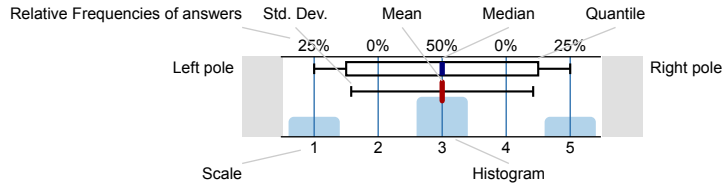


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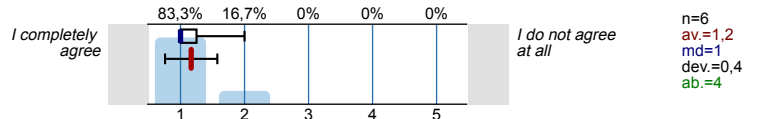
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Coursework and learning process

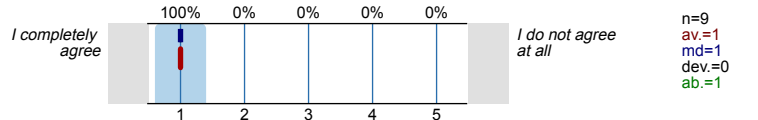
The course contents were illustrated very well by using appropriate examples.



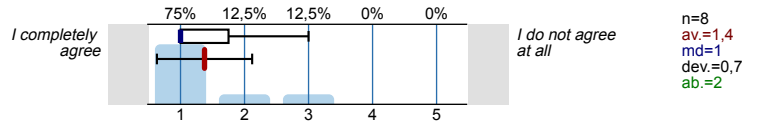
Recommended reading materials were useful in facilitating understanding of course content.

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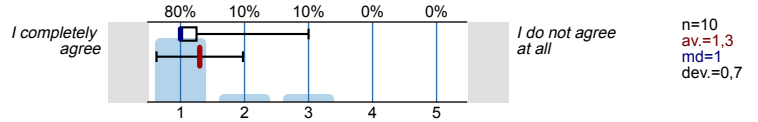
The exercise sessions were very useful (if applicable).



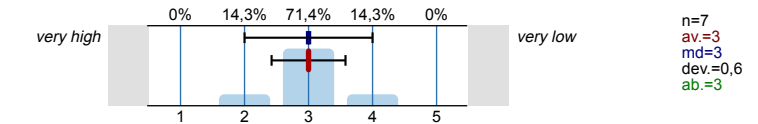
The course contents were very well structured.



The course has helped me expand my knowledge of the topic/field.

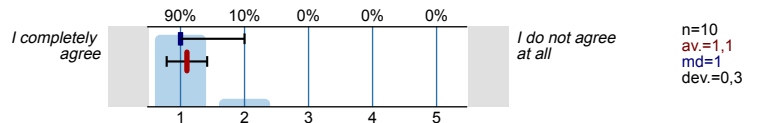


In relation to the number of ECTS credits I receive, the average workload for this course is ...
(One ECTS credit corresponds to an average workload of approximately 30 hours)

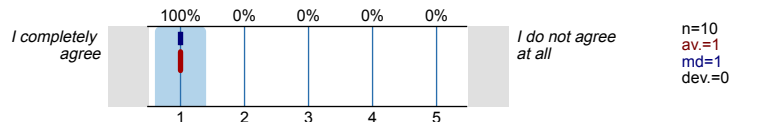


Instructor

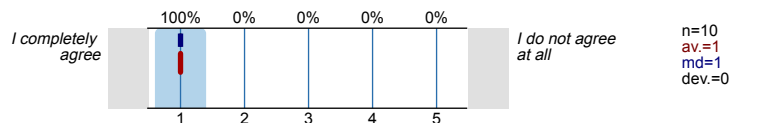
The instructor demonstrated a high level of commitment in this course.



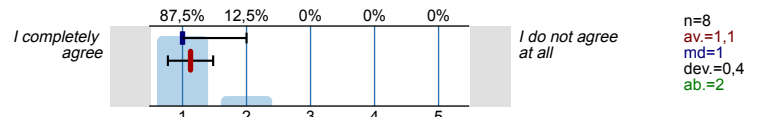
Answers given by the instructor were helpful in clarifying uncertainties.



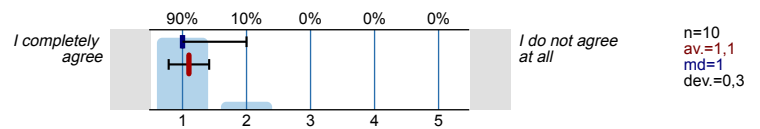
The instructor motivated me.



The instructor encouraged the open and creative participation of students (if applicable).



Instructor's manner of speaking was clear and audible.



Overall satisfaction

What did you especially like about the course?

- Getting Feedback from the instructor and the other participants
- no complaints, the class in incredibly helpful in the development of the proposal and an integral part of the cdss experience to me.
- Presenting our work and receiving and giving feedback.
- Reviews and feedback was very helpful
- Thank you for the always kind and constructive support!
- Thomas Engagement sich auch in fachfremde Themen einzuarbeiten und motiviert sich auch auf Diskussionen einzulassen, fand ich sehr hilfreich. Gerade, weil er auch in späteren Sitzungen Bezug auf Themen der vergangenen Besprechungen eingegangen ist, erleichterte mir der Kurs das Fortkommen in der Dissertations-Vorbereitung.
- What I really liked about the course is how nice the atmosphere was, especially during the first round of the workshop. It felt like a safe space where we could engage with and present ideas with getting constructive feedback and without being judged in any way. The course was also very well-organized, and I honestly liked it better than the CSSR course in the first semester. Moreover, it was nice that there were two rounds in total, so you could actually see how everyone's project has developed over time.

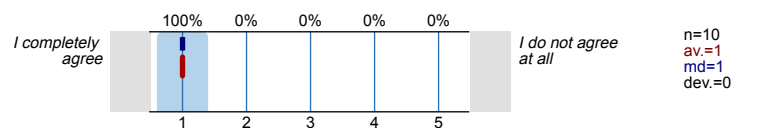
Do you have any recommendations how to improve the course? If so, which ones?

- Swap groups to also get to know the topics of other students in our cohort or swap people who review our work to receive potentially differing feedback from other people (in between both sessions of the workshops).
- Yes, I have a general suggestion after taking part in the Dissertation Proposal Workshop, and also after witnessing the CDSS PolSci Workshop. I think it would be great to have a class where people learn HOW to give good feedback on drafts and presentations. Sometimes, the feedback I received was not that helpful although the people who gave feedback truly read it and really tried to be constructive.

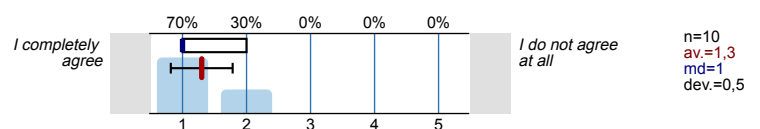
Maybe this could be incorporated in the CSSR course somehow? I feel like I learned by observation of how others give helpful feedback, but maybe it is a different learning experience for everyone, and having more "input" could help. Stuff like "I found a typo on p.10", this is something I don't want feedback on, but rather whether the overall story is cohesive and mechanism or methods issues that need to be fixed and are threats to projects. Similarly, I also feel like I am "too harsh" sometimes, though I just don't want to give empty comments but helpful advice, tailored to the stage the paper draft / proposal is in. And also timing feedback would be helpful to get advice on; because in the CDSS Workshop, we are expected to give feedback as detailed as possible (around 15 min), while it was way shorter in the Dissertation Proposal Workshop.

So: Learning about feedback, top dos and dont's would be really nice for future cohorts. Thank you so much!

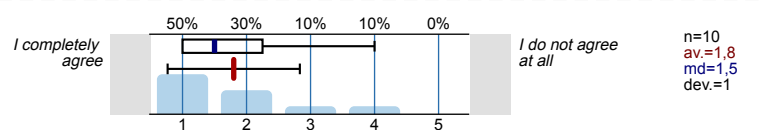
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I learned a lot in this course.

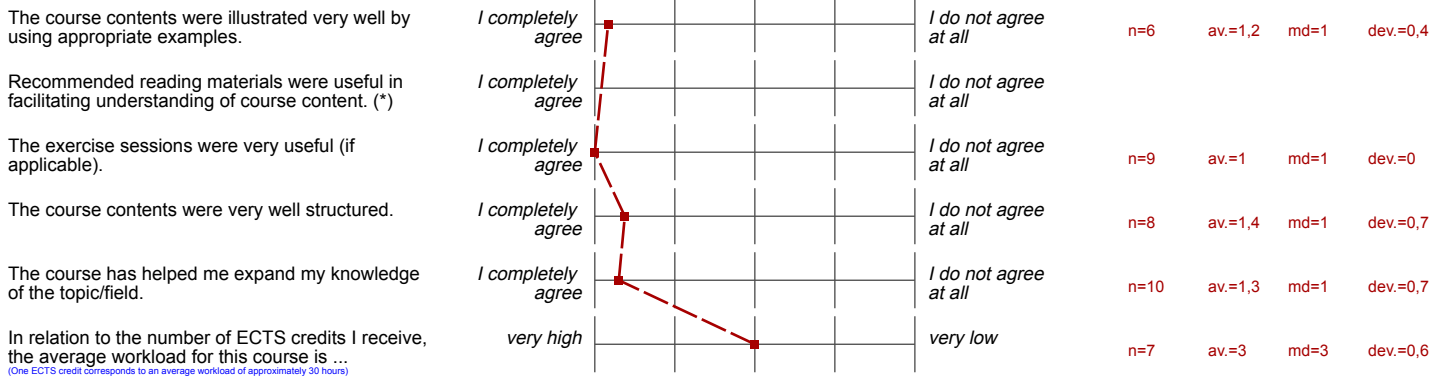


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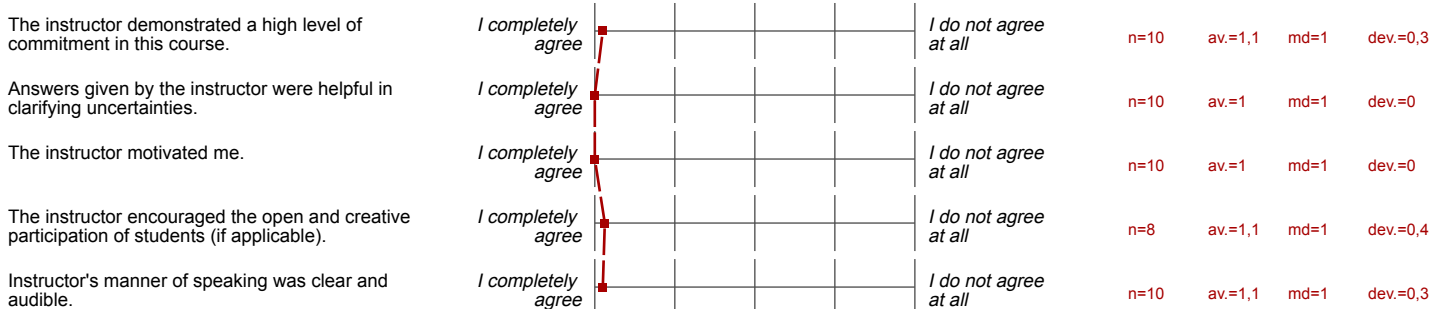
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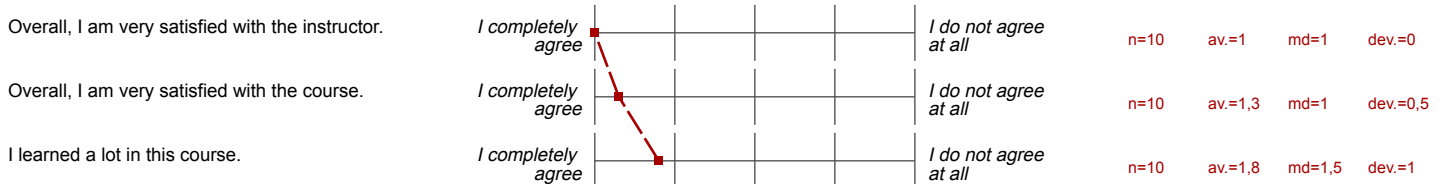
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Overall satisfaction



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