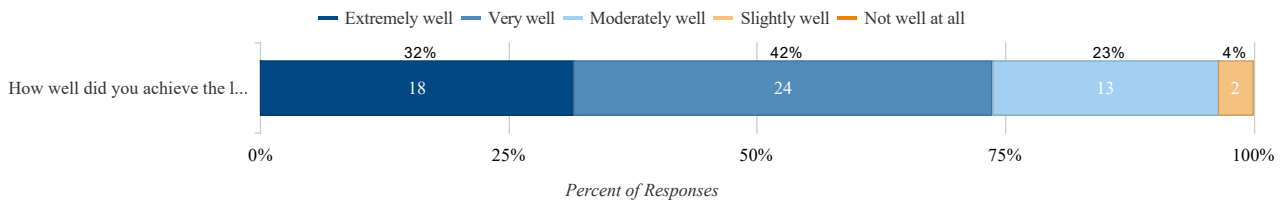
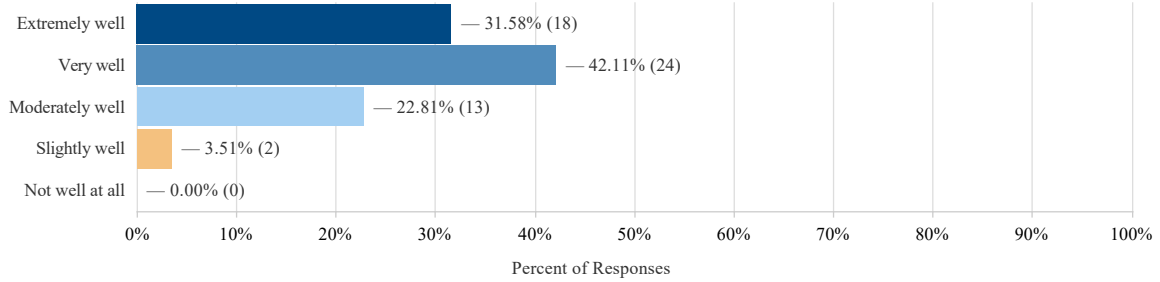


THE CANCER PROBLEM

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Instructor: Joseph Lipsick *
 Enrollment: 62
 Responses Incl Declines: 57
 Declines: 0
 Response Rate: 91.94

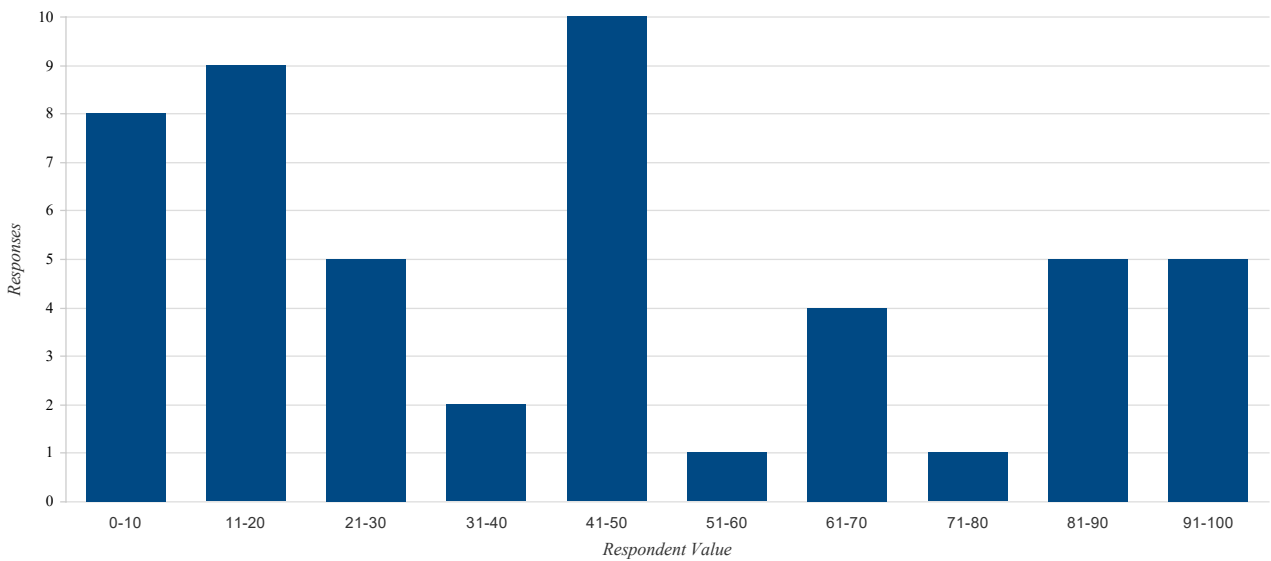
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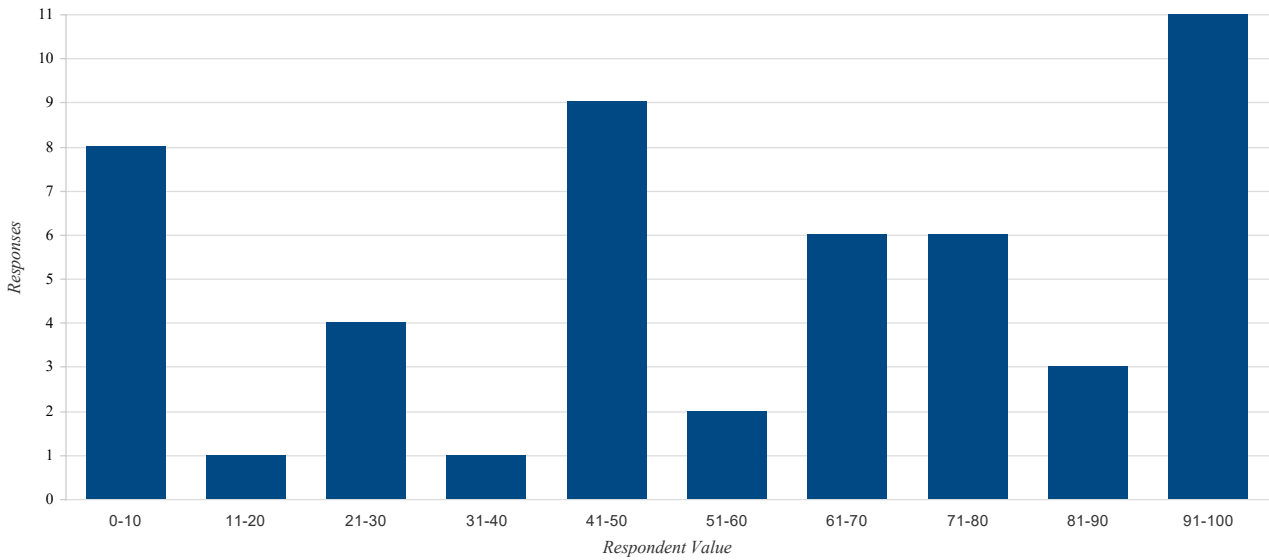
Question	Number of Responses	Response Rate	Course Mean	Course Median	STDEV	5	4	3	2	1
How well did you achieve the learning goals of this course?	57	92%	4.02	4.00	0.83	32%	42%	23%	4%	0%

Note: 5: Extremely well; 4: Very well; 3: Moderately well; 2: Slightly well; 1: Not well at all

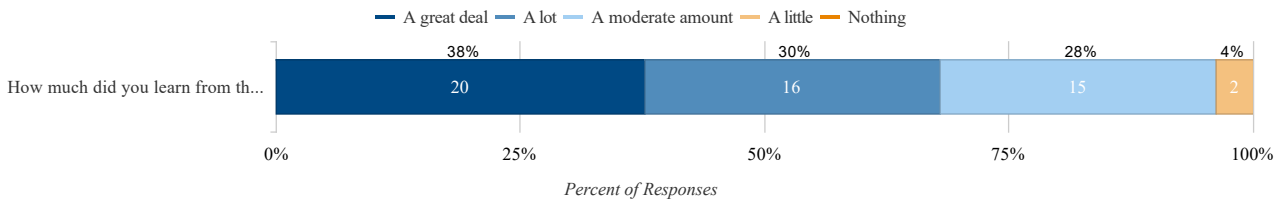
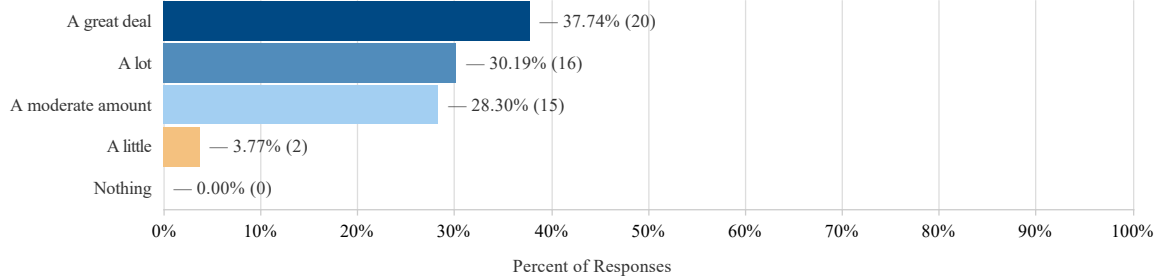
About what percent of the class meetings (including discussions) did you attend in person?



About what percent of the class meetings did you attend online?



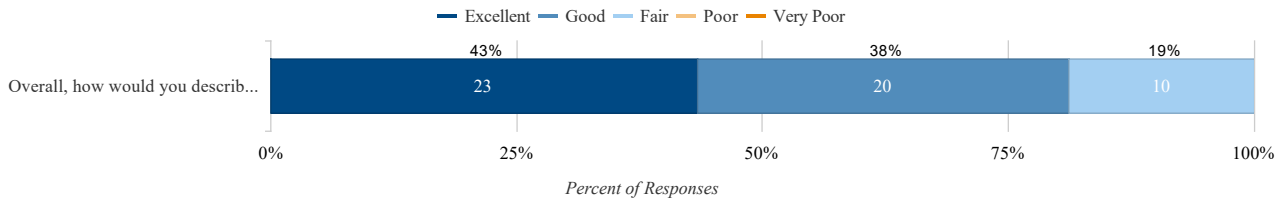
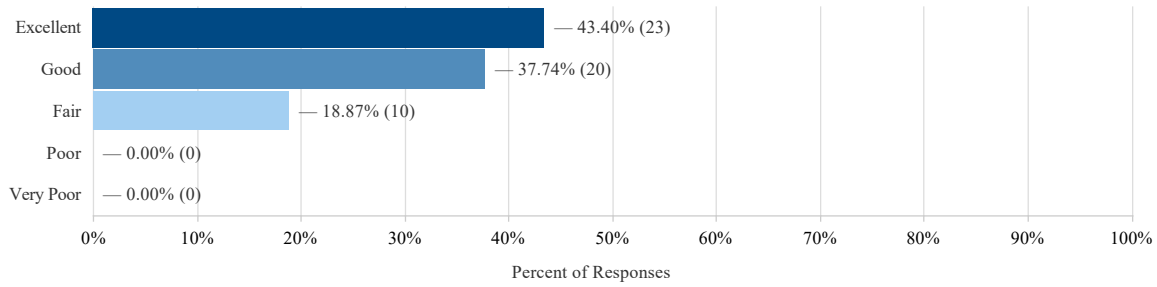
How much did you learn from this course?



Question	Number of Responses	Response Rate	Course Mean	Course Median	STDEV	5	4	3	2	1
How much did you learn from this course?	53	85%	4.02	4.00	0.91	38	30	28	4	0

Note: 5: A great deal; 4: A lot; 3: A moderate amount; 2: A little; 1: Nothing

Overall, how would you describe the quality of the instruction in this course?



Question	Number of Responses	Response Rate	Course Mean	Course Median	STDEV	5	4	3	2	1
Overall, how would you describe the quality of the instruction in this course?	53	85%	4.25	4.00	0.76	43%	38%	19%	0%	0%

Note: 5: Excellent; 4: Good; 3: Fair; 2: Poor; 1: Very Poor

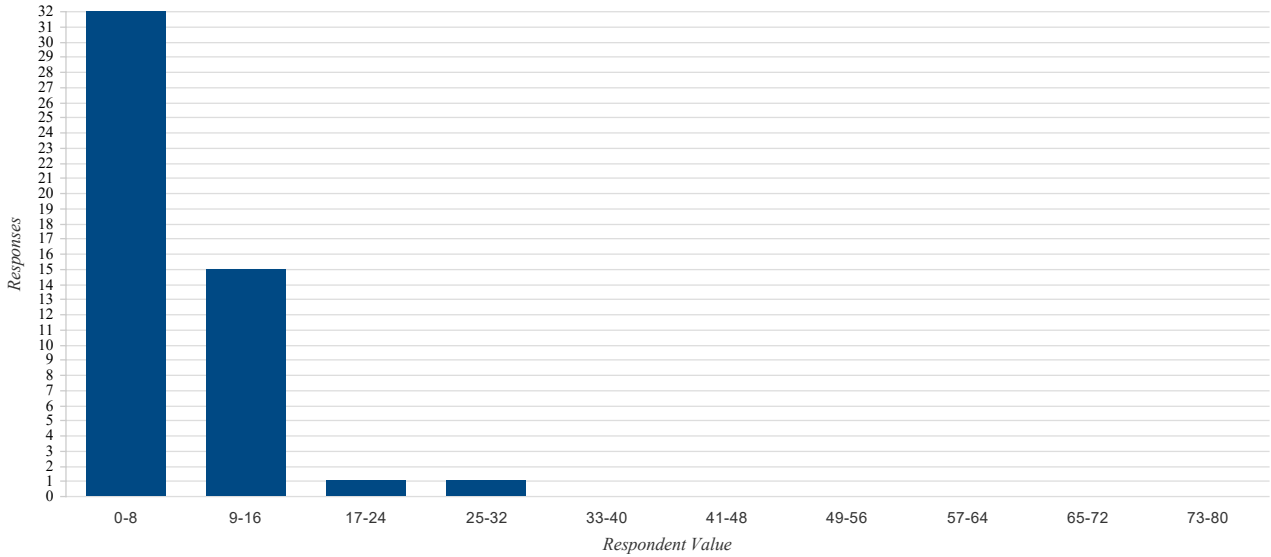
What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve?

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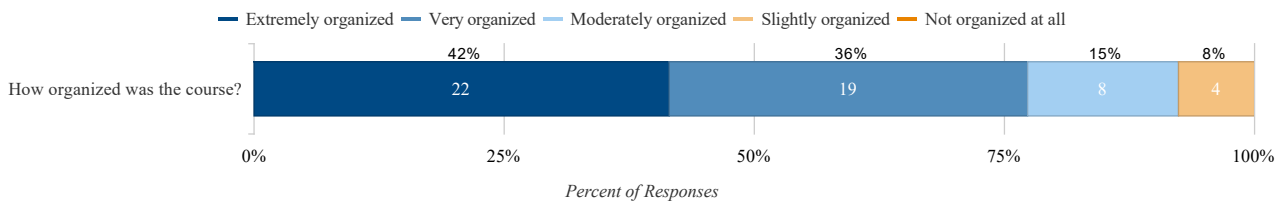
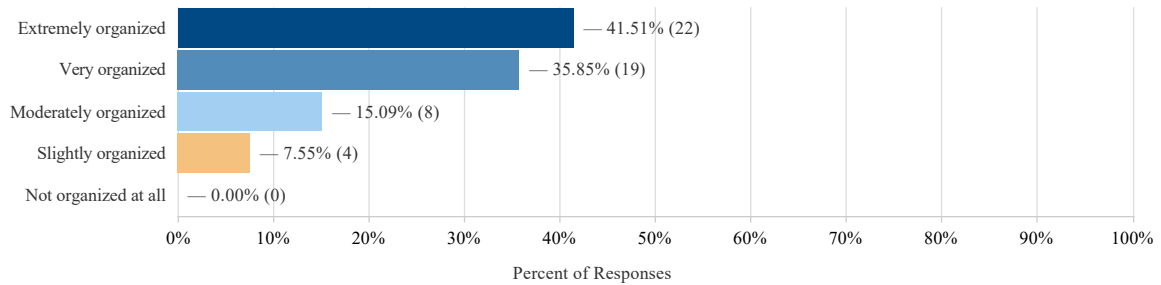
1. I learned about cancer in general, and cancer history, prognosis, funding, treatment, and survival.
2. I learned about the ethics behind cancer, as well as treatment and prevention techniques.
3. Knowledge of cancer research and cancer as a political/economic issue
4. How to discuss topics with other people. I like discussion and I practiced refuting and organizing my thoughts into words better in this class.
5. Learned about how to prevent and treat different types of cancer.
6. Socioeconomic details regarding cancer
7. - Writing in relation to cancer
8. I learned a lot about cancer which encompasses treatment, causation, ethics, and politics.
9. Better understanding of the fight against cancer and its connections to the healthcare industry, economy, and ethics. Improved discussion skills in section.
10. I learned a bit about cancer and its societal impacts.
11. I learned how to see the cancer issue from the perspective of many different types of people and communities.
12. I improved my peer review, collaboration, and writing skills.
13. learned a lot about treatments of cancer
14. I learned that the word cancer is more than just death.
15. How ethics plays a big role in medicine, cancer screening, genetics, cancer treatment, causes of cancer, informed consent.
16. Through this course, I improved my foundation of cancer. For instance, I never studied the statistics of cancer patients. Therefore, this will help me when I join a stem cell research lab next year.
17. I learned about different cancer treatments, the history of cancer, and injustices in the healthcare system
18. I learned more about oncology and the problems surrounding it. I also got to practice thinking ethically with regards to cancer and other medical issues.
19. Reading analysis
20. A lot of cancer biology, as well as social and historical aspects of the disease.
21. I learned lots of new things about cancer.
22. I learned a lot more about cancer.
23. I learn more about all aspects and different types of cancers and cancer treatments.
24. I learned a lot more about cancer overall and more about the ethics behind research and clinical trials.
25. analyzing readings and using critical thinking
26. Group work and critical discussions
27. Biological bases of cancer, historical background about cancer, how cancer intersects with society
28. Critical thinking, academic reading and writing, empathy, ethics in medicine
29. Discussion skills
30. I learned about the history of cancer, the biology of cancer, and the ethics of providing treatment for cancer.

- 31. I learned so much about cancer, ranging from social dilemmas, historical background of treatments, the biological basics of cancer and more.
- 32. I learned more about the history of cancer and some of the origins of cancer screening technologies and the societal views about cancer as time progressed
- 33. Thinking about cancer as a complex, multi-faceted subject

How many hours per week on average did you spend on this course (including class meetings)?



How organized was the course?



Question	Number of Responses	Response Rate	Course Mean	Course Median	STDEV	5	4	3	2	1
How organized was the course?	53	85%	4.11	4.00	0.93	42%	36%	15%	8%	0%

Note: 5: Extremely organized; 4: Very organized; 3: Moderately organized; 2: Slightly organized; 1: Not organized at all

What would you like to say about this course to a student who is considering taking it in the future? All comments are subject to Stanford's Terms of Use for Sites. Answers to this question will be viewable by other students, as well as instructors.

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1. A fun and informative class about cancer. Does not only cover scientific topics, covers social and political aspects as well. Recommend if you are interested in cancer.
2. Take this course! You will learn a great deal about cancer which is very relevant to all of our lives in some way.
3. Excellent class -- probably the best THINK option available!
4. I'm a fan. You should take it if you're interested in the topics.
5. This class was definitely less science-y than I thought it would be and more ethics & policy and while I really enjoyed that, it's something to be aware of. I personally really enjoyed this class and it definitely wasn't a too-heavy workload
6. Very interesting
7. I loved this course it was really well taught, interesting, and manageable.
8. Intriguing course content
9. - Great class to think critically about the problem cancer poses in our world
10. This course is very interesting and it provides a lot of information on the many topics that surround cancer.
11. This class is very comprehensive in the fight against cancer. It mostly focuses on the history of cancer research as well as the current issues in cancer treatment. The assignments and especially the final project given a lot of autonomy to explore something that's interesting to you. Overall, the course is good but probably a little more work than other THINK courses.
12. Its an easy way to satisfy your think requirement. I wouldn't say that it's a particularly interesting class, but it wasn't too much work.
13. This was a super interesting THINK course topic for those interested in biology and medicine!
14. Really interesting class. Fascinating material. Would definitely recommend. However, it is a lot of work / reading.
15. take this class! learned a lot.
16. It is a lot reading, but a very interesting course
17. Take this think class if you want to know more about the medical field to see if it is the right fit for you. Very intriguing and interesting topics are discussed and the professor is well spoken.
18. I would recommend this course because you will improve your foundation of cancer. I would also recommend this course for pre-med students because it reinforces your knowledge of the clinical setting.
19. This course is an easy A for sure. You get in what you put out; all assignments are completion based and you can research whatever it is you would like. However, the instruction isn't too great. While the professors are extremely knowledgeable, they aren't amazing lecturers, and for that reason the lectures are extremely dry and boring. This is especially unfortunate since cancer as a subject is such an exciting and fascinating field. Additionally, this class is definitely more like 2 units, if that. Also, even though there are readings, no one ever does them since they never ever resurface during section or lecture time, which sure is a waste since the readings were actually pretty good. The 50/50 movie screening at the beginning of the class was also pretty cool. Anyways, take this class if you want an easy A, but don't expect yourself to be motivated and learn too much from it, unfortunately.
20. Great instructor and easy course load!
21. This course is great! You will learn a lot, and the pressure of grades is taken off by the contractual grading system. The course is very over-united, I was often completing the work necessary in less than 3 hours. The majority of what needs to be done is just reading.
22. A lot of material, but you get from this course what you put into it.
23. very interesting course! everybody can benefit from the material covered in the class. additionally, the discussion sessions are very rewarding and fun!
24. Professors are great. Comprehensive class that covers cancer medicine from a wide variety of perspectives.
25. you can get lots of this course if you focus and put in the work. or you can not learn a single thing if you don't do any work. You get out what you put in.
26. This class is a LOT if you are not interested in cancer. Go in knowing that you will cover some heavy topics. I really enjoyed the less medical side, as the more technical things felt inaccessible with little biology background. Guest lecturers were greta! Being a THINK course it felt rigid at times, but overall good class.
27. This course is great for those who are interested in learning more about cancer. You get to learn about different types of cancer, cancer treatments, and social determinants of health. This class is very insightful.
28. Take it! I enjoyed it so much more than what I had expected and it quickly became one of my favorite classes.
29. If you want to learn about cancer, this is a great class to take. The professor can be a bit monotone at times, making it hard to focus, however, there are some incredibly interesting lectures.
30. It's fine, there are probably better THINKs. Do section in person.
31. Super interesting, you should take if you haven't had the chance to take a more bio or health related class
32. This was a very interesting and well-organised course. I've never taken a biology course but was able to understand the material and learn a lot. The course debunked a lot of my ideas about cancer and introduced me to our history of learning about and treating the disease. Highly recommended.
33. Very interesting and insightful
34. The course covers very interesting topics from an ethics perspective and gives a very manageable amount of work.
35. I really loved this course. The content was really interesting, the professor was nice and made concepts easy to understand. My assistant professor Dr. Y was amazing. She was very accommodating for section, especially because of covid outbreaks that were happening, and she made the sections very engaging. I learned a lot during lecture, but I learned the most and engaged with the material during Dr. Y's sections. She really made this class interesting! If you're interested in medicine or just interested in learned about the boogey man that is cancer, I HIGHLY recommend you take this class.
36. I think the Canvas could have been much better organized. The course was interesting for those who want to go into the medical space or have an interest in the advances and history of cancer, but it can get monotonous if you don't find these topics very fascinating.
37. You can learn a ton of interesting information if you take the time to read the materials and be present in lecture.

Would you like to provide any other comments about this course?

(10 comments)

1. N/A
2. No

3. Thanks
4. N/A
5. NA
6. N/A
7. I wish the lectures were more captivating and interesting. The reason I stopped attending was because they were so dry and lifeless. I feel like I'm definitely not the only student who has made this remark.
8. I think it would be beneficial to have other assignments besides just reading journals and the op-ed. I think it would have been cool to do other mini projects throughout the quarter.
9. highly recommended to everyone!
10. Loved this class! Thanks so much!