Syracuse University Course Feedback

Office of Institutional Effectiveness Item Banks (Revised 08/2020)

Course feedback items included in the item banks can be selected for school/college, department, and instructor surveys. If a preferred item is not currently included or if you have any comments or questions, please contact the OIE course feedback team at <u>coursefeedback@syr.edu</u>.

Open-Ended

- 1. What significant knowledge/skills/abilities did you learn in this course that you will use in the future?
- 2. What specific advice would you give to improve student learning in the course?
- 3. Which parts of this course were most valuable to your overall learning experience?
- 4. Which parts of this course were least valuable to your overall learning experience?
- 5. Which parts of this course aided your learning?
- 6. Which parts of this course were obstacles to your learning?
- 7. Which parts of this course would you suggest changing?
- 8. How was this course accessible and inclusive of diverse groups?
- 9. Describe when you were most engaged, excited, and involved as a learner in this course.
- 10. Describe when you were most distanced, disengaged, and uninvolved as a learner in this course.

Forced-Choice

Unless otherwise indicated, an agreement scale is used (1=strongly disagree, 2=disagree, 3=somewhat disagree, 4=somewhat agree, 5= agree, 6=strongly agree).

Course Outcomes

- 11. This course developed my ability to apply theory to practice.
- 12. This course developed my ability to argue effectively.
- 13. This course developed my ability to conceptualize and present my ideas in my artistic medium.
- 14. This course developed my ability to gather and use evidence to support an argument or position.
- 15. This course developed my ability to provide constructive critiques to others.
- 16. This course developed my ability to think critically about the subject.
- 17. This course helped me make progress in my acquisition of the language.
- 18. This course helped me think independently about the subject matter.
- 19. This course improved my ability to analyze issues, ideas, artifacts, and/or events.
- 20. This course improved my ability to evaluate arguments.
- 21. This course improved my ability to identify, formulate, and solve problems.
- 22. This course improved my ability to locate, evaluate, and use information in the literature.
- 23. This course improved my presentation skills.
- 24. This course increased my ability to collaborate and work in teams.
- 25. This course increased my intercultural knowledge and awareness.
- 26. This coursed helped me further develop my writing ability.

Student Outcomes, Cognitive

- 27. I gained an understanding of major concepts in this field.
- 28. I improved my ability to problem solve.
- 29. I improved my ability to think creatively.
- 30. I improved my ability to think critically about issues in this field.
- 31. I learned to identify problems and explore different solutions.
- 32. I learned to apply principles from this course to new situations.
- 33. I became more aware of multiple perspectives on issues in this field.
- 34. I developed my ability to carry out original research in this field.
- 35. I developed my ability to communicate clearly about this subject.
- 36. I developed skills necessary for professionals in this field.
- 37. I developed the ability to gather and use evidence to support an argument or position.
- 38. I am better able to defend an argument or a position as a result of taking this course.
- 39. I am better able to differentiate between fact and opinion as a results of taking this course.
- 40. I began to question some of my long-standing assumptions as a result of taking this course.
- 41. I learned to evaluate the quality of others' arguments and positions by taking this course.

Student Outcomes, Self-Concept

- 42. I developed a clearer sense of my professional identity.
- 43. I developed a greater awareness of societal problems.
- 44. I developed a greater sense of personal responsibility through this course.
- 45. I developed an understanding of people of various economic, social, racial, or ethnic backgrounds.
- 46. I gained a better understanding of myself through this course.
- 47. I learned to value different viewpoints.
- 48. I reconsidered some of my former attitudes about the content in this course.
- 49. My awareness of my own interests and talents increased.

Student Effort and Involvement

- 50. The percentage of class sessions I attended was approximately: [100%, 76-99%, 51-75%, 26-50%, 1-25%]
- 51. I attended class sessions: [all of the time, most of the time, often, sometimes, rarely, never]
- 52. I utilized all the learning opportunities provided in this course.
- 53. I tried to relate what I learned in this course to my own experiences.

Course Organization, Structure, and Content

- 54. As the course progressed, I could see how each of the topics fit into a whole.
- 55. Class discussions were productive.
- 56. Class discussions were well organized.
- 57. Class sessions were clearly connected to previous and subsequent sessions.
- 58. Class time was effectively utilized.
- 59. Course content was presented clearly.
- 60. Diverse approaches to problems and their solutions were presented.
- 61. Examples used in lecture/class discussions had relevance for me.
- 62. Examples used in lecture/class discussions helped me to understand the material.
- 63. Lectures kept me engaged in course topics.
- 64. New terms, concepts, and principles were clearly defined.
- 65. Presentations were well organized.
- 66. Students' responsibilities in this course were clearly defined.
- 67. Summary and emphasis of important points in class were effective.
- 68. Summary and emphasis of important points in class were provided.
- 69. The course followed the syllabus.
- 70. The course provided a good balance of instruction and practice.
- 71. The course was effectively organized.
- 72. The objectives of the course were clearly explained.
- 73. Theories and concepts were related to practical issues.
- 74. When appropriate, divergent viewpoints were presented.

Course Difficulty, Pace, and Work Load

- 75. The course content was appropriate for the course level.
- 76. I found the course challenging enough to be stimulating.
- 77. Prerequisite courses adequately prepared me to take this class.
- 78. Presentation of course content was appropriately paced.
- 79. Enough time was allotted when discussing complex or difficult topics.
- 80. The pace of the course was adjusted when students did not understand course concepts.
- 81. The amount of work required for this course was appropriate for the credit received.

Faculty/Student Interaction

- 82. The instructor demonstrated respect for students.
- 83. The instructor was available for support outside the course meeting time.
- 84. The classroom environment was respectful.
- 85. Meaningful class discussions were promoted.
- 86. Students' diversity of life experiences were valued.
- 87. Cultural and personal differences were seen as assets.
- 88. Different viewpoints were accepted as valid.
- 89. Stereotypic assumptions in class discussions were addressed.
- 90. I was comfortable asking questions in this class.
- 91. My questions were satisfactorily answered.
- 92. I was motivated by the instructor to do my best work.
- 93. My learning and success in this course were important to my instructor.
- 94. The instructor was willing to meet with students outside of class.
- 95. The instructor was available during office hours.
- 96. The instructor was accessible to students via email.
- 97. The instructor responded to students' emails in a timely manner.

Grading

- 98. The grading system was clearly explained.
- 99. I understood how my grade was determined for this course.
- 100. The type of assessment used in this course was appropriate for the course objectives.
- 101. Feedback on my work was promptly provided.
- 102. I was aware of my academic progress throughout the course.
- 103. I was encouraged to learn from my mistakes in this course.
- 104. I was encouraged to assess my own work in this course.

Examinations

- 105. Class activities prepared me for the exams.
- 106. Exam questions were worded clearly.
- 107. Exams covered the important parts of the course.
- 108. Exams were returned within a reasonable period of time.
- 109. Answers to the exam questions were adequately explained after the exam.
- 110. I learned from the mistakes I made on the exams.
- 111. Exams were reasonable in length.
- 112. Enough time was provided to complete the exams.

Reading Assignments

- 113. The purpose of the reading assignments was clear.
- 114. Assigned readings were at an appropriate level for me.
- 115. Reading assignments covered material from diverse perspectives.
- 116. Reading assignments were engaging.
- 117. Reading assignments made me think.
- 118. Reading assignments were helpful in understanding course topics.
- 119. Assigned readings were well integrated with course topics.

Written Assignments

- 120. Directions for written assignments were clear.
- 121. I was able to select interesting topics for my written assignments.
- 122. Written assignments were engaging.
- 123. Written assignments encouraged the inclusion of diverse perspectives.
- 124. Guidance on proper citation style was provided.
- 125. Criteria for grading written assignments were clear.
- 126. Written assignments were returned promptly.
- 127. Feedback I received helped me to improve my writing.
- 128. Written assignments helped me improve my writing ability.

Oral Presentation Assignments

- 129. Directions for presentation assignments were clear.
- 130. I was able to select interesting topics for my presentation assignments.
- 131. I had sufficient access to the resources I needed to complete my presentation assignments.
- 132. Feedback I received helped me to improve my presentation skills.
- 133. Presentation assignments helped me become a better public speaker.
- 134. Presentation assignments increased my confidence in public speaking.

Instructional Materials

- 135. Instructional materials (e.g., books, readings, handouts) increased my understanding of course topics.
- 136. Instructional materials (e.g., books, readings, handouts) increased my knowledge/skills in the subject area.
- 137. Instructional materials (e.g., books, readings, handouts) contributed to my learning.
- 138. Instructional materials (e.g., books, readings, handouts) presented various perspectives on issues.

Technology

- 139. Expectations for use of Blackboard were clearly explained.
- 140. Group work was facilitated effectively through the use of online and Blackboard tools. [Includes "N/A" response option]
- 141. Important course documents (e.g., syllabus, assignments) were available to me via Blackboard.
- 142. Instructional technology was well integrated with course materials.
- 143. Multimedia (e.g., videos, including YouTube; audio, including voiceover PowerPoint) enhanced my learning in this course. [Includes "N/A" response option]
- 144. How would you compare the academic rigor of this online course to face-to-face three-credit courses you've taken at Syracuse University? [not as rigorous, equally rigorous, more rigorous, not applicable (i.e., I haven't taken a face-to-face course)]
- 145. The Blackboard discussion board was a valuable learning tool.
- 146. Feedback from the instructor on the Blackboard discussion board was helpful.
- 147. The Live Session was a helpful part of the online course experience. [Includes "N/A" response option]
- 148. I had a high skill level with technology before I took the course.
- 149. In this course, I experienced technical difficulties: [0 times, 1-3 times, 4-6 times, 7-9 times, 10+ times]
- 150. If you experienced technical difficulties: I was satisfied with the quality of the technical assistance I received during this class. [Includes "N/A (i.e., I did not request assistance)" response option]
- 151. The technical demands of the course impeded my learning.

Group Work

- 152. The directions for group work were clear.
- 153. Guidance was provided to help groups work effectively.
- 154. I actively participated in group work.
- 155. I felt included when working with group members.
- 156. My contribution to the group was valued.
- 157. I learned from the contributions of my team.
- 158. I helped other students learn.
- 159. The credit given for the group project was appropriate for the effort required.
- 160. Group work contributed to my learning.

Discussion/Recitation Sections

- 161. The discussion/recitation section was helpful to my learning.
- 162. The discussion/recitation section clarified lecture material.
- 163. The discussion/recitation section was well integrated with the lecture.
- 164. There was sufficient opportunity to ask questions in the discussion/recitation section.
- 165. The discussion/recitation section was a valuable part of this course.

Laboratory

- 166. Laboratory sessions were well organized.
- 167. Expectations about specific lab procedures were clearly stated.
- 168. Directions for laboratory assignments were clear.
- 169. The use of laboratory equipment was adequately explained.
- 170. Lab safety procedures were adequately enforced.
- 171. Laboratory apparatus worked well.
- 172. I had appropriate and working equipment available to conduct the laboratory exercises.
- 173. I had sufficient access to the laboratory facilities to complete the laboratory assignments.
- 174. The laboratory exercises clarified lecture content.
- 175. Laboratory sessions were integrated with lecture topics.
- 176. Laboratory reports were returned promptly.
- 177. My laboratory techniques have improved.
- 178. Laboratory sessions increased my competence in using lab equipment and materials.
- 179. The laboratory sessions made an important contribution to my mastery of course content.

Team Teaching

- 180. The team teaching approach was effectively used in this course.
- 181. Course content was effectively presented within the team teaching approach.
- 182. Team teaching provided me with diverse insights into the course content.
- 183. The team teaching method provided me with a valuable learning experience.

Studio Work

- 184. Directions for the studio assignments were clear.
- 185. Studio assignments were engaging.
- 186. Studio assignments helped broaden my range of abilities.
- 187. Demonstrations in studio were clear.
- 188. New processes and techniques in studio were clearly explained.
- 189. Connections between theory and practice in studio were clear.
- 190. I was able to be creative with my studio assignments.
- 191. The studio facilities were adequate.
- 192. I had sufficient access to the resources I needed to complete my studio work.
- 193. I had sufficient opportunities to use the studio facilities to complete my projects.
- 194. I received sufficient guidance during studio.
- 195. Studio projects completed in this course enhanced my portfolio.
- 196. Studio projects were valuable for mastering the course objectives.

Community-Based and Service Learning

- 197. I participated in the community-based experience for the required time.
- 198. Expectations for the community-based learning experience were clearly explained.
- 199. I received an adequate introduction to the community site.
- 200. I received appropriate supervision at the community site.
- 201. I had sufficient access to resources at the community site to complete my assignments.
- 202. The community-based experience was an opportunity for me to apply course concepts.
- 203. Important ethical issues of working in the community were discussed.
- 204. I learned effective methods for dealing with conflicts and problems at the community site.
- 205. Opportunities were provided for the class to reflect in meaningful ways on the community-based learning experience.
- 206. The community-based experience taught me things that I could not have learned in the classroom alone.

Teaching Assistants

- 207. Assignments and tests handled by the TA were returned with helpful feedback.
- 208. Class discussions were well organized.
- 209. Presentation of subject matter was clear.
- 210. I felt comfortable asking questions.
- 211. Questions were answered clearly and completely.
- 212. The TA was available during offices hours or by appointment.
- 213. Class consistently started on time.
- 214. Grading and evaluation of student work was clearly explained.

Student Demographic Information

- 215. What is your overall cumulative GPA? (4.0-3.5, 3.4-3.0, 2.9-2.5, 2.4-2.0, below 2.0)
- 216. What is your class level? (first-year, sophomore, junior, senior, graduate, other)
- 217. What grade do you expect in this course? (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, below C)
- 218. What was your level of interest in the subject area before the beginning of the course? (very low, low, medium, high, very high)