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	0
4 Agree	4
5 Strongly Agree	1



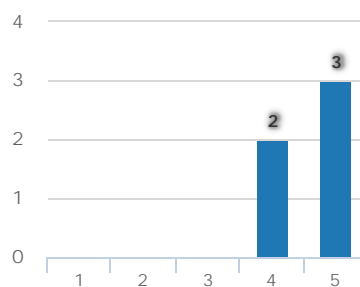
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<b>Mode</b>	4
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.40
<b>Variance</b>	0.16

13

The instructor was well prepared for each class.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	0
4 Agree	2
5 Strongly Agree	3



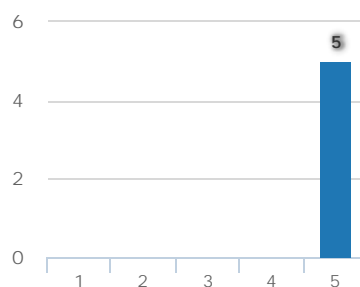
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<b>Mode</b>	5
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.49
<b>Variance</b>	0.24

14

The instructor had a thorough knowledge of the subject.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	0
4 Agree	0
5 Strongly Agree	5



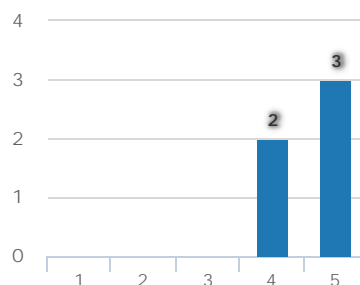
<b>Average</b>	5.00
<b>Mode</b>	5
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.00
<b>Variance</b>	0.00

15

The instructor treated students with respect.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	0
4 Agree	2
5 Strongly Agree	3



<b>Average</b>	4.60
<b>Mode</b>	5
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.49
<b>Variance</b>	0.24

16

The instructor was accessible: she/he was available during scheduled office hours and responded promptly to email correspondence.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	0



<b>Average</b>	4.60
<b>Mode</b>	5

4	Agree	2
5	Strongly Agree	3

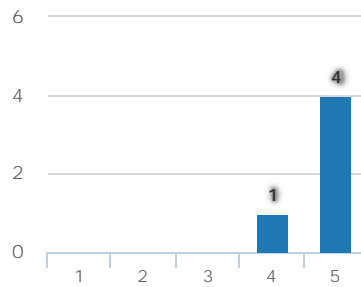


<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.49
<b>Variance</b>	0.24

17 The instructor provided helpful and timely feedback on my work.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value	Option	Total
1	Strongly Disagree	0
2	Disagree	0
3	Neutral	0
4	Agree	1
5	Strongly Agree	4

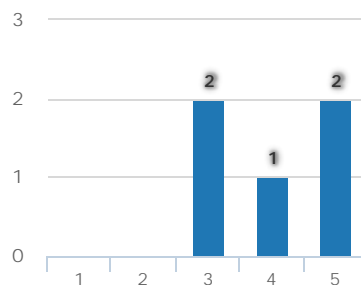


<b>Average</b>	4.80
<b>Mode</b>	5
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.40
<b>Variance</b>	0.16

18 The instructor ensured that collaborative work (e.g. peer reviews, group projects, group discussions) was clearly structured.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value	Option	Total
1	Strongly Disagree	0
2	Disagree	0
3	Neutral	2
4	Agree	1
5	Strongly Agree	2

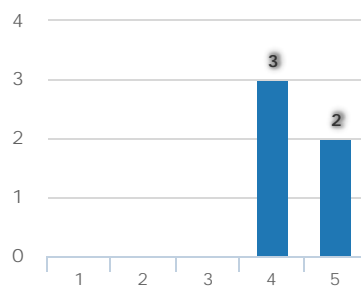


<b>Average</b>	4.00
<b>Mode</b>	3,5
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.89
<b>Variance</b>	0.80

19 The instructor promoted meaningful discussion in face-to-face and/or online environments.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value	Option	Total
1	Strongly Disagree	0
2	Disagree	0
3	Neutral	0
4	Agree	3
5	Strongly Agree	2

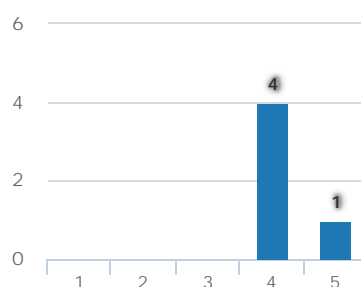


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<b>Mode</b>	4
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.49
<b>Variance</b>	0.24

20 The instructor made sure that course policies (e.g. plagiarism, absences, grading, etc.) were clear and fair.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value	Option	Total
1	Strongly Disagree	0
2	Disagree	0
3	Neutral	0
4	Agree	4
5	Strongly Agree	1



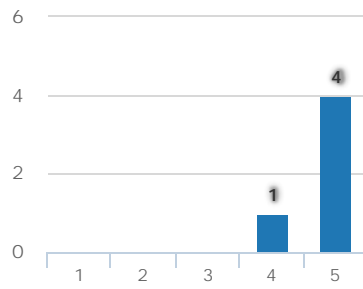
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<b>Variance</b>	0.16

21 Please select your best overall evaluation of the instructor of your course.

Overall Instructor Rating

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Poor	0
2 Fair	0
3 Good	0
4 Very Good	1
5 Excellent	4



<b>Average</b>	4.80
<b>Mode</b>	5
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.40
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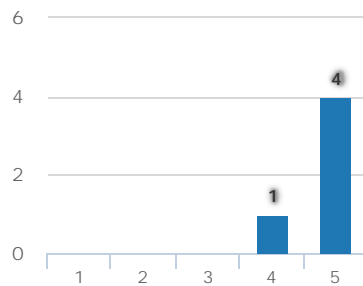
## About Yourself

22

I attended all class sessions (and related, required meetings).

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	0
4 Agree	1
5 Strongly Agree	4



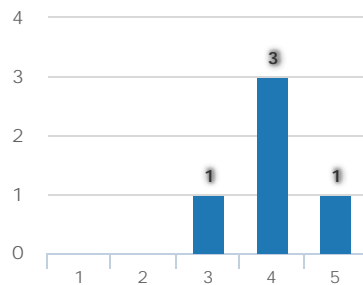
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<b>Variance</b>	0.16

23

I was well-prepared for each class session.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	1
4 Agree	3
5 Strongly Agree	1



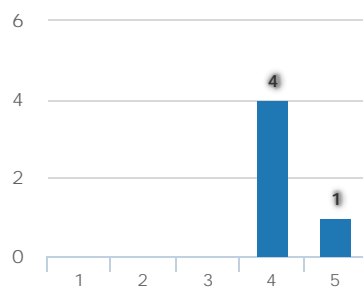
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<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.63
<b>Variance</b>	0.40

24

I invested enough time and energy to meet or exceed course requirements.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Strongly Disagree	0
2 Disagree	0
3 Neutral	0
4 Agree	4
5 Strongly Agree	1



<b>Average</b>	4.20
<b>Mode</b>	4
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.40
<b>Variance</b>	0.16

## Feedback

25

What specific features of this course contributed most to your learning?

(Text/Memo)

- The in-class discussions were extremely thought-provoking and the instructor was very clear regarding her expectations for our writing. I believe my writing has greatly improved as well as my knowledge of the subject matter.
- The professor's knowledge of the subject and ability to explain concepts.
- I liked the specific nature of the reading assignments. In this course we were able to spend a full term on two texts. This allowed ample time for discussion and understanding. Professor Pietys experience and knowledge of Kierkegaard were very evident and made for a great opportunity for learning.
- The essays were what challenged me to think very critically. The discussions also required a lot of critical thinking and I learned a lot from them. They helped clear of confusing parts of the text.
- The classroom setting The highly focused structure and topic of the course The use of a single book allowed for much more analysis

allowed course  
professor subjectwriting lot  
clear discussions

**were**  
**knowledge**

26 What specific, practical changes would you recommend that might improve this course?

(Text/Memo)

- I can't think of anything in particular I would change, except perhaps I would have like to have seen an example of a well structured paper so that I could refer to it more often.
- Possibly require students to bring one question to each class. It is sometimes overwhelming, or difficult to have input in the class when the professor is so well versed and knowledgeable on the specific topic. This would allow the students to drive the discussion and in a way lead it instead of relying on the professor.
- I might include supplementary readings. Reading things from people who have analyzed Kierkegaard may have helped clear up some of the readings.
- While the movie at the beginning of termset a good introduction for the course, I think more supplementary readings may have helped with understanding some of the nuances of Kierkegaards writing. Professor Pietys blog posts were a good supplementation. I think a few more readings like them would be useful when trying to understand the text before class discussion
- The readings would be easier to digest if questions or topics to look for were included. This may also allow for the classroom discussions to be more structured.

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