



## Instructor Evaluation for STAT 310 002 (23747) - PROBABILITY & STATISTICS

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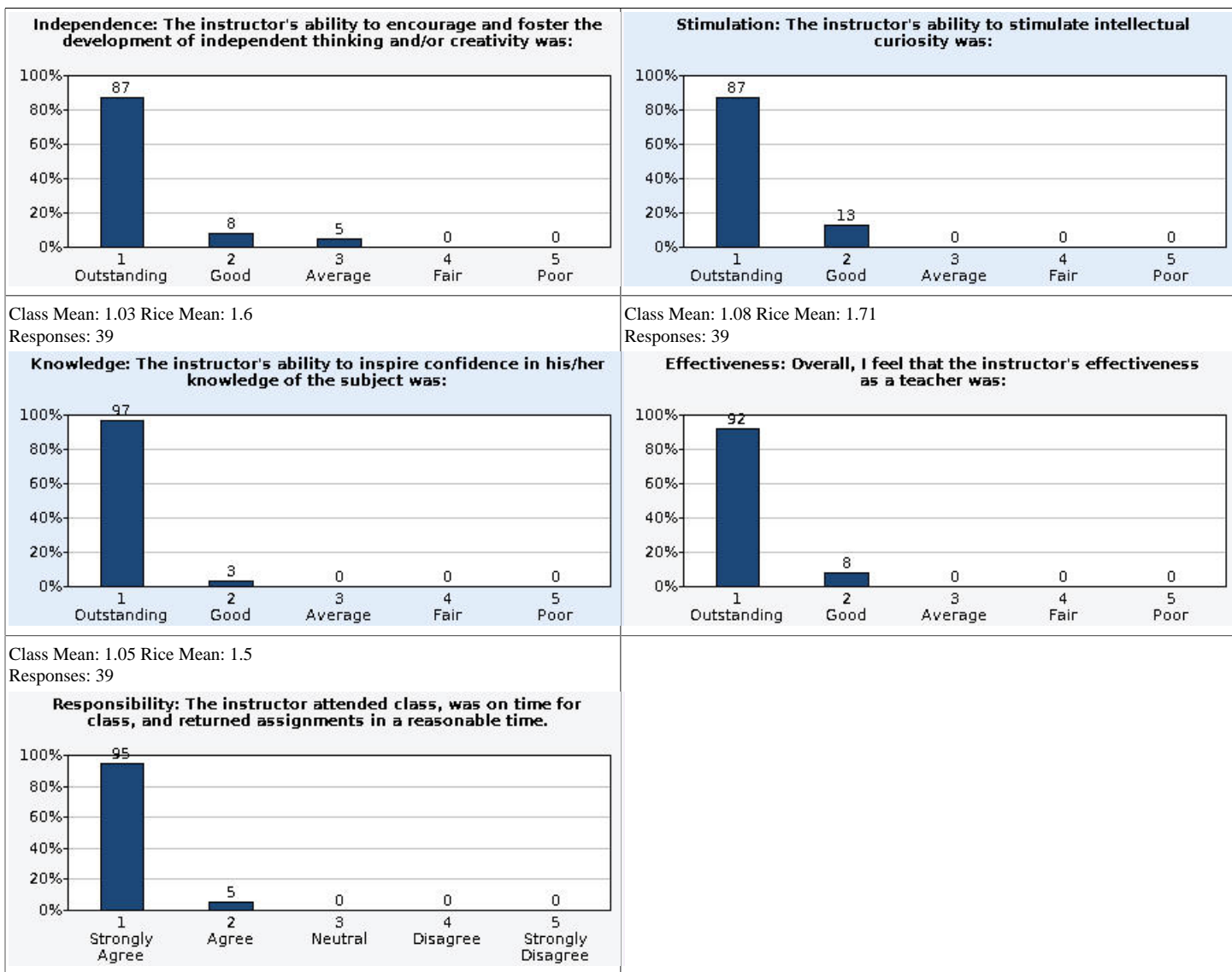
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 Rice Mean - Average score across all CRNs at Rice for the term.



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### Student Comments

**Total Comments: 22**

Not only does Ernst understand probability thoroughly, he is responsible, fair, and personable. Ernst has a gift for understanding where people are confused and he will teach you in multiple ways until it clicks for the student. Ernst is by far the most well-rounded professor that I have taken a course with at Rice.

05/19/2016 02:05 P.M.

Dr. Ernst is an amazing professor who genuinely cares about his students and ensures that everyone understands the material being covered. If the class is unsure about something, Ernst will continue to re-explain the concepts in different ways until everyone understands. There was one class that I was struggling to understand the material and Dr. Ernst somehow realized this and pulled me aside at the end of class so that he could clear up my confusion. If that is not a sign of a phenomenal professor then maybe the fact that he memorizes all of his students name's on the first day of class is. Overall, I definitely recommend taking a class with Dr. Ernst. You will learn a lot, and probably get a good grade too :)

05/18/2016 04:05 P.M.

Dr. Ernst is a fantastic professor. Always willing to accommodate students and also an incredible lecturer. You should definitely try to get into one of his classes. Best professor I have had at Rice.

05/18/2016 08:05 A.M.

Dr. Ernst is really sweet -- he always says things like, "I dont know, my teaching isn't THAT great," when it is, of course, borderline magical. And occasionally, he nonchalantly tells stories about his life that remind you he's an incognito genius.

Go to office hours. Do your homework. Come to class -- it's awesome. Dr. Ernst, so happy you're teaching 310 again.

05/17/2016 01:05 A.M.

Great teacher, take the class. Will not regret it.

05/16/2016 07:05 P.M.

Dr. Ernst genuinely cares about his class more than any professor I've had at Rice, and is one of only a few professors I've had who uses feedback throughout the semester to actively make his class better. He absolutely deserved the teaching award he received this semester, and it's not just because he offered to take the class out to lunch every couple weeks.

Dr. Ernst, I am a better person having met you. Thank you for everything.

05/11/2016 07:05 P.M.

Dr. Ernst is very approachable and responsive.

05/10/2016 11:05 P.M.

Dr Phillip is an amazing professor! He spent tons of time to help students and tried his best to make the assignments and exams consistent. The lecture style was interesting!

05/09/2016 05:05 P.M.

Dr. Ernst is the rare teacher who is teaching because he genuinely loves the material and wants other people to know about it. In addition to whatever sessions TAs hold, he personally holds a review session (sometimes more than one) for every homework assignment, in which he helps with every problem someone asks him to. On the first day of class he learned everyone's names, and every subsequent class he called people by name when they had questions or when they were answering a question he posed to the class. The only criteria I considered not rating Dr. Ernst as "Outstanding" on was Presentation, and this is entirely because the pacing of the course is held back by its strange position as both entry-level and 300 level. So his presentation is doomed to be too fast for some and too slow for others. He also sometimes spends too much time responding to questions instead of asking people to come by office hours. (I did rate him outstanding though, because Good isn't an adequate descriptor for the effort he puts into his presentations and ensuring everyone understands the material.) Honestly, the worst thing I can say about Dr. Ernst is that he should probably be giving some people lower grades than he is, if only to incentivize them to work harder to master the material.

05/09/2016 02:05 P.M.

One of the best professors at Rice, easily. Ernst cares so much about the success of his students

05/07/2016 05:05 P.M.

Dr Ernst was without a doubt the best professor I've had at Rice. I loved his dedication to the class and his students, and he made it clear he was always there and willing to help. If I could give one piece of feedback to him though - he often thought the material was too easy (which it definitely wasn't), and assumed that everyone had already seen it. There are some stat majors or CS majors taking the course for an easy A but the majority of us were taking it for the first time. So to Dr Ernst - remember that the superstar CS majors don't represent the majority of the class and you can't assume everyone has already seen the material. Besides that, I loved the class!

05/06/2016 10:05 P.M.



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Absolutely amazing, hands-down the best prof I have ever had and probably will have during my time at Rice. He's passionate about it, can transfer that passion to students, talks about real life examples, and really really cares about your success. I learned so so much but didn't feel stressed about the class - it was wonderful, and I can't wait to take more statistics classes.

05/06/2016 08:05 P.M.

Wow, what can I say about Professor Ernst? Probably the best professor I've had at Rice. Genuinely cares that his students understand the material and do the best they can. He would probably come to your college commons at 9pm and help you solve your homework problems. He also somehow understands the material inside and out, as well as any professor I've had. On a side note, he also has a scary-good memory, and will remember anything you've told him throughout the semester. If every professor were like Ernst, I think I would just stay at Rice forever.

#ErnstForPresident2020

05/04/2016 11:05 P.M.

Dr. Ernst cares about teaching his students well and in the right way more than any other professor I've ever had.

05/04/2016 10:05 P.M.

Dr. Ernst has been arguably the best professor I have had at Rice University.

05/04/2016 02:05 P.M.

I literally can not say enough great things about Professor Ernst. Hands down the best professor I've experienced within the Stats department, if not the entire university. He truly cares about his students and their learning and goes above and beyond to ensure we understand and enjoy the material. Loved his use of "stories" to explain complicated concepts. Challenging course, but very fair and learned a lot.

05/03/2016 02:05 P.M.

Dr. Ernst was always well prepared to teach and answer questions. He was very available for discussion of concepts that stem from the topics in class. He was an all around great prof. Take a class with him if you have the chance, you're guaranteed a good class no matter the subject

05/02/2016 09:05 P.M.

A very helpful and caring teacher. Genuinely wants everybody to learn.

05/02/2016 04:05 P.M.

One of the best teachers you will have in life, not just at Rice. He's beyond amazing.

05/01/2016 02:05 P.M.

Dr. Ernst is incredibly nice, almost too nice. He is understanding of everything and makes his exams doable for students however he takes some of the competitive element out of his classroom which is good for some and bad for others.

04/26/2016 01:04 P.M.

Awesome professor! Dr. Ernst really cares about teaching. Lectures are very clear and organized. He always has plenty of materials prepared for students to review. Office hours are flexible and he will take as much time as he can to answer questions. Most responsible professor I have ever met.

04/21/2016 11:04 A.M.

Rice undergraduates will be missing out on a great professor - unfortunately, he will only be teaching graduate students starting next year.

04/18/2016 04:04 P.M.