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Evaluation Statistics

Course-Id: 178
Course-Name: Methods of the Social Sciences: Crafting Social
Science Research
Course-Field: /cdss
Term: HWS 2009
Lecturer(s): Gschwend
Number of
participants: 17
complete/not
complete: 14/3

1.1.1. The course was well structured

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	no opinion
absolut:	11	3	0	0	0	0
relativ:	78.57 %	21.43 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %

1.1.2. The choice of topics was well explained by the instructor

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	no opinion
absolut:	6	8	0	0	0	0
relativ:	42.86 %	57.14 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %

1.1.3. Recommended reading materials were useful in facilitating understanding of course content

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	no opinion
absolut:	6	5	2	1	0	0
relativ:	42.86 %	35.71 %	14.29 %	7.14 %	0 %	0 %

1.1.4. Instructor was well prepared

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	no opinion
absolut:	11	3	0	0	0	0
relativ:	78.57 %	21.43 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %

1.1.5. Instructor provided the opportunity for discussions and questions

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	no opinion
absolut:	10	3	1	0	0	0
relativ:	71.43 %	21.43 %	7.14 %	0 %	0 %	0 %

1.1.6. Answers given by the instructor were helpful in clarifying uncertainties

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	no opinion
absolut:	8	6	0	0	0	0
relativ:	57.14 %	42.86 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %

1.1.7. Instructor's manner of speaking was clear and audible

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	no opinion
absolut:	9	4	1	0	0	0
relativ:	64.29 %	28.57 %	7.14 %	0 %	0 %	0 %

1.1.8. Course details were announced in time

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	no opinion
absolut:	4	7	2	0	0	1
relativ:	28.57 %	50 %	14.29 %	0 %	0 %	7.14 %

1.1.9. If exercise sessions had been offered, these sessions were very useful

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	no opinion
absolut:	4	2	1	1	0	6
relativ:	28.57 %	14.29 %	7.14 %	7.14 %	0 %	42.86 %

1.1.10. How much have you learned in this course compared to the other courses in this semester (on average)?

	much more	more	same	less	much less	no opinion
absolut:	4	4	4	1	0	1
relativ:	28.57 %	28.57 %	28.57 %	7.14 %	0 %	7.14 %

1.1.11. How much effort did you put into the preparation and wrap-up of the weekly course sessions?

	no effort	up to 1 hour	more than 1 to 2 hours	more than 2 to 4 hours	more than 4 hours	no opinion
absolut:	0	3	4	4	2	1
relativ:	0 %	21.43 %	28.57 %	28.57 %	14.29 %	7.14 %

1.1.12. The course content was difficult

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	no opinion
absolut:	0	3	9	2	0	0
relativ:	0 %	21.43 %	64.29 %	14.29 %	0 %	0 %

1.1.13. The teaching was good

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	no opinion
absolut:	5	9	0	0	0	0
relativ:	35.71 %	64.29 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %

1.1.14. Overall, I am satisfied with the course

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	no opinion
absolut:	9	3	1	1	0	0
relativ:	64.29 %	21.43 %	7.14 %	7.14 %	0 %	0 %

1.1.15. What grade do you expect in this course?

	1	2	3	4	5	no opinion
absolut:	2	4	0	0	0	8
relativ:	14.29 %	28.57 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	57.14 %

1.1.16. What did you especially like about the course?

- I think the lessons on publishing, the review process, and how to turn tables to graphs were especially helpful - the exercises on telling the other students about one`s own progress and project (the 2-min-tasks) and the proposal workshop were extremely helpful - good approach to push the work on the draft proposal from early on - nice atmosphere

- direct relevance for my dissertation - platform for getting feedback for my work

The hands on information on the dos and don'ts of conducting research was very helpful. Moreover, the need to submit a draft proposal forced one to think more precisely about the topic. Also, getting feedback on the intended research from other students was useful to improve the planned work. The one-day workshop was a good experience: Besides discussing the own topic it was very inspiringly to get more familiar with the other's work. Especially the interdisciplinary approach should be continued.

1.1.17. What could/should be improved?

- sometimes there was too much to read...

- Regarding the review process: I agree with the suggestion to change the reviewer after the first review. - Sometimes it was too much to read.

Turning from talking about what to consider when doing research to how to publish was hard to follow. Since publishing and attending conferences feels quite far away for most of the class it was difficult to connect to this issue.
