



## **Rutgers University Student Instructional Rating**

Spring 2021

### **Smilansky, Yotam - YS755**

Mathematical Theory Of Probability - 01:640:477:02

Survey Form: \*Standard SIRS

Enrollment: 43

Responses Received: 22

The Student Instructional Ratings Surveys should be considered within the context of the global health emergency. Rutgers University has decided that some instructors have flexibility in choosing whether to include the Spring 2021 SIRS results in promotion and rehiring materials. Details may vary by campus, rank, or position; please confer with your department chair for more information.

## Special University-wide Questions for Spring 2021

Due to the challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, three additional questions were added to the Spring 2021 survey.

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

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

	SD	D	N	A	SA	Resp	Section	Course	Level	Dept
Given the content and level of the course, the course workload was manageable.	0	0	2	6	14	22	<b>4.55</b>	4.54	4.25	3.96
The course site used for this course, whether in Canvas, Sakai, or Blackboard, was well organized.	0	0	1	4	17	22	<b>4.73</b>	4.52	4.30	4.21
The instructions given for assignments, exams, quizzes, and other course activities were clear and easy to understand.	0	0	1	4	17	22	<b>4.73</b>	4.53	4.33	4.03

## University-wide Instructor Questions

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

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

	SD	D	N	A	SA	Resp	Section	Course	Level	Dept
The instructor Yotam Smilansky was prepared for class and presented the material in an organized manner.	0	0	0	3	19	22	<b>4.86</b>	4.69	4.40	4.28
The instructor Yotam Smilansky responded effectively to student comments and questions.	0	0	0	4	18	22	<b>4.82</b>	4.61	4.41	4.26
The instructor Yotam Smilansky generated interest in the course material.	0	0	1	5	16	22	<b>4.68</b>	4.41	4.17	4.07
The instructor Yotam Smilansky had a positive attitude toward assisting all students in understanding course material.	0	0	0	4	18	22	<b>4.82</b>	4.68	4.52	4.33
The instructor Yotam Smilansky assigned grades fairly.	0	1	1	5	15	22	<b>4.55</b>	4.45	4.38	4.17
The instructional methods of Yotam Smilansky encouraged student learning.	0	0	1	5	16	22	<b>4.68</b>	4.42	4.15	4.09

## Teaching Effectiveness

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

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

	P	F	A	G	E	Resp	Section	Course	Level	Dept
I rate the teaching effectiveness of the instructor Yotam Smilansky as:	0	0	1	6	15	22	<b>4.64</b>	4.59	4.24	4.11

## University-wide Course Questions

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

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

	SD	D	N	A	SA	Resp	Section	Course	Level	Dept
I learned a great deal in this course.	0	1	0	5	16	22	<b>4.64</b>	4.45	4.26	4.01
I had a strong prior interest in the subject matter and wanted to take this course.	0	1	1	8	11	21	<b>4.38</b>	4.17	4.03	3.45

## Course Quality

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

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

	P	F	A	G	E	Resp	Section	Course	Level	Dept
I rate the overall quality of the course as:	0	0	1	6	15	22	<b>4.64</b>	4.47	4.15	3.82

### What do you like best about this course?

These comments are intended for all instructors.

Comments
NA
Very organized
The organization and notes
Favorite topic was probably the types of random variables (both continuous and discrete) Overall, I really enjoyed the applications of this class to real-life thinking and applications to future courses that I'll be taking.
I like the professor and the notes. I also like how organized everything is.
I really liked the majority of the course material. I thought it was well organized and the most of the material was taught very well.
great professor and super organized

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

These comments are intended for all instructors.

Comments
NA
Add more relevant examples in class, especially more to help with homeworks
I would have more traditional paper exams
Nothing
I understand that the combinatorics section of class is difficult but I thought that there may have been a more organized way to teach this. I also think that given the difficulty of the material maybe the homework shouldn't be graded for correctness to promote active learning instead of worrying about grades.
nothing

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

These comments are unique to the instructor Yotam Smilansky.

Comments
NA
Good lecture material and helpful additional resources
Kept notes and course very organized, which made learning the material much easier
Probability seemed like a very scary topic but Yotam made the concepts seem much more fluid and intuitive
I have terrible grades but Professor Smilansky is a great professor and has great notes. He is also very understanding about students situations and makes sure that everyone is accommodated. He encourages you to do better rather than reprimand you for doing bad.
I thought this course challenged me in a good way and made me work hard for the grades I earned so it helped my studying techniques.
amazing professor

### Other comments or suggestions:

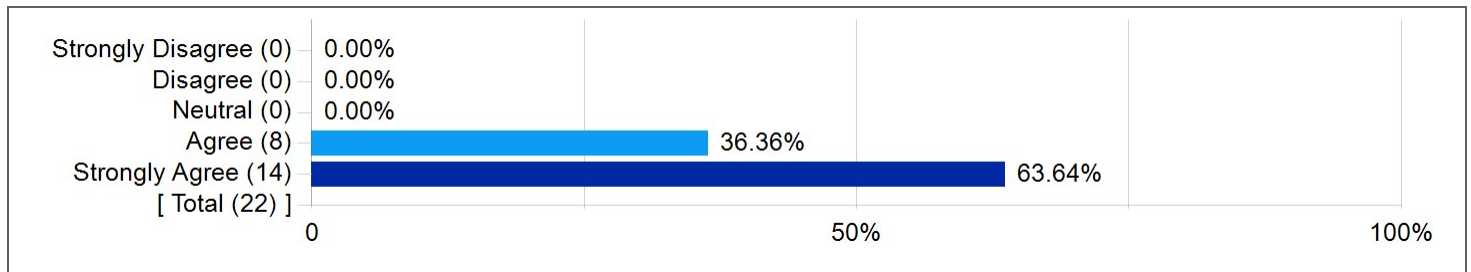
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Comments
NA
This is hard stuff man
Professor's TA, Jason, deserves a raise. He was always willing to assist anyone.
Great professor; the subject is really hard though.
amazing

### Questions added for: \*Standard SIRS

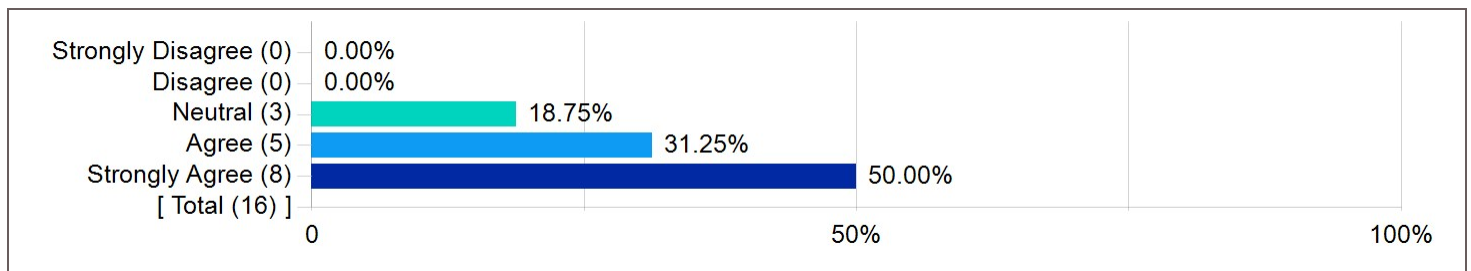
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The lecturer posted content that helped me understand the topics covered in the online lectures.



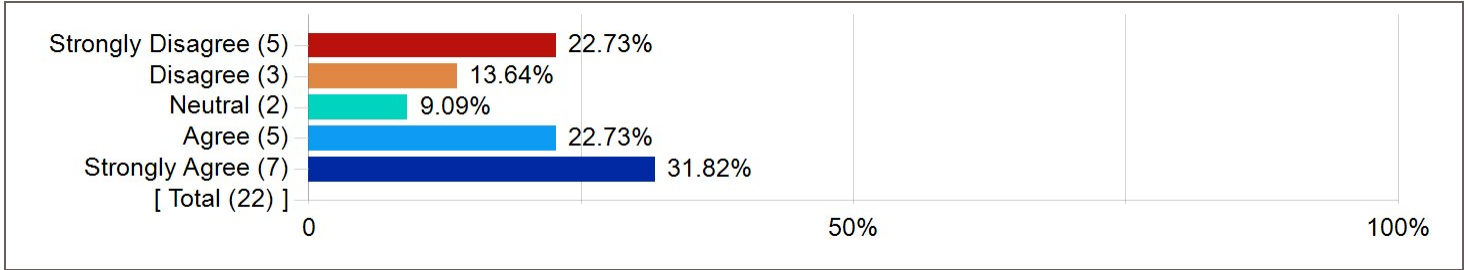
Section	Course	Level	Dept
4.64	4.44	4.15	4.05

The recitation/workshop instructor posted content that helped me understand the topics covered in the online recitations/workshops.



Section	Course	Level	Dept
4.31	4.09	3.87	3.89

**I was glad to take this course in an online format; for me it is the preferred format for this course.**



Section	Course	Level	Dept
3.27	3.75	3.29	3.10