

# Fall 2014 Virginia Tech Student Perception of Teaching (SPOT) Survey

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## Results of survey

Started: November 28, 2014

Ended: December 11, 2014

Reply rate: 23% ( 18 / 77 )

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Please provide constructive feedback by responding to each of the following items. While you are encouraged to express your thoughts and opinions freely, keep in mind the Virginia Tech Principles of Community which support open expression within a climate of civility, sensitivity, and mutual respect.

If a course was taught by multiple instructors, you will be asked to respond to the same items for each instructor. For course-related items, please consider the nature of the course as it was taught by each named instructor.

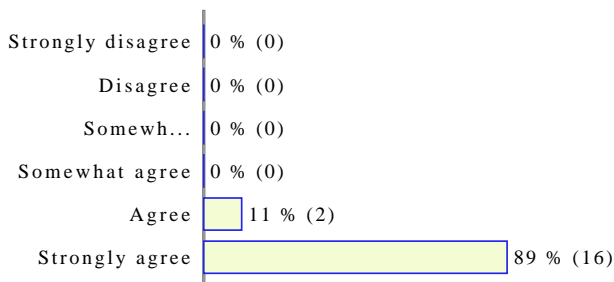
Thank you for contributing to the goal of continuously improving teaching and learning at Virginia Tech.

Instructor/Evaluatee: Neil Johnson

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:

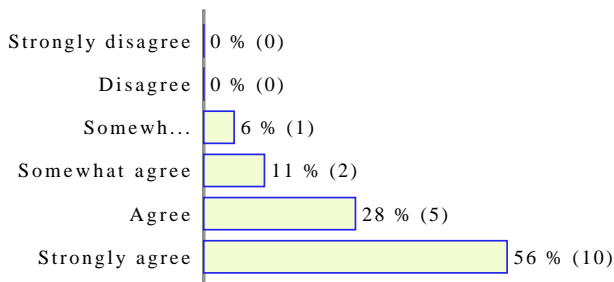
### 1. The instructor was well prepared.

18 answers, mean = 5.89



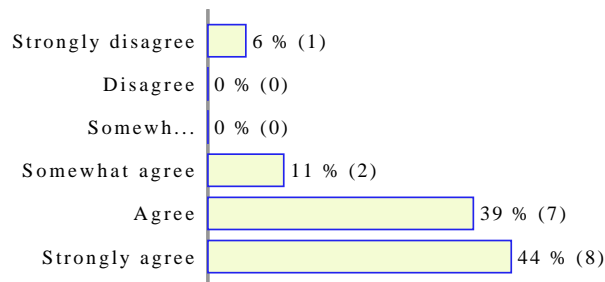
### 2. The instructor presented the subject matter clearly.

18 answers, mean = 5.33



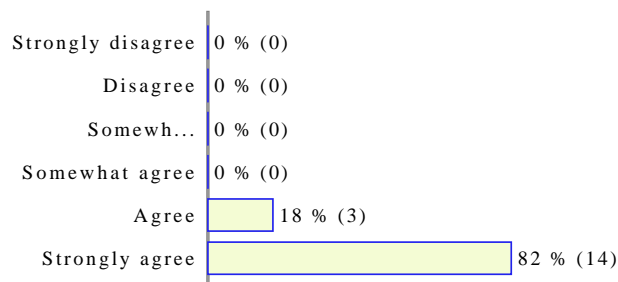
### 3. The instructor provided feedback intended to improve my course performance.

18 answers, mean = 5.11



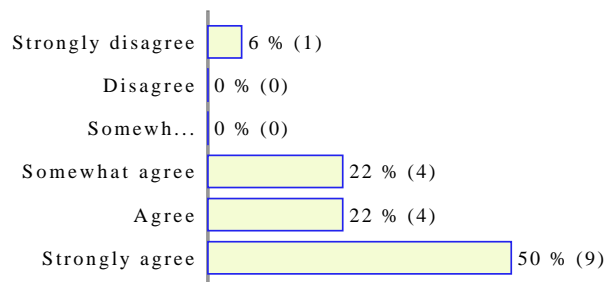
### 4. The instructor fostered an atmosphere of mutual respect.

17 answers, mean = 5.82



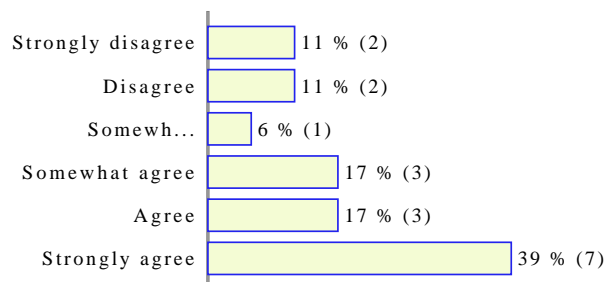
### 5. I have a deeper understanding of the subject matter as a result of this course.

18 answers, mean = 5.06



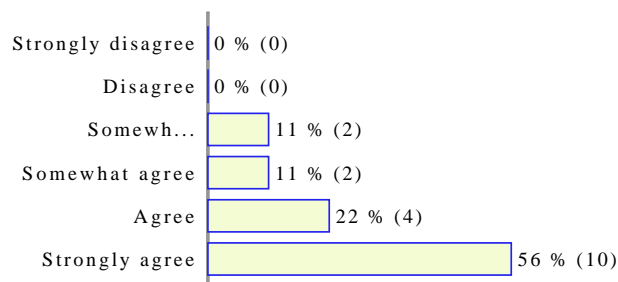
### 6. My interest in the subject matter was stimulated by this course.

18 answers, mean = 4.33



### 7. Overall, the instructor's teaching was effective.

18 answers, mean = 5.22



### 8. What could you have done to be a better learner?

- Read the chapters more in depth.
- Read chapters
- I could have gone to more than one office hours.
- Read the textbook more closely, not fallen asleep during lecture, went into office hours more often to go over my tests
- Studied harder
- Better studying habits and preparation for exams.
- Since the class is based on mostly a test grade, test scores are very important and I feel for this class it is about the only way to do it. So some effort is needed to do well on the tests.
- I should've studied harder for the exams!
- Paid more attention in class, and read the chapters before class as oppose to after the class period.
- Been more interested
- Studied more.

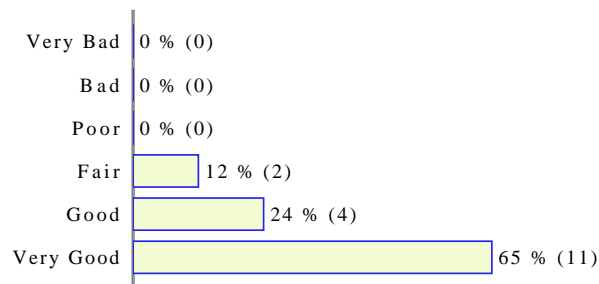
### 9. What did the instructor do that most helped in your learning?

- Used iclicker questions during the lecture to reinforce what he was talking about.
- Was available to help.
- iClickers
- Be available to go over tests and help you figure out how to study for exams.
- Helped me stay confident in getting a good grade in the course, suggested tactics to improve scores on the next exam
- Go over the more difficult concepts in greater detail
- Mostly good explanations of content. Helped me learned how to prepare for his exams.
- He provided the information effectively with the slide shows and gave us everything we needed and then some.
- I really like that he incorporated iclicker into his teaching, for our benefit and his. He could see if we were understanding the concepts he was covering and also give us some extra points.
- He was very knowledgeable and he was funny. He made the lectures very interesting!
- He used a lot of examples, and elaborated on complex topics well.
- iClicker questions!
- Prepared good power points.

### 10. How would you rate the physical environment in

### which you took this class based upon your ability to see, hear, concentrate, and participate?

17 answers, mean = 5.53



### 11. Please add any additional comments regarding the course and/or instructor here:

- I think he is a wonderful professor. I didn't care much for the subject material but he always kept me listening during class.
- N/A
- Posted notes were nearly impossible to go back and study. I wish they added more detail
- Boring lectures, not a lot of visual stimulation. it's hard to think about the material when there's no visuals besides diagrams and cross sections
- I think that the class and homework is set up really well as far as online homework, presentations and tests, Mr. Johnson is a really good teacher for this subject because he seems very knowledgeable.
- I love Professor Johnson! He is awesome! I highly recommend him to all of my friends taking geosciences.
- Dr. Johnson is a very nice guy. Very genuine
- Enjoyed the course. Wish I hadn't purchased the \$145 textbook that I didn't use one single time the entire semester.

### 12. Please add any comments about the physical environment here:

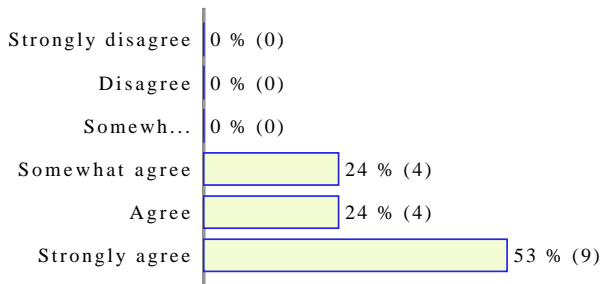
- N/A
- Lights off makes it harder to stay awake
- The room was comfortable and the class duration was perfect.
- A small classroom works really well for this class. This teacher really connects with students and tries to get them involved so a smaller class is good.
- Nice room.

### College of Science

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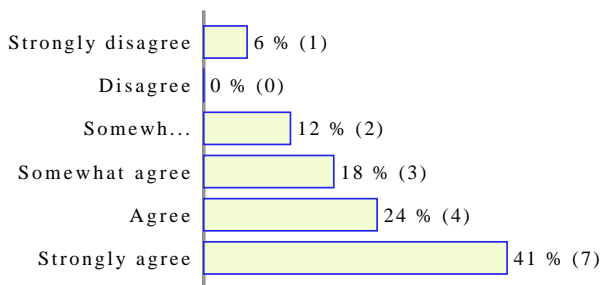
**13. I improved my ability to think independently about the course material.**

17 answers, mean = 5.29



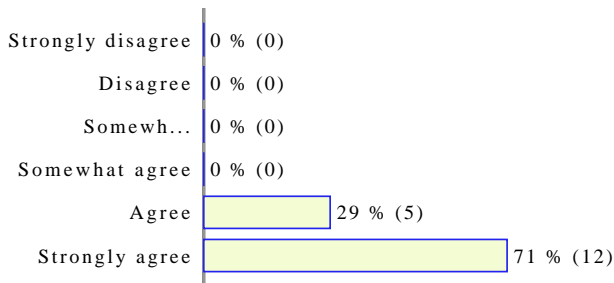
**14. I learned to identify problems and explore different solutions.**

17 answers, mean = 4.76



**15. The instructor used a scholarly approach in presenting content (referencing research, and debates in the field).**

17 answers, mean = 5.71

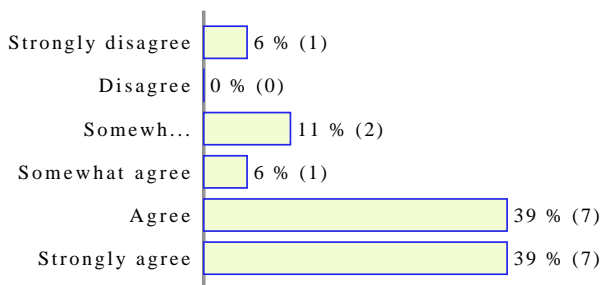


**Geosciences**

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements (if an item is not applicable, leave it blank):

**16. The instructor seemed concerned about whether students learned the material.**

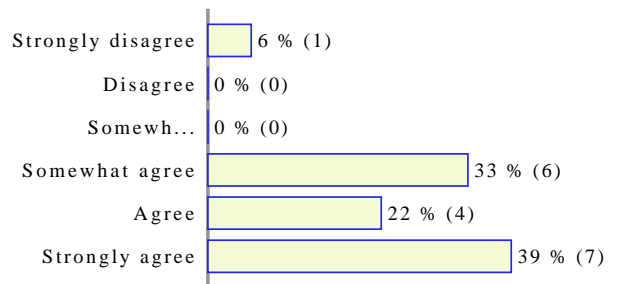
18 answers, mean = 4.89



**17. I became more aware of multiple perspectives on**

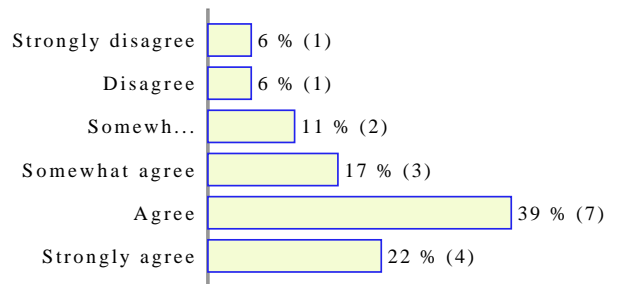
**issues in this field.**

18 answers, mean = 4.83



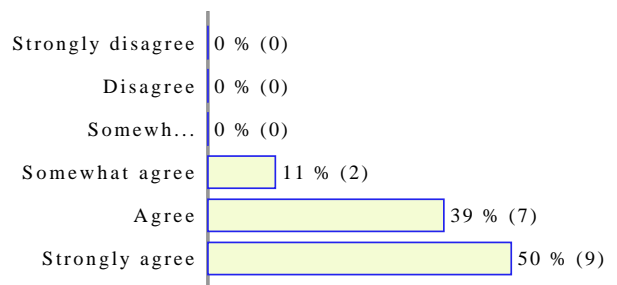
**18. I learned to apply principles from this course to new situations.**

18 answers, mean = 4.44



**19. The instructor clearly defined students' responsibilities related to the course.**

18 answers, mean = 5.39



**20. The instructor related theories and concepts to practical issues.**

17 answers, mean = 5.41

