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Please Note: *The overall response rates for both the subject and questions are not shown at this time due to technical difficulties with this report in using the correct base population in the calculation. Response rates will be available in the University Report.*

This section contains the aggregate statistics for the ten core survey questions. The statistics for each question include: the number of responses, the number who replied 'Strongly agree', 'Agree' 'Neither agree nor disagree', 'Disagree' and 'Strongly disagree' plus the mean, standard deviation and standard error.

	Resp. #	SD	D	N	A	SA	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Err.
1. Overall, the experience gained through this subject has been intellectually stimulating	100	2	4	11	38	45	4.20	0.93	0.09
2. Overall, this subject has been well co-ordinated	101	1	8	10	43	39	4.10	0.94	0.09
3. Overall, this subject has been supported by useful learning resources	101	2	10	16	35	38	3.96	1.06	0.11
4. Overall, this subject has been well-taught	100	1	8	17	39	35	3.99	0.97	0.10
5. Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I have been required to work at a high standard	101	1	2	4	44	50	4.39	0.75	0.07
6. Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I found the assessment tasks useful in guiding my study	101	5	7	15	37	37	3.93	1.12	0.11
7. Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I received valuable feedback on my progress	101	4	18	13	35	31	3.70	1.20	0.12
8. Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I learnt new ideas, approaches and/or skills	101	2	1	8	43	47	4.31	0.82	0.08
9. Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I learnt to apply knowledge to practice	101	5	5	19	41	31	3.87	1.06	0.11
10. Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I have been part of a group committed to learning	100	3	8	18	38	33	3.90	1.05	0.10

11. What were the best aspects of this subject?

This report block lists all comments entered by students.

Comments
The content was engaging and challenged many of my preconceived ideas about sustainable development. Brian was a personable and informative lecturer. This subject was my favorite tutorial -- the required question/reflection meant I knew what to expect every week and my section always had an interesting and relevant discussion that caused me to think further about the materials.
I liked the fact that the subject was so well explained.
Virtual tutorials
Having to find our own readings, especially when they aren't available.
Brian's lecturing style was engaging and the content was very interesting. I looked forward to the weekly lectures. Great feedback on mid term essay which made me feel well prepared to improve on final essay. The assessment marking allocation is also fair.
Lecture
Brian Cook ! he looks and talks like my fav youtuber
tutorial discussion method
Brian was a great lecturer. i enjoyed tutorial discussions when you break up into smaller groups to discuss your questions
the tutorials were enjoyable and something i was not used to coming from a property/ business background. Tutorials were mainly discussion sessions which were good as many ideas and interpretations were shared and absorbed.
Quizzes, tutorial discussions, tutorial reflections
Brian's lectures, skill development sections, feedback on essays
Tutorials by Louise were well conducted, a lot of engagement and preparation on her part. Brian's lectures.
The readings forces students to think critically and reflectively
The film study was very interesting, as was learning about place and character and vernacular
This subject had a lot of fascinating information to learn, which meant the lectures were actually interesting (unlike a lot of other lectures).
The tutorials took a week or two to 'get into', but once my class did, they were excellent. Discussions in these tutorials was often times extremely engaging, which was no doubt largely helped by the fact that the quizzes had made everyone do the readings, so we were all on roughly the same page.
Really engaging lectures. I enjoyed the challenge - it wasn't just handed to us, we had to really think about what we were learning and apply it in the assignments. It is also really reassuring to know that people like Brian are out there, thinking deeply about these important issues and genuinely trying to make the world a better place. Thank you. I also wanted to mention the quizzes and reflections. I like having them, and I felt that it helped me prioritise and get the readings done, and to engage each week with the subject matter. What I did wonder though was how I would have coped if all my subjects had a quiz for each reading. It was fine because it was only one of my subjects but doing potentially 8 quizzes a week may be quite overwhelming.
A useful link on the handbook. Most subjects provide a semi-useless vague description of their content. Brian had linked to his website which gave an idea of the content, he also provided examples from the SES of students thoughts and so actually.
I also really enjoyed his delivery of lecture content. He seemed to really understand that if students are to be present one needs to make use of the physical presence of the students. I would add though - don't be afraid to pick on students when asking a question; by forcing a student to answer you are both removing confidence as a factor which may have prevented them from speaking out, whilst also perhaps making them more confident!
Really enjoy the quizzes and reflections - a great way of ensuring that engaging with the class content was also prioritized on my to do list.

Comments

Thomas was a fantastic tutor - really enjoyed his classes!

The engaging lectures and tutorials

I like that the assessment isn't just based on one major task or two but spread throughout the whole semester - as this allows for growth to occur.

The second assignment was very interesting.

The discussions in class were great, also the readings were very helpful especially in terms of guiding us in assessments.

This subject was so incredibly interesting! It has definitely helped me to think more critically and the little breaks in the lectures for skills was really great, because it felt like this subject was looking to our future.

The lectures and tutorials were very well presented and implemented.

Topics were quite interesting

That you can get through a whole 3rd year 'science' subject without learning any practice knowledge and it still counts towards me degree. yeet

Brian's lectures were really engaging and always covered really interesting and seminal texts that consolidated and furthered my understanding about sustainable development. Isabel was also super wonderful as a tutor and made the classroom a really safe and comfortable space to discuss anything I was unsure about. I also loved that all of the tutors were working on such interesting and relevant research that inspired and contextualised what we were learning. I loved the quizzes and the reflections as I am often frustrated when other students who don't do the work are able to bullshit their way through when others are trying really hard to actually work through the content. I think the tutorials were a lot better because of this. Also loved both of the essay prompts. Thank you!

I really enjoyed listening to, and learning about Brian's lectures. The content and delivery was very engaging and I found it easy to understand.

Tutorials - small, personalised discussions with other students who were on the same wave length as myself. Discussing the readings each week was really valuable to my learning and also talking to the tutor aswell, because i felt like the lectures were too big/impersonal. The readings were quite interesting too for my own personal learning.

As an engineering student, become aware about the issues in the world and find it interesting.

Paula's lectures were thought well.

I appreciate how Brian the subject timeline right from the beginning.

The weekly assignment helped boost my marks.

The final question is open to different areas that students are most interested in.

lectures and assigned readings

Tutorials(Discussions)

Lectures (Discussions, Personal point of view)

Interesting ideas were discussed. Enjoyed the tutorials and lectures

lecture discussion

– Lectures were well taught

- Option to complete as an online only subject was useful

Really interesting and engaging lecturers who delivered the content well.

The virtual tutorials were also well run and although it felt tedious to do at the time, I believe they really helped to keep me engaged with the topics during the semester, the same with the weekly online quizzes.

N/A

Guest lecturers and case studies.

The weekly online tests are the best aspect.

The virtual tutorial was great and much more productive then the normal tutorial. I liked that I could read what my other classmates thought.

This subject was intellectually stimulating and had good no of guest speakers.

Despite the broad topic of the subject, every week was linked in some way making it easier to learn and understand

I think the tutorial reflections and quiz were a good way to keep people engaged

Comments

Quizzes.

This subject was very well organised and fluid

Tutorials!! Really engaging but sometimes focusing on the reading too much takes away from discussing major ideas posed in lectures. Subject was structured well, and despite finding the quizzes tedious they did help with keeping up during the tutes.

The tutes and their discussions and also the content was extremely interesting despite being quite difficult for me personally to get my head around a few things. Isabelle was a top tutor.

class discussion

Brian was good at engaging and making the lectures interesting.

Tutorial was somewhat engaging but some colleagues were reluctant to share or discuss.

Readings were good.

Readings prepared from different aspects, make us think critically

The discussion in the tutorial is brain storm interest

In class discussions about the readings. It can be really insightful to have open discussions with the whole class/groups about main ideas and issues from each week's readings.

-Lots of theoretical content

-Good feedback

the various readings from varied and different sources made for a good selection for the topics covered in the course.

Brian was an incredible lecturer and coordinator, super informative and educated. He was always willing to explain complex things in simpler terms and give examples which helped cement ideas. My tutor Pete was amazing, probably the best tutor I have ever had at this university. He was friendly, well spoken and always had great things to contribute to extend our learning. Overall the subject was wonderful and made me reconsider my choices for postgrad and the workforce, and learning "life skills" every lecture gave this subject a real world edge which isn't something that a lot of subjects provide.

Having to complete the online quizzes and tutorial questions were a good way of making sure we were engaging with the subject material (though it was HARD work to fit it into my busy schedule..)

Brian was great at (trying) to get people to ask questions during the lecture.

Online tutorials

Week 7ish onwards, and also the discussions and readings about climate change.

The content was absolutely fascinating and the most interesting and challenging subject that I have done at university. I enjoyed having to be critical of concepts that I took for granted. The quizzes and tutorial reports, while challenging at many times, kept me engaged in the subject and its content.

The lectures were very engaging and well laid out. It was such an interesting way at approaching the subject and tested students preconceived understandings and knowledge of the subject. The head lecturer was also very good.

Virtual tutorial

Brian as a lecturer - an academic who is articulate in the field on development

discussion

virtual tutorials

It allows me to think sustainably

The topic

Brian and Savige

A very passionate lecturer that is engaging makes all the difference.

I think the class is well organised.

The presentation in each lecture of how the lecture place in the subject is useful to follow the classes throughout the semester.

The tips for improve skills were very helpful for me. I'm a international student and this was my first semester at Unimelb. I found them very helpful.

The online quizzes and the weekly submission help me to keep engaged with the readings.

Sustainable development is a nice topic and worth studying.

Comments

I've been so happy with my lecturer and tutor this semester. Both the lectures and tutes have been filled with lots of participation and involvement, which is not so common in lots of my other subjects. It's been a great way of learning.

Discussion of such important themes and the analytics and theories provided to examine these issues and perhaps the resolution.

Tutorial discussions

While lecture met only once a week, my mind was engaged with the coursework at least four times in a week. This was the best aspect of the class. The utilization of lecture, weekly readings, weekly quizzes, tutorial discussion, and reflection all amounted to deep engagement with this course.

It was stimulating, engaging and inspiring. The continued critical analysis brought in every week broke many preassumptions that I had.

The lectures were incredibly insightful, and the course structure made me do my work which is always a plus.

I really appreciate the quizzes and being encouraged/rewarded to actually read the papers - I know I should do that for every subject but usually I just skim, whereas in this subject I actually took the time to read the whole thing and felt it was worthwhile because it contributed to my overall grade. I also found the readings extremely interesting and have added a few books to my personal reading list because of it!

The discussion during tutorials and lectures

Brian Cook is very good and all the small assignments help with it all.

The tutorials were the best part of this subject. It offered a chance to bounce ideas of one another. The weekly quizzes also made us stay on our feet and that meant that we were always on track.

when the guest lecturer came in teaching us how to write a formal report-- the most useful part of any environments course...

I loved the lectures and readings that we were given. I genuinely learnt a lot of new ideas such as framing, co-production etc which I hadn't learnt in other subjects. It really made me think about how information is given to me and to question it.

The virtual tutorials allowed me flexibility instead of having to physically attend class

Quiz

Different ideas and aspects about sustainable development were explored in the lectures and tutorial discussions. This subject really deepened my thought and promoted me to think in a more critical way when encounter complicated issues. It was inspiring and comprehensive overall.

I like the concept of online learning and the way we are taught. It has been super interesting and stimulating. One of my favorite subjects at uni so far!

The reading resources is critical and useful for further studies

The tutorials

The readings and weekly quizzes

Tutorial discussions and guest lectures

-Skill development sessions within lectures including relevant job skills is SO helpful and is not explored in any way in other subjects.

-The set up of tutorials are good for stimulating conversation and exploring the concepts. Pete is the best tutor for facilitating discussions and helping us out when we don't understand, he also includes and encourages everyone to participate in discussions.

-feedback provided from assessments is top notch.

-Content and order its given in and its delivery (Brian and Paula both!)