



Pacific University
Evaluation System

To:

Heide Island (as private and confidential)

Course Evaluation

Dear Heide Island,

This email contains evaluation results for PSY-252-01: BIOPSY I: Intro Neuroscience 2015F / A&SEval1.

Heide Island

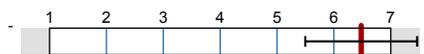
PSY-252-01: BIOPSY I: Intro Neuroscience 2015F (PSY-252-01 2015F)
No. of responses = 23



Overall indicators

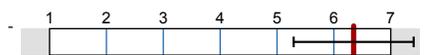
Global Index

1. Course ($\alpha = 0.79$)



av.=6.48
dev.=0.98

2. Instructor ($\alpha = 0.89$)



av.=6.35
dev.=1.06

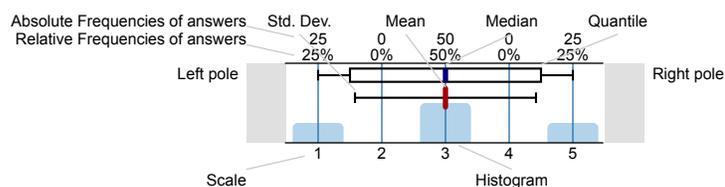


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Survey Results

Legend

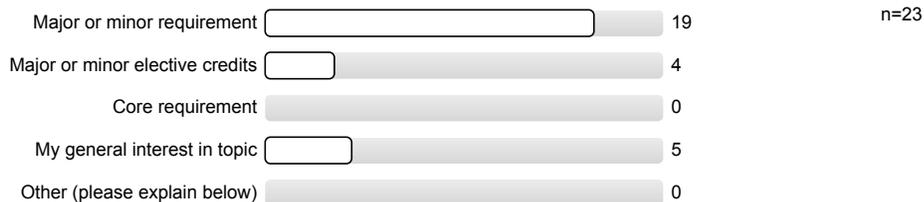
Question text



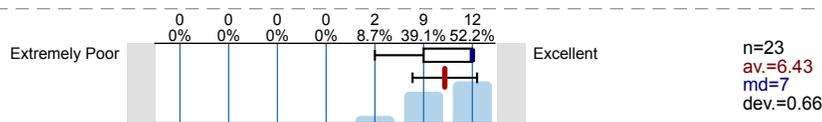
n=No. of responses
av.=Mean
md=Median
dev.=Std. Dev.
ab.=Abstention

1. Course

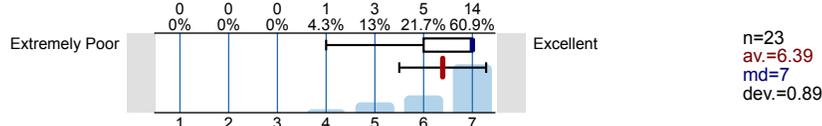
1.1) Your primary reason for taking this course was (mark the most appropriate response):



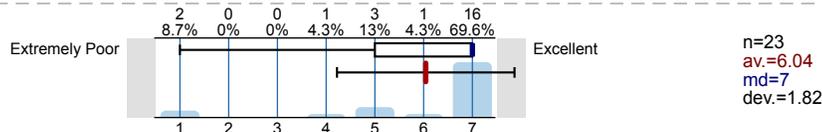
1.3) Rate your level of effort in this course.



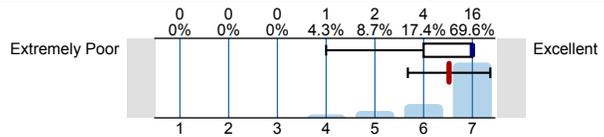
1.5) Provide an overall rating of the course.



1.7) Rate the likelihood that you would recommend this course to another student.



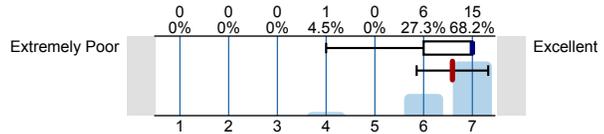
1.9) Rate your increase in skills/understanding as a result of taking this course.



n=23
av.=6.52
md=7
dev.=0.85

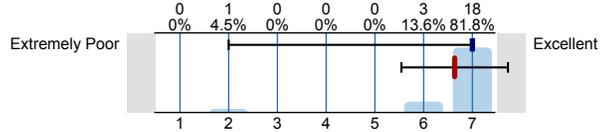
2. Instructor

2.1) Provide an overall rating of the instructor.



n=22
av.=6.59
md=7
dev.=0.73

2.3) Rate the likelihood that you would recommend this instructor to another student.



n=22
av.=6.64
md=7
dev.=1.09

Profile

Subunit: 1 Social Science Division
 Name of the instructor: Heide Island
 Name of the course: PSY-252-01: BIOPSY I: Intro Neuroscience 2015F
 (Name of the survey)

Values used in the profile line: Mean

1. Course

1.3) Rate your level of effort in this course.	Extremely Poor		Excellent	n=23	av.=6.43 md=7.00 dev.=0.66
1.5) Provide an overall rating of the course.	Extremely Poor		Excellent	n=23	av.=6.39 md=7.00 dev.=0.89
1.7) Rate the likelihood that you would recommend this course to another student.	Extremely Poor		Excellent	n=23	av.=6.04 md=7.00 dev.=1.82
1.9) Rate your increase in skills/understanding as a result of taking this course.	Extremely Poor		Excellent	n=23	av.=6.52 md=7.00 dev.=0.85

2. Instructor

2.1) Provide an overall rating of the instructor.	Extremely Poor		Excellent	n=22	av.=6.59 md=7.00 dev.=0.73
2.3) Rate the likelihood that you would recommend this instructor to another student.	Extremely Poor		Excellent	n=22	av.=6.64 md=7.00 dev.=1.09

1. Course

1.2) Other reason for taking course:

- Also, my general interest
- I absolutely love neuroscience and anatomy. Also I know Dr. Island is wonderful about discussing structures and such.
- I want to emphasis in Neuroscience. I find the subject fascinating.
- N/A
- would help with anatomy

1.4) Level of Effort Explanation:

- Attendance, Preparation, Participation and Initiative was needed to pass the class.
- Attended every class and put in a lot of work into studying and assignments
- For being a morning course, I put in the overtime to attend every class period despite the lack of sleep that I have. This course brings out the passion that I have about learning neuroscience, so I make sure to retain all the information that is needed to thrive in that field of psychology.
- I could have studied more for this course, but overall I applied myself to the material. The labs were insightful and I enjoyed them a lot.
- I did what I could, but my depression and just the overall density of material in the class made me unmotivated.
- I love neuroscience which lead to me spending more time reviewing my notes as well as the labs
- I made it my priority to attend all classes of possible because I feel this course is the most important course in my course load this semester.
- Lots of extra effort
- This class was incredibly engaging, making me want to work hard.
- This topic is fascinating so naturally I wanted to do everything possible to do well
- there is a lot of effort you need to put into this class to receive a good grade

1.6) Overall Rating Explanation:

- The professor is amazing, but she's working with way too much material. I felt bombarded with information - so much that we couldn't focus on learning individual concepts so much. If you haven't already taken biology or some sort of course about the brain, you're screwed.
- Enjoyed the way the class was organized, especially the outlines and handouts that were provided by the instructor
- Great content. It was a highly interesting class.
- Great discussions about the anatomy and physiology of the CNS and PNS and their effectors. We got a lot of experience in the labs which is great to put on CV's.
- I am extremely excited to take the rest of the neuropsychology sequence classes because of how much I grew in this class.
- I feel so privileged to have the opportunity to take such a class in college
- Teacher was very helpful.
- The course moves fast and your hand cramps up from writing so much, but I loved the subject so it was worth it.

- This class is awesome. It's very applicable to the career I am planning on entering. Very interesting information and the labs were a cool way to apply information and give students practice with neurological exams, etc.
- This course was well taught and all topics were covered thoroughly.
- Too much thrown at us at a time and huge lab reports that require extra time outside classroom
- We did a couple neuropsychological assessment labs so I think we should have talked about them in greater detail in lecture. I feel that labs should have stronger ties to the lecture material.
We could have discussed specific tests we did in the labs, what they assess, and why they are used. I also thought that the brain dissection lab was scheduled strangely because we did it before we actually talked about the brain structures in lecture.
- very interesting course!

^{1.8)} Likelihood Explanation:

- I have already recommended this class to many psychology majors as well as biology majors who are interested in neuroscience.
- I recommend neuropsychology and other Dr. Island taught courses to other often.
- Instructor does an overall good job teaching a large amount of material in little time where student still understands it and can be successful in the course
- It is a hard course, but if you have interest in it, go for it. I found out I love neuropsychological assessments.
- It's way too difficult to do well unless you have a really strong basis of existing information
- Its the way this class is taught. Its hard to type/write quick enough. She wont share the slides, so its hard to complete written material. The outlines text not updated, so there are things not discussed in lecture.
- Not only is the course fascinating but Dr. Island is one of the best professors I have ever had the privilege of learning from!
- The material was good but the class was difficult so I would only recommend this course to PSY majors who are interested in Neuroscience.

^{1.10)} Skills/understanding Explanation:

- Able to look at signs and symptoms with an idea of what the diagnosis may be relative to neurological disorders/disease.
- Constantly amazed at what I learn on a daily basis and how relevant it is to my daily life as well as grad school
- Due to the amount of material it is hard to encode all of the information you learn. The fast pace and constant note-taking it is easy to become overwhelmed at times. I would recommend students really study weekly so the information sticks. I know a lot of new information, but I can't recall material from the beginning of the semester.
- I have a deeper understanding of psychology as a field and the brain as a whole after taking this class.
- I took the Neuro classes out of track and I think that this class gave me a better basis around neuroscience and I was able to learn more about the previous classes I took. I not only learned new material but also built upon material I had learned previously.
- I was able to refine my APA writing skills and I now have a good general knowledge about neuroscience.
- There was a fair cross over of information with Sensation and Perception and I have taken that class first, so some information taught in Neuro was a very good refresher and helped consolidate learned theories. There was a lot I learned, especially about clinical neuropsychological disorders.
- Way better understanding of the brain and what can happen to it.

2. Instructor

^{2.2)} Instructor Rating Explanation:

- Again Heide is an excellent professor who makes the material engaging, helps prepare us for the real world and provides useful feedback and assistance when needed. She deserves a raise :)
- Best professor I have had at Pacific. She is an articulate lecturer. Lectures are interesting and include useful-to-life information that is pertinent to the course material.
- Dr. Island is always interesting and entertaining which helps kept my focus in the early morning classes. Also, I love how she gives the outlines because I would print them off and use them to study for my tests. They were extremely useful in organizing all the concepts and pointing out the most important ones.
- Dr. Island is extremely knowledgeable and passionate about many things, which is very inspiring. She is the best professor and advisor I have ever had.
- Extremely helpful. However it was a little annoying when we covered new material that was going to be on an exam literally the next day.
- Heide is awesome, structures the class in such a way that it isn't difficult to keep up.
- Heidi is a great professor. She is always willing to go the extra mile and help you understand the material. Heidi is fun to have in class and has fun stories to help explain what we are learning. She has a diverse set of strategies for learning and works with people individually to help everyone learn. She challenges us and she is very accommodating to life's struggles.
- I imagine its because of her passion with the subject that she wants to know as much as we can, but the outlines and pictures are just too much. On top of heavy studying for the test, the labs are quite complex and time consuming to be added on as well. I have even had this class compared to a graduate level class.
This is a 200 level class, not a 400 level, but it gets taught as a 400 or more level. I am honestly worried on how she would teach a 400 level class if she scaled the difficulty based on level, though i hear she doesnt. All this would be fine if this were the only class of the semester, but it is highly likely that it is not, as students are usually full time and may work on top of that.
- Instructor does her best to have students engaged in lecture and encourages them to attend office hours if their grade in they class is not what they expect.
- Instructor was good, taught the class well and made the topic very interesting.
- Professor Island is amazing, but she speaks in such an ivy-league sort of way that it's very intimidating and sometimes hard to follow. I adore her though.
- Professor Island is engaging, and her lectures are always interesting. She does a great job at allowing stretch breaks when she notices that we are not engaged.
- Professor Island is great. She is very intelligent and witty. I think sometimes she contradicts some of the things she says in class. Or swaps words when defining a concept. That can be confusing, but I usually just ask for clarification.
- She is very helpful and easy to talk to even if she is a bit intimidating. When ever I had questions I could go to her and get the help I needed.
- She is wonderful and understanding! I appreciate that she cares about her students and she will help them in anyway to be successful in her course.
- its a early class but she helps her students stay awake

2.4) Recommendation Explanation:

- I recommend Dr. Island to other prospective students all the time.
- I think every student should take a class with Professor Island. She expects the students to work hard and get their work done with excellence. It is not hard to get a good grade in her class as long as your work for it. I think some instructors can be lax, but Heide challenges her students and because she is welcoming and encouraging usually rise to her challenges.
- I wish she taught more courses in psychology. I am extremely excited to do my senior research with her.
- Instructor helps students anyway that she can. However, her outline seemed to outdated such that some things were not covered in class that was on there.
- Professor Island is an excellent professor and cares about her students succeeding. She always is very welcoming during office hours and cares about the grade that you receive in her class.

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- Tead my piece on instructor rating.

^{2.5)} Please provide any additional comments that you want to make about the course and instructor.

- Excellent! As an advisor, Dr. Island has helped me immensely with my schedule and prospective CV and resume building skills.

- I felt a bit lost on what was expected on the case studies lab. It felt like an overload of information about each of the four cases and I didn't know what to base my statements on without feeling like I was making it up.

The instructions to Lab 5 EEG should be updated - they did not match the EEG program and this put extra stress on the lab assistants that needed to help us where we shouldn't have needed help.

I loved the sleep lab - useful information. I think I came away from this course with a better understanding of my own habits and now know how much sleep I need and do not have to guess about whether I got enough sleep.

- I love your outlines, labs, and lectures. You are definitely one of my favorite professors because of your ability to teach difficult material, but make it seem simple. Also, every lecture and lab was insightful and I enjoyed when you would go off on a "tangent" because they would help better my understanding of what we had been discussing due to remembering your fun facts. :)
- I think that the third exam and the final exam were too close together. Additionally, sometimes there was a huge amount of information that we had to learn for each exam, almost too much.
- It needs to be reminded that this is a 200 level course. I have taken 400 level courses that are about as difficult as this one. My other classes have received less effort because of the demands of this one.
- Thank you for an awesome semester!