



Learning Environment Survey (LENS) Spring 2026

LENS Full Individual Instructor Report, Spring 2026 for Data Analysis for Business (ECO 230-03) Spring 2026 (Saharnaz Babaei Balderlou)



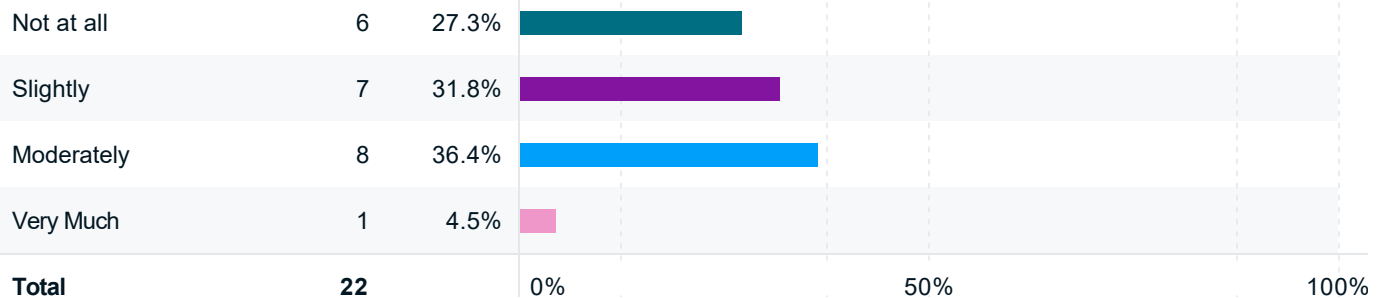
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Courses Audience: 34
Responses Received: 22
Response Ratio: 64.7 %

Motivation

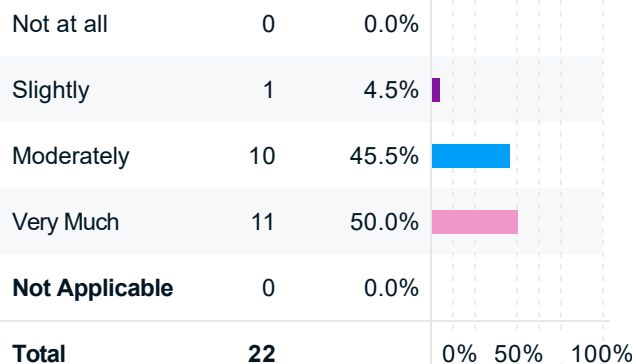
To what extent were you looking forward to learning about this subject?



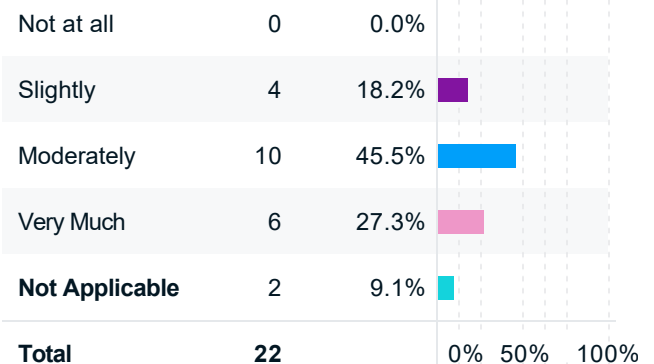
Instructional Activities

To what extent did the following course components contribute positively to your learning?

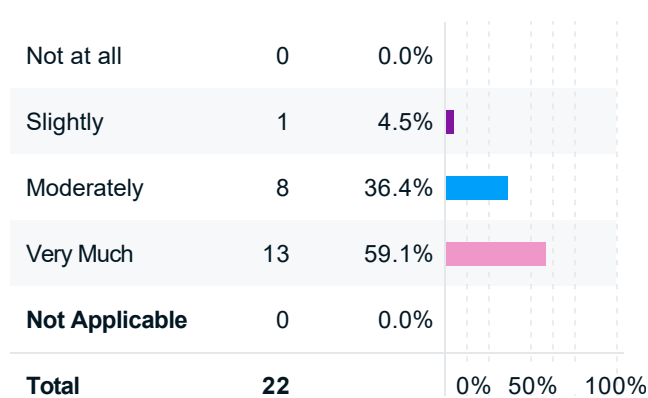
1. Lecture (live or recorded)



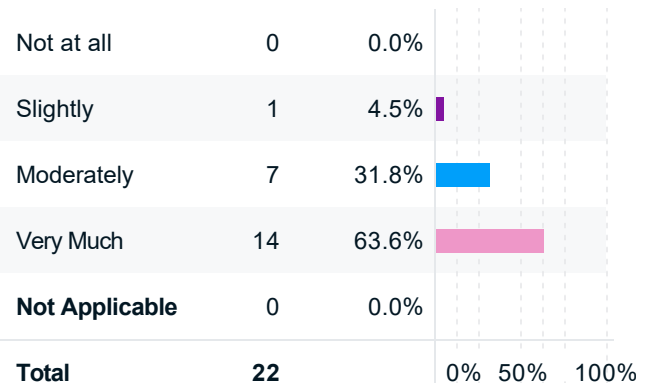
2. Discussion (live or online)



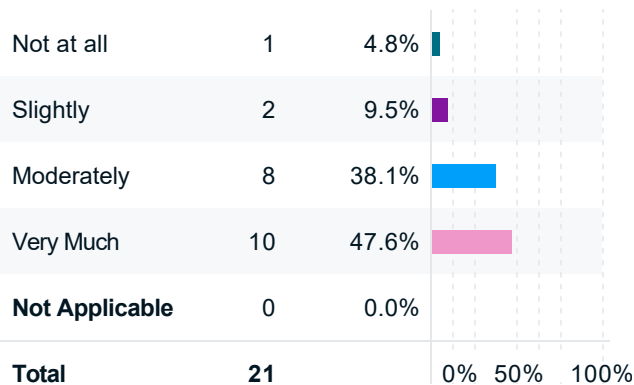
3. Guided activities (live virtual or in-person: such as solving problems, completing exercises, lab work, and/or other hands-on activities)



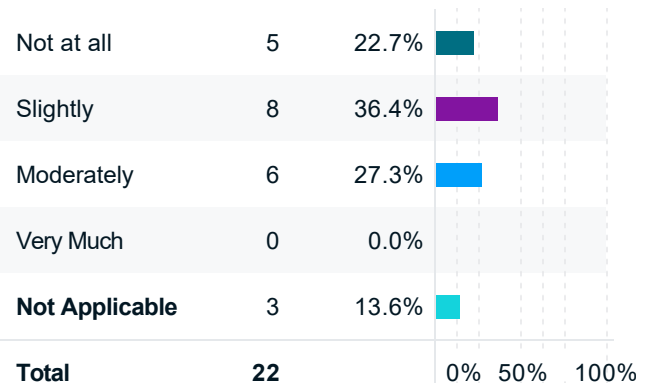
4. Independent homework activities (such as solving problems, completing exercises, lab work, or other hands-on activities)



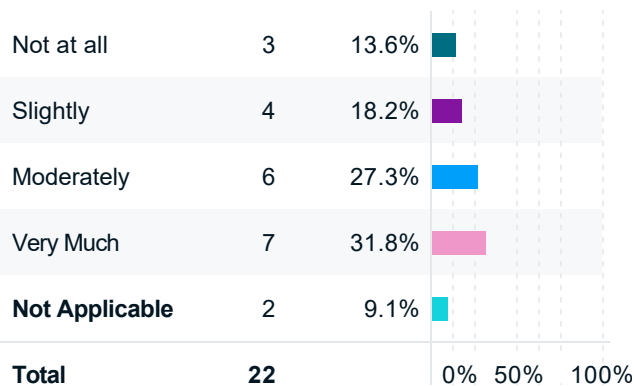
5. Major course projects (such as term papers, research projects, community engagement projects, etc.)



6. Assigned readings



7. Content videos (not lecture)



Student Learning Behaviors

Which of the following activities/strategies did you use to enhance your own learning in this course? (Select all that apply):

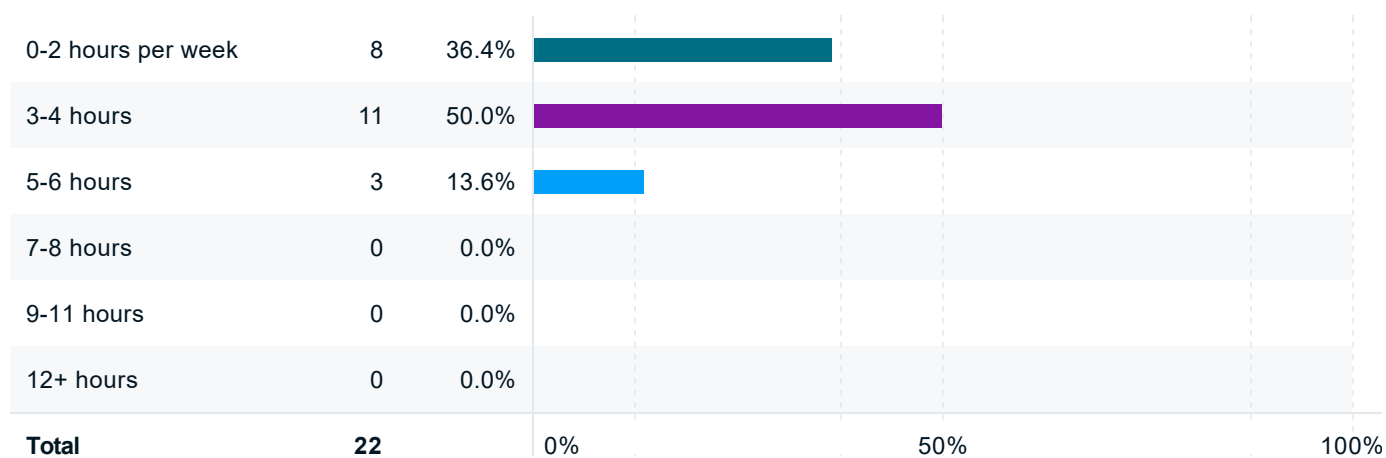


Describe what else you did (or could have done) to contribute to a positive learning experience in this course.

Comment
Ask questions when you are confused!
I feel like the professor gave us everything we could've needed to succeed
I had to get help online to learn

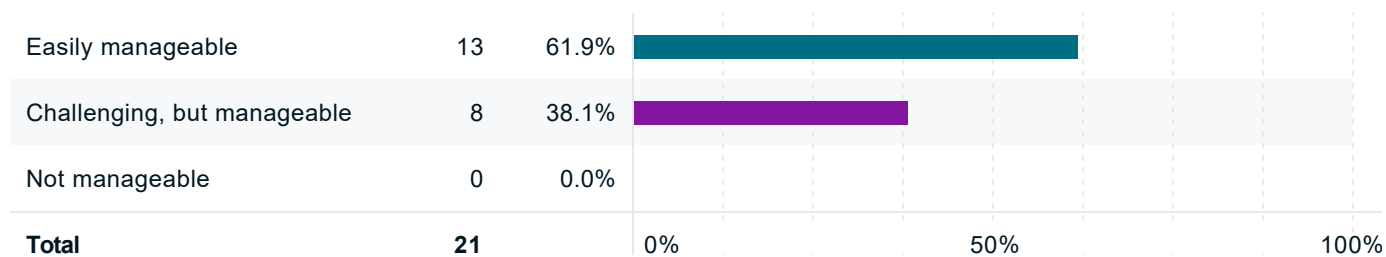
Time on Task

On average, how many hours per week did you spend on this course? (Include time spent in class, reading, watching videos, completing assignments, studying, etc.)



Workload Manageability

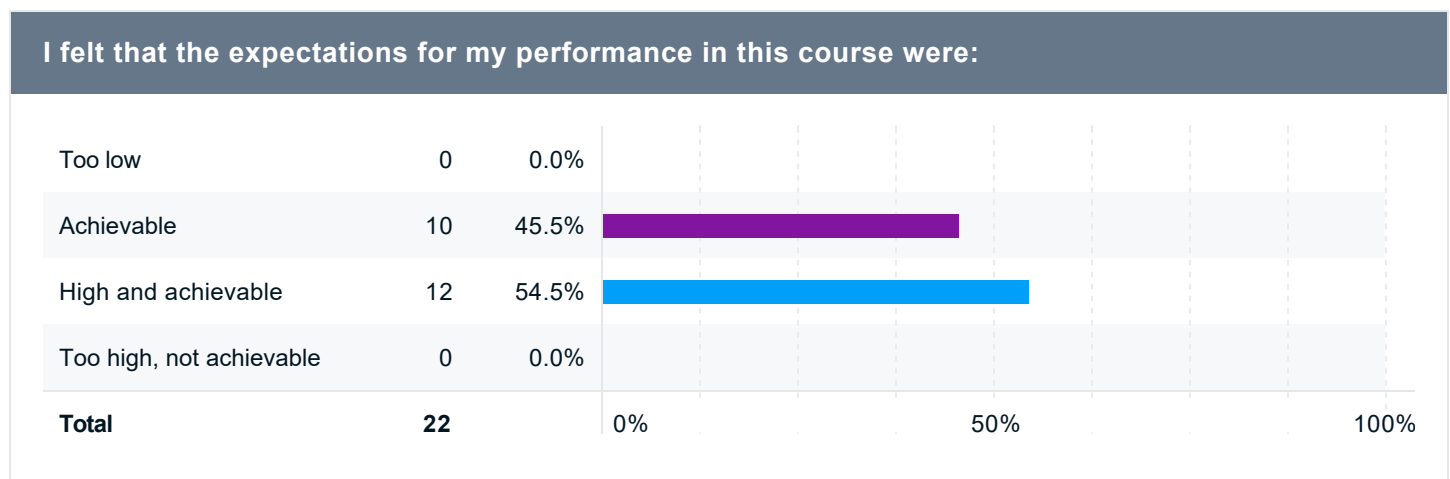
In my experience, the workload in this course was...



Explain your answer to the above question. If possible, please include specific examples.

Comment
Some weeks it was a lot of work. Some homework would take me hours, and then labs in class were super nice. Just a few really long homework that was confusing.
We had helpful resources like QQ and the videos of her doing the assignments
Typically, there was only one lab and one homework assignment per week. The labs were always done in class, and the homework was challenging but usually would only take me about 2–3 hours.
The due dates were very fair and gave students enough time to fully finish our work.
Not much out of class homework

Expectations



Explain your answer to the above question. If possible, please include specific examples.

Comment
I felt everyone had high expectations for me! It was good.
Class was totally fair and helpful
I always carved out time in my day to look over course content.
There was a lot of extra credit work which was helpful for my grade.

Course Alignment

In my experience, I felt I was being evaluated...

Rarely on clearly communicated objectives (usually unstated or unclear)	1	4.5%	
Sometimes on clearly communicated objectives (sometimes unstated or unclear)	5	22.7%	
Almost always on clearly communicated objectives	15	68.2%	
I'm not sure	1	4.5%	
Total	22		

Explain your answer to the above question. If possible, please include specific examples.

Comment

Always communicated well.

Fair expectations

Sometimes the rubric was unclear if my lab or homework submissions were graded on completion or correct answers.

Peer Interactions

In my experience, learning together with other students in this course (through discussions, activities, and/or projects) was...

Inadequately supported or facilitated	2	9.1%	
Adequately supported and facilitated	20	90.9%	
Interacting with other students was not a part of this course	0	0.0%	
Total	22		

Explain your answer to the above question. If possible, please include specific examples.

Comment
It was good, the group work was fun for the most part. Other than it was hard to work with a few members who did not contribute much.
Group project was a great opportunity to meet people
This helped me a lot because if I didn't understand what to do, people in the class would help me and that would aid me in a better understanding of course content.

Belonging

I felt comfortable contributing to class discussions and/or activities.

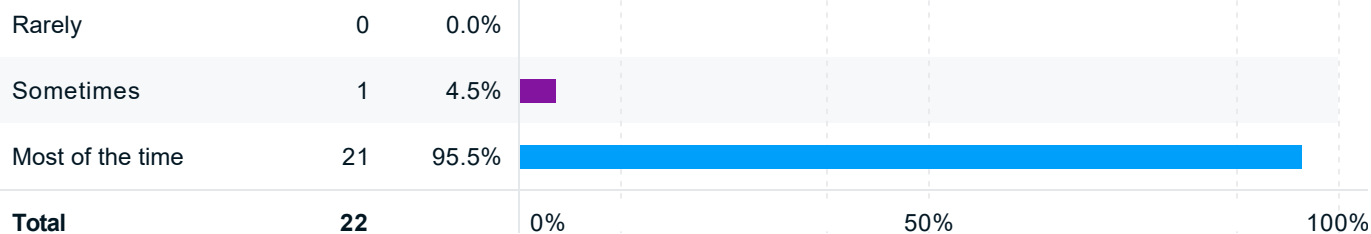
Rarely	0	0.0%	
Sometimes	10	45.5%	
Most of the time	12	54.5%	
Total	22		0% 50% 100%

Explain your answer to the above question. If possible, please include specific examples.

Comment
Very comfortable classroom setting
I don't really contribute that much because I get nervous that my answer is going to be wrong. However, when people have participated and have gotten answers wrong I did see that it was no big deal which made me feel more confident about participating.
I wasn't confident in the content to feel super comfortable sharing

Opportunities

I had the same opportunities to achieve in this course as other students did.



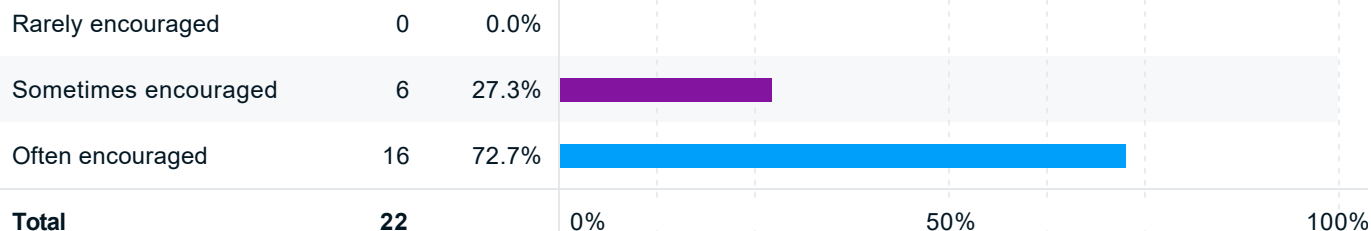
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Comment

Always fair

Support

In my experience, asking questions related to the course was...



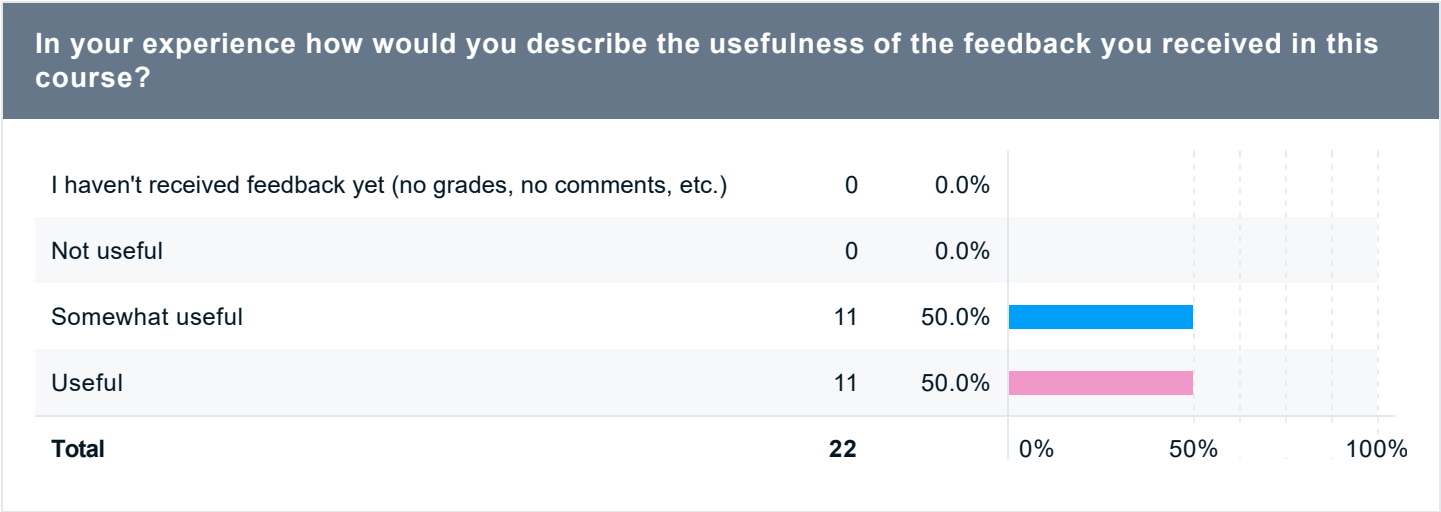
Explain your answer to the above question. If possible, please include specific examples.

Comment

She did a great job asking if we ever needed anything

Sometimes during the labs, it was hard to keep up because our instructor would go so fast and everyone would ask questions and she would individually help everyone.

Feedback



Explain your answer to the above question. If possible, please include specific examples.

Comment

I learned a lot and will carry my new coding skills forward with me

Open Response

If you have any additional comments you would like to make about the learning environment in this course, please do so here and be specific. Please focus your comments on the learning environment and content of the course (i.e., assignments and materials) and not unrelated matters (such as the instructor's appearance).

Comment
My professor was great honestly.
Saharnaz was a great professor who really cares about her students. She was always available to answer questions and was easy to get in contact with which was much appreciated. I wasn't looking forward to this class but she made it enjoyable and manageable.
She is easily the nicest professor I have had here and I cannot recommend her enough!
I felt like this class was easily manageable. I liked how quizzes were on our own time independently. I also felt like the individual project was helpful to complete over the course of the entire semester, this reduced stress at the very end. I think expectations could be clearer, along with assignments on canvas or what we were supposed to be doing.
This was one of my hardest classes, but the professor made it super manageable and enjoyable to learn. I feel during the coding section the instructor should've used Python since that's what most companies use for coding, but it was still interesting to learn the basics of coding.
I think it would be very beneficial if the labs were slowed down a little bit. If you got one step wrong it was really hard to catch up again and then I would find myself doing the labs at home because I fell behind in class.
It was nice to have videos to reference for the labs and homework, it made me understand it more. I wish you would have announced at the beginning of the semester to uncheck the percentage box, so we could understand our grade more.