

# 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: 30% ( 17 / 56 )

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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.

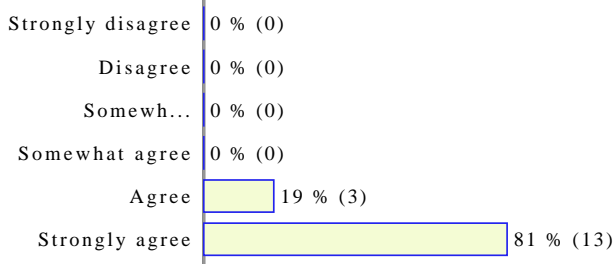
Thank you for contributing to the goal of continuously improving teaching and learning at Virginia Tech.

Instructor/Evaluatee: Neil Johnson

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

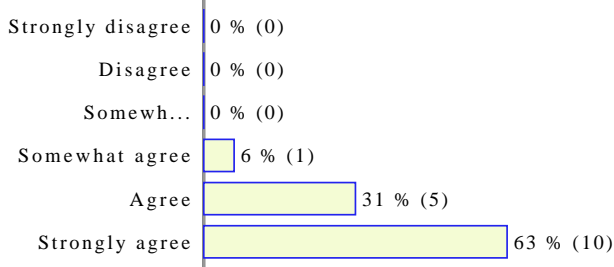
### 1. The instructor was well prepared.

16 answers, mean = 5.81



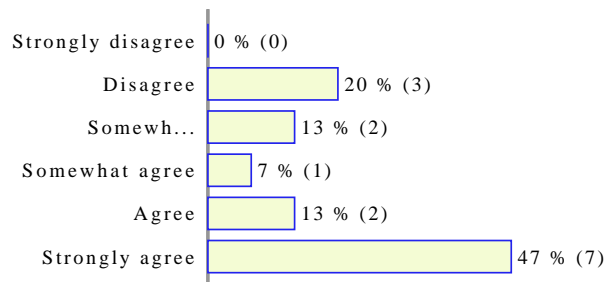
### 2. The instructor presented the subject matter clearly.

16 answers, mean = 5.56



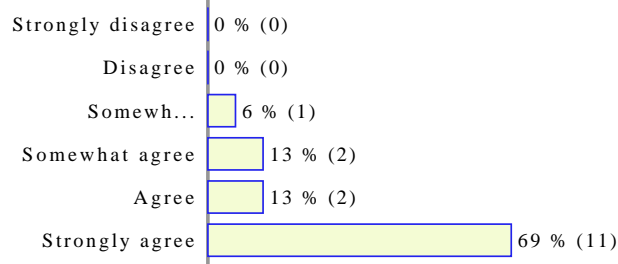
### 3. The instructor provided feedback intended to improve my course performance.

15 answers, mean = 4.53



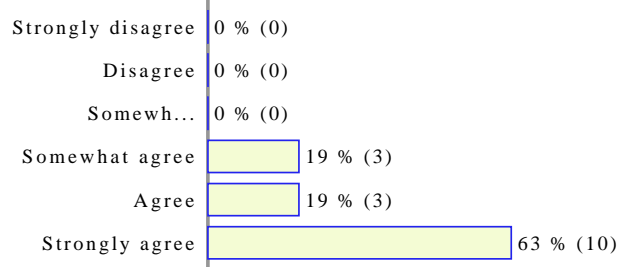
### 4. The instructor fostered an atmosphere of mutual respect.

16 answers, mean = 5.44



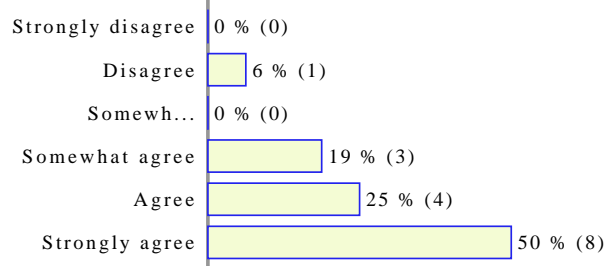
### 5. I have a deeper understanding of the subject matter as a result of this course.

16 answers, mean = 5.44



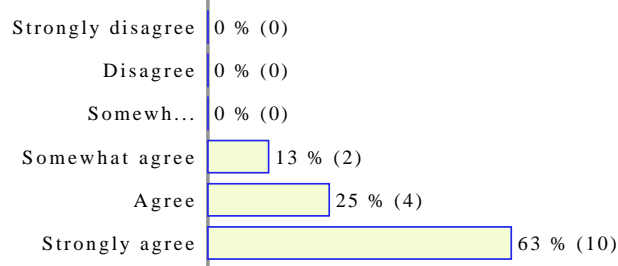
### 6. My interest in the subject matter was stimulated by this course.

16 answers, mean = 5.12



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

16 answers, mean = 5.50



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

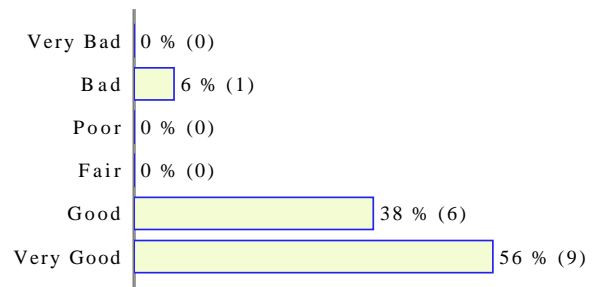
- read the textbook more thoroughly
- go over the material more on my own
- I think I could have studied a bit more before tests
- actively participated
- attended
- Listened a little but more, rather than being focused on taking notes.
- I skipped classes more than once or twice, which is more than I usually let myself do for any one class. Sometimes I skip if I really need a break or if I really have too much to complete and not enough time in the day, but sometimes I skipped this class for illegitimate reasons. I should have come to class more.
- I could have taken better notes of the book material, some of which is not covered in class.
- Be more interactive

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

- presented the content in an interesting way
- He was humorous and kept me interested in the lectures he gave.
- Put the notes online
- Lectures were very clear and easy to take notes from. The practice exams that you sent out and the iclicker questions were both good preparation for the tests.
- was straightforward
- The iClicker questions.
- He tried to get people to laugh and feel comfortable in the environment.
- I'm actually a fan of the iClicker questions. They help me reflect during class on whether I'm really getting the material he's lecturing on. He was very thorough in explanations, with great analogies, and his sense of humor and enthusiasm during lectures made lectures worth coming to! I was never bored in this class, ever.
- He provided pre-tests that gave me an idea of how the exam was going to be written.
- He made each lesson very interesting

### 10. How would you rate the physical environment in which you took this class based upon your ability to see, hear, concentrate, and participate?

16 answers, mean = 5.38



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

- The tests were very hard, even after studying. They brought my grade down too much I think
- Really enjoyed class with Professor Johnson!
- Great professor! Very fun and easy to listen to! I hope he keeps making corny jokes that only a few people laugh at :)

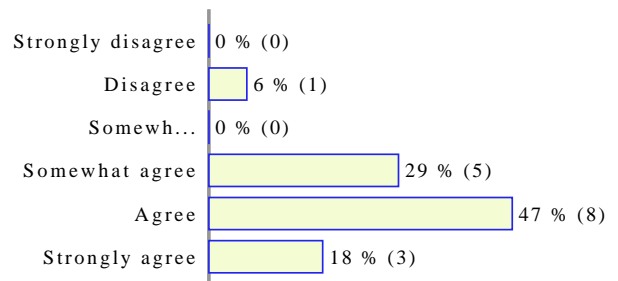
### 12. Please add any comments about the physical environment here:

College of Science

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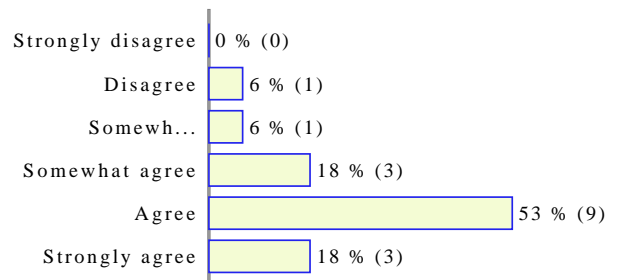
### 13. I improved my ability to think independently about the course material.

17 answers, mean = 4.71



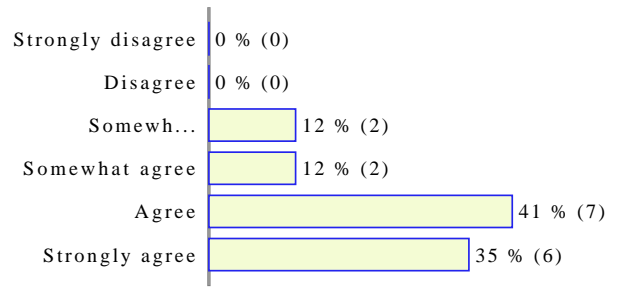
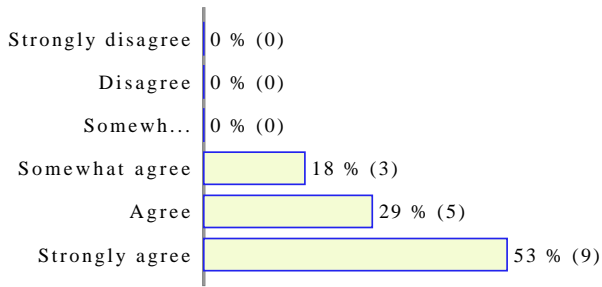
### 14. I learned to identify problems and explore different solutions.

17 answers, mean = 4.71



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

17 answers, mean = 5.35

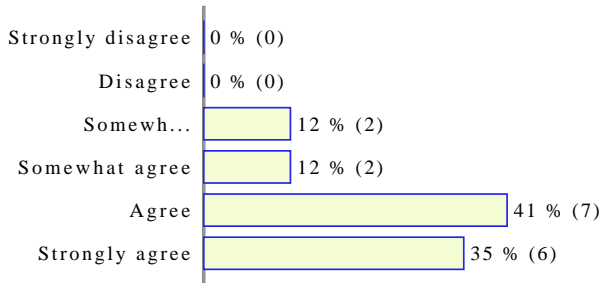


## Geosciences

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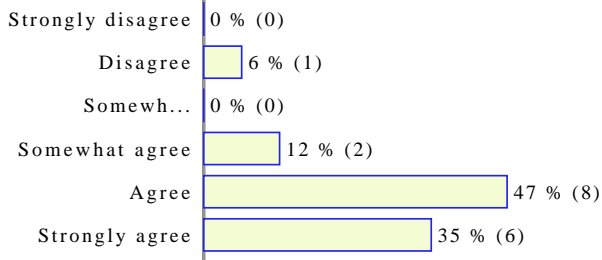
### 16. The instructor seemed concerned about whether students learned the material.

17 answers, mean = 5.00



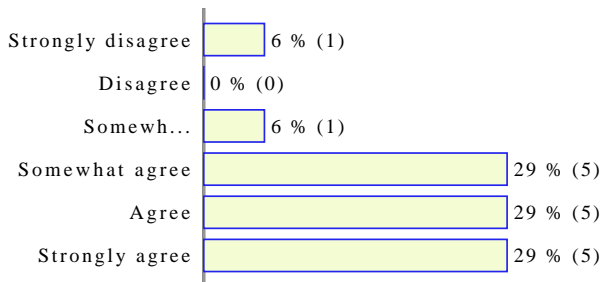
### 17. I became more aware of multiple perspectives on issues in this field.

17 answers, mean = 5.06



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

17 answers, mean = 4.65



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

17 answers, mean = 5.00

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

17 answers, mean = 5.24

