



PPHA 35585 1, ECON 22030 1, PBPL 25585 1 - The Chinese Economy - Instructor(s) Shaoda Wang

Project Title: **Graduate Course Feedback - Winter 2026**

Number Enrolled: **80**

Number of Responses: **42**

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### Report Comments

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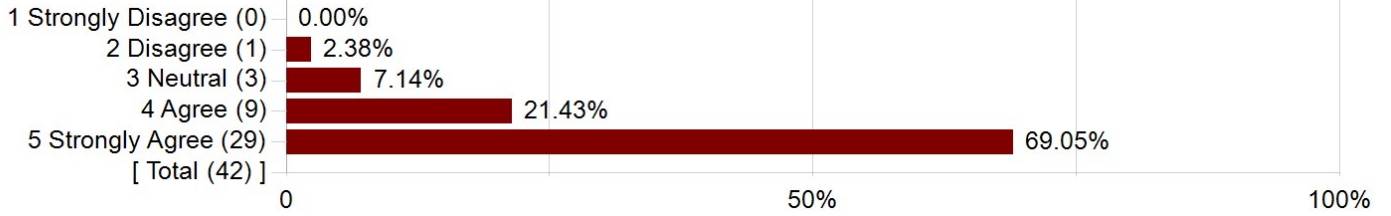
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## Please review and evaluate your work in this course overall.

Comment
This is an amazing class covering such a wide variety of topics as it relates to China – covering areas of the economy from a perspective of traditional economic theory, as well as history, political science, and sociology. The lectures and reading reflections are what really make this class, as you very much have to internalize everything being shared in class for your assignments and the final exam. Would highly recommend.
Amazing class – Shaoda Wang for the win
Absolutely fantastic course. I have spent quite a bit of time in China and was an executive of a Taiwanese company with large factories in mainland China. Prof Shaoda Wang did an outstanding job of presenting many of the complexities and competing goals in the Chinese economy and did so without bias.
3 response articles of 600–700 words and a final exam
best class in harris
This is an excellent course. As the title suggests, you will learn a lot about the Chinese Economy. One will start with learning about China in the 1800s and what possible factors led to the great divergence. Then you will get to hear various lectures on China's efforts at central planning and the rationale and impact of that. The next part of the class will focus on the various reforms China implemented after 1978. Then the class will finish with contemporary issues affecting China from judicial reforms to trade. Professor Wang is an incredibly smart individual who presents the information in a very clean way. He is also always open to answer questions which greatly assists in learning the material. There are short 800 word essays graded by the TAs and I still have no idea how they get graded but that is a small issue since I got to learn so many new things about China's system. Great course.
Chinese economy in the modern era
This course provides a detailed and comprehensive overview of China's economic development, which is very inspiring. However, the course can sometimes be quite dry, especially if the topics are not particularly interesting.
Great
wonderful
Very good and helpful
Excellent
I loved it. I do think the final should be replaced with a lengthier research essay, perhaps, or response–paper kind of presentation with maybe just slides as the material that get people to critically engage with the material.
Half of the course was economic history through the 1980s and the other half was reform topics with contemporary implication or topics only pertaining to the current economy.
We had lectures twice a week. We sometimes had guest lectures on Zoom from professors in China. We had three writing assignments due and a final exam. The writing assignments asked us to critique an argument presented in class. For the final exam, we received questions beforehand and answered a number of the questions during the exam with a cheat sheet.
Great course, amazing teacher, great topics
very good!
great and fun

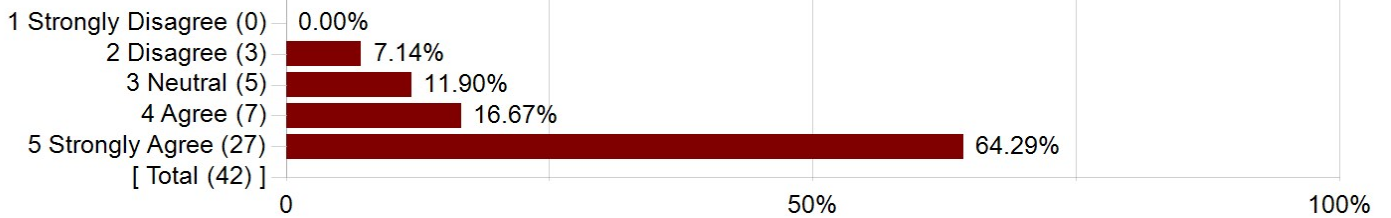
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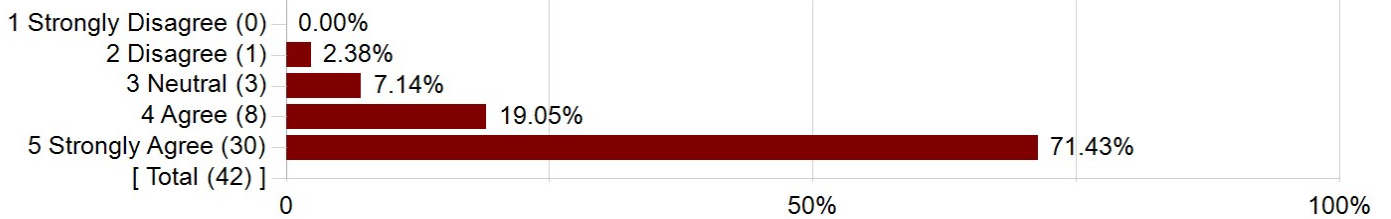
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Standard Error (based on SD)	0.11

2. I received regular, effective feedback to help me understand where I was in the learning process.



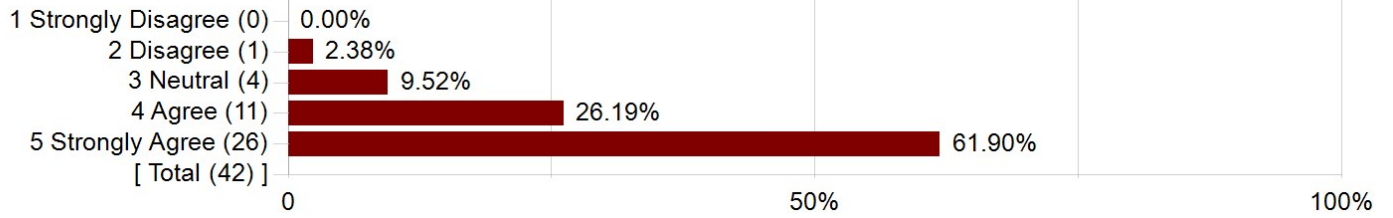
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Standard Error (based on SD)	0.15

3. I would recommend this course to other students.



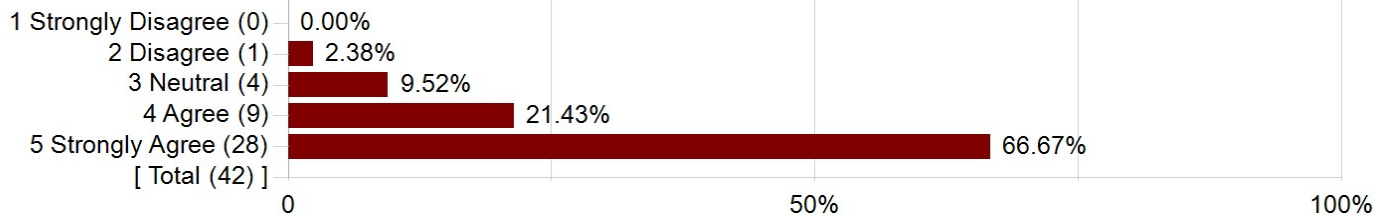
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Standard Error (based on SD)	0.11

4. The material in this course was constructively challenging.



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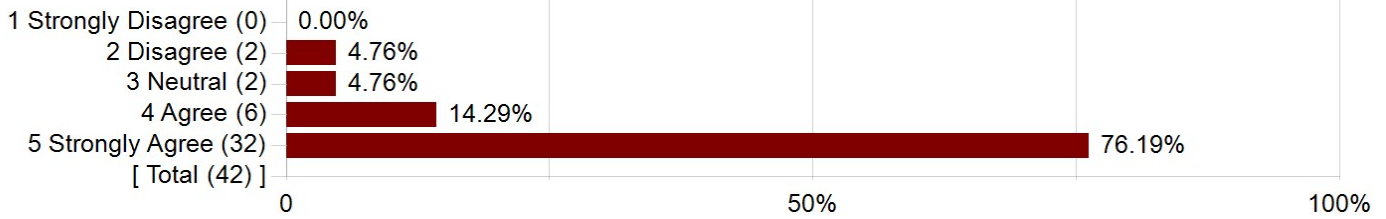
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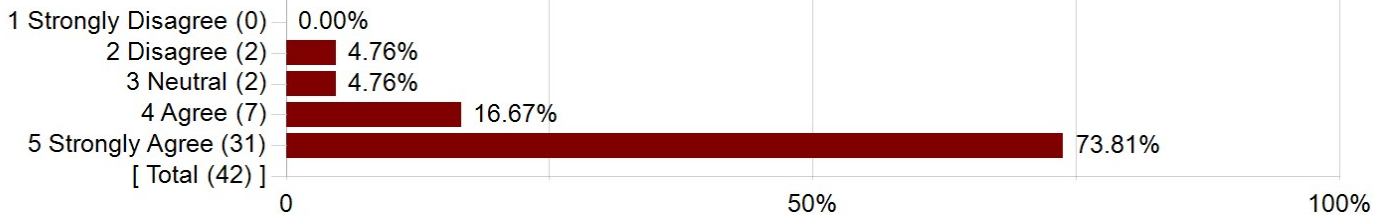
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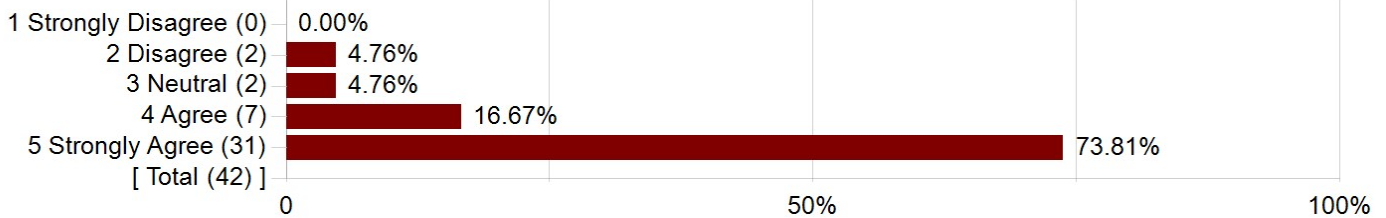
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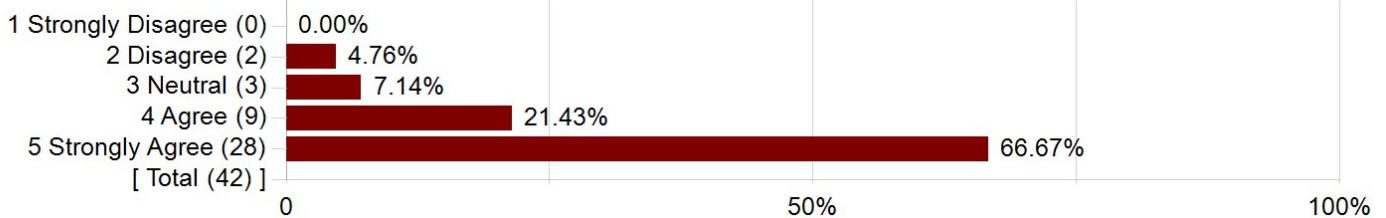
2. Communicated learning objectives effectively, including on the syllabus.



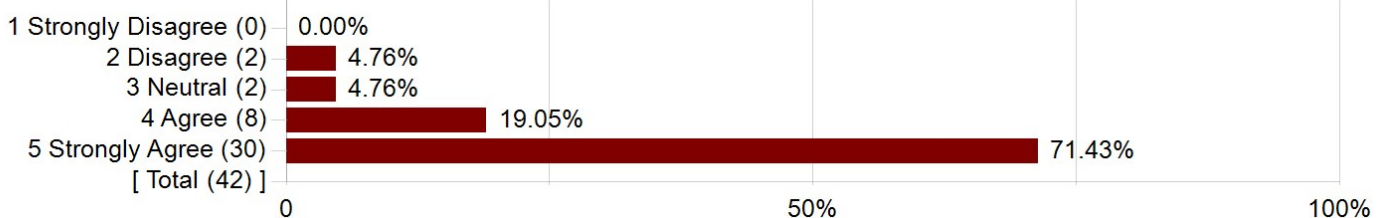
3. Made effective use of class time, remote learning resources, and/or supplemental materials that enhanced learning.



4. Successfully generated and sustained productive participation as appropriate.



5. Responsive and available via office hours, email, discussion boards, and other tools.



Please elaborate on any of your responses above.

Comment
The Professor and TA's were always responsive to inquiries, and also very accommodating to students with scheduling conflicts for alternative evening guest lectures.
Shaoda Wang is amazing and will win a nobel prize – add this man to the US Council of Economic Advisors. America is stronger and more resilient because this man teaches at UChicago – he actually understands China as opposed to some other people at UChicago.
very good professor. Shao da Wang is extremely knowledgeable about Chinese economy and very patient. He presents China's economy in an objective and fact-based manner. His teaching is balance, neutral, and grounded in evidence.
Professor Wang hosts office hours weekly and is always available to meet. He also organizes his slides very well and makes sure that everything he says is backed up by logic and evidence. He is a very fair commenter on all things China. You should take this class.
NA
Really interesting and accessible course for those with basic econ info
Useful lesson
There were often times when all slides were not covered in a lecture. I would probably say that this was due to questions being asked that could have been answered had some of the optional readings been made mandatory. Either way, my learning did not suffer; I just would have been curious to hear the professor insert more of his opinions or anecdotes into lecture if he had had more time.
I appreciated this class, but did not appreciate the rubric for the assignments. We were graded on originality but did not know what that standard was, so if something was original to me, it might not have been for the TA since they have read other papers and there may have been some overlap, which I think is unfair.
He is really great at teaching
No feedback on writing assignments
choose it
1. Great course for students with and without background knowledge in Chinese economy. 2. Cohesive and balanced combination of historical facts, literature discussion, and personal insights. 3. Well-structured syllabus and the content is delivered in a very clear matter.

## What aspects of the instructor's teaching contributed most and least to your learning?

Comment
Professor Wang is the most attentive instructor I've had yet, always covering every topic in the most substantial detail while being able to succinctly summarize a wide variety of areas in one class period. His openness to questions is also what makes the class interesting.
Prof Wang's personal connection to the subject and experience in both China and the U.S. provided a compelling perspectives on the development of the Chinese economy. This allowed us to understand It from the perspective of Chinese people, both in the government and in private life (including business perspectives). He reviewed and discussed what has gone right and wrong, and how the government has adjusted along the way.
Lectures were very clear, and the guest lecturers made it even better
very good professor. Shao da Wang is extremely knowledgeable about Chinese economy and very patient. He presents China's economy in an objective and fact-based manner. His teaching is balance, neutral, and grounded in evidence.
Professor Wang's lectures contributed most to my learning. He was always very clear about what the class was going to be about, paced the lectures well, and also I was never bored. He keeps the class engaged by presenting on interesting material and including anecdotes as well as statistics. Professor Wang is an excellent teacher.
Professor discussed the course content in a very clear way
Lecture was the best
Very nice
Lectures
He is just a fantastic lecturer and cool guy
Lectures. Nothing contributed the least.
lectures
Lectures were great
attitude
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The instructor's ability to integrate economic theory with empirical research and contemporary policy issues in China contributed most to my learning. The lectures were well-structured and intellectually engaging, and the use of data-driven analysis helped clarify complex dynamics of China's economic development.
Given the wide scope of topics covered, the pace occasionally limited opportunities for deeper discussion of certain technical or methodological aspects. More time for interactive discussion or case-based applications could further enhance comprehension and engagement.

**Please suggest any changes that could improve this course (e.g., class material, class structure, assignments, inclusive pedagogy).**

Comment
Perhaps more interactive elements in class (group discussions/project) could make the class more interactive beyond just class discussion/individual questions.
no changes.
I think that forcing the response papers to be a critique makes students argue subpar topics, especially since Professor Wang is presenting facts and valid analysis.
I understand not wanting to have the questions be able to be answered with AI, but people can still do this. I think that instead of the three short response papers and a final exam, there should be one research paper and one final exam. While I have not taken the final exam yet, I do appreciate the design of giving the questions in advance to force students to think creatively about the topics and come up with their own analysis and thoughts,
NA
more engaging in-class interactions needed
nope
What I said about the final exam instrument. I think we'd get better value with a quick group presentation.
We were often told about promotion incentives for bureaucrats, but it would have been beneficial to have seen data on this since the topic is so core to the course material. Otherwise, practically nothing should be changed.
Making the class notebook only because typing is really distracting in such a lecture heavy class. Also, changing the rubric for writing assignments so we know exactly how to get full marks, especially pertaining to the originality point. The final exam was good and it was nice to have a cheat sheet, but people definitely wrote their responses out on the cheat sheets beforehand, maybe using AI, which is unfair for others who did not do that.
more clear guideline on final exam
no
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The course could be further improved by incorporating more opportunities for interactive discussion and applied analysis, such as case studies or small-group activities focused on specific policy issues in China's economic development. These additions would allow students to engage more deeply with the material and apply theoretical concepts to real-world contexts.
Providing additional review sessions or summary materials for complex topics could also help reinforce understanding, given the breadth and technical nature of the course content. Clearer guidance on assignment expectations and more detailed feedback would further support student learning.



# PPHA 35585 2, ECON 22030 2, PBPL 25585 2 - The Chinese Economy - Instructor(s) Shaoda Wang

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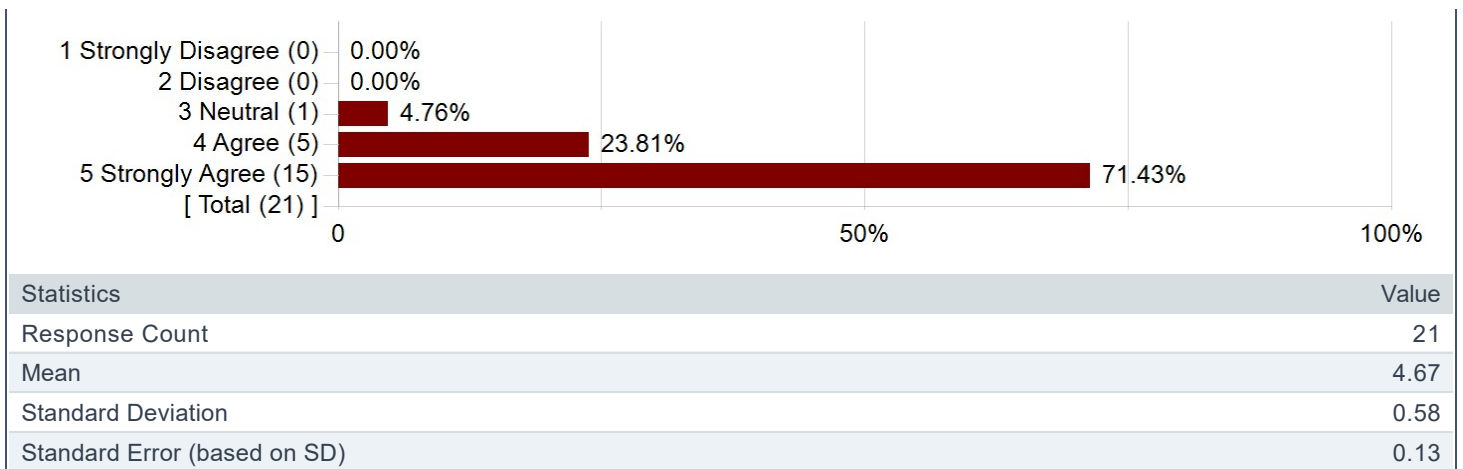
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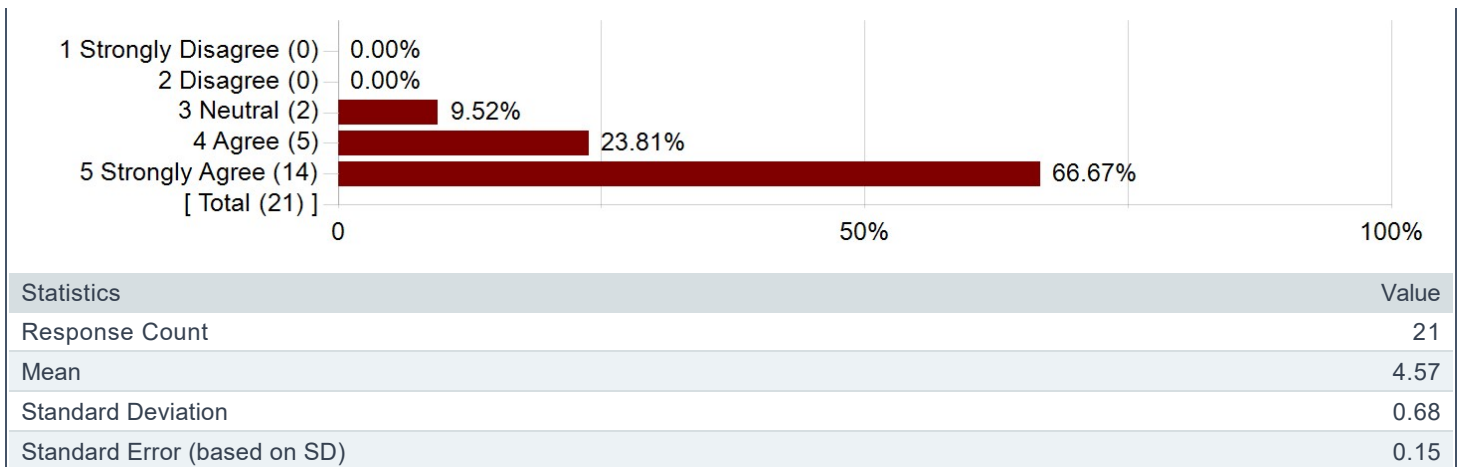
Comment
great
Professor Shaoda again knocked it out of the park with this brilliant quarter of lectures on the Chinese Economy spanning from 5000 years ago to the most recent trade tensions and disputes between China and the world. Overall highly recommend for anyone interested in the topic, especially if you are Chinese like myself.
Great.
perfect slides and teaching style, best class I have ever had in Harris
Great class!
In this class I learned about the Chinese Economy. I think overall this was a good class and it did contribute to my knowledge, however, I had higher expectations for this class. Professor Shaoda is an amazing academic and he seems very passionate about the topic, yet some of his lectures were kind of repetitive. This class also was heavily lecture based, it seemed more like a history class on the Chinese Economy than an economics class.

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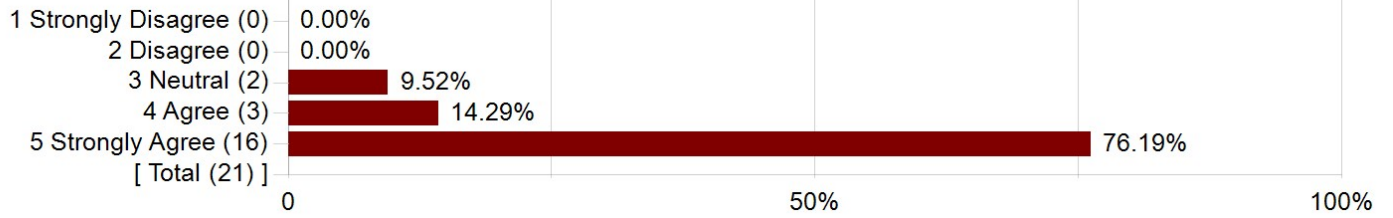
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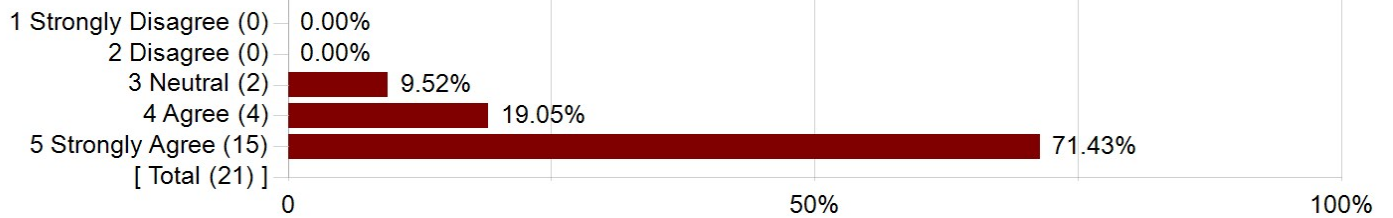


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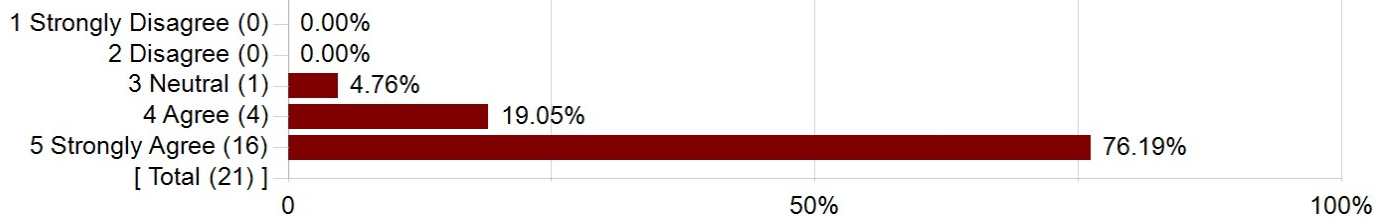
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Standard Deviation	0.66
Standard Error (based on SD)	0.14

4. The material in this course was constructively challenging.



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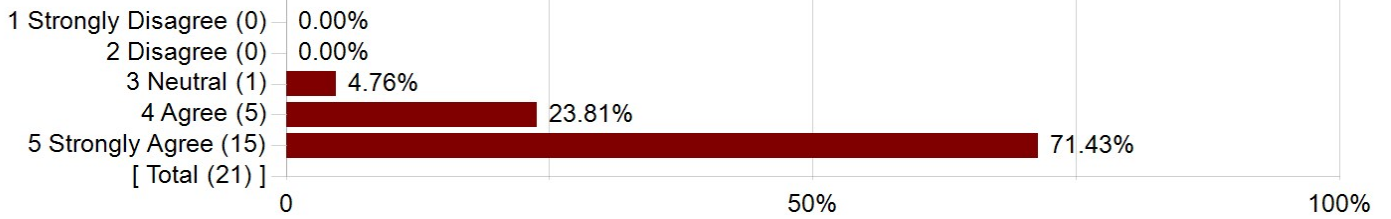
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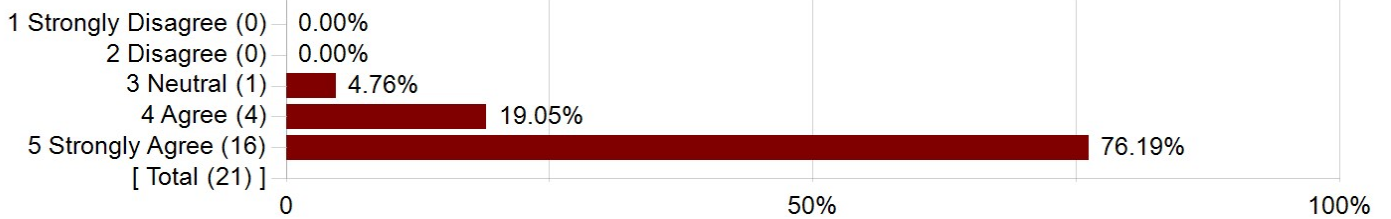
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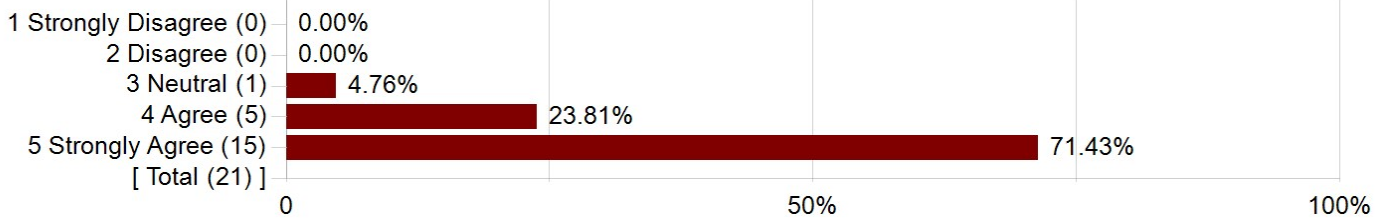
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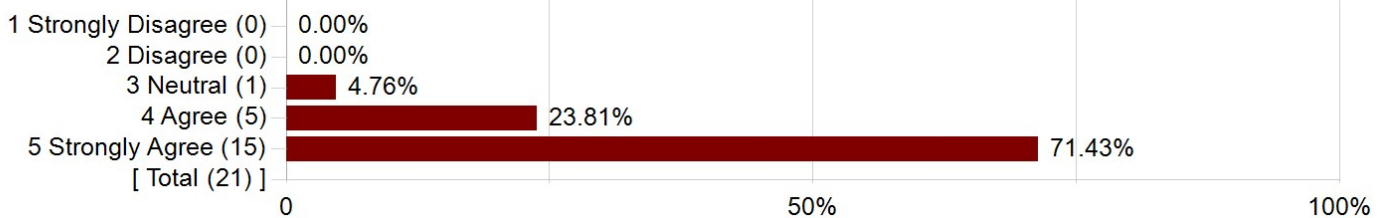
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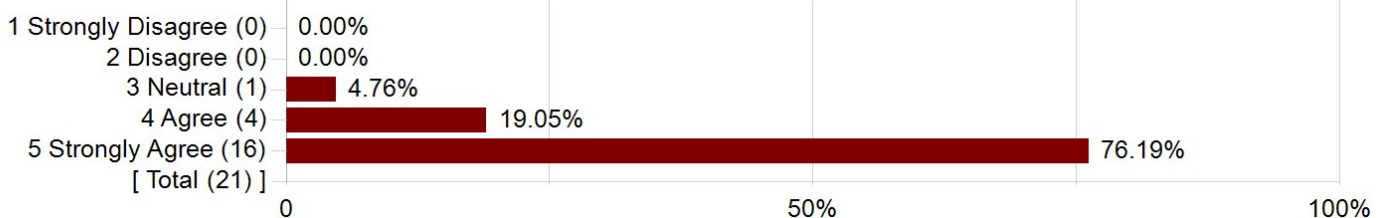
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## Please elaborate on any of your responses above.

Comment
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Professor Shaoda's organization is his strong suit – he is always well prepared for the questions we throw at him, and he always gets through slides on time. Organizing guest lectures given by subject experts is also a massive plus and helped us understand China's role in the world economy much more.
The course is well put together
best teacher, shaoda is so supportive and friendly! all materials are easy to understand and meaningful! but the TAs are not helpful at all, they never put the assignments in canvas correctly and the exam requirements guide are also a little confusing
Great class, manageable assignments, excellent lectures. I just wish I paid attention more throughout.
Response article feedback came only with the grade back there were no comments attached to our work besides the automatic ones generated. If we wanted to see where to specifically improve we had to go to office hours.

## What aspects of the instructor's teaching contributed most and least to your learning?

Comment
We had three 2pg response articles and then a final exam.
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Lectures OH Availability after class to ask questions
Not only valuable and value adding course, but also enjoyable
Prof. Wang's lectures are very clear, his style is relaxing and humorous.
prof is so amazing ta is not very helpful
Lectures are clear and informative. Prof. Wang is an incredible lecturer and I learned a ton from just listening to him and using his thorough PowerPoints when I focused in class (instead of sending emails and such). Highly recommend this class.
Lectures

## Please suggest any changes that could improve this course (e.g., class material, class structure, assignments, inclusive pedagogy).

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While Professor Shaoda was great at organizing his thoughts against questions posed by the class, he tends to read off slides a bit and can seem a bit disengaged with the student body at times. Perhaps less wordy slides and more audience interaction is conducive to learning
change a better ta
More descriptive feedback on response papers than just which points were taken off
I think this class could improve if it was less repetitive in some of the topics it covered. I also think this class could improve if we were made to read papers and analyze them. Maybe instead of just being lectured on the subject we could read economic journals talking about the Chinese Economy. Our homework could be to criticize those journals. Perhaps we could also work with data in this class. Instead of just getting the facts, use more inductive reasoning to get to the results we observed in class. I think the response articles deliverables were ok. I think additional deliverables that were not just essays could also enhance this class as an economics class. Perhaps we could do presentations, etc.



# PPHA 35585 2, PBPL 25585 2, ECON 22030 2 - The Chinese Economy - Instructor(s) Shaoda Wang

Project Title: **Graduate Course Feedback - Winter 2024**

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Number of Responses: **19**

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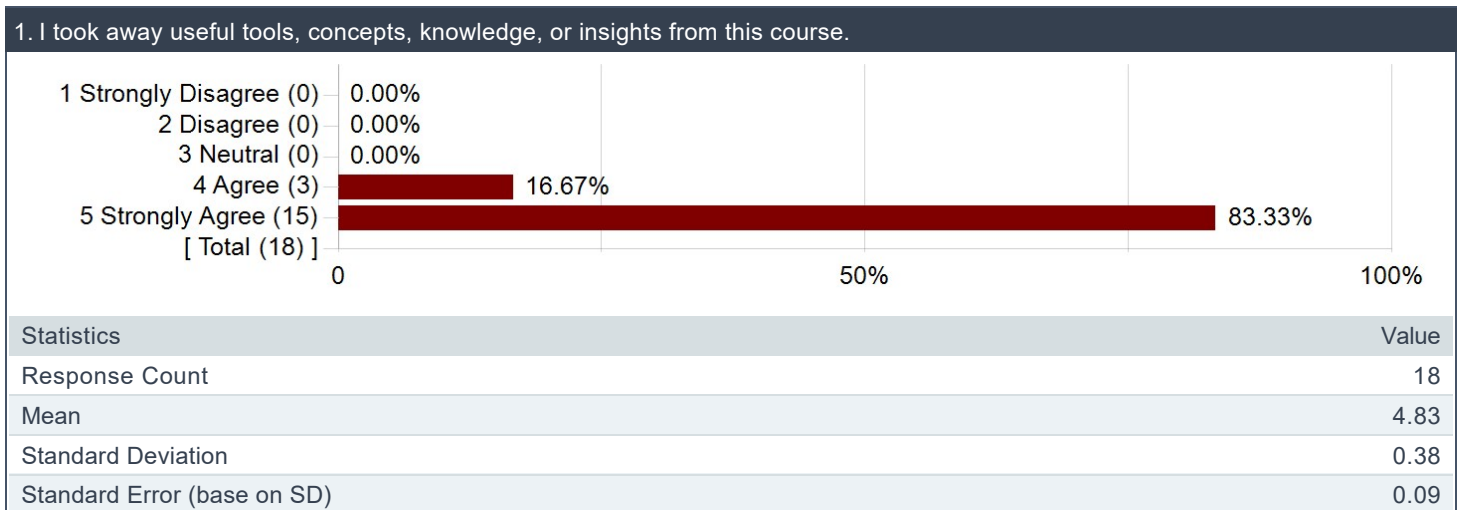
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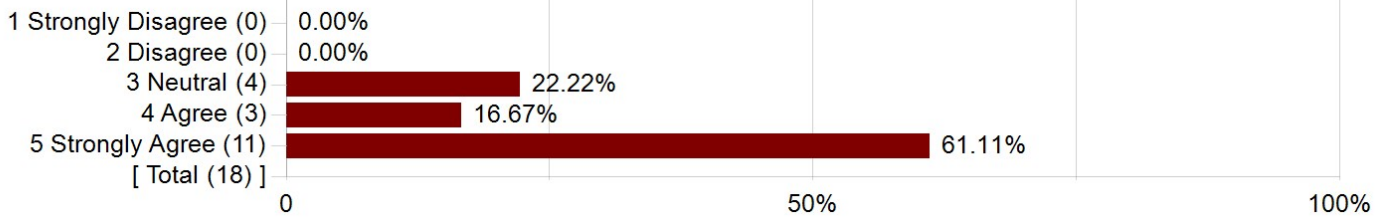
**Please review and evaluate your work in this course overall.**

Comments
Overview of Chinese economy
GREAT CLASS!!!
One of the only classes where I didn't check the clock before the class ended
Interesting course and great lectures but not a ton of engagement or feedback was given in this course. Felt it was an appropriate level of difficulty but not very engaging overall.
Three response papers and one final paper. I enjoyed writing the papers and learning about China as an East Asian–American.
THIS IS THE BEST CLASS EVERRRRRR. Professor Wang is an excellent lecturer, and the material covered in class was fascinating. We had two guest lectures, and both were great opportunities to hear from experts in the field.
I thought this was an excellent course with an excellent professor. Professor Wang made it easy to ask questions and was always willing to take time to discuss any topics students brought up.
Was a useful course, really got to write about what I found interesting
Great course, very interesting and I learned a lot without ever feeling the course–load is too heavy
I believe this course really provided an insightful glance into the economic and historical background that made what China is today, especially in areas that I previously never considered, and I believe the lectures are wonderful in that way.
Interesting and requires some good critical thought.
If I need to submit a numerical grade for this course: 5.0/5.0
As a fourth–year econ student in the college, having already taken almost all econ courses, I would only rate 4.2 – 4.5 for many courses, and 4.8 for few. This one is the only one I will give full mark 5.0/5.0 without any hesitation or reservation. This is the absolutely best one.
Professor Wang Shaoda is not only a rising star as a scholar, but also a legendary lecturer as an instructor, which is rare and quite valuable in many universities including UChicgao.
Both TA, Gao Haoran and Zhang Felicity are generous. They have offered me many helps throughout the quarter. The advice I have received from them helps me succeed in a transferrable way.
The papers provide me with great opportunities to think deeper and harder on some important issues, do more research, and write and communicate with others.

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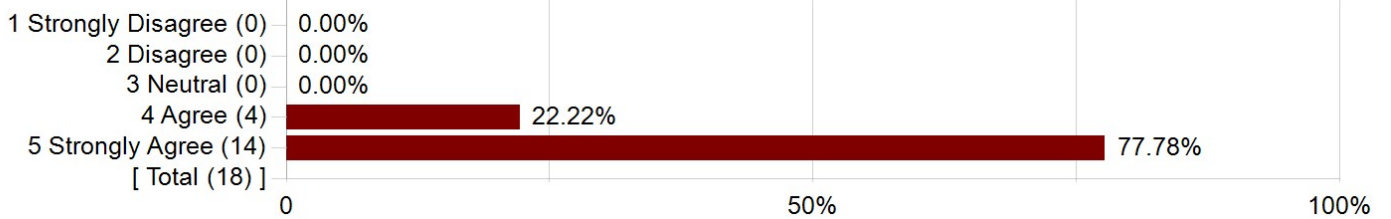


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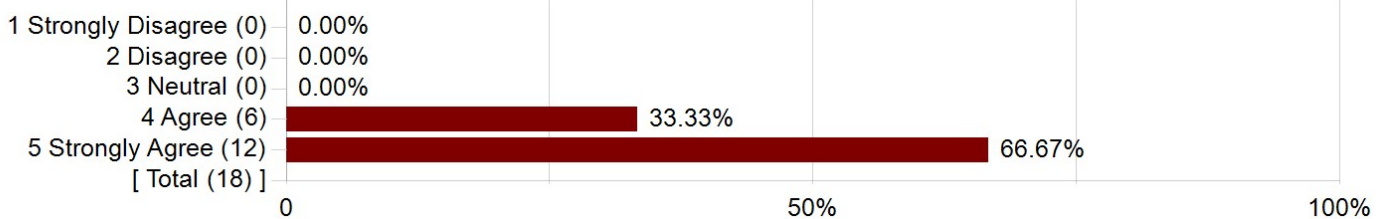
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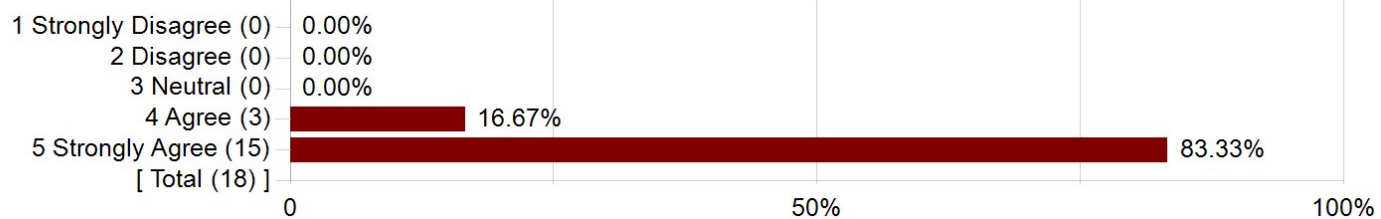
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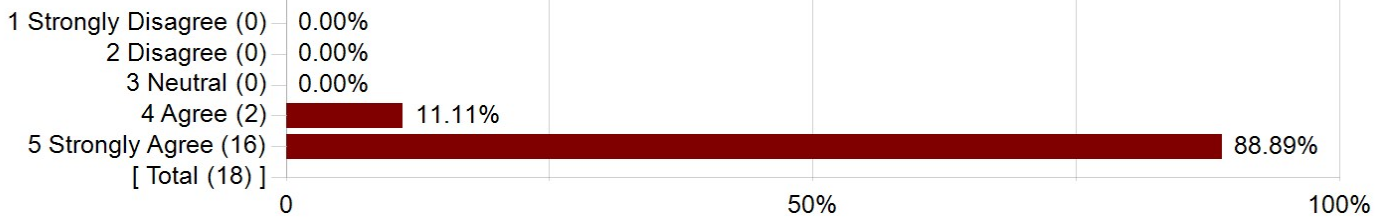
5. I felt that the classroom was an inclusive learning environment for me.



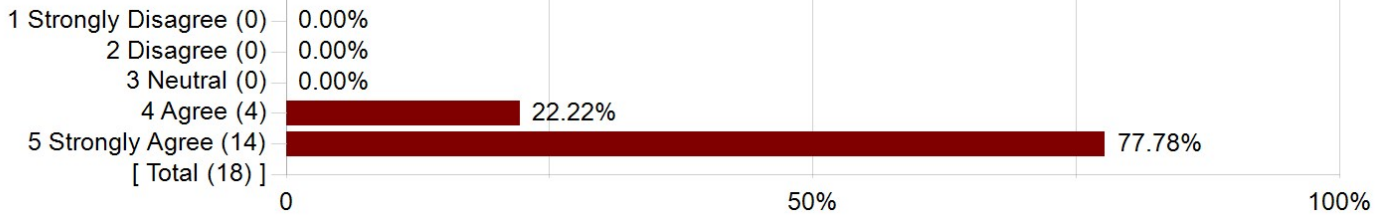
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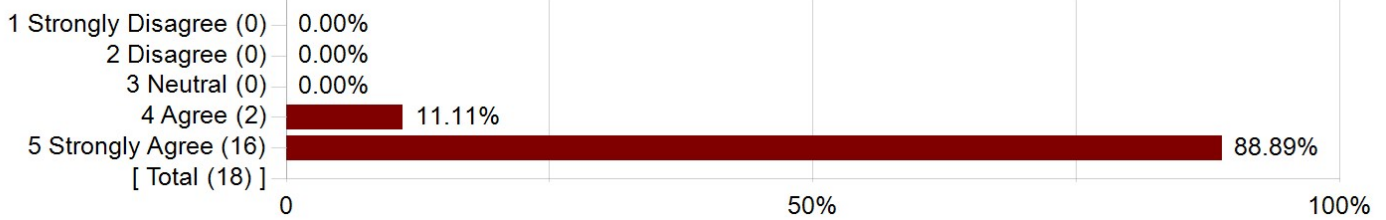
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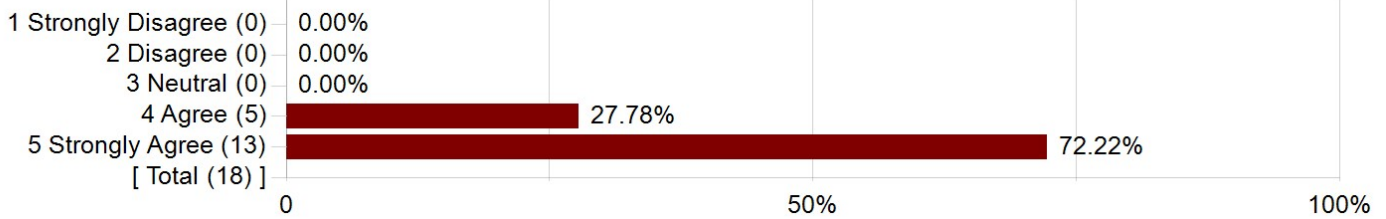
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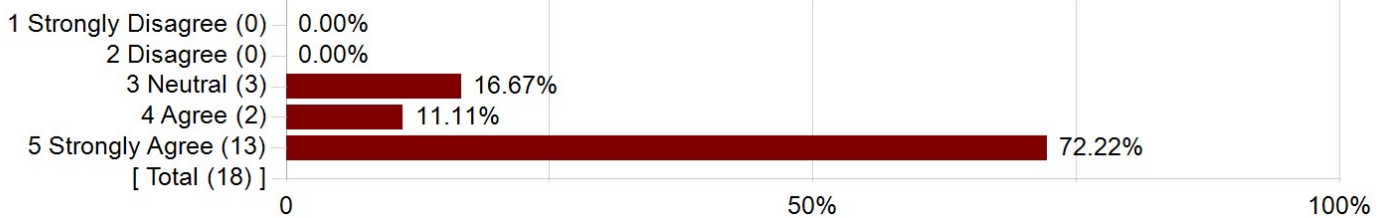
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## Please elaborate on any of your responses above.

Comments
Amazing class! Very structured classes and the material is very organized
The instructor was phenomenal. I loved his lectures.
one of the better lecturers i've ever had, amazing professor.
Super interesting class; started with learning about Chinese history and worked to the current state of China's economy.
I will say, if you take this course and your not Chinese, be prepared to be more favorable to China then you otherwise would be. While Shaoda tries not to be bias, I oftentimes felt he gives quite a bit of lead way to China. If your papers are critical of China, be prepared to have them graded more harshly.
Really great professor, clearly very knowledgeable and passionate in what he teaches, very down to earth and willing to help you outside of class
The lectures are organized in a very clear manner that is logically linked, with lectures interconnected to paint the bigger picture and context.
I have been looking forward to taking Professor Wang's course for years, and I have also heard from many alumni or senior students (during in-person conversations and on the social media) that Professor Wang is amazing and The Chinese Economy is the best course; if one has to choose and may take only one course in Harris, The Chinese Economy with Professor Wang Shaoda, absolutely. However, even having heard of how great Professor Wang is, I am still surprised; I have not expected that Professor Wang is really so amazing. As a fourth-year student who has learned many economics and China courses at UChicago, who has spent years or more than a decade's time on understanding China, I have still harvested a huge amount of new knowledge, insights and inspirations on the Chinese economy and China, overall, from Professor Wang. Actually, I even felt ashamed in a way that before I took this course, I thought I know a lot about China, but after having taken this course and learned tremendously from Professor Wang, I have realized that I wasn't knowing a lot. Professor Wang has opened a door for me, leading me to a new world, a great and amazing field of new and important knowledge and issues.
Professor Wang is a legendary lecturer. He has the very superpower to condense a whole universe of knowledge into a very clear, organized, and concise lecture. And if you follow up and ask more questions about some details after class, he can give you another lecture on that detail question. He is a very erudite person not just in economics or theories. He knows a lot beyond economics and theories.
Professor Wang is also a very kind and nice person. He always answers questions from students very patiently and nicely, even when he is in a hurry. It is a great pleasure to talk to him, which is not only intellectually stimulating and eye-opening, but also open, inclusive, supportive, encouraging, and friendly.
If I need to rank, Professor Wang is absolutely the best professor among all instructors I have ever had by far in my journey of economics. I am eternally grateful for his teaching and guidance.

## What aspects of the instructor's teaching contributed most and least to your learning?

Comments
lectures helped the most
Super concise and easy to follow
Lectures were very easy to understand and were the bulk of this class
Lectures
Lectures. Professor Wang is a great lecturer who manages to make potentially dry topics very interesting.
lectures were so clear, slides had great information and were organized well
Lectures were invaluable. I would take this class for an entire year!
The lectures were engaging, and Professor Wang is clearly very knowledgeable about the subject, which made me look forward to lectures and kept me engaged.
Was a very good lecturer
Lectures are interesting and informative
Lectures
The instructor is wonderful throughout the lecture both to provide context and background stories as well as provide insightful analyses on specific aspects of different lecture topics. It really opened up my interest in doing more research in the corresponding areas.
Lectures were great
His lecturing is not only insightful but also super clear and organized.

## Please suggest any changes that could improve this course (e.g., class material, class structure, assignments, inclusive pedagogy).

Comments
NA
Would've preferred other types of assignments as well other than just essays.
Nothing really.
more office hours
N/A
I think the structure of the response articles could be changed slightly. They revolved around pushing back against something we discussed in class, which was somewhat difficult for me because I often didn't have enough background knowledge to have other opinions on the subject. I did my best to do research, but I think it could be better if an option for a response article was something like "Elaborate further on a subject we discussed in class, going beyond the information Professor Wang provided." I think it would achieve the same effect, but wouldn't be quite as restrictive.
Was never sure if I was supposed to do the readings or not
It is hard to get participation credit with such large class size, maybe change the way participation is structured
Class is not relevant with homework. You can get the same grade in class and not attend any class session. It does not mean the lectures are bad, but simply because homework have one category named "novelty." For this course, to be novel, you can't use class material.
Professor should add more time for students to ask questions, and actually care about teaching. He basically doesn't grade anything and provide no comments on any homework. Office hour are so limited that I can't get a hold of him when I tried to sign up for a slot. I tried to sign up for one 4 weeks in advance and wasn't able to get a slot.
Nothing in particular
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**Please comment on how respected, valued, and included you felt as a participant in the course.**

Comments
NA
I felt respected, valued, and included.
Very respected.
N/A
I felt very respected, valued, and included as a participant, Professor Wang took time to answer every question I had in class, and always checked to make sure everyone was following and that he'd answered everyone's questions.
Very respected
Very respected, valued, and included at all time
I felt valued and respected

**Please include the name of the TA you are evaluating. What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning? What could the TA modify to help you learn more? Please include any additional feedback for the TA.**

Comments
Felicity is a fantastic TA
Felicity, Haoran
Felicity Zhang, she was very helpful during office hours! She helped me flesh out my essay ideas and was overall great,
Felicity and Haoran were both good TAs.
Felicity and Haoran; both were very helpful and available outside of class; they helped me think critically about material from lecture for the reading responses. Emails were responded to in a timely manner.
Haoran Gao and Felicity Zhang. Both TAs were very helpful with their feedback on response articles, and were available and helpful in office hours.
Felicity Zhang, Haoran Gao, did not interact with them much but they seemed dedicated and helpful
Felicity is great. She helped me with all of my assignments.
Haoran was wonderful at answering the questions I had and ground a lot of my understanding/analyses into context.



# PPHA 35585 1, PBPL 25585 1, ECON 22030 1 - The Chinese Economy - Instructor(s) Shaoda Wang

Project Title: **Graduate Course Feedback - Winter 2024**

Number Enrolled: **56**

Number of Responses: **42**

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## Report Comments

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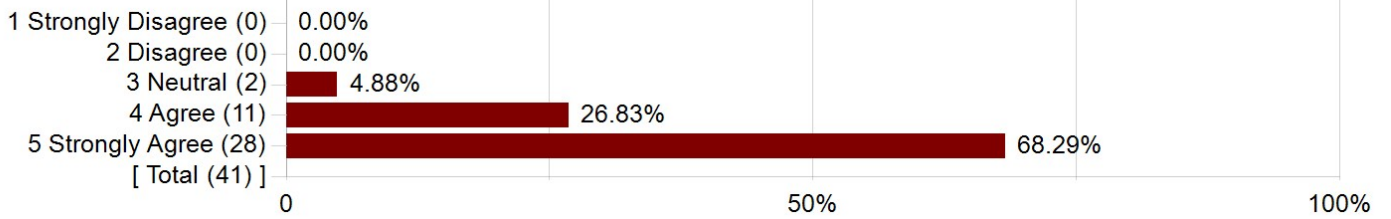
## Please review and evaluate your work in this course overall.

Comments
Best course I have taken at Harris
I performed well in this course.
Learned great depth of knowledge Chinese economy
The class was interesting. I liked the essays format, so they challenged me to think outside the box
Fun class, especially for someone who had a less than rudimentary understanding of modern Chinese history going into the class. I enjoyed the lectures, and especially appreciate that professor is highly analytical/critical of all manner of arguments. We covered complex political issues, but I never felt like we were being swayed one way or another. All ideas were subject to debate; it's just that some arguments seemed to hold more weight when put under scrutiny. So, I ended up learning a lot about China from a professor who understands this topic at a very high level and is willing to pass on his knowledge.
I did well and tried my best in this class. In the meantime, I learned so much new content in this class.
Professor Wang has a strong knowledge in Chinese economy, I learnt a lot.
Overall, I have actively engaged with the material and consistently strived to improve my understanding and skills in this course.
Very good
Well developed course structure, clearly explained the economy progress along with the Chinese history.
I have to say it is a wonderful course. Actually, I consider this as my favourite course during all time.
Very clear logic & deep insights – made understanding Chinese econ super easy

## Please review and evaluate the course on the following:

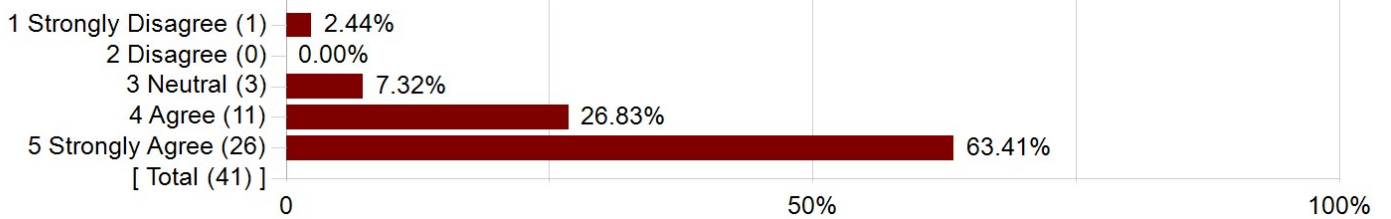
1. I took away useful tools, concepts, knowledge, or insights from this course.	
1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (1)	2.44%
3 Neutral (1)	2.44%
4 Agree (11)	26.83%
5 Strongly Agree (28)	68.29%
[ Total (41) ]	
0	50%
	100%
Statistics	Value
Response Count	41
Mean	4.61
Standard Deviation	0.67
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.10
2. I received regular, effective feedback to help me understand where I was in the learning process.	
1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (1)	2.44%
3 Neutral (4)	9.76%
4 Agree (10)	24.39%
5 Strongly Agree (26)	63.41%
[ Total (41) ]	
0	50%
	100%
Statistics	Value
Response Count	41
Mean	4.49
Standard Deviation	0.78
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.12

3. I would recommend this course to other students.



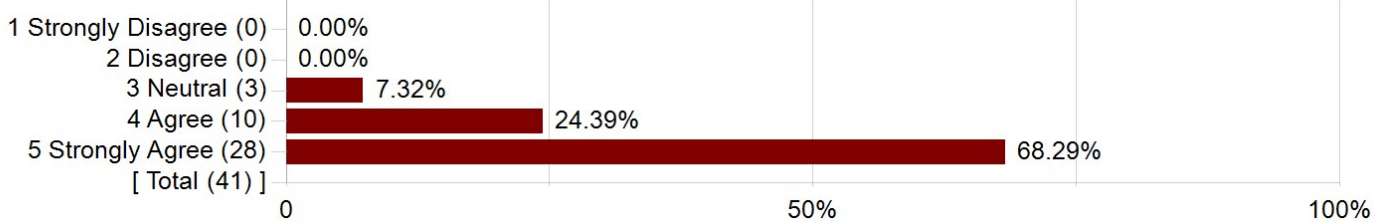
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Standard Error (base on SD)	0.09

4. The material in this course was constructively challenging.



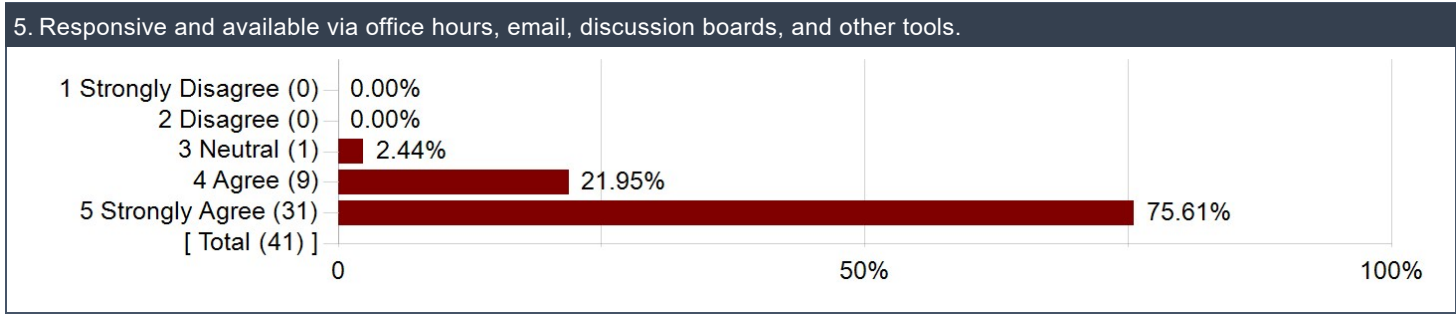
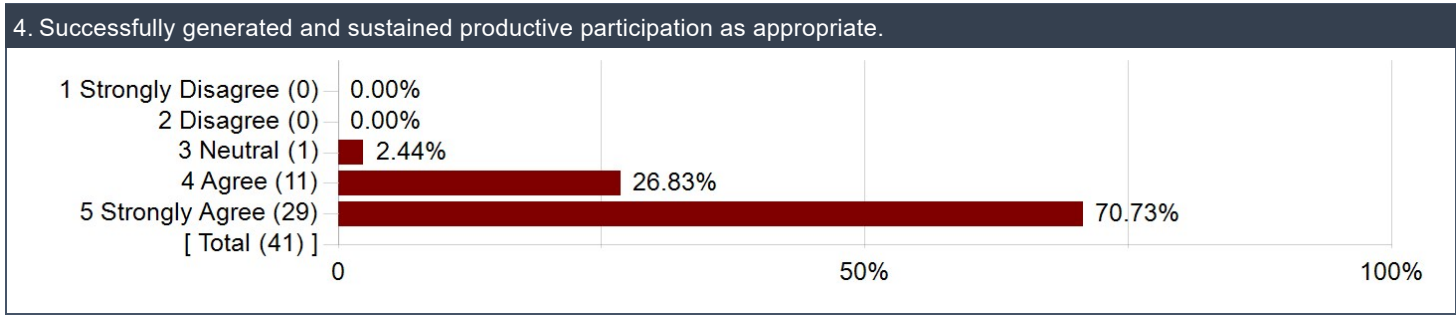
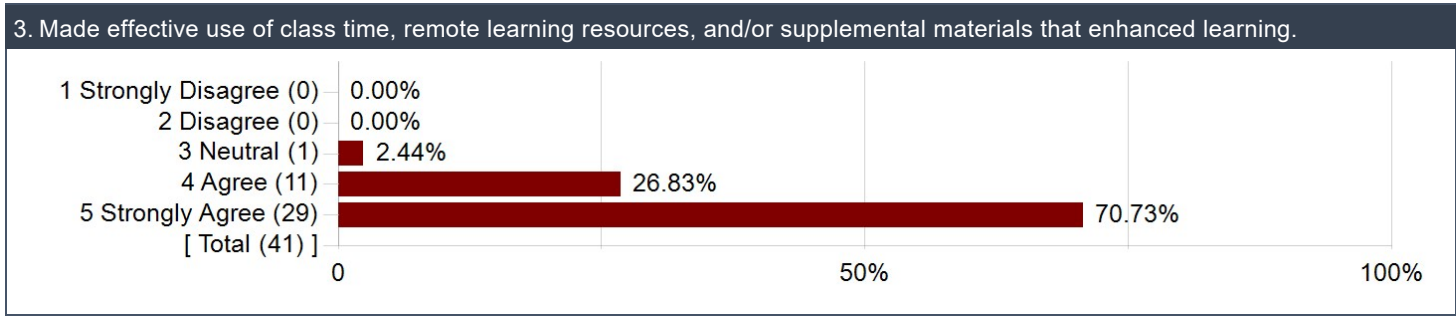
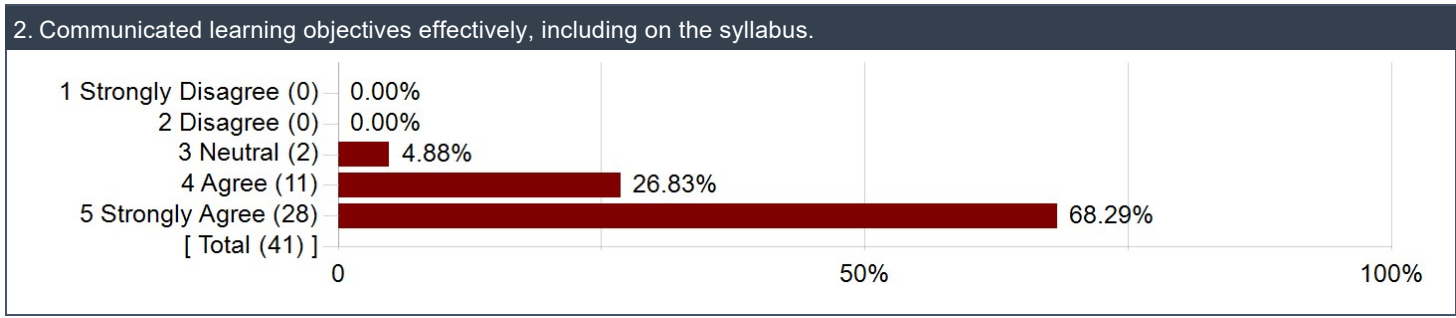
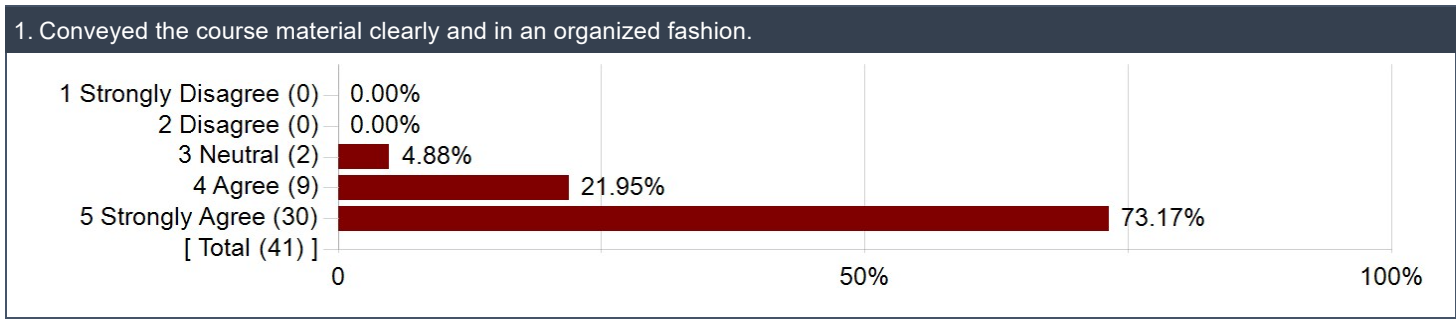
Statistics	Value
Response Count	41
Mean	4.49
Standard Deviation	0.84
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.13

5. I felt that the classroom was an inclusive learning environment for me.



Statistics	Value
Response Count	41
Mean	4.61
Standard Deviation	0.63
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.10

Please review and evaluate the faculty on the following:



**Please elaborate on any of your responses above.**

Comments
Professor was great at explaining the reasons behind Chinese economy boom
The professor structured the class in a coherent way. The materials and presentations are really well thought. The class is really interesting and the professors know a lot about the topic. teaches.
Guest lectures were great; thanks for inviting them. One thing though is that I never really got any feedback on my response papers. Even though I did rather well, it would have been nice to know how my own arguments held up under scrutiny.
It's one of my favorite classes at Harris. I learned so much about the Chinese economy and society I had never heard of before. I highly recommend everyone interested in this topic take this class. You won't regret it! Prof. wang is very knowledgeable and helpful, which makes the learning process even more valuable.
None
This class was excellent, offering fresh insights and knowledge about the Chinese economy for a non-Chinese perspective.
This class was highly effective, well run, interesting, useful, etc. I could go on about how great this class was top to bottom. The instructor did a fabulous job.
I have to say Professor Shaoda Wang did a wonderful job in this course. He is my favourite professor.
N/A

**What aspects of the instructor's teaching contributed most and least to your learning?**

Comments
Professor Wang had organized and structured lectures around massive and detailed topics; and had a wealth of knowledge to back up anything he mentioned or was on the slides. He is an engaging and thoughtful lecturer
Professor explained the course materials very clearly and lively during lectures, and the course readings are inspiring.
Stats and different stories
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Well organized.</li> <li>2. easy-going teaching style</li> <li>3. He is really accessible after class a</li> <li>4. Promote debates</li> </ol>
Covered all the possible theories for different events. Very rarely presented as "this is wrong; this is right." It's more that all ideas were brought forth, and each were individually evaluated. As someone new to understanding Chinese history, it was very helpful to get that broad perspective.
I like the logical and analytical teaching style of the instructor. He would first offer lots of new knowledge and information. At the end, he would explain why it's the case.
N/A
The instructor's clear explanations contributed most to my learning
The instructor was highly knowledgeable and efficient. There is not much more the instructor could have done better.
I love the style of Shaodawang's teaching. He will link it with many background story, helping us better understand the economy process.
Almost everything.
story sturctured class most, lack of student participation least.

**Please suggest any changes that could improve this course (e.g., class material, class structure, assignments, inclusive pedagogy).**

Comments
Nothing – I felt like the assignment structure of this class was perfect. I feel like I have learned so much and the response articles helped me to dive deeper into topics that especially caught my attention during class, and were graded fairly.
It is too big and not personalized. The professor can not even learn the names of his students, and even though he promotes interactions and debates, the class being too big makes it almost impossible.
This is a long final paper. I wouldn't have minded a 7 page paper for half of the grade and another 7 page paper for the second half.
Regarding the inequality in Chinese society, I would like some comparison between China and the US in the graph. It would be more straightforward to see the inequality level between the US and China.
N/A
Consider scheduling the class once a week for a duration of around three hours.
I would prefer an exam to a large term paper, but the paper also pushes me to branch out on doing my own research on China.
Nothing
more student participation

**Please comment on how respected, valued, and included you felt as a participant in the course.**

Comments
Very, Professor Wang treated no question as too silly or out of context but did a great job of gently refining student thought or making sure the questions applied to the facts of the class instead of normative hypotheticals if not relevant
People almost did not speak during the lectures.
The overall atmosphere is incredibly inclusive, making this class invaluable in terms of both content and perspectives.
N/A
I felt really respected, valued, and included in the course. The instructor made sure everyone felt part of the group and encouraged us to ask regarding the materials of the course.
Welcome questions, and Wong is willing to provide support. well explained the context and question students rise.
I have to say it is my favourite one.
somewhat

**Please include the name of the TA you are evaluating. What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning? What could the TA modify to help you learn more? Please include any additional feedback for the TA.**

Comments
Felicity and Haoran were incredibly responsive and nice, and the rubric they followed for assignments was very fair
I haven even seen him.
I had no contact with them. They should engage more with the class
Felicity Zhang is helpful and responsive.
Haoran Guo, he is very instructive and helpful.
Gaoran and Felicity. Both of them are good!
good
Haoran Gao. All great.



# PPHA 35585 2, PBPL 25585 2, ECON 22030 2 - The Chinese Economy - Instructor(s) Shaoda Wang

Project Title: **Graduate Course Feedback - Winter 2023**

Number Enrolled: **55**

Number of Responses: **35**

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## Report Comments

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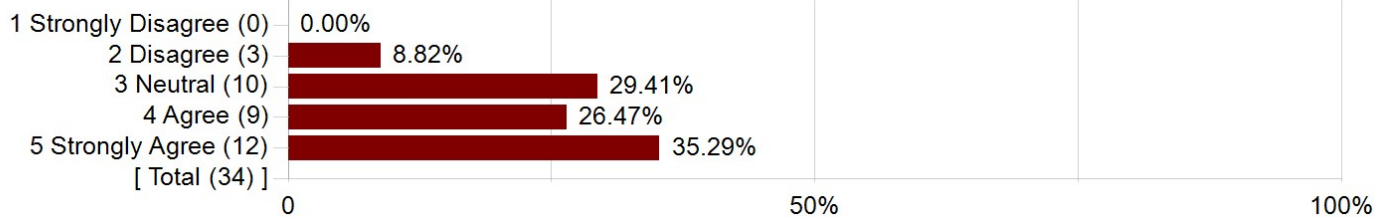
## Please review and evaluate your work in this course overall.

Comments
Overall, this is a great course.
Shaoda is such a wonderful professor with clear and informative instructions. The class is well-organized. It is my favorite class at Harris so far. It is so interesting that time goes by so fast during lecture.
I think I have done pretty well overall. It is a bit tough to say since (1) the assignments are relatively easy and lots of people do well on them and (2) we still have the final paper. But overall, Shaoda creates an environment that is conducive to learning a lot.
Best Course
The course is very informative and the professor can always explain it in the most understandable way.
Very good course without too much homework.
3 short essays throughout the quarter, 1 longer final essay
This was the best course I have ever taken as a student. Shaoda is an incredibly engaging lecturer and friendly face who welcomes insightful questions. The actual forced reading is very low but there was a large amount of effort taken to cultivate a meaningful course load that has lots of room for additional reading. The assessment structure also worked very well – prompting genuine interest in the course rather than dull revision for an abstract final. I would highly recommend this course to anyone even remotely interested regardless of background.
I learned much about the communist period of China and the reforms enacted after Mao died.
Great course.
This was an excellent course. Throughout the quarter, I would tell all of my friends about how I was learning so much in my Chinese Economy class. Shaoda did a wonderful job organizing the course into engaging and well-planned out lectures, and greatly enhanced my understanding and knowledge of the economic history of China. As an undergraduate economics major, this course was such a joy because it applied many theoretical ideas and models we learn about in a real world context. Finally, this class is so current. This topic is widely discussed in US politics and day-to-day life, so it was amazing to get to learn about it at the university level.
The course was interesting let students know about the history of china.
I put a lot of effort on this course.
this course was overall positive and professor wang had very interesting lectures on the chinese economy where he provided insightful discussions on topics at hand
Learned a lot on Chinese economy after the 1940s
I thought my work was good – I tried to engage with all aspects of the course.
I learned systematically about areas I didn't know about.

## Please review and evaluate the course on the following:

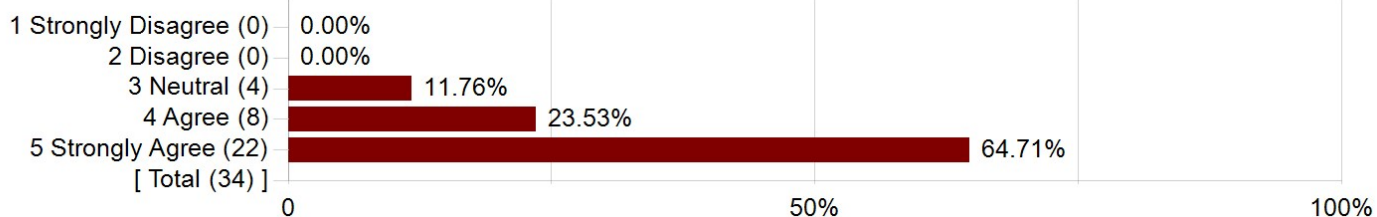
1. I took away useful tools, concepts, knowledge, or insights from this course.	
1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (0)	0.00%
3 Neutral (2)	5.88%
4 Agree (9)	26.47%
5 Strongly Agree (23)	67.65%
[ Total (34) ]	
Statistics	Value
Response Count	34
Mean	4.62
Standard Deviation	0.60
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.10

2. I received regular, effective feedback to help me understand where I was in the learning process.



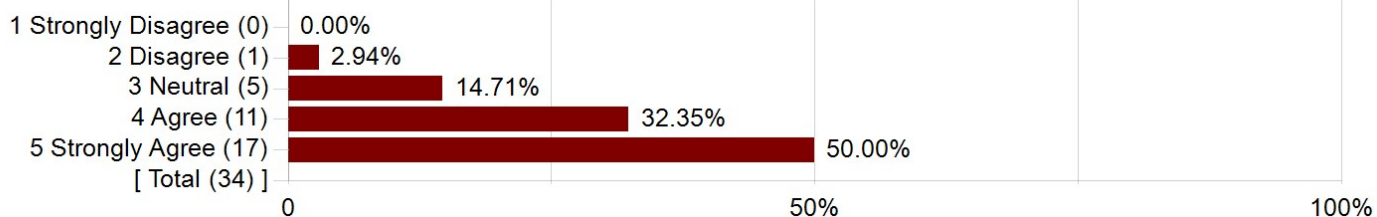
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Response Count	34
Mean	3.88
Standard Deviation	1.01
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.17

3. I would recommend this course to other students.



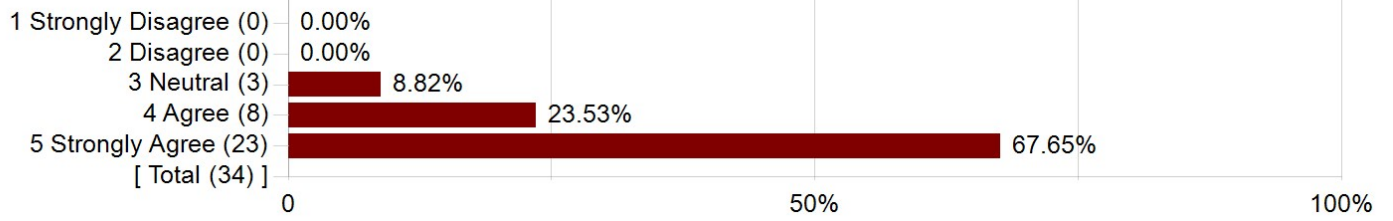
Statistics	Value
Response Count	34
Mean	4.53
Standard Deviation	0.71
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.12

4. The material in this course was constructively challenging.



Statistics	Value
Response Count	34
Mean	4.29
Standard Deviation	0.84
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.14

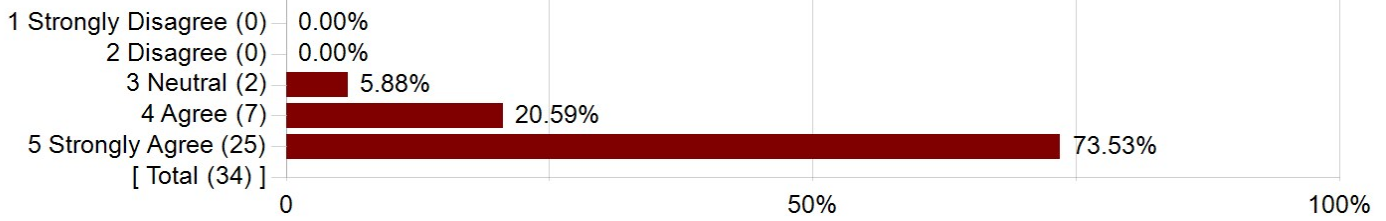
5. I felt that the classroom was an inclusive learning environment for me.



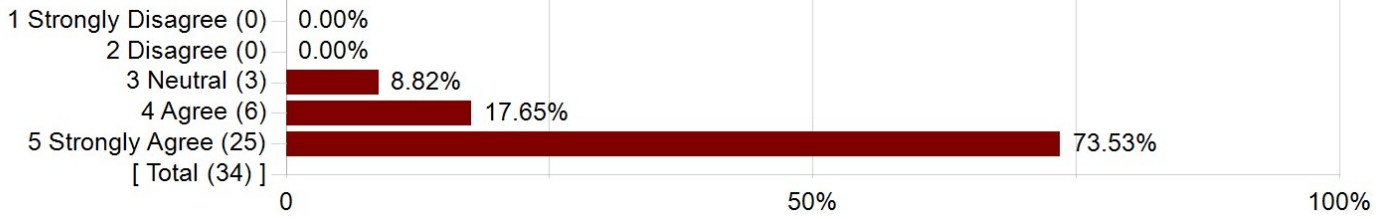
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Mean	4.59
Standard Deviation	0.66
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.11

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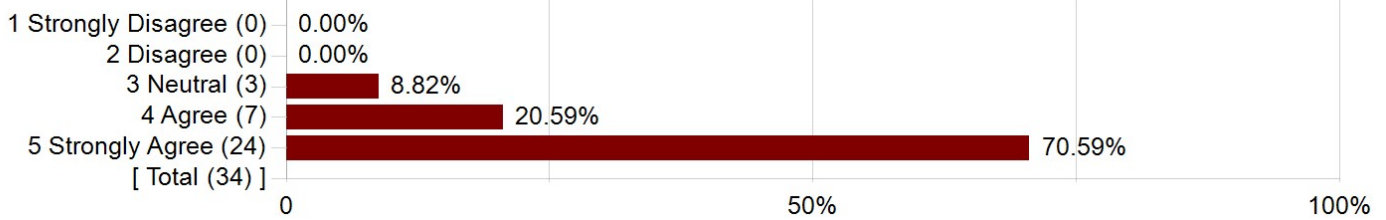
1. Conveyed the course material clearly and in an organized fashion.



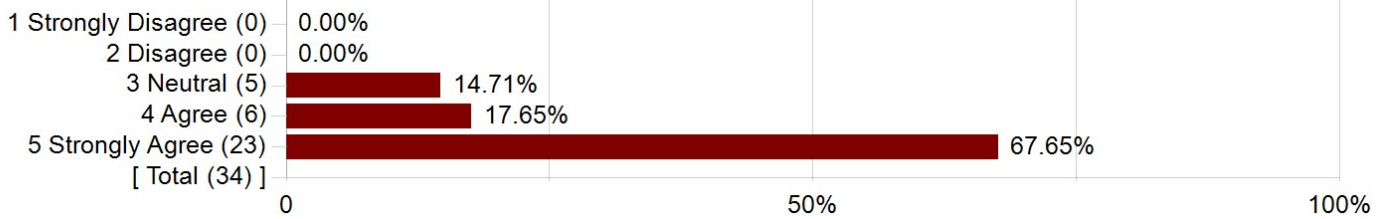
2. Communicated learning objectives effectively, including on the syllabus.



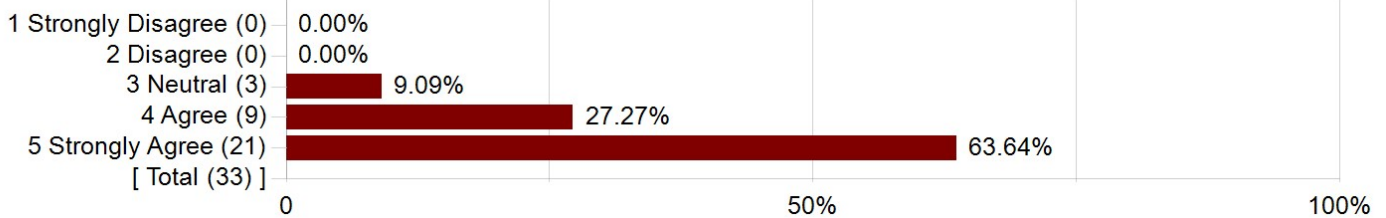
3. Made effective use of class time, remote learning resources, and/or supplemental materials that enhanced learning.



4. Successfully generated and sustained productive participation as appropriate.



5. Responsive and available via office hours, email, discussion boards, and other tools.



## Please elaborate on any of your responses above.

Comments
Prof. Shaoda is a great lecturer.
enjoy it so much
I absolutely LOVE this class so much! I think it truly is the perfect class! I learned an INCREDIBLE amount and at a pretty low-stakes environment since there were no psets, exams, etc.
Best Course
He was patient and the course is interesting.
Shaoda was a great lecturer and brought the subject matter to life. He is clearly very knowledgeable on the subject. The guest lectures were also very interesting and helpful.
The course content is interesting and provides valuable insight into the subject matter.
Need some update syllabus about recent condition of china

## What aspects of the instructor's teaching contributed most and least to your learning?

Comments
Prof. Shaoda's experience and insights.
I cannot say enough good things about this class. It's the last class I will ever take in my time at UChicago, and I couldn't think of a better class to round out my amazing time here with. It's clear that Shaoda put a lot of effort into the course and everything is so well-planned out, including the guest speakers, both of whom were PHENOMENAL! Shaoda is probably one of the nicest people EVER — he even bought us treats for Chinese New Year! Take this class, you will 1000% not regret it!
Best Course
The materials and contents are very clear and easy to understand.
Engaging and insightful lectures that didn't waste time.
Interesting lectures
Sitting in class with Shaoda, it was impossible not to notice how incredibly smart and well-versed he was on the topic. He presented all of our lectures in a readily understandable and interesting way, and I left every single class happy and full of ideas about lecture. He was very accessible to discuss paper ideas in office hours or after class, and made me excited to go to lecture! He also brought the entire class treats for Chinese New Year, which was so sweet. He absolutely delivers on the excellent economics faculty promise UChicago is known for!
history of china
Rich knowledge about Chinese economy.
lectures were the most contributing to learning
He gives really clear lectures. he is very good at presenting his argument
His enthusiasm and knowledge of the topic.

**Please suggest any changes that could improve this course (e.g., class material, class structure, assignments, inclusive pedagogy).**

Comments
All is great
I'm not the biggest fan of the response articles because of the fact that they need to be "innovative". It feels like literally everything about China's political economy has been studied extensively, so coming up with topics wasn't particularly easy.
Best Course
No.
More detailed feedback on essays – perhaps seeing a marked version of the pdf with comments/suggestions.
I think requiring feedback/comments on response articles would help students have more direction for their future papers.
need more recent aspect of chinese economy
Assignments are too subjective.
n/a
Lectures 13–17 too slow consolidate them
The assignment was very vague, and there was no feedback beside the grade so it's hard to gauge what to improve on for next time
I wish we got more feedback on our written work – felt like it was graded, but we didn't know where to improve.

**Please comment on how respected, valued, and included you felt as a participant in the course.**

Comments
I feel valued and respected in this course
Super respected, Shaoda is super open to questions and office hours are great as well. What I love most about this class is how we apply a lot principles from the ECON 200s sequence. I was starting to think it was a waste of my time to learn these theoretical models, but it's been so cool to talk about things like the efficiency–equity tradeoff, SPP/Pareto efficiency, principal–agent problem, basic incentives, etc. through the lens of China's political economy! I'd recommend keeping this course cross-listed with ECON because of how rewarding it is for undergradate economics majors who might not see the light at the end of the tunnel.
Best Course
I feel respected.
Felt very respected – my questions were always thoughtfully considered and emails answered quickly.
I felt all of the above! I was nervous to take a graduate level course as an undergrad, but I felt comfortable asking questions and going to the professor with any questions or doubts about the course.
I felt respected, valued and included.
i had no issue with feeling respected and valued
I felt respected and valued.

**Please include the name of the TA you are evaluating. What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning? What could the TA modify to help you learn more? Please include any additional feedback for the TA.**

Comments
Yuchen and Yuki, I think they need more engagement with the class
Yuki and Yuchen. They seem like nice people but I really dislike how response articles are graded. If you take points off for "Personal Voice" but don't give feedback at all, it is a bit insulting. Though they acknowledge the subjectivity, their means of correcting for this is the ability to request a re-grade. I recommend changing this structure.
Yuki Chong and Yuchen du is the best
Yuchen Du.
He is patient and ambitious.
Yuchen and Yuki have been very helpful and responsible.
Yuchen and Yuki graded papers! NA for instruction feedback.
Yuchen Du, I think the TA does not do his job well, making some lazy judgments in corresponding to students' needs. Does not provide anything to add additional information for improvement
Yuki Chong, Yuchen Du. Both TAs didn't contribute to any in class learning but were available for office hours to discuss topics
I only interacted with Yuki. She provided very insightful feedback for my final essay prompt.
Yuki Chong; Yuchen Du. They were great and very helpful during OHs
Yuki Chong.



# PPHA 35585 1, PBPL 25585 1, ECON 22030 1 - The Chinese Economy - Instructor(s) Shaoda Wang

Project Title: **Graduate Course Feedback - Winter 2023**

Number Enrolled: **45**

Number of Responses: **30**

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## Report Comments

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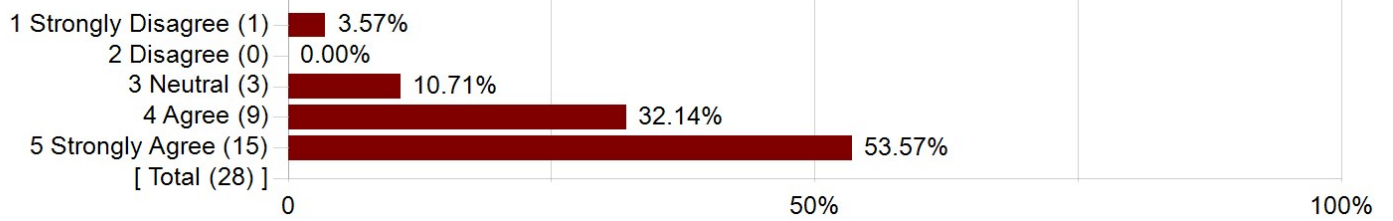
## Please review and evaluate your work in this course overall.

Comments
This course is very extensive in providing an outsider view of all kinds of Chinese economic history and phenomenon.
Good
I studied the history of development of Chinese economy as well as reforms.
Great class that covers a lot of topics.
This course was an extremely different and satisfying way to complete an econ elective. As someone with no connection to China, it was a fascinating way to get exposed to a history and economy I previously knew extremely little about. The 3 response papers and the large final paper are all evaluated based on argumentation, so I never felt like I was at a significant disadvantage compared to my classmates who were more familiar with the class content. Shaoda is an extremely passionate and inspiring lecturer, and I really appreciate the effort he put into introducing a class like this to UChicago.

## Please review and evaluate the course on the following:

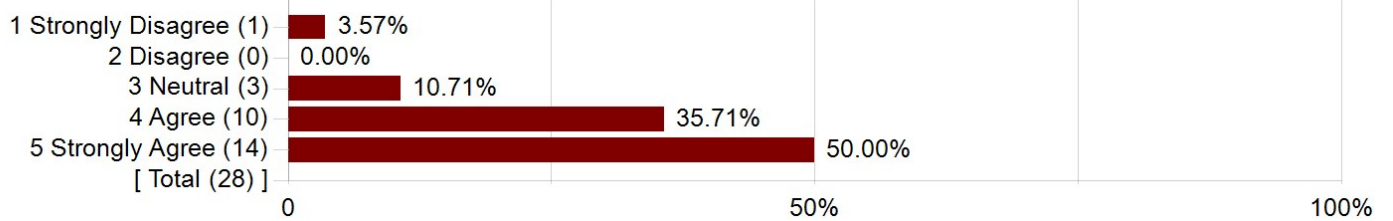
1. I took away useful tools, concepts, knowledge, or insights from this course.	
1 Strongly Disagree (1)	3.57%
2 Disagree (0)	0.00%
3 Neutral (2)	7.14%
4 Agree (8)	28.57%
5 Strongly Agree (17)	60.71%
[ Total (28) ]	
Statistics	Value
Response Count	28
Mean	4.43
Standard Deviation	0.92
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.17
2. I received regular, effective feedback to help me understand where I was in the learning process.	
1 Strongly Disagree (1)	3.57%
2 Disagree (0)	0.00%
3 Neutral (4)	14.29%
4 Agree (8)	28.57%
5 Strongly Agree (15)	53.57%
[ Total (28) ]	
Statistics	Value
Response Count	28
Mean	4.29
Standard Deviation	0.98
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.18

3. I would recommend this course to other students.



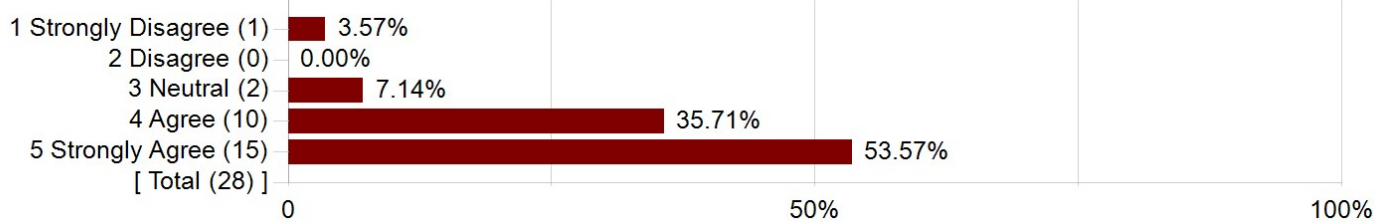
Statistics	Value
Response Count	28
Mean	4.32
Standard Deviation	0.94
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.18

4. The material in this course was constructively challenging.



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Response Count	28
Mean	4.29
Standard Deviation	0.94
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.18

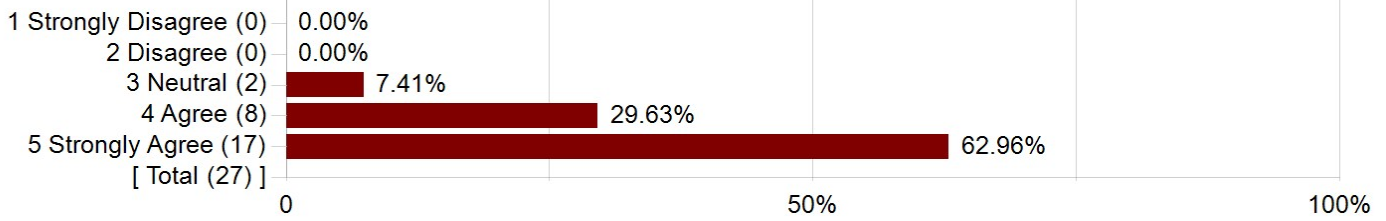
5. I felt that the classroom was an inclusive learning environment for me.



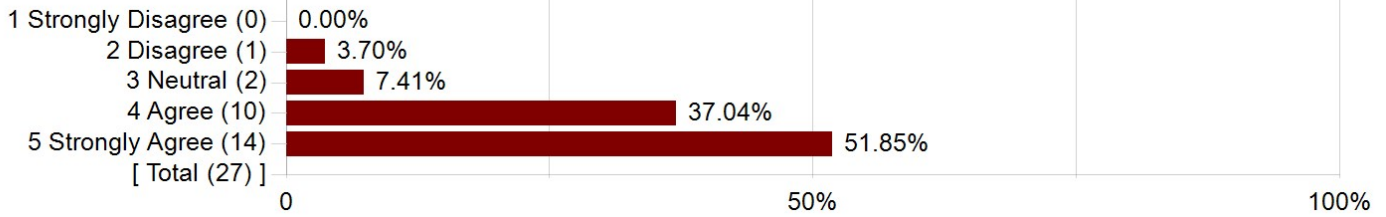
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Mean	4.36
Standard Deviation	0.91
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.17

Please review and evaluate the faculty on the following:

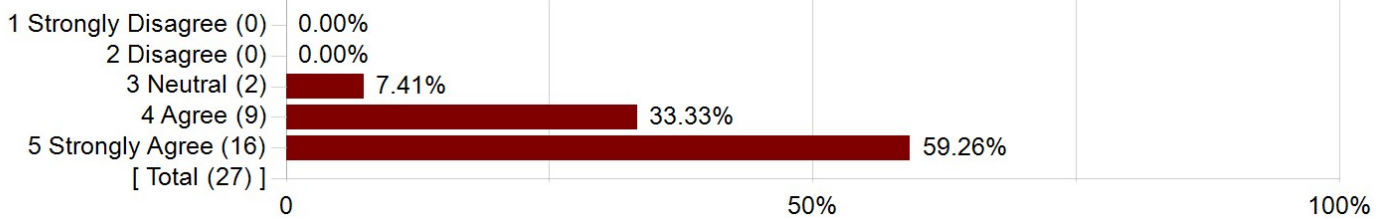
1. Conveyed the course material clearly and in an organized fashion.



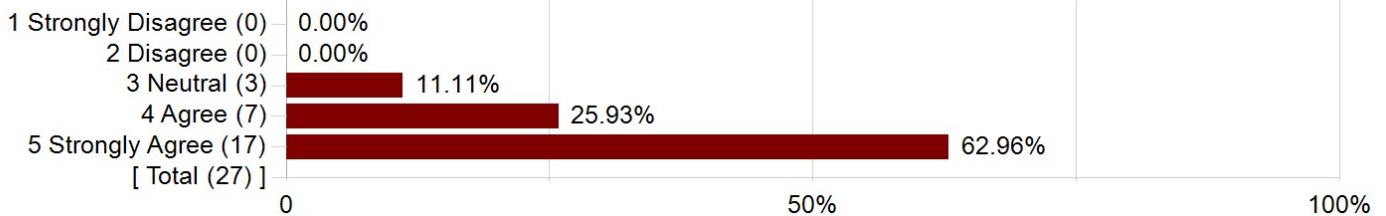
2. Communicated learning objectives effectively, including on the syllabus.



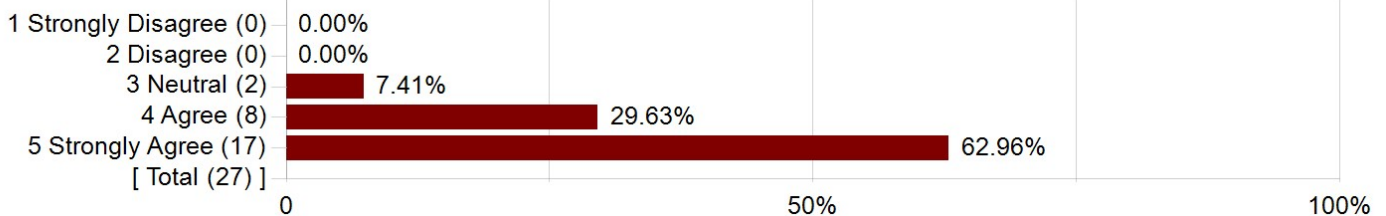
3. Made effective use of class time, remote learning resources, and/or supplemental materials that enhanced learning.



4. Successfully generated and sustained productive participation as appropriate.



5. Responsive and available via office hours, email, discussion boards, and other tools.



### Please elaborate on any of your responses above.

Comments
good
Good
The instructor makes his cases very clear.
Take the course if you have any interest in learning about a significantly different economy, it also provides an excellent overview of several Soviet-era economies as a comparison.
Assignment instructions were very vague, would like more directions on them.

### What aspects of the instructor's teaching contributed most and least to your learning?

Comments
good
i think more discussions would make the class more enriching
The review on different theories and their challenges
I like the structure of the class and it helps me sort out a storyline.
/
Very bare slides, but extremely good verbal lectures.
Shoada is very knowledgeable on the topic areas, and his lectures were very engaging and well-thought-out.

### Please suggest any changes that could improve this course (e.g., class material, class structure, assignments, inclusive pedagogy).

Comments
Assignments should be revamped, did not need much knowledge from class material to complete the assignments. Assignments also were graded harshly and with less flexibility that did not reflect the quality of learning.
good
Would prefer if we have zoom recordings.
Their could be more reading materials
Providing more guidance and instructions on reflection and final papers would be helpful.
/
No changes needed, excellent course structure for the material covered.
Assignment directions were very vague, and feedback was limited.

### Please comment on how respected, valued, and included you felt as a participant in the course.

Comments
good
Very good.
I felt respected and the class atmosphere is great.
/
Extremely respected, the class felt like more of a "get out of it what you put into it" kind of course, where it wasn't strictly necessary that you attend every course in order to be able to complete the papers. However, because the lectures were so compelling, almost everyone came to every single class, particularly the guest lectures that Shaoda arranged.
Very respected and valued.

Please include the name of the TA you are evaluating. What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning? What could the TA modify to help you learn more? Please include any additional feedback for the TA.

Comments
TA Yuchen Du's evaluation and grading on response articles is random.
good
Yuki Yuchen. i think it is better to receive feedback on essays
There has not been much interaction with the TAs.
/
Didn't have any contact with TAs other than grading
Yuki Chong, Yuchen Du, helpful in answering questions regarding the assignments



# PPHA 35585 1 - The Chinese Economy - Instructor(s) Shaoda Wang

Project Title: **Graduate Course Feedback - Winter 2022**

Number Enrolled: **62**

Number of Responses: **55**

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## Report Comments

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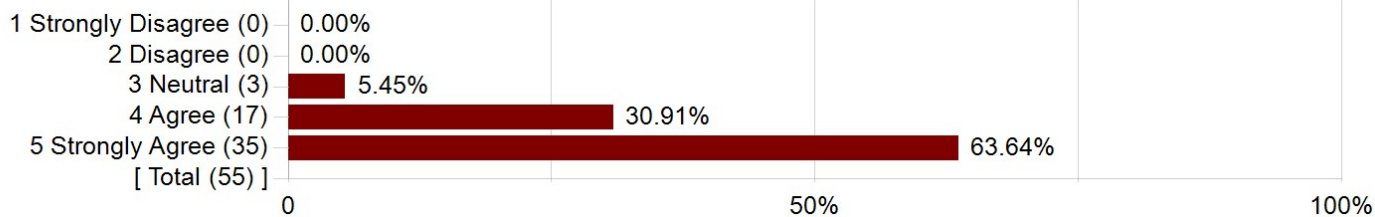
Please review and evaluate your work in this course overall.

Comments
good
Great
This class is very helpful
great course
great course
overall: good, learned a lot
This course is outstanding.
I think the course went well and I was glad to be able to take a class more on political theory / institutions, especially outside of the US.
good
Excellent course: interesting, well-taught, excellent use of guest lecturers.
Shaoda has done a great job explaining dense material in an organized way.
I'm very glad I took this course. We touched on many important aspects and phenomenons of China's economy with great detail.
Great
I felt I did good work in this course. I was able to keep up with the recommended readings and attend the class lectures when available.

Please review and evaluate the course on the following:

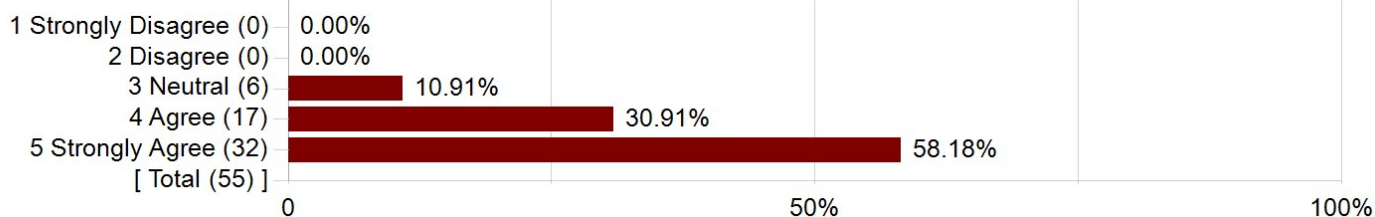
1. I took away useful tools, concepts, knowledge, or insights from this course.	
1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (0)	0.00%
3 Neutral (3)	5.45%
4 Agree (16)	29.09%
5 Strongly Agree (36)	65.45%
[ Total (55) ]	
Statistics	Value
Response Count	55
Mean	4.60
Standard Deviation	0.60
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.08
2. I received regular, effective feedback to help me understand where I was in the learning process.	
1 Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
2 Disagree (0)	0.00%
3 Neutral (8)	14.55%
4 Agree (17)	30.91%
5 Strongly Agree (30)	54.55%
[ Total (55) ]	
Statistics	Value
Response Count	55
Mean	4.40
Standard Deviation	0.74
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.10

3. I would recommend this course to other students.



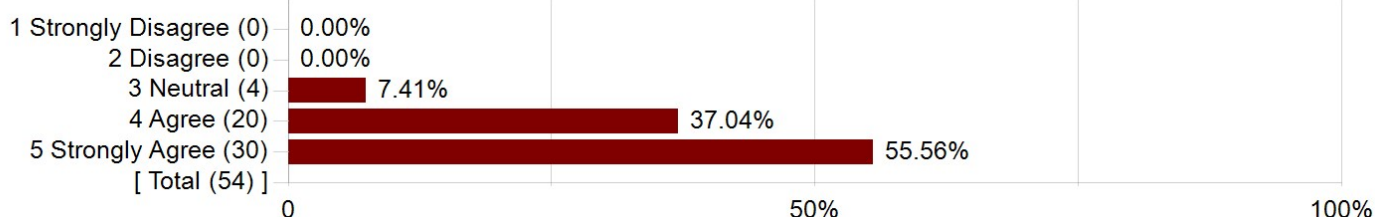
Statistics	Value
Response Count	55
Mean	4.58
Standard Deviation	0.60
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.08

4. The material in this course was constructively challenging.



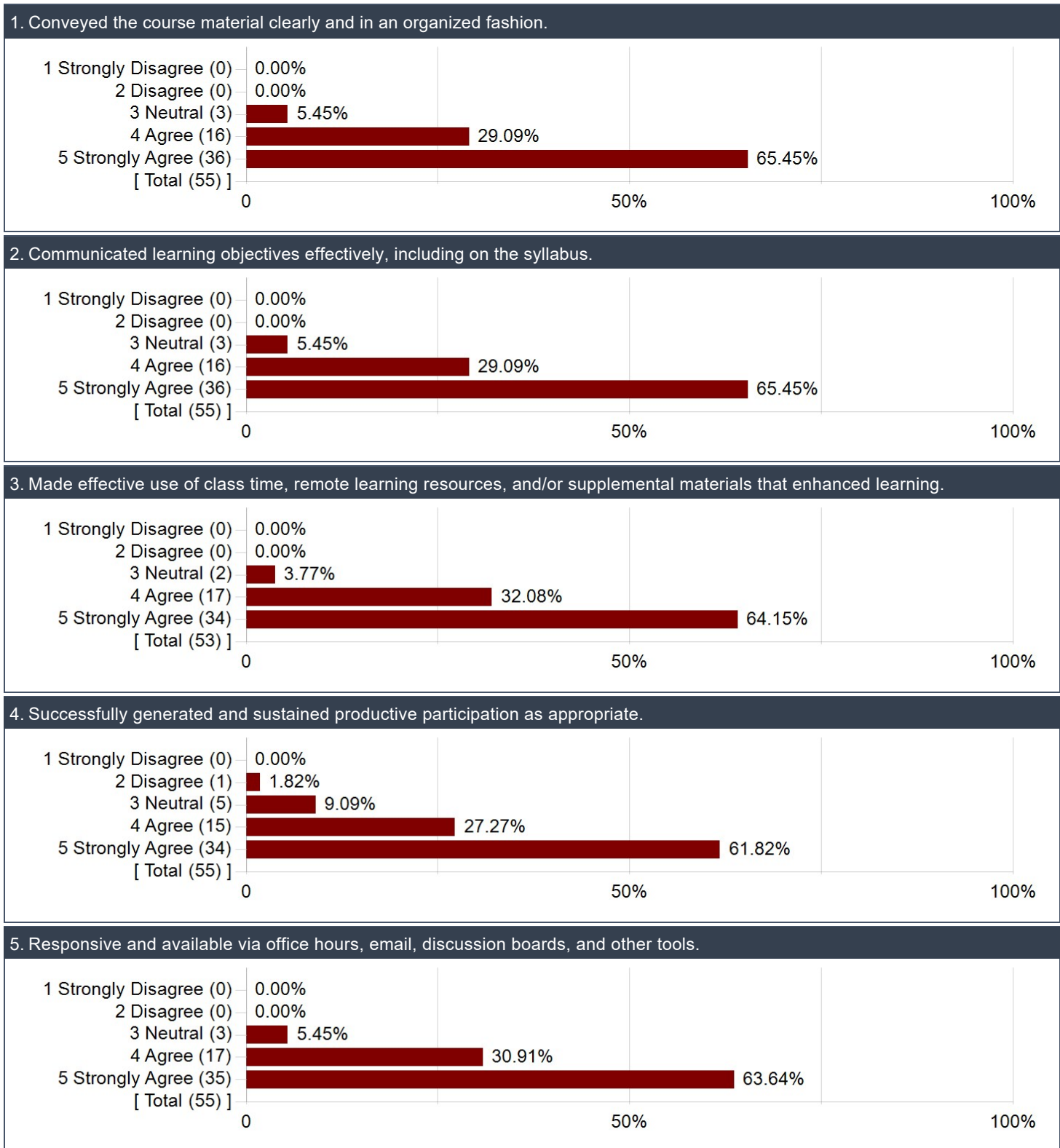
Statistics	Value
Response Count	55
Mean	4.47
Standard Deviation	0.69
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.09

5. I felt that the classroom was an inclusive learning environment for me.



Statistics	Value
Response Count	54
Mean	4.48
Standard Deviation	0.64
Standard Error (base on SD)	0.09

Please review and evaluate the faculty on the following:



Please elaborate on any of your responses above.

**Comments**

It was a very organized class which I appreciated.

Professor Wang is a great professor who taught an excellent course, especially given it was the first time it was offered.

The course is well-structured and the prof is inspiring

## What aspects of the instructor's teaching contributed most and least to your learning?

Comments
OVERALL INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE ECONOMIC ISSUES AND SITUATION
well-prepared
Pretty clear and constructive materials. Clear elaboration of phenomenons. Perfect content. Good course to understand Chinese economy.
strong logic in materials and teaching
the professor combines knowledge from different disciplanaries, which is very helpful for the understanding of dynamics behind many policies.
The instructor organized the course very effectively. I also thought the instructor had an appropriate level of depth on each of the topics and effectively used history in addition to the typical econ / policy at Harris.
the model that we can use to evaluate the Chinese government and economic system.
Fascinating topics in the lecture and well-constructed lectures.
It's difficult to introduce clearly a country's economic and social background in 18 classes. Shaoda well summarized the key factors and I think I learned a lot.
Professor Wang emphasized on examining the logic behind economic issues, and always offered valuable insights. Even though the course is in lecture form, we were encouraged to think and form our own opinions.
The instructor's ability to simplify challenging concepts contributed most to my learning. The instructor's teaching on Zoom contributed least to my learning.

## Please suggest any changes that could improve this course (e.g., class material, class structure, assignments, inclusive pedagogy).

Comments
the length of Chinese economy's history covered in the course could be shorter
IT IS SHAO DA'S FIRST COURSE AT HARRIS, I THINK HE ALREADY DID GREAT
N/A
Some reading assignments that related to topics in class could be helpful. Op-eds, books.
I think it would have made more sense to organize the assignments throughout the quarter and not have both of the major assignments (final essay and final exam) due at the same time.
no
It would be ideal if there was a way to gauge your learning progress mid-quarter. I recommend making the paper a midterm assignment and having the final on its own.
I wish that Shaoda could speak more slowly...
Please add the role of education in Chinese reform
This course would improve if there were weekly assignments to turn in instead of just a final paper + exam.
Maybe add one lecture on demo graphic structure and labor dividend

## Please comment on how respected, valued, and included you felt as a participant in the course.

Comments
ATTENDING SHAO DA'S COURSE IS ENJOYABLE
N/A
I feel very included as a participant
No issues here.
shao da is a really patient instructor
I felt highly respected, valued, and included as a participant in the course.
I feel very respected, valued and included.
I felt included as a participant of this course.

Please include the name of the TA you are evaluating. What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning? What could the TA modify to help you learn more? Please include any additional feedback for the TA.

Comments
Haoran Gao. Very good TA.
HAORAN GAO, HAORAN DID GREAT ON HIS TA POSITION
Haoran
TA often helped deliver message for the professor.
Haoran was effective in communicating course logistics.
Haoran Gao
Haoran Gao: very responsive
N/A
Haoran Gao.