



## **Rutgers University Student Instructional Rating**

Fall 2020

**Syrett, Kristen - SYRETTK**

Pragmatics - 01:615:350:01

Survey Form: \*Standard SIRS

Enrollment: 36

Responses Received: 21

## Special University-wide Questions for Fall 2020

Due to the challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, three additional questions were added to the Fall 2020 survey.

**Weight of responses:** 1=SD (Strongly Disagree), 2=D (Disagree), 3=N (Neutral), 4=A (Agree), 5=SA (Strongly Agree), Resp=Number of Student Responses

**Weighted Means:** Section, Course, Level, Department

	SD	D	N	A	SA	Resp	Section	Course	Level	Dept
Given the content and level of the course, the course workload was manageable.	0	0	0	4	16	20	<b>4.80</b>	4.80	4.31	4.36
The course site used for this course, whether in Canvas, Sakai, or Blackboard, was well organized.	0	0	1	4	16	21	<b>4.71</b>	4.71	4.43	4.45
The instructions given for assignments, exams, quizzes, and other course activities were clear and easy to understand.	0	0	0	2	19	21	<b>4.90</b>	4.90	4.31	4.35

## University-wide Instructor Questions

**Weight of responses:** 1=SD (Strongly Disagree), 2=D (Disagree), 3=N (Neutral), 4=A (Agree), 5=SA (Strongly Agree), Resp=Number of Student Responses

**Weighted Means:** Section, Course, Level, Department

	SD	D	N	A	SA	Resp	Section	Course	Level	Dept
The instructor Kristen Syrett was prepared for class and presented the material in an organized manner.	0	0	0	0	21	21	<b>5.00</b>	5.00	4.51	4.55
The instructor Kristen Syrett responded effectively to student comments and questions.	0	0	0	2	19	21	<b>4.90</b>	4.90	4.46	4.59
The instructor Kristen Syrett generated interest in the course material.	0	0	0	2	19	21	<b>4.90</b>	4.90	4.43	4.48
The instructor Kristen Syrett had a positive attitude toward assisting all students in understanding course material.	0	0	0	2	19	21	<b>4.90</b>	4.90	4.64	4.70
The instructor Kristen Syrett assigned grades fairly.	0	0	0	1	20	21	<b>4.95</b>	4.95	4.54	4.59
The instructional methods of Kristen Syrett encouraged student learning.	0	0	0	3	18	21	<b>4.86</b>	4.86	4.34	4.41

## Teaching Effectiveness

**Weight of responses:** 1=P (Poor), 2=F (Fair), 3=A (Average), 4=G (Good), 5=E (Excellent), Resp=Number of Student Responses

**Weighted Means:** Section, Course, Level, Department

	P	F	A	G	E	Resp	Section	Course	Level	Dept
I rate the teaching effectiveness of the instructor Kristen Syrett as:	0	0	0	1	19	20	<b>4.95</b>	4.95	4.38	4.45

## University-wide Course Questions

**Weight of responses:** 1=SD (Strongly Disagree), 2=D (Disagree), 3=N (Neutral), 4=A (Agree), 5=SA (Strongly Agree), Resp=Number of Student Responses

**Weighted Means:** Section, Course, Level, Department

	SD	D	N	A	SA	Resp	Section	Course	Level	Dept
I learned a great deal in this course.	0	0	0	3	18	21	<b>4.86</b>	4.86	4.38	4.37
I had a strong prior interest in the subject matter and wanted to take this course.	0	1	2	7	11	21	<b>4.33</b>	4.33	4.11	4.01

## Course Quality

**Weight of responses:** 1=P (Poor), 2=F (Fair), 3=A (Average), 4=G (Good), 5=E (Excellent), Resp=Number of Student Responses

**Weighted Means:** Section, Course, Level, Department

	P	F	A	G	E	Resp	Section	Course	Level	Dept
I rate the overall quality of the course as:	0	0	0	2	19	21	<b>4.90</b>	4.90	4.39	4.41

## What do you like best about this course?

These comments are intended for all instructors.

Comments
I love how fun the course is overall. The examples used as well as the assignments being discussion posts ended up keeping me entertained as well as understand what I was learning in a very practical way!
I liked how interactive professor syrett was with the students. i enjoyed her polls, weekly workout challenges and in class exercises
The weekly discussion posts were a great way for me to reinforce the material each way and to make sure I was understanding it every week and not falling behind. I also really liked working in small groups for the in-class exercises, although I really think breakout rooms would have been a better way to do those.
I really liked the teaching style in general, I feel like this was my most engaging online course for this semester. I feel like it is very difficult for online courses to be engaging, but I was always excited to learn and come to this class.
Excellent lecturer; engaging class content; There were no formal exams in this class, but I learned/retained way more through lectures/participation alone than any of my other classes that utilized standard exams
I loved how much I actually learned about Pragmatics considering I thought it was a lot more challenging before this class.
Really liked the overall engagement with the class that Prof. Syrett provided– lectures were informative and sometimes even humorous, polls/participation kept me focused, and personal feedback on the discussion posts were well appreciated.
The course material is very interesting, not just for linguistics majors but also many other subject areas
I liked trying to answer questions in the chat and being able to engage in class. I also like thinking about the material for the homework.
Professor Syrett's lectures were enjoyable and easy to participate in.
I liked the experiments and how it related to other subtopics in ling
I love Professor Syrett who taught this class. I am really glad that she taught this class! The materials that she taught are very interesting!
I was glad that this was a synchronous course because it provided a structured schedule and allowed everyone some much needed social interaction. The lectures were engaging and interesting, which was a giant plus.
I really liked the way this course was organized. I had no trouble finding any resources or finding on the syllabus where we were. I also enjoyed the material that we read and the experiments that we analyzed. Overall, really interesting stuff and really great course!
I liked getting to work with others on in-class assignments and for the midterm, and I liked writing the discussion posts because it allowed me to see other individuals' perspectives on what we learned each week and compare it to what I understood from the lectures.
I really liked the alternatives to the traditional midterm/final exam – since I had to deal with those in just about all my other classes, it was a nice change of pace that helped me review the material with less stress and even got me thinking differently.

## If you were teaching this course, what would you do differently?

These comments are intended for all instructors.

Comments
I wouldn't. This class is perfect.
I would use Zoom instead of Webex. Maybe it was just me, but my computer would be running perfectly fine otherwise, but when I opened Webex everything slowed down and started crashing – I couldn't switch on my camera because Webex had a tendency to crash (never a problem for me on Zoom) and sometimes was not able to go to lectures because Webex refused to work for me that day.
nothing! This was one of the best classes I've taken at Rutgers
I don't know exactly how, but I would provide more exercises for the latter part of the semester when we looked at experimental work. It became a little harder to keep track of everything and what the "main concepts" were during each lecture when we made the shift to experimental stuff.
I would have small assignments due occasionally. For example, if we learned about entailments then we would need to answer 5 simple questions about entailments that could be due before the next class. This is so we know that we understand the material and the main topics of that class.
N/A
I wouldn't do the breakout rooms/ separate in-class groups
I like how the course is taught right now so I would not change anything.
Maybe implement more break out room discussions into the daily class schedule because it is nice to bounce ideas off of your peers.
I would do more in-class assignments because I feel that we did not do as much toward the end of the semester.

## In what ways, if any, has this course or the instructor Kristen Syrett encouraged your intellectual growth and progress?

These comments are unique to the instructor Kristen Syrett.

Comments
I love Professor Syrett!! Not only is she easy to talk to and approachable, but she has a way of teaching Pragmatics in such a manner that really sticks with you and helps you understand the information in a clear and effective manner. Definitely one of my favorite professors at Rutgers!
Just an amazingly enthusiastic professor. Really awesome because it kind of motivates you to do more and to feel like it's ok to ask questions
Great professor, I learned so much about Pragmatics and became much more interested in this class than I expected to because of her teaching.
Prof Syrett has encouraged my intellectual growth by always engaging with me and other students to make us think about the different perspectives on an issue or to get our opinion.
created a class environment that encouraged discussion, and got me to think about linguistics/concepts in general in an in-depth way!
I love how encouraging Professor Syrett was, she cared a lot about all her students and paid attention to us as students and separate people too. This class was fun yet we learned a lot too.
The in-class polls and questions were fun and engaging. The homework allowed us to think about and understand the material. The instructor was enthusiastic and passionate about the topics.
Professor Syrett is an amazing professor who kept everyone engaged, even out of the classroom.
Professor Syrett is a very fun professor! I love listening to her talk in class. She is very supportive and understanding of her students. I would love to take her class again!!
Prof Syrett is one of the most approachable professors I have ever had the privilege of learning under. She made me feel incredibly comfortable when needing clarification on a topic and for that my education has improved greatly under her teaching.
Kristen Syrett is an amazing professor and lecturer. Even though this course was online this semester she still managed to make each class engaging and worth going to. I usually hate morning classes but professor Syrett had me willingly waking up early to attend her lectures. Honestly, 10/10 would recommend as a professor.
She encouraged my intellectual growth by giving in-class assignments and examples that helped me better understand the topics and helped me get a grasp on social contexts of language.
Prof. Syrett's clear enthusiasm and knowledge was infectious; she responded promptly and helpfully to emails and Canvas messages, as well as providing thoughtful feedback on submissions such as discussion posts.

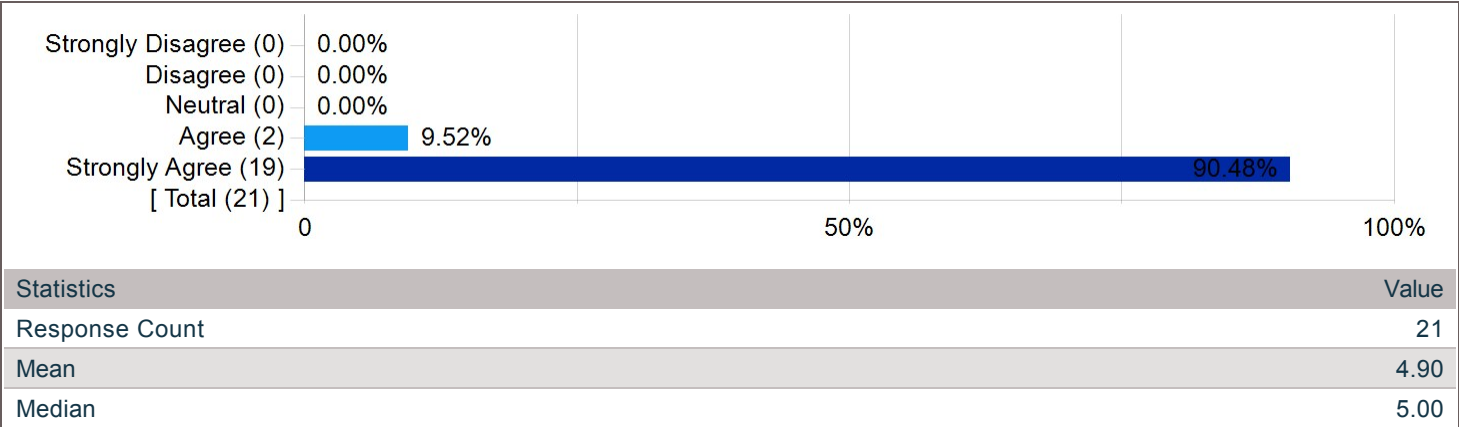
## Other comments or suggestions:

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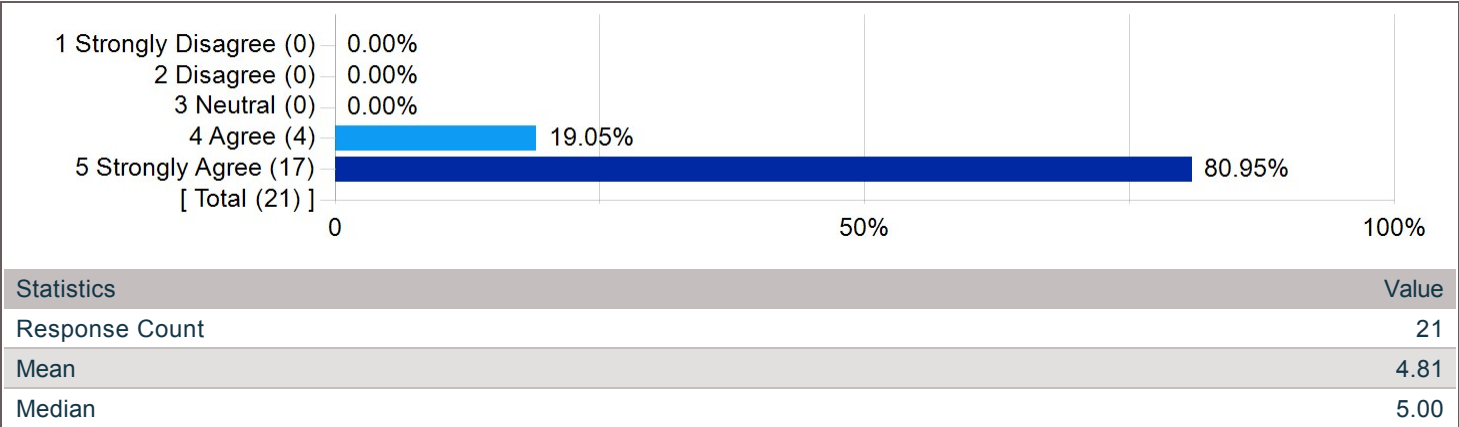
Comments
I really think this class would work much better in an asynchronous form, or at least, without an attendance requirement. I felt like in class, the material was moving so so slowly, and I was easily distracted and just couldn't learn well. It was so much easier for me to follow the lectures when I listened to them on my own time at 2x speed, and it was much more efficient and less distracting for me.
Sometimes I felt like the material was a little rushed, and made me confused (I usually ended up understanding with help from the discussion posts though)
The course is excellent, and all the effort put into various elements of the class absolutely pays off. Thank you!
I kind of wish we went more in-depth into the topics because I feel like while I learned a lot I think there was room to learn more. I do understand that it would make the class a lot harder though so I'm not sure what a good balance is, especially because it would be different for each person.
N/A
I hope this class will still be taught by Professor Syrett. I would be very sad if she does not. She is made this class enjoyable for me.

Questions Chosen by Instructor

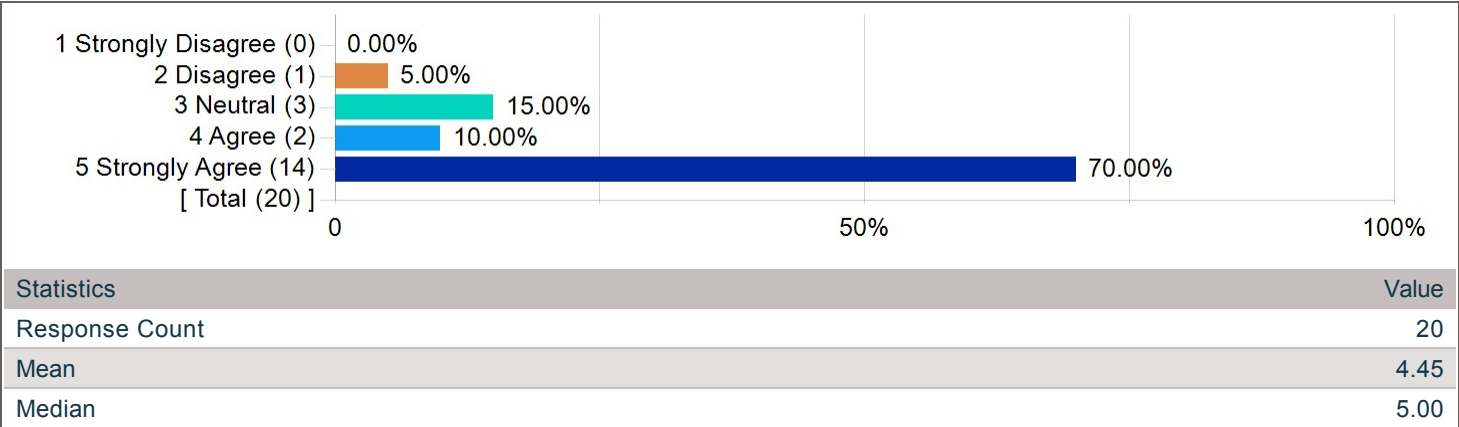
I would recommend this professor Kristen Syrett



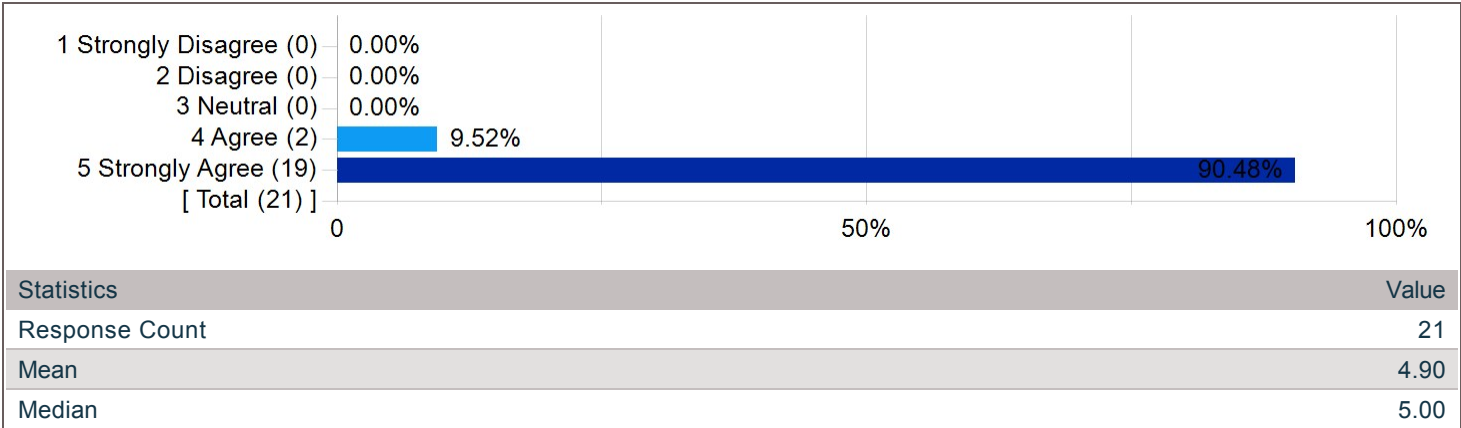
The workload for the course was appropriate.



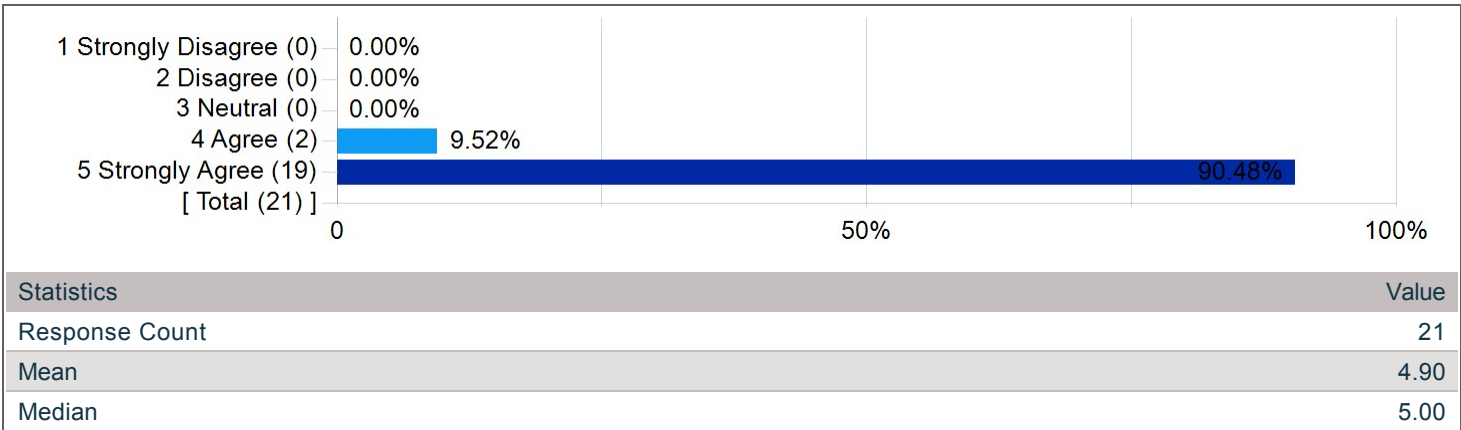
The classroom environment supported my learning.



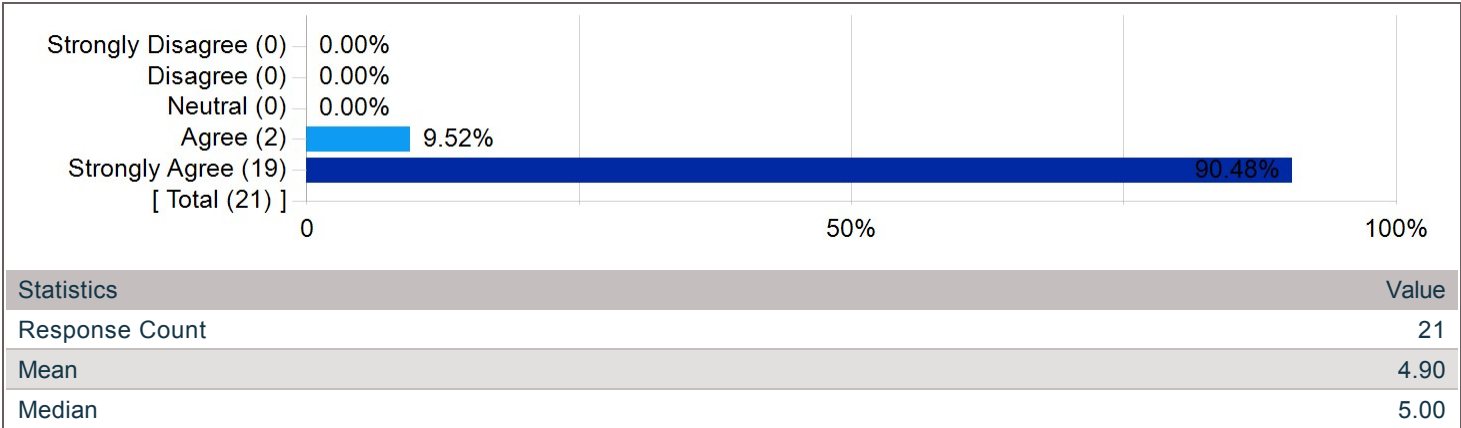
**The instructor Kristen Syrett gave constructive feedback**



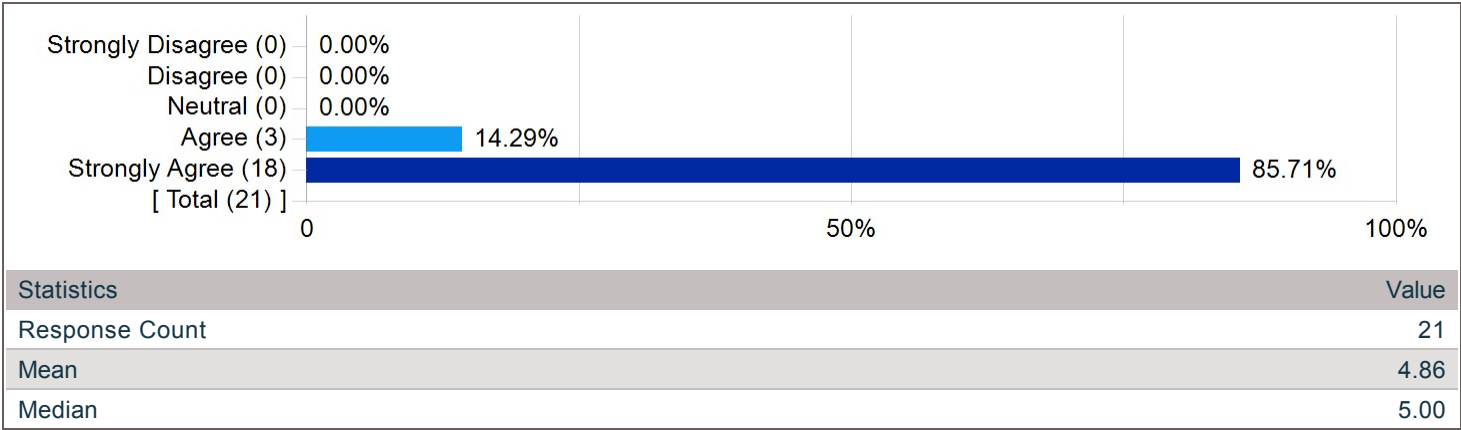
**The instructor Kristen Syrett treated students with respect**



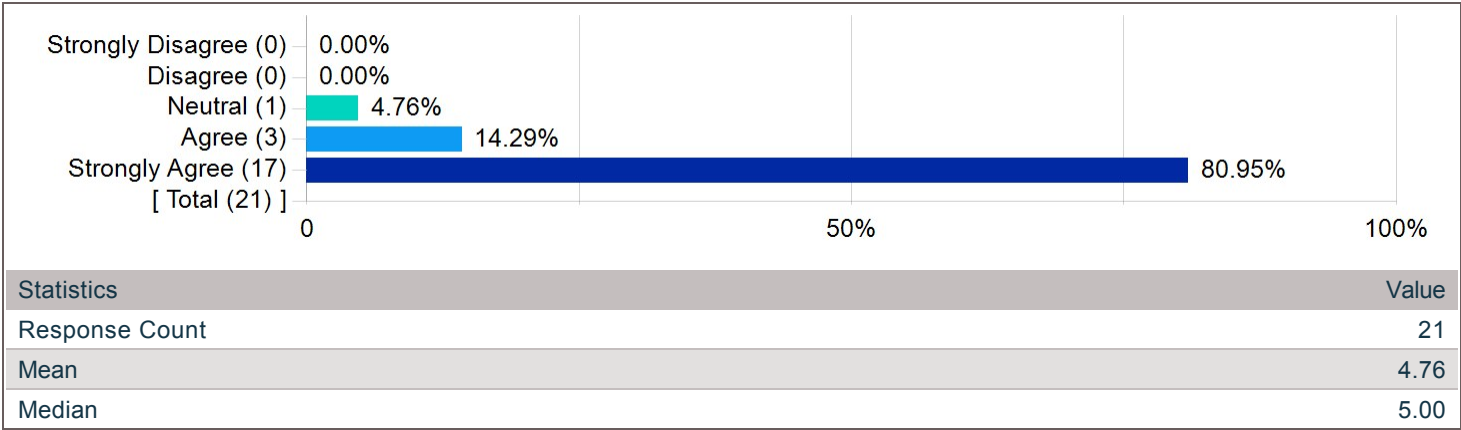
**The instructor Kristen Syrett was accessible to students.**



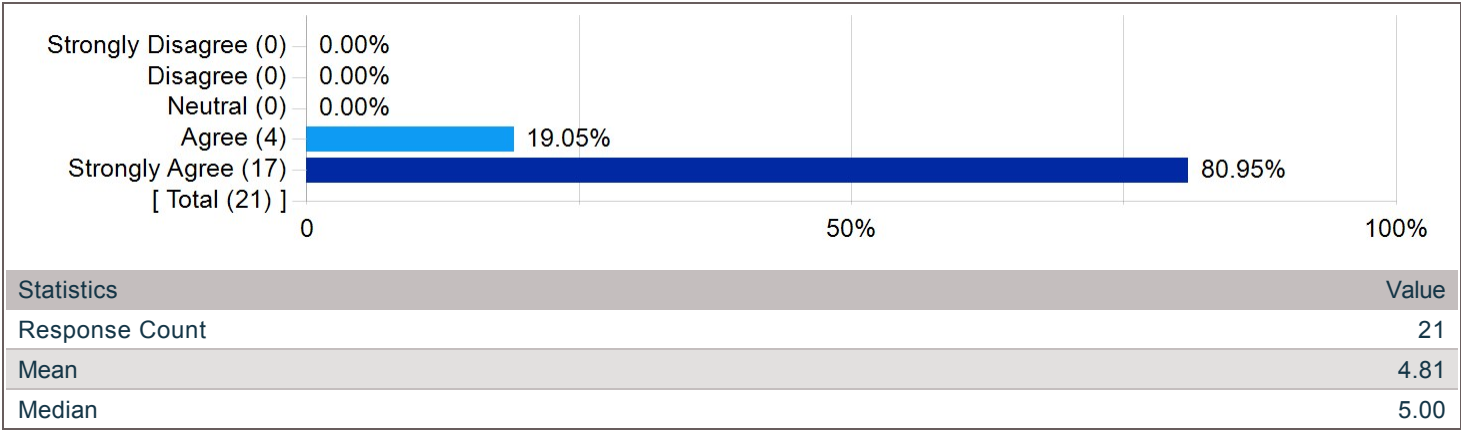
**The instructor Kristen Syrett was personally interested in student learning.**



**The instructor Kristen Syrett respected the various points of view expressed by the students.**

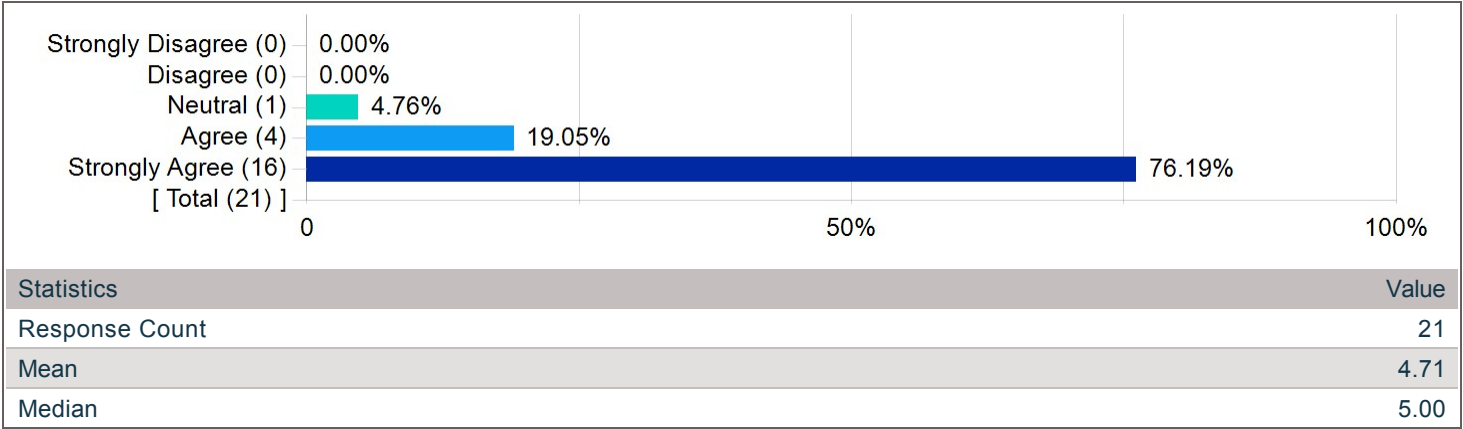


**The course met the objectives in the syllabus.**





**The instructor Kristen Syrett effectively made use of the online environment to support classroom learning.**



**I would recommend this course to others.**

