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Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET) for Lucy Lai

COGS 180 - Decision Making in the Brain (Lai, Lucy)
Summer Session I 2024

Number of Evaluations Submitted: 20
Number of Students Enrolled: 30

1. Class sessions helped me understand the course content.

18 (90.0%):	Strongly Agree
1 (5.0%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
1 (5.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

2. Assignments (reading, homework, projects, etc.) helped me understand the course content.

17 (85.0%):	Strongly Agree
2 (10.0%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
1 (5.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

3. Exams and other assessments (essays, projects, etc.) were a fair measure of course learning outcomes.

17 (85.0%):	Strongly Agree
2 (10.0%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
1 (5.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

4. I received timely and helpful feedback in this course.

17 (85.0%):   Strongly Agree
2 (10.0%):   Agree
1 (5.0%):   Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Not Applicable

5. The course developed my understanding and skills for the subject.

17 (85.0%):   Strongly Agree
2 (10.0%):   Agree
0 (0.0%):   Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Disagree
1 (5.0%):   Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Not Applicable

6. The course was intellectually stimulating and engaging.

18 (90.0%):   Strongly Agree
1 (5.0%):   Agree
0 (0.0%):   Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Disagree
1 (5.0%):   Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Not Applicable

7. The instructor effectively communicated course goals, learning outcomes, and expectations.

17 (85.0%):   Strongly Agree
2 (10.0%):   Agree
0 (0.0%):   Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Disagree
1 (5.0%):   Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Not Applicable

8. There were sufficient opportunities for me to get help when needed via offered opportunities (e.g. during established office hours, discussion, etc.).

18 (90.0%):   Strongly Agree
1 (5.0%):   Agree
1 (5.0%):   Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Not Applicable

9. The instructor incorporated teaching methods that helped me learn.

18 (90.0%):   Strongly Agree
1 (5.0%):   Agree
0 (0.0%):   Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Disagree
1 (5.0%):   Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Not Applicable

10. The instructor arrived on time to class sessions and office hours.

17 (85.0%):   Strongly Agree
2 (10.0%):   Agree
1 (5.0%):   Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Not Applicable

11. The instructor created a welcoming and supportive learning environment that valued and supported equity, diversity, and inclusion.

18 (90.0%):   Strongly Agree
1 (5.0%):   Agree
0 (0.0%):   Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Disagree
1 (5.0%):   Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Not Applicable

12. The instructor explained what constituted cheating in this course and emphasized the importance of academic integrity.

15 (78.9%):   Strongly Agree
3 (15.8%):   Agree
1 (5.3%):   Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Not Applicable
1:              [No Response]

13. Please describe any specific aspects of the course and/or teaching practices that your instructor used that created or interfered with a welcoming and supportive learning environment that valued and supported equity, diversity and inclusion.

- i dont think this is mentioned specifically

- Professor Lai gave all students a very welcoming environment that encourages group discussion

and collaboration. I really enjoyed being in this class and being apart of her first cohort of students!

- Professor Lucy Lai treated every student in the class with respect and comfort as her approach to teaching allowed us as students to learn at our own pace, but also provide opportunities for students to learn and grow individually.

- Setting personal learning goals and being graded on our progress made the class more effective and personalized. Consistent and valuable feedback on every assignment made me feel supported.

- Was always very approachable and welcoming to everyone

14. Please describe any specific aspects of the course and/or teaching practices that your instructor used that particularly helped you to learn the material and/or develop your own critical perspectives on the material.

- class discussions and projects

- her assignments are on spot

- In class discussions and topics were greatly informational, relevant, and interesting in the realm of decision making as each lecture provided many context of past and current scientific trends in neuroscience while allowing the class to think on their own critically on how to apply these tools in real life situations.

- in the hw, we regularly would reflect on our own understandings, any possible challenges that we encountered w class material, and how we could futher understand the information

- Lectures were always engaging and interactive. Small group discussions were valuable in reinforcing class material and exchanging ideas with our peers.

- Professor Lai is an incredible teacher and her "choose your own adventure" style of teaching allowed me to critically engage in the facets of the topic that i was genuinely interested in!

- The group discussions the course went through really helped me better understand the course content by giving me different ideas to ponder on. Professor Lai guided discussion very well.

- The small group discussions allowed me to put my thoughts into words and further develop my understand through listening to others and sharing my thoughts

15. Please describe any specific aspects of the course and/or teaching practices that your instructor used that helped you to feel engaged with the course material or that encouraged you to feel that you could succeed in the course.

- discussions were very helpful

- her grading schemes are fair

- Lectures and small group discussions were always engaging. Having control over my learning and goals made me feel confident in my ability to succeed.

- lectures were always very engaging as we had small group discussions, whole class discussions, and group projects

- Prof. Lucy, is very humble and down to earth, her teaching approach makes you focus more in learning the material more than concerns about the grading process. she also pays close attention to almost all comments, questions, even RT reactions during her lecture.

- Similarly to my previous answer, group discussions and as well as the presentations we did in the course helped me understand and get a good grasp on course material.

- The group projects really helped me solidify my understanding of the topics and having the ability to hear other people's interest in topics.

- The in class participation, discussion, and presentations were important as it helped the class both be engaged with the course material but also find interest in the topics in class to share their own experiences or knowledge as a student.

16. Please describe any specific aspects of the course and/or teaching practices that your instructor used that were less helpful for your learning. Optionally you may offer constructive suggestions that might improve their effectiveness.

- I think the hw was sometimes too long so maybe not make it so lengthy, especially for a summer class

- NOTHING

- Summer session did constrain the class to be a lot faster pace that did negatively impact my learning ability and retention.

- very understanding to every individual as individual, she shares enough time outside the class timeframe to answer question or provide support.

17. What was/were your reason(s) for taking this course?

17 (65.4%):   Major/Program Requirement
0 (0.0%):   Minor
0 (0.0%):   College General Education
4 (15.4%):   Elective
5 (19.2%):   Interest
0 (0.0%):   American History and Institutions (AHI) Requirement
0 (0.0%):   Undergraduate Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Requirement (DEI)
                Requirement
0 (0.0%):   Jane Teranes Climate Change Education Requirement (JTCCER)

18. How often did you attend class and/or engage with course materials?

20 (100.0%):   Always
0 (0.0%):   Usually
0 (0.0%):   Sometimes
0 (0.0%):   Seldom
0 (0.0%):   Never

19. Hours per week of work outside of class

Count	Range
0 (0.0%):	0-1
1 (5.0%):	2-3
6 (30.0%):	4-5
6 (30.0%):	6-7
5 (25.0%):	8-9
1 (5.0%):	10-11
0 (0.0%):	12-13
1 (5.0%):	14-15
0 (0.0%):	16-17
0 (0.0%):	18-19
0 (0.0%):	20 or more

20. Expected grade in the course

Count	Grade
17 (85.0%):	A
3 (15.0%):	B
0 (0.0%):	C
0 (0.0%):	D
0 (0.0%):	F
0 (0.0%):	P
0 (0.0%):	NP

21. Is there anything else you would like to share about your experience in the course?

- I enjoyed my experience and throughly enjoyed the class and the tasks that I had to do for the class was not busy work and really correlated with the learning of the course.

- I really enjoyed Professor Lucy Lai's presentation style and her connection to her own personal experiences as a researcher to the topics of decision making in the current landscape of neuroscience. I hope to see her in more teaching settings as a professor or a researcher at UCSD!

- If you are looking to engage with course material through thoughtful discussion and collaborative work I would highly recommend this course. I am very happy that I was able to have Professor Lai as my teacher, I felt very comfortable in the course and if I could take another course with Professor Lai again I would. This course was the most interactive course I have taken here at UCSD. It dove into Decision Making in the Brain with a very interdisciplinary approach that I taught me a lot.

- prof lai always came in w a positive attitude and always helped in any way she could

- Professor Lai is encouraging and has a deep understanding of the diverse backgrounds of their students, which helped me a lot.

- Professor Lai is one of the best teachers I have ever met. Her class is very engaging. In class, we will be able to understand the material also be able to extend.

- Really great professor, super nice and super helpful. The course itself is not as challenging, but the homeworks are a bit harder and go much more in depth into the material, which helped my understanding greatly! The final project is very exciting as we get to design our own original

study! Super fun and super helpful in really getting in depth with the materials. The professor is also really helpful in supporting our learning. Really great experience taking this class!

- Super fun and interesting class! Easily one of my favorite courses I've taken at UCSD! Although it was somewhat fast-paced because of the summer session schedule, it was still easy to stay engaged. Professor Lai was super supportive and deeply cared about fostering a learning environment where each student grows.

- TAKE THIS PROFESSOR PEOPLE, YALL WON'T REGRET

- Thank you for the great experience.

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