



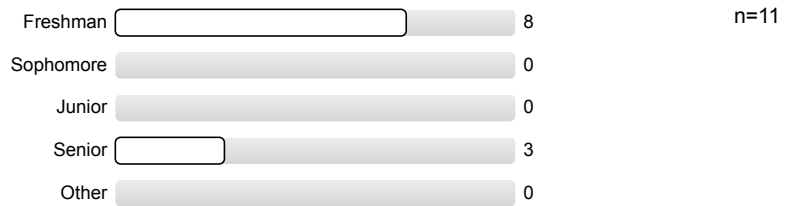
## D. FESSLER Evaluation of Instruction Program Report

17S: ANTHRO 19 SEM 4: FIAT LUX FRSHMN SEM  
 No. of responses = 11  
 Enrollment = 18  
 Response Rate = 61.11%

### Survey Results

#### 1. Student Demographic Information:

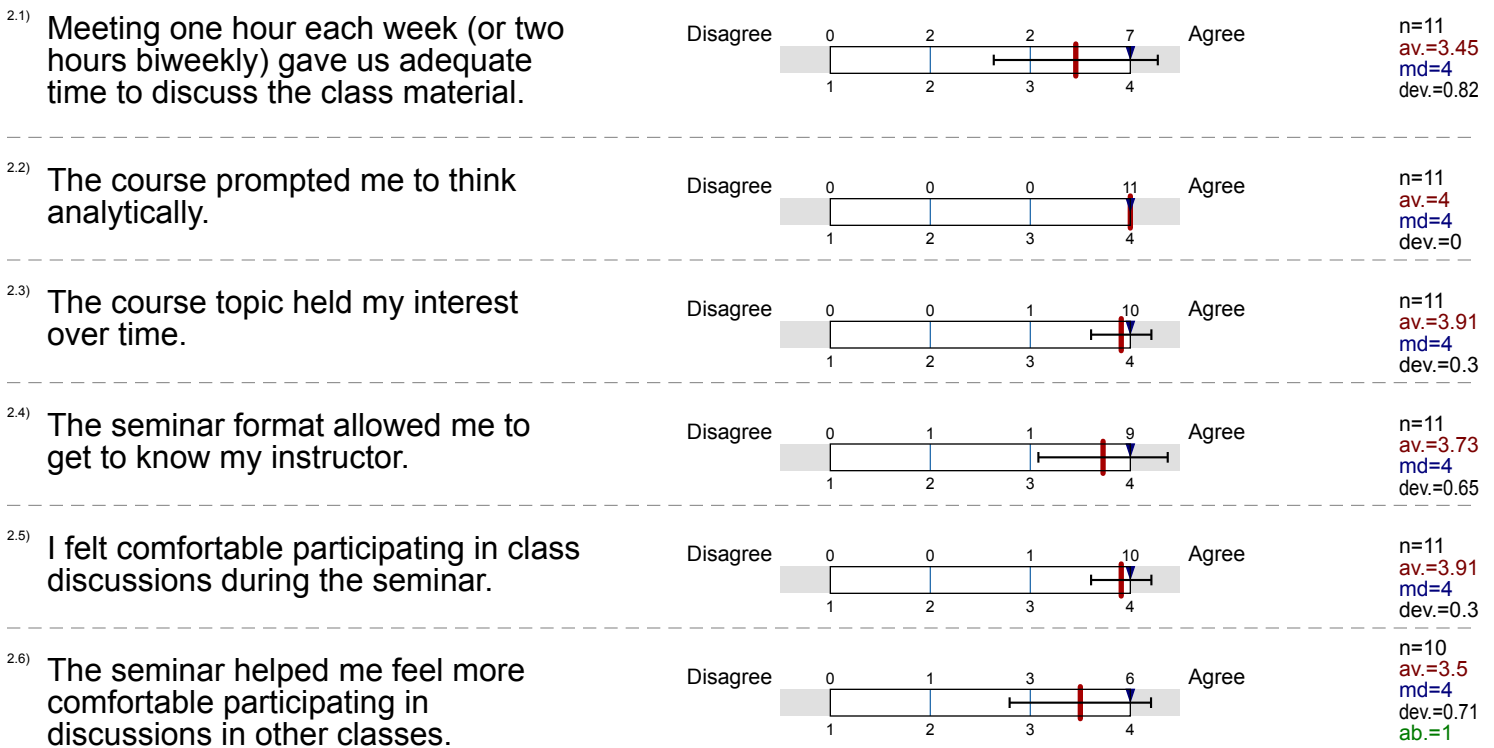
##### 1.1) Year in School:

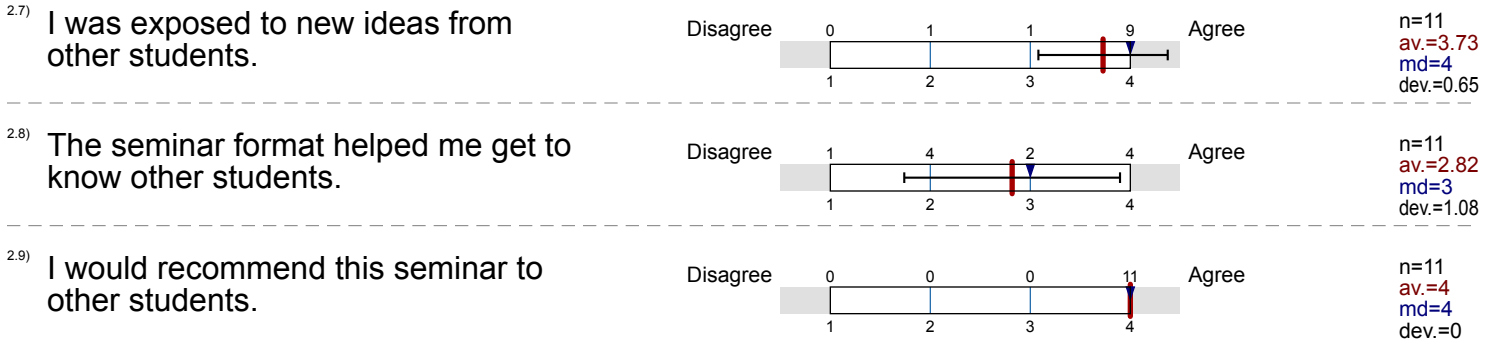


##### 1.2) Gender:

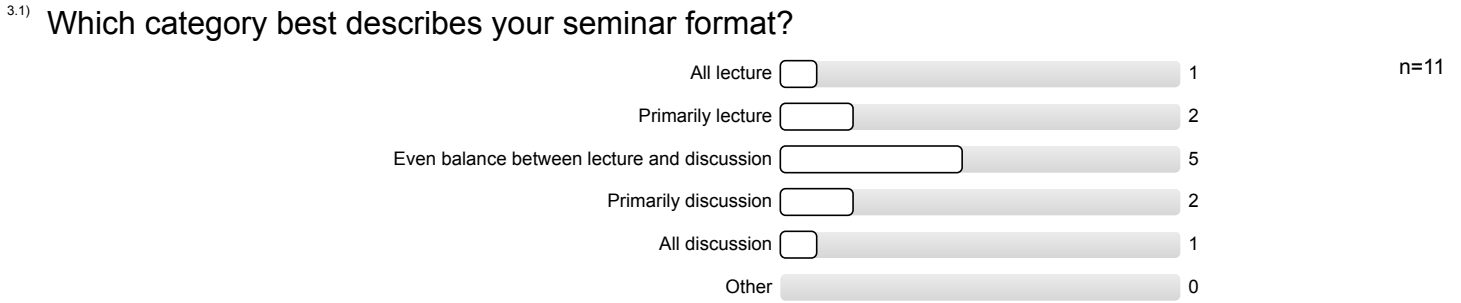


#### 2. General Questions:

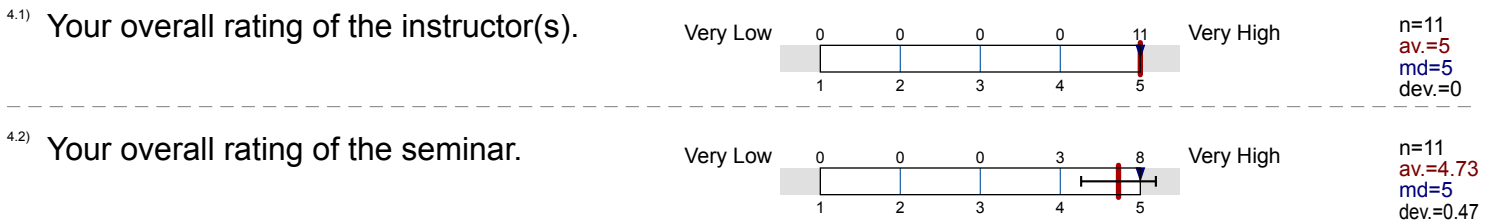




3. Seminar Format:



4. Overall Rating:

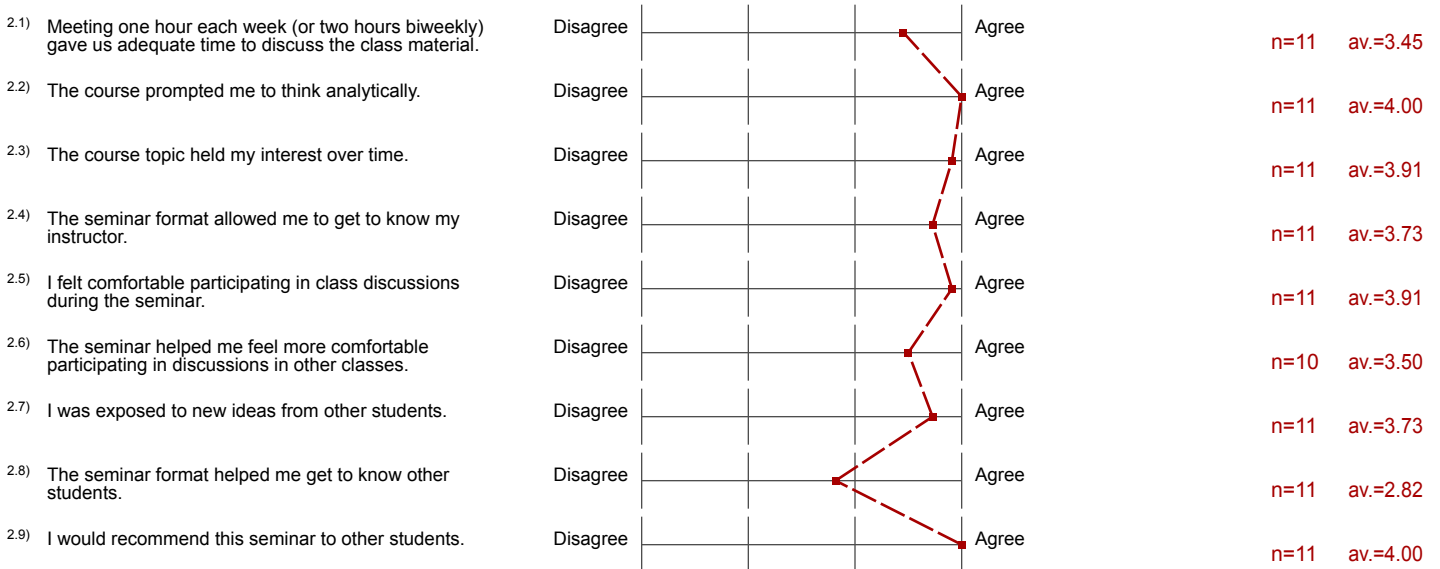


# Profile

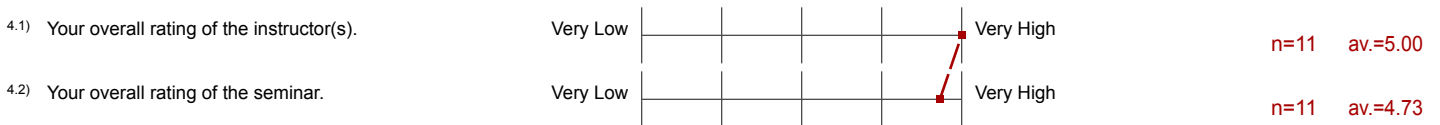
Subunit: ANTHRO  
 Name of the instructor: D. FESSLER  
 Name of the course: 17S: ANTHRO 19 SEM 4: FIAT LUX FRSHMN SEM  
 (Name of the survey)

Values used in the profile line: Mean

## 2. General Questions:



## 4. Overall Rating:



## Comments Report

## 3. Seminar Format:

3.2) If "Other", please describe the seminar format:

■ NA

## 5. Open Questions:

5.1) What did you learn in this seminar that you consider valuable?

- I feel that I learned a lot about autism in this seminar. I actually want to go to the Washington DC program through the school and I plan on writing my research paper for the program on autism and education, so I find this seminar very interesting. I also have autistic family members, so this seminar helped me understand them a little more.
- I learned a great deal about how the minds of animals and autistic individuals work, which I think are both very important. It was a brand new topic to me, so I'm thankful for the exposure and knowledge gained by this new experience with new material.
- I learned how the world is seen differently for different people which allowed me to reflect on how I myself viewed the world. It gave me a new understanding of autistic people and animals that I had not previously had.
- I liked seeing the perspective of Autistic people and how it relates to animals
- More than anything I learned to be a critical thinker as well as how to analyze materials in an open perspective instead of one filled with biases.
- That some animals that I didn't know about feel pain. Also helped me understand autism.
- The most valuable thing I learned is that there are two sides to every tale. It helped me to think critically about both the development of human species and how we act towards fellow human beings as well as towards animals.
- The seminar extended far beyond the scope of the book, which was an enriching experience. Through this, I learned that many aspects of autism ( and thus neuroscience ) and animal behavior can be applied in seemingly tangential subjects, such that they become significant and worthy of consideration.
- The theory of minds and other related topics such as animal thinking, autism and human consciousness

5.2) Please comment on the amount and quality of intellectual engagement you had with other students, noting what effect the exchange of ideas had on your seminar experience.

- I drew toilet on the board . That's very intellectually engaging according to my personal beliefs.
- I really loved hearing the insightful comments others made and their different interpretations of the novel we read. I liked discussing the accurate statements versus the stretched claims Grandin made, for it provided an interesting experience criticizing and reforming the novel.
- There was a lot of thoughtful discussion and questions throughout the quarter
- There wasn't a lot of exchanging of ideas, since it was a more science/fact based seminar, but it was

interesting to hear different students interpretation of results.

- We had a fair amount of intellectual engagement not just on animal translation, but also about different perspectives in life. Useful information such as how a toilet actually work was even discussed in class. This is not to say that we went too off track from the actual materials but show how our discussion range was very diverse. Ultimately, it all comes down to tie it all together to a meaningful comment theme.

- We had discussion posts online as well as during class and they helped me different perspectives.

5.3) Please comment on the amount and quality of interaction you had with your seminar instructor, noting what effect it had on your seminar experience.

- Dr. Fessler was helpful and encouraged quality discussions .
- He is very knowledgeable and explained complex topics with ease.
- I enjoyed the discussions he led. He is very knowledgeable about the subjects, and it was interesting hearing his perspective on certain matters versus what we, the students, thought.
- Professor Fessler was definitely one of the more interesting professor I have had at UCLA. His opinion and knowledge in life is very unique, and I absolutely love his enthusiasm not just for the subject of the seminar but also in teaching his student. i do not think I ever felt disengaged in class, and there are constant excitements brought by the Professor to the topic at hand. He made clear attempt to connect what we learned in class to every day life experiences as well. Overall, it was a fun class that helps keep your mind active, especially for a senior like me.
- Professor Fessler was very knowledgable on the subject and always found a fun way to explain things to us. I think that this helped me learn more from the class and made me want to take more seminars in the future.
- Though I didn't have any individual interaction, he was engaging and I was interested for the entirety of the course. I very much enjoyed the way he ran the seminar.

5.4) How could your seminar be improved?

- I felt like the seminar was ran pretty well by Professor Fessler already. However, if there is one thing that could be change, I guess it would be to change the due date of the reading assignment closer to the actual class time. This is because if i submit the materials early in the week, it is easy to forget about what i read if the class does not took place until later in the week.
- I thought it was great! There wasn't a lot that could be improved due to time constraints
- I wish that our seminar was a bit longer because sometimes it felt like there wasn't enough time to cover everything.
- It was perfect
- More than 50 min
- We often became sidetracked on random topics which prevented us from addressing all the questions we had, yet these side discussions were still very interesting. It would be helpful to try to discuss more questions, although I know our time was always very limited.