



Summer 2017 report for ENC 3250-523(58032) Professional Writing (Thorold Roberts)

USF Student Assessment of Instruction

Project Audience: 23

Responses Received: 23

Response Ratio: 100%

Subject Details

Course Name: Professional Writing

Section: 523

College Name: Arts & Sciences

Department Name: English

Term Title: Summer 2017

First Name: Thorold

Last Name: Roberts

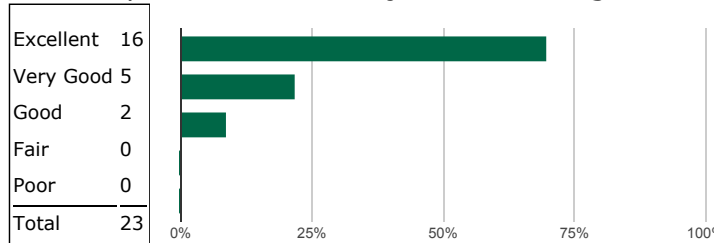
Section 1. Frequency Statistics

The charts below provide statistics and the response breakdown of how students answered each question.

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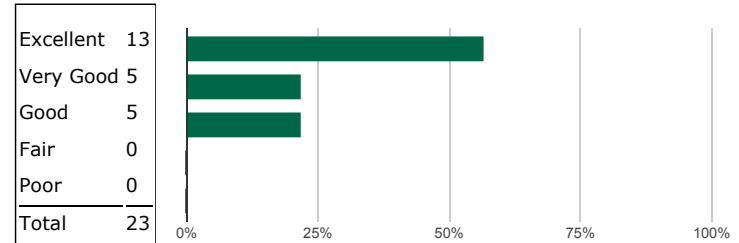
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Mean	4.5
Median	5.0
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.8

1. Description of Course Objectives & Assignments



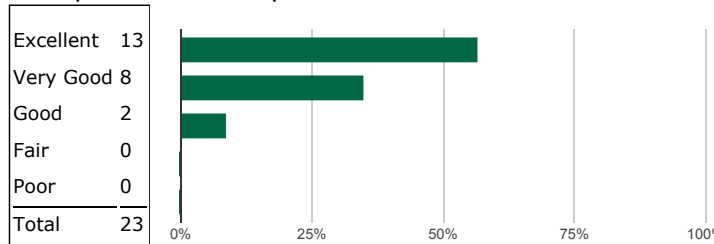
Statistics	Value
Mean	4.6
Median	5.0
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Standard Deviation	+/-0.7

2. Communication of Ideas and Information



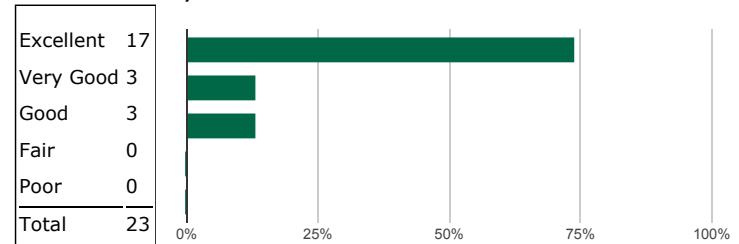
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Mean	4.3
Median	5.0
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3. Expression of Expectations for Performance



Statistics	Value
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Standard Deviation	+/-0.7

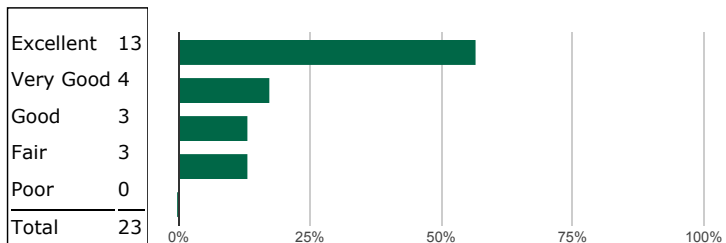
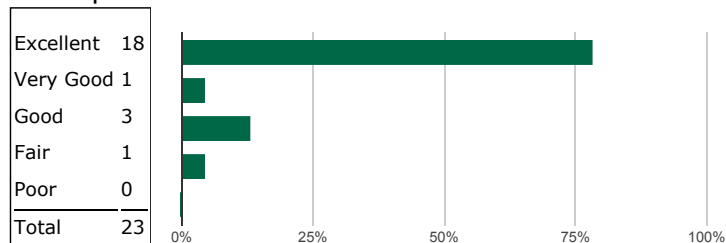
4. Availability to Assist Students In or Out of Class



Statistics	Value
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Median	5.0
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.7

5. Respect and Concern for the Students

6. Stimulation of Interest in the Course

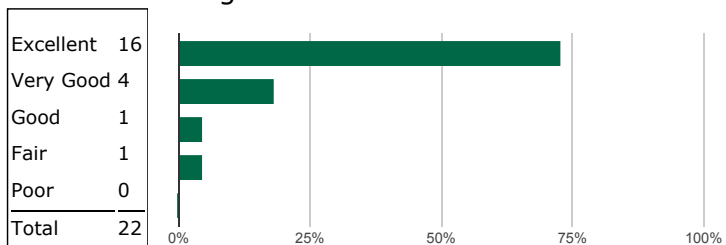
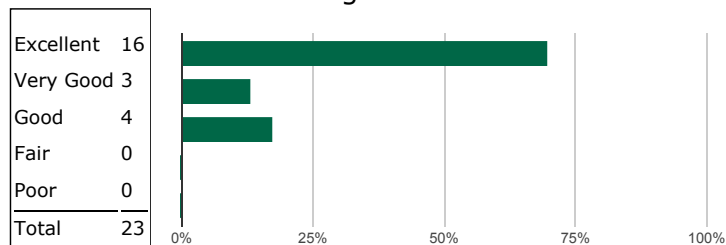


Statistics	Value
Mean	4.6
Median	5.0
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.9

Statistics	Value
Mean	4.2
Median	5.0
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-1.1

7. Facilitation of Learning

8. Overall Rating of the Instructor



Statistics	Value
Mean	4.5
Median	5.0
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	+/-0.8

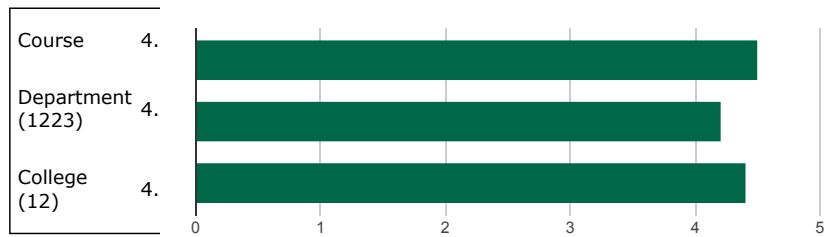
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Section 2. Comparative Section

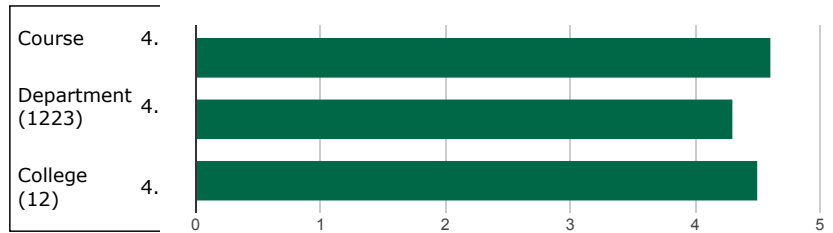
The charts below compare how the students in your course rated you as compared to all of the instructors in the department, and all of the instructors in the college.

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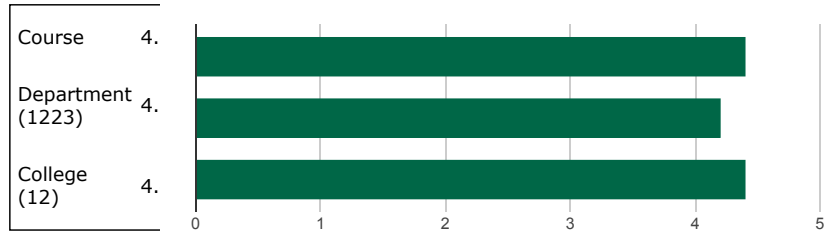
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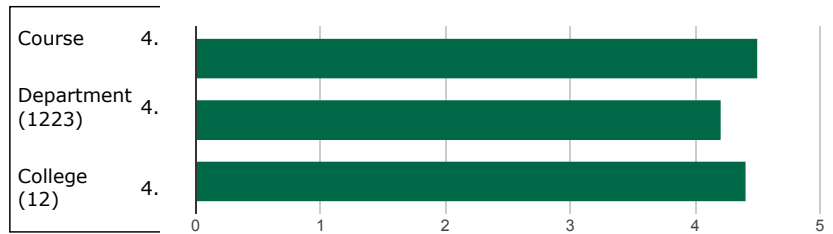
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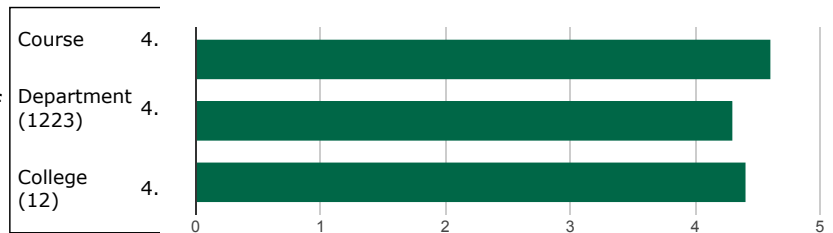
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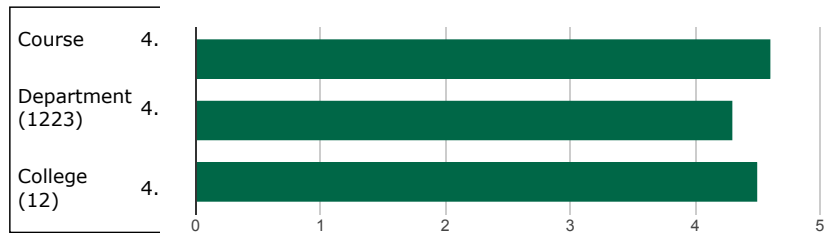
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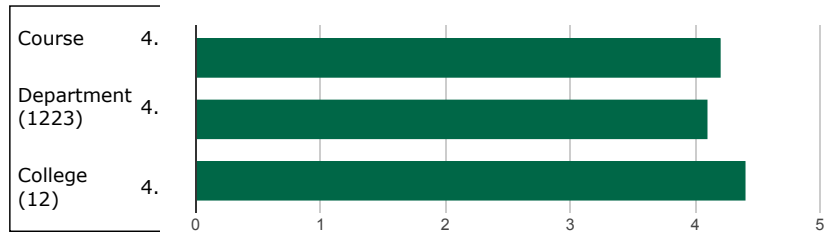
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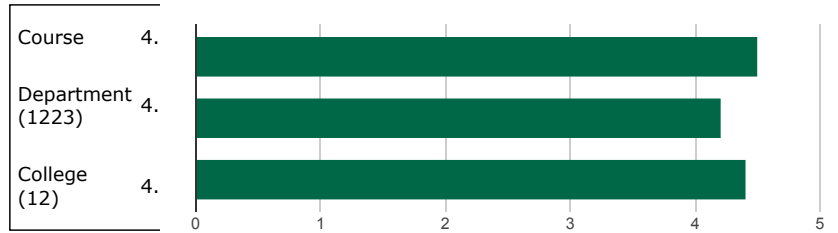
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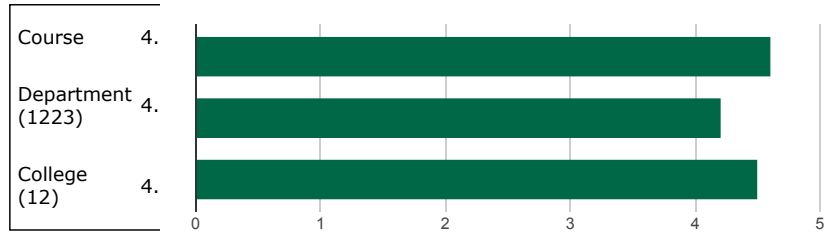
6. Stimulation of Interest in the Course



7. Facilitation of Learning



8. Overall Rating of the Instructor



Section 3. Comments

The following are responses to two open-ended questions from your students pertaining to you, and the course.

Please provide any additional comments with respect to **Thorold Roberts**

Comments

Excellent professor. He has introduced me to several aspects about professional writing and communication that I truly value. The course lectures really show how confident my instructor is and that confidence has even translated into me! For me to have learned so much in this online course, I feel that an in-person lecture would have benefited me enormously. I appreciate the emails throughout the semester; they enhanced my learning of quality professional writing. I really do feel that I should treat my classes as a professional - not a student - and that this instructor has done an excellent job in emphasizing the importance of that.

Great professor! Gave me helpful instructions on how to improve my writing as soon as I told him English is not my native language.

He give us helpful feedback. Thank you for everything that he gives us.

He was always willing to answer questions about assignments and I felt welcome to email him any time I needed clarification.

I enjoyed the course very much, the only negative feedback I would have is the turn in times. I like to triple check all my work before I turn it in but I work full-time, I get home around 5:45pm. This specified hours are not convenient at all .

I love this course! Prof. Roberts is a good teacher! He has a high expectation of everyone, but he teaches me many good things!

I really enjoyed this class and was able to learn so much in a short time. My only suggestion for this class is that the audio portions of the lectures be about ten or fifteen minutes and then have extra slides to read on our own. Sitting down for a 35 or 40 minute lecture is sometimes a struggle for busy students and also is hard to maintain focus when there is no interaction during the lecture. Besides that, I really enjoyed this class and it truly helped me professionally with my writing and thinking.

Mr. Roberts delivered thought-provoking lectures and was able to teach the course in a way that applied to multiple areas of work. He provided very specific instructions and feedback, which definitely helped me to succeed within the course. He took into consideration the schedules of his students, which not many professors do, in addition to being generally respectful.

Mr. Roberts has high expectations for us as students and definitely makes you work for your grade. Although he is clear in his expectations, I wish he provided a traditional rubric for assignments so students can see exactly what to do and what not to do. He does give us sample assignments which i find helpful, and answers emails promptly.

Organized and presented the material very well. Kept the formatting for the course simple and easy to understand. Was very responsive to emails.

Professor Roberts is a very thorough and helpful professor. He makes himself readily available for any questions or concerns a student may have and takes his time in giving a thoughtful response. He didn't over burden us with menial work but gave us useful assignments that would benefit us in our pursuit of better communications with those around us and prospective employers. You can tell he is concerned with his student's success and is willing to help them in any way possible. Professor Roberts is very knowledgeable and willing to share that knowledge with those interested in improving their ability to communicate professionally. I would highly recommend Professor Roberts to any student.

Professor Roberts is a wonderful teacher. His lectures with the audio codes really help you to pay attention to the slides. He is very detailed and a fair grader. I highly recommend taking him for Professional Writing Class. His grading is always on time, and he emails fast back to students with questions and their concerns. MUST TAKE!!

This has been one of the top 2 classes so far in my educational career. The level of detail, information, and education provided by Mr. Roberts was outstanding. In addition, he seems to be available day and night to answer emails. I regularly received a response within an hour - regardless of time. There was no "busy" work in this class. The assignments were thoughtful, practical and meaningful. It was really nice having a class where I felt the teacher was actually interested in you learning and they were interested in teaching. I am looking forward to attending future classes taught by Mr. Roberts.

Please provide any additional comments with respect to **ENC3250-523 (58032) Professional Writing**

Comments

A great college course that I believe will be one of the most useful in my professional career. It gives you the opportunity to search for real-life job applications and a little taste of what comes after graduation.

Excellent class with practical, real-world assignments. It was nice not having to purchase a textbook for this class.

I have to profess I am not a writer nor do I like writing but this course is designed in a manner that is relevant to our everyday life. The course was not burdensome but it was rather thought provoking. It focused on building writing skills that will prove useful in our everyday life and in pursuing a career. I enjoyed this class and think it should be a mandatory class. It has taken my lack of interest in writing to desiring to execute an intelligent, well thought out, effective, and efficient piece of work. Great class.

Interesting and useful course material. All assignments were applicable to real life.

Professional writing was an interesting course to take simply because of how many career-related assignments it was able to incorporate. I feel I will rely on the knowledge I have gained throughout this course in my future.

The assignments in this class were pretty useful. I appreciate that there wasn't any busy work involved with this course. I do however have a problem with the final exam. I felt it was unnecessary and a complete jump from what the course was trying to teach me.

The course is great! I hope that we can learn more about business writing styles.

The course teaches students in a great way how to improve your professional writing.

The course work required was very appropriate for this course. The time allotted to complete the assignments was ample. I studied heavily for the final exam, however, I felt it was difficult to recall some of the materials. The instructor's website was very thorough, but it took me several weeks to easily navigate it and find what I should be studying. Overall, a very well executed course.

This class gives me more idea about my career.

This class really helps students understand how to write and think professionally and prepare documents that will be extremely useful in our future careers.

This course was good in giving me exposure to writing in the business world. However, I feel that the employee reprimand was not useful being that the majority of the students enrolled in this class do not have jobs in the corporate world yet, and would not even be in the position to write reprimands until we were higher up. I think this assignment should be replaced with something more relevant to college students lives, such as how to write a letter to a professor or dean asking for a letter of recommendation for scholarships.