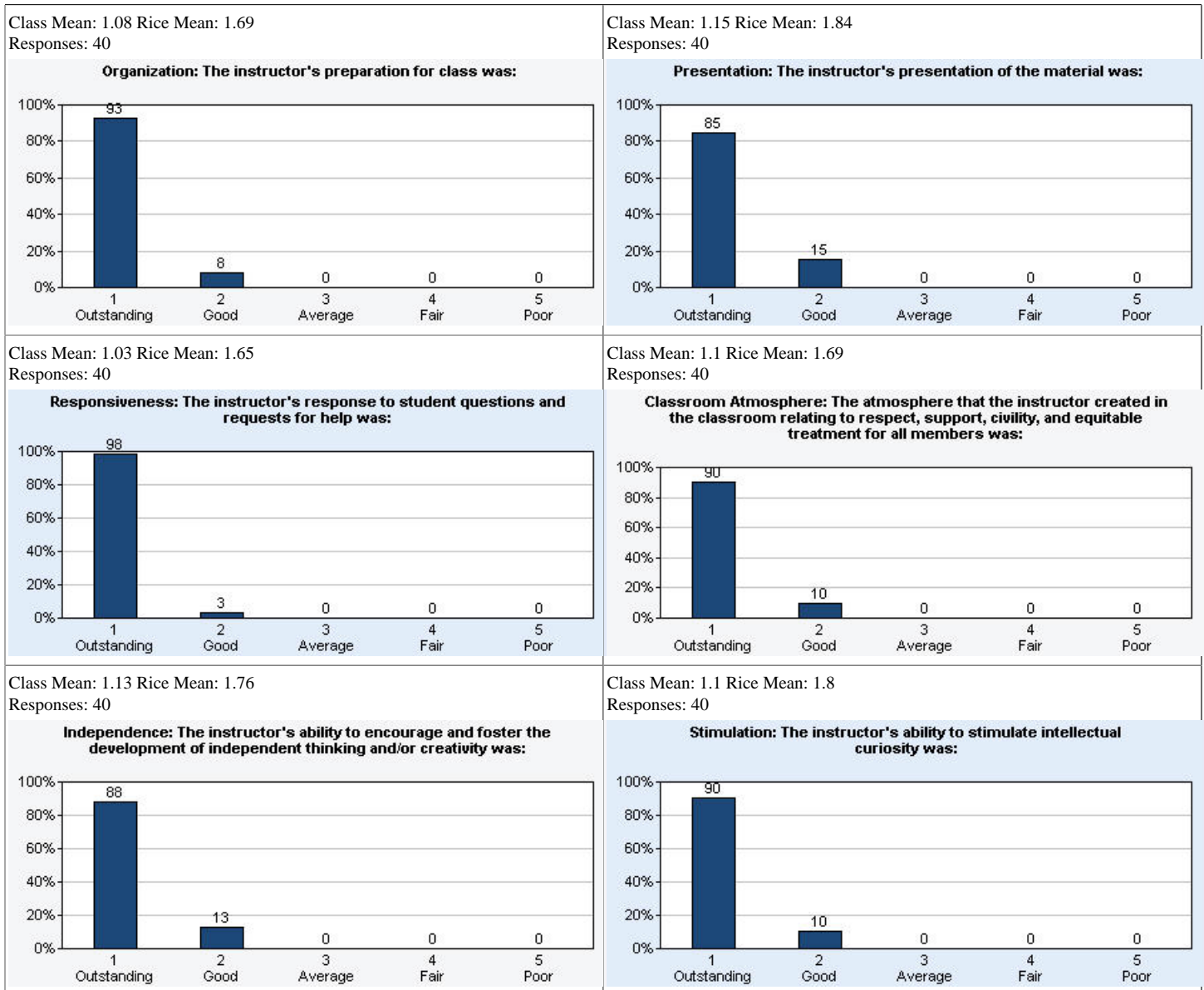




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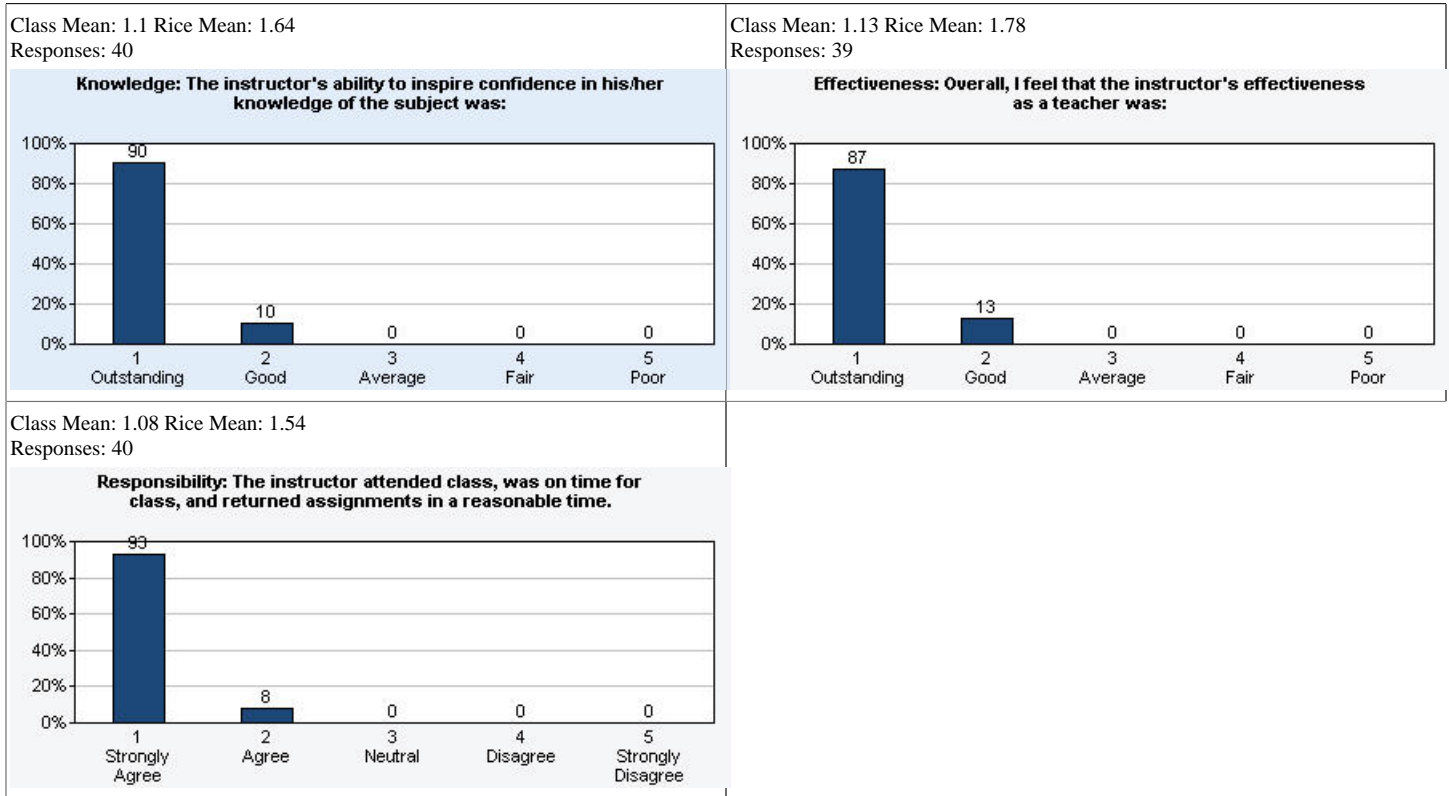




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Ernst did an outstanding job all around. He is a truly kind person who tried as hard as he could to help us learn the material. Being forward with his grading policy at the beginning of the year somewhat incentivized laziness, however. He grades very easily. His lectures were very well thought out, and if you don't understand anything, he will spend as long as it takes to help you. Really great guy.

05/21/2015 05:05 P.M.

Ernst would occasionally be a minute late and would always run over time, but that is only because how passionately he cared about the course and stat. He would get so into his lecture and so excited about the course material he would just get on a roll until someone spoke up to tell him class was over. He also truly cared about each individual student, inviting them out to lunch and have frequent review sessions and office hours. I've never had a professor that cared as much as Ernst did and he's by far the best professor I've had at Rice. PAE is bae.

05/21/2015 11:05 A.M.

Ernst was a fantastic professor. He is the best professor I have ever had at Rice. He thoroughly prepares for his lectures, and it shows. His lectures were well thought out, and organized well. He responded to students very well. He surveys responses from his students about how the class is going, and actually incorporates the changes. When requested for more office/problem solving sessions, he followed through and set them up at the best possible times for the students. He personally taught these sessions, and did not hand it off to TAs. His willingness to help us was beyond any prof I have had. Ernst is a really cool guy. I recommend taking a course by him if you have the chance. Even if you are not a stat/econ major, which I was not.

05/20/2015 08:05 P.M.

PAE is perfect.

05/16/2015 10:05 P.M.

Ernst really cares about his students and will go many extra miles to make sure they understand the material. He always stayed a couple hours past his designated office hours so people could keep asking questions, and he encouraged everyone to schedule a one-on-one meeting with him if they still had questions. He also memorized everyone's name by the second day of class. I really enjoyed his class and definitely learned a lot :)

05/16/2015 08:05 P.M.

Professor Ernst is the best professor I have had at Rice thus far. He puts so much time and thought into each lecture, and he truly wants every student to succeed. He is willing to meet outside of class if you need extra help, and he is fair when it comes to tests and homework. If you need to take this class, I highly recommend taking it with Ernst - every class should be taught by professors like him.

05/15/2015 04:05 A.M.

Dr. Ernst is probably the best professor I will ever have at Rice. If you have the opportunity to take a class with him, DO IT. I have never had a professor who cares more about students actually learning and succeeding than him. He is a great guy and one of the best teachers at Rice

05/14/2015 09:05 P.M.

Easily one of the most caring professors at Rice, was very available to students for questions and as a new professor was very receptive to feedback on how he was doing and what we wanted out of the class in terms of pace or lecture content. He strives to be fair in the work he gives us, and he's just a good guy all around. If you can, take this class with him next spring.

05/13/2015 04:05 P.M.

Dr. Ernst is the best professor I have ever had. He really cares about the students and really tries to make sure everyone understands his lecture. He has lecture notes for every lecture, and sometimes hosts problem solving sessions himself to make sure everyone follows. If you go to his office hours you will be able to get almost all of the answers to the problem sets. He likes to talk a lot but that doesn't stop him from being a good professor. He makes STAT 310 much more enjoyable.

05/12/2015 08:05 A.M.

Professor Ernst was an outstanding professor who genuinely cared about students and their learning experience. He tried his best to make STAT 310 a positive experience (and to improve the course from previous years), and, in this regard, I believe he succeeded.

One thing that really made me recognize him from the beginning was that he learned everyone's name and face within about two classes (and our section was not exactly a small class either). I think at the start of the second week of school he saw me in the courtyard and greeted me by name. Beyond that, Professor Ernst really made sure he was presenting the material in a way students understood and appreciated. He frequently asked us questions about our experience and gave us polls to make sure everyone was getting the experience they needed out of STAT 310.

He also taught in a way that made the material very easy to learn, which helped a lot given the amount of course material we needed to cover.

Thanks very much for a great semester, Professor Ernst!

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Dr. Ernst is one of the most effective professors I have had at Rice. As someone that has dropped the class before, I can confidently say that if you need to take STAT 310, you want to take it with Dr. Ernst.

05/11/2015 06:05 A.M.

Dr. Ernst is, by far, my favorite professor thus far at Rice. He clearly puts in effort to make sure that his students learn. He encourages students to come to office hours and during office hours he is more than happy to help explain to you about any concepts you may have trouble with. Dr. Ernst is the best !! :-)

05/10/2015 12:05 A.M.

Dr. Ernst is a great lecturer! He was not only extremely clear and cogent, but he also made sure to present the course topics like a "story" that helped us see how the various topics were related to each other.

05/09/2015 11:05 P.M.

Dr. Ernst was a very good teacher. He cared immensely about his students doing well and did everything he could to help up learn and prepare for tests.

05/09/2015 12:05 P.M.

Dr. Ernst is the by far the best professor I've had at Rice. He truly wants his students to succeed, and is willing to do whatever it takes to get everyone there. He is responsive and puts a lot of time into his lectures and office hours. The way he explains complex topics makes them easier to understand and contributes to how you learn the material. Overall, he's an excellent professor that I cannot recommend highly enough.

05/09/2015 10:05 A.M.

Professor Ernst is great and very enthusiastic in teaching! He is really helpful in problem solving sessions.

05/08/2015 09:05 P.M.

Dr. Ernst is an incredible teacher and individual. He put so much effort into the class and paid so much attention to each individual, ensuring that no one got left behind or lost in confusing. You could easily notice his passion for the subject material while in class, and even outside of class he was very available, even when it was just casual conversation around campus. I cannot imagine liking this course as much as I did if it had a different professor.

05/08/2015 02:05 A.M.

Ernst is an absolutely fantastic professor. One of the best professors I've had at Rice, obviously cares a lot about his students.

05/07/2015 02:05 P.M.

Pretty dedicated guy. It was nice to see someone excited about their subject again and I'm glad i took the chance with the new teacher. Sometimes seemed to lose direction during lectures, but overall: fast grader, very receptive to class input, and devotes a lot of time to helping people who need/want it. Definitely made the class better than it had been made out to be.

05/06/2015 07:05 P.M.

I could go on and on about why Dr. Ernst is great. First, he actually tries to make his lectures interesting. Second, he takes all feedback seriously. He will periodically send out surveys, notice some popular comments, and adjust accordingly. Third, he is super responsive to students and is willing to take the time to get to know them as people/give advice about stuff beyond academics. He really cares about his students and about the subject, so you would be incredibly lucky to have him as a professor at any point in your Rice career. Best professor I've had hands down.

05/06/2015 12:05 P.M.

Dr. Ernst is one of the great teachers at Rice. He cares about his students and makes himself available for problem solving sessions and one on one time. He made statistics fun to learn!

05/05/2015 02:05 P.M.

Dr. Ernst is a fantastic professor. If there is indeed such a thing as a professor caring too much (!), Dr. Ernst would fit that bill--he responds to his students' feedback and shapes the course around how the students learn best. I've never seen anything like it while here at Rice. Would highly recommend him as a professor for any course.

05/04/2015 11:05 A.M.

This professor really knows his stuff... Phillip Ernst is the most charismatic professor I've had while my time at Rice and made a class enjoyable that otherwise would have been unbearable. He also seemed to care genuinely if we were learning the material that he would spend as much time out of class as in class to help through review sessions and office hours. If you have to take any stat class, take it with him.

05/01/2015 04:05 P.M.

Ernst is the savior the STAT department needed. After dropping 310 last semester and hearing only terrible things about the other professors, I was amazed to walk into Ernst's class and find that he actually cared about students and teaching. Very few teachers I have had at Rice have been as



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devoted to student success as Ernst, and he was constantly asking us how the class could be better (even though it started off 100x better than other STAT 310 classes). If you have a chance to take 310 or any other stat course with Ernst, take it. Great professor.

05/01/2015 02:05 P.M.

OH MY GOSH, Dr. Ernst is absolutely amazing. He is flexible, warm, energetic, and a great teacher. When the TAs weren't helping us at all, Dr. Ernst opened up more office hours. When the class needed extra help, he would spend hours of his time to help us one-on-one. Dr. Ernst practically begged us to come to extra help, with one email asking if we wanted to make individual appointments with him. He had the class fill out evaluations of his class and teaching method about once a month, and afterwards, there were TANGIBLE changes that you could see as he adjusted his class to our desires (scanned lecture notes, more real-world examples in class, etc). His tests were thoughtout and fair, and I appreciated his energy in class every single time. I took a leap of faith with Dr. Ernst, and I don't regret it one bit!

04/30/2015 09:04 P.M.

Dr.Ernst is one of the few in stat department who not only knows his material, but knows how to deliver it to students during lecture. He holds problem solving sessions and exam review sessions by himself and really care whether students understand, extremely patient during his office hour. stat 310 is not scary, if you ask him questions and spend time thinking.

04/29/2015 11:04 P.M.

One of the most caring professors at Rice. Great guy who managed to turn a painful course into a fun one. He's quirky and tells really lame jokes that make you laugh because they're so lame. His lectures can seem slow at times but he definitely takes your input and suggestions into consideration. Too bad he's not teaching 310 though after this semester.

04/28/2015 03:04 P.M.

PAE really cares about his students, more so than any other professor I've had here. He took 8-10 students out for lunch at Brochstein every Friday and had office hours, plus TA sessions, TA office hours, and problem-solving sessions, just to make sure nobody was left behind.

04/28/2015 12:04 P.M.

If you have to take STAT 310, take it with Dr. Ernst.

04/26/2015 01:04 P.M.

Professor Ernst really thinks for his students. He is probably the best instructor for STAT 310 and even the whole STAT department.

04/23/2015 10:04 P.M.

Dr. Ernst is super nice and helpful, and probably puts more thought into the class than we do. He's really good about answering hw questions during group office hour sections. He made 310 enjoyable.

04/22/2015 04:04 P.M.

Excellent work ethic. I've never had a professor try harder to make his class effective and satisfying for the students. He deserves a lot of credit for what he has done this semester. He would always go out of his way to ensure that his students were learning and understood the material. Professor Ernst is really great!

04/20/2015 10:04 P.M.

A Harvard undergrad and Wharton PhD. An intellectually and academically outstanding man. A great teacher who has great instructing skills. A responsible professor who cares a LOT about his students. Take Prof. Ernst's course because he is the BEST!!!!

04/20/2015 08:04 P.M.