

Survey Results

In Fall 2021 I conducted my own survey after my class to better gauge how the pandemic and the shift to remote class was impacting students.

1 Questions

I asked students about the following topics:

1. How difficult they found the modules and the readings.
2. Whether the course had too much or too little work.
3. How many hours a week they spent studying for the course.
4. How clear they found my presentation.
5. Whether they found my presentation too fast or too slow.
6. How boring or interesting they found the course.
7. How remote class compares to in-person class.
8. What they liked or disliked about remote class.
9. Whether there were any obstacles that prevented, or made it difficult, to concentrate on school work, and what those were.
10. What changes in the course they would find most beneficial.
11. Whether they had any other comments or something they wished to let me know.

2 Summary

Regarding the difficulty of the modules and the readings approximately 80% of respondents said that they found them either somewhat difficult or fine.

In all sections at least 75% said the course had a good amount of work (in one section 100%), and the rest said a bit too much work.

Approximately 70% of respondents reported spending 3 hours or less per week studying for the course.

At least 75% of respondents in all sections found my presentation very clear or somewhat clear.

In two sections 100% of respondents said the presentation was “about right” in terms of speed. In the other section 50% thought “about right” and 50% “a bit too fast”.

In all section at least 70% said the course was either “fine”, “somewhat interesting” or “very interesting”. In one section 25% said they found it “very boring” and in another 16% said “somewhat boring”.

At least 50% of respondents said they thought remote class was somewhat or much worse than in-person class.

Here are some selections from the “any other comments” question:

“... I can say though with confidence, that the class is thought provoking and interesting, and despite the stale air at times in the class I think you’re doing great, and I wish I had more professors like you.”

“I have enjoyed this course the most out of all of my courses on this first semester of going back to school. You have been responsive and thoughtful to any questions. I have enjoyed the subject and all of the ideas within this course as well as it’s consistent lay out. Thank you very much!”

“This class was a lot of fun, i would take it again at every chance.”

“I simply want to thank you, professor, that you provided us this platform for the students and me personally I learn something new and interesting in this course.”

“I do not have much to say because the professor did everything he could for the students to be able to pass the course and if there were problems that the students had then the students would be held responsible especially a person like me who didn’t use the course to it’s fullest potential and just downgraded .”

“No. You are one of the best professor I’ve ever met on zoom. You let us do our work peacefully. The issue of this class is, if you skip one course, it is not going to be easy for you . But it is alright”

“This class definitely gave me a new perspective on how to approach and handle certain situations and think at a deeper level. ”

3 Responses

3.1 0905

Response rate: 8 out of 20.

Question 1

I find the classes and readings: Very difficult, Somewhat difficult, Fine, Somewhat easy, Very easy

Very difficult	16%
Somewhat difficult	50%
Fine	33%
Somewhat easy	
Very easy	

3.2 Question 2

I think this course has: Far too much work, A bit too much work, A good amount of work, A bit too little work, Far too little work

Far too much work	
A bit too much work	
A good amount of work	100%
A bit too little work	
Far too little work	

3.3 Question 3

How many hours per week do you spend studying for this course? Less than 1 hour, Between 1 and 2 hours, between 3 and 4, between 4 and 5, between 5 and 6, more than 6 hours.

Less than 1 hour	16%
Between 1 and 2 hours	66%
Between 2 and 3 hours	
Between 3 and 4 hours	16%
Between 4 and 5 hours	
Between 5 and 6 hours	
More than 6 hours	

3.4 Question 4

The professor's presentation is: Very clear, somewhat clear, neither clear nor confusing, somewhat confusing, very confusing.

Very clear	33%
Somewhat clear	50%
Neither clear nor confusing	
Somewhat confusing	
Very confusing	

3.5 Question 5

The professor's presentation is: too fast, a bit fast, about right, a bit slow, too slow.

Too fast	
A bit fast	50%
About right	50%
A bit slow	
Too slow	

3.6 Question 6

I find this course: very boring, somewhat boring, fine, interesting, very interesting.

Very boring	
Somewhat boring	16%
Fine	66%
Somewhat Interesting	
Very Interesting	16%

3.7 Question 7

I think remote class over zoom is: Much better than in person class, Somewhat better than in person class, about the same as in person class, somewhat worse than in person class, much worse than in person class.

Much better than in-person class	
Somewhat better than in-person class	16%
About the same as in-person class	
Somewhat worse than in-person class	66%
Much worse than in-person class	16%

3.8 Question 8

Free answer: What do like or dislike about remote class?

"I learn better with having a teacher or professor in front of me teaching. Remote class makes it difficult for me to understand the course."

"I dislike how nobody participates. I don't want to be the only one participating and getting it wrong. I'm the type who is eager to learn & understand something as long as I'm interested in it. I ask a lot of questions until I completely understand but I don't want to be the cause of holding up the lesson because I am not a fast learner. I like the whole idea behind the course."

"I like that the professor post the slide from class on zoom, and that he gives us time to do homework even if it overdue."

"The remote class is nice - allows us to learn from the comfort of our own homes, provides some more flexibility for time management, especially with classwork. I feel as if comparing the two is apples and oranges though- whilst the added flexibility is nice, a lot of the time I feel a lot less accountable for school in general."

"What i dislike about remote classes is that there is no physical interaction because in a one and one, i tend to get more motivational and support"

"i like that i dont have to get ready for school but i find myself more behind with remote learning"

3.9 Question 9

Free answer: Are there any obstacles that are preventing you, or making it difficult, to concentrate on school work? What are they?

“Yes, i help a child with online school/physical therapy & babysit.”

“my phone is a big distraction for me”

“Yes, at the moment I can’t afford to buy the textbooks that I need. Which isn’t allowing me to get the course work done. ”

“The whole situation has been stressful for me, I have had some health issues (non-COVID) and just generally other factors in life are somewhat stressful (definitely exacerbated by world affairs and current events) but that and I generally have always struggled with conventional education, and college is somewhat of a relief from high school and middle school, in some aspects, but some others are even more challenging.”

“none”

“Hmm i would say sometimes i leave everything last minute so i need to work on managing my time”

3.10 Question 10

Free answer: What changes in the course, if any, would you find most beneficial?

“not sure”

“none”

“i guess maybe working a good pace”

“Posting slides of the textbook concept would make it a little easier for me to get the work done. ”

“More interacting or maybe group work. Being more specific when asking a question or saying instructions.”

“Would it be possible to include some (perhaps optional?) readings but less academic? I’m personally just interested in what more there is, outside of academia and textbooks. ”

3.11 Question 11

Do you have any other comments?

“I just want to say that I very much enjoy the class and I will admit though at times I have zoned out as I’m not quite the morning person and my brain has some difficulty keeping up with the content, but I find it enjoyable. The pace of the class is engaging, and not too fast, at least for me. Personally, I do enjoy participating when I do (it’s somewhat sparse, my apologies), I generally am a bit anxious about participating in class in general, especially online- although at times I find it a bit hard to fully form a ”presentable” thought in time as well. I can say though with confidence, that the class is thought provoking and interesting, and despite the stale air at times in the class I think you’re doing great, and I wish I had more professors like you.”

“Thank you, Professor!”

“Have a nice day”

“no”

3.12 057W

Response rate 4 out of 10.

3.13 Question 1

I find the classes and readings: Very difficult, Somewhat difficult, Fine, Somewhat easy, Very easy

Very difficult	
Somewhat difficult	50%
Fine	25%
Somewhat easy	25%
Very easy	

3.14 Question 2

I think this course has: Far too much work, A bit too much work, A good amount of work, A bit too little work, Far too little work

Far too much work	
A bit too much work	25%
A good amount of work	75%
A bit too little work	
Far too little work	

3.15 Question 3

How many hours per week do you spend studying for this course? Less than 1 hour, Between 1 and 2 hours, between 3 and 4, between 4 and 5, between 5 and 6, more than 6 hours.

Less than 1 hour	25%
Between 1 and 2 hours	
Between 2 and 3 hours	
Between 3 and 4 hours	50%
Between 4 and 5 hours	25%
Between 5 and 6 hours	
More than 6 hours	

3.16 Question 4

The professor's presentation is: Very clear, somewhat clear, neither clear nor confusing, somewhat confusing, very confusing.

Very clear	50%
Somewhat clear	25%
Neither clear nor confusing	
Somewhat confusing	25%
Very confusing	

3.17 Question 5

The professor's presentation is: too fast, a bit fast, about right, a bit slow, too slow.

Too fast	
A bit too fast	
About right	100%
A bit slow	
Too slow	

3.18 Question 6

I find this course: very boring, somewhat boring, fine, interesting, very interesting.

Very boring	25%
Somewhat boring	
Fine	
Somewhat Interesting	50%
Very Interesting	25%

3.19 Question 7

I think remote class over zoom is: Much better than in person class, Somewhat better than in person class, about the same as in person class, somewhat worse than in person class, much worse than in person class.

Much better than in-person class	
Somewhat better than in-person class	25%
About the same as in-person class	25%
Somewhat worse than in-person class	25%
Much worse than in-person class	25%

3.20 Question 8

Free answer: What do like or dislike about remote class?

“One of the main problems with remote class is lack of communication. I love being around with people so I think in remote class it's lacking.”

“This is my first time taking remote classes. I have not been in school for quite a long time so it's really hard to compare. I think that this specific class would provide interesting discussions to have in real time. The nature of a asynchronous online class really doesn't allow for that. This format has been amazing for my schedule as a new mom since I am able to get up very early in the morning to do my work when I can be alone. The execution of the course material and modules was well organized compared to my other online classes and I appreciate the consistency. I also appreciate the flexibility where there is really no need for stricter deadlines. ”

“I disliked the lack of face to face interaction with both peers and professors. I struggled to understand the truth tree and I'm sure had we had in person things like this would easily be explained and understood. It seemed to be the theme of the semester however we all made it to the other side.”

“I dislike teaching myself I was really confused and frustrated.”

3.21 Question 9

Free answer: Are there any obstacles that are preventing you, or making it difficult, to concentrate on school work? What are they?

“I can’t focus in my bed in my room.”

“Having a baby, but that’s not the fault of the course.”

“I have a 7 year old daughter whom is also remote learning, so we are occupied till afternoon time doing her things, after school is homework, ect and having to tend to her and try to concentrate in class is a task. Once shes in bed I’m able to set time aside to study and do my own work, but it is hard because i am spent by bed time. This semester has shown me i am capable of doing more than i thought i could, but I can not wait to get back to in person and be able to interact with peers and professors.”

“No, I didn’t have any.”

3.22 Question 10

Free answer: What changes in the course, if any, would you find most beneficial?

“I’ve really enjoyed the courses layouts, I liked how the discussions were presented before the associated lesson?lecture because it give you times to think about your own natural ideas about the arguments instead of just reciting what you’ve just heard.”

“I would say videos explaining things.”

“I would add some fun quiz to make the course even more interesting.”

“Honestly, none. This class was my most enjoyable class, there was times i had a little trouble, but it was not the actual work just the understanding of it.”

3.23 Question 11

Do you have any other comments?

“I have enjoyed this course the most out of all of my courses on this first semester of going back to school. You have been responsive and thoughtful to any questions. I have enjoyed the subject and all of the ideas within this course as well as it’s consistent lay out. Thank you very much!”

“This class was a lot of fun, i would take it again at every chance.”

“I simply want to thank you, professor, that you provided us this platform for the students and me personally I learn something new and interesting in this course.”

3.24 091W

Response rate: 4 out of 10.

3.25 Question 1

I find the classes and readings: Very difficult, Somewhat difficult, Fine, Somewhat easy, Very easy

Very difficult	
Somewhat difficult	28%
Fine	71%
Somewhat easy	
Very easy	

3.26 Question 2

I think this course has: Far too much work, A bit too much work, A good amount of work, A bit too little work, Far too little work

Far too much work	
A bit too much work	14%
A good amount of work	85%
A bit too little work	
Far too little work	

3.27 Question 3

How many hours per week do you spend studying for this course? Less than 1 hour, Between 1 and 2 hours, between 3 and 4, between 4 and 5, between 5 and 6, more than 6 hours.

Less than 1 hour	14%
Between 1 and 2 hours	14%
Between 2 and 3 hours	43%
Between 3 and 4 hours	28%
Between 4 and 5 hours	
Between 5 and 6 hours	
More than 6 hours	

3.28 Question 4

The professor's presentation is: Very clear, somewhat clear, neither clear nor confusing, somewhat confusing, very confusing.

Very clear	71 %
Somewhat clear	28%
Neither clear nor confusing	
Somewhat confusing	
Very confusing	

3.29 Question 5

The professor's presentation is: too fast, a bit fast, about right, a bit slow, too slow.

Too fast	
A bit too fast	
About right	100%
A bit slow	
Too slow	

3.30 Question 6

I find this course: very boring, somewhat boring, fine, interesting, very interesting.

Very boring	
Somewhat boring	14%
Fine	28%
Somewhat Interesting	57%
Very Interesting	

3.31 Question 7

I think remote class over zoom is: Much better than in person class, Somewhat better than in person class, about the same as in person class, somewhat worse than in person class, much worse than in person class.

Much better than in-person class	14%
Somewhat better than in-person class	
About the same as in-person class	14%
Somewhat worse than in-person class	71%
Much worse than in-person class	

3.32 Question 8

Free answer: What do like or dislike about remote class?

3.33 Question 9

Free answer: Are there any obstacles that are preventing you, or making it difficult, to concentrate on school work? What are they?

3.34 Question 10

Free answer: What changes in the course, if any, would make it better?

“Nothing”

“Instead of being stuck only using zoom, it would be better if students were able to go to in person classes. This would be the only thing that really concerns me and something that will change the course for the professors and the students.”

“Being that it is a remote class, I would not suggest any changes. However, maybe 5 minute breaks every now and then because it is sometimes hard to stay focused for an extended period of time in a remote course.”

“The platform blackboard should be easy to navigate and fully functional.”

“less work”

3.35 Question 11

Do you have any other comments?

“The blackboard platform should be easy to navigate and fully functional.”

“I do not have much to say because the professor did everything he could for the students to be able to pass the course and if there were problems that the students had then the students would be held responsible especially a person like me who didn’t use the course to it’s fullest potential and just downgraded .”

“No”

“No. You are one of the best professor I’ve ever met on zoom. You let us do our work peacefully. The issue of this class is, if you skip one course, it is not going to be easy for you . But it is alright”

“This class definitely gave me a new perspective on how to approach and handle certain situations and think at a deeper level. ”

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