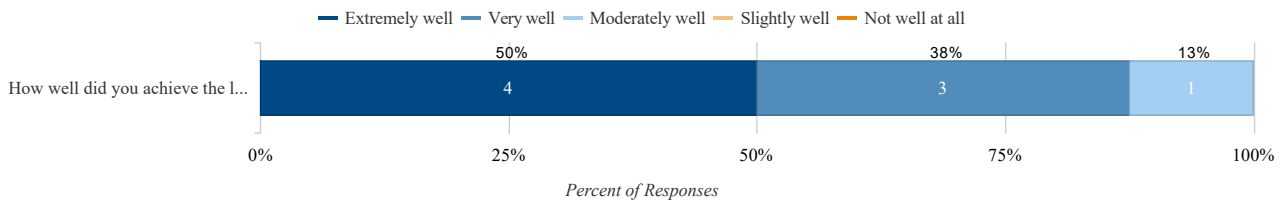
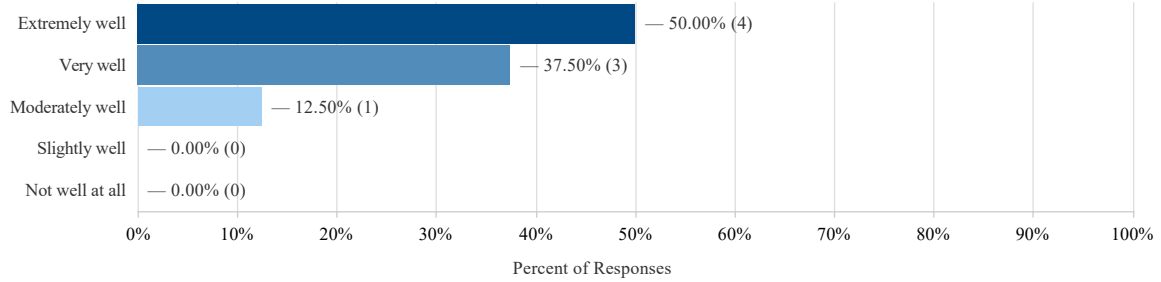


CANCER BIOLOGY

W23-CBIO-101-01/W23-PATH-101-01

Instructor: Joseph Lipsick *
 Enrollment: 13
 Responses Incl Declines: 9
 Declines: 0
 Response Rate: 69.23

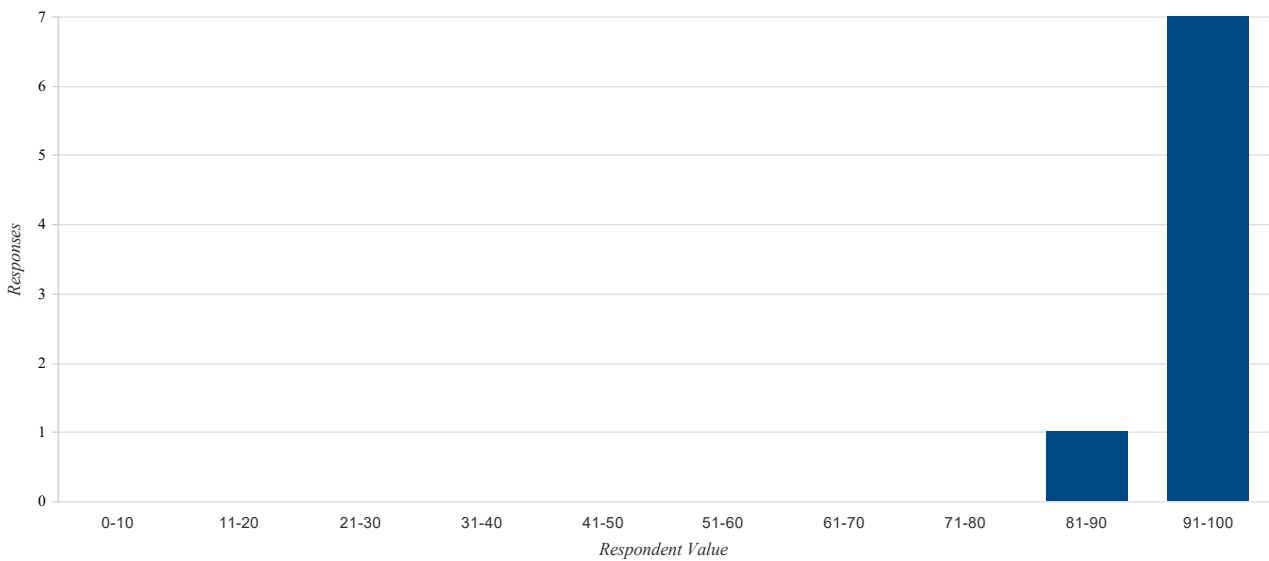
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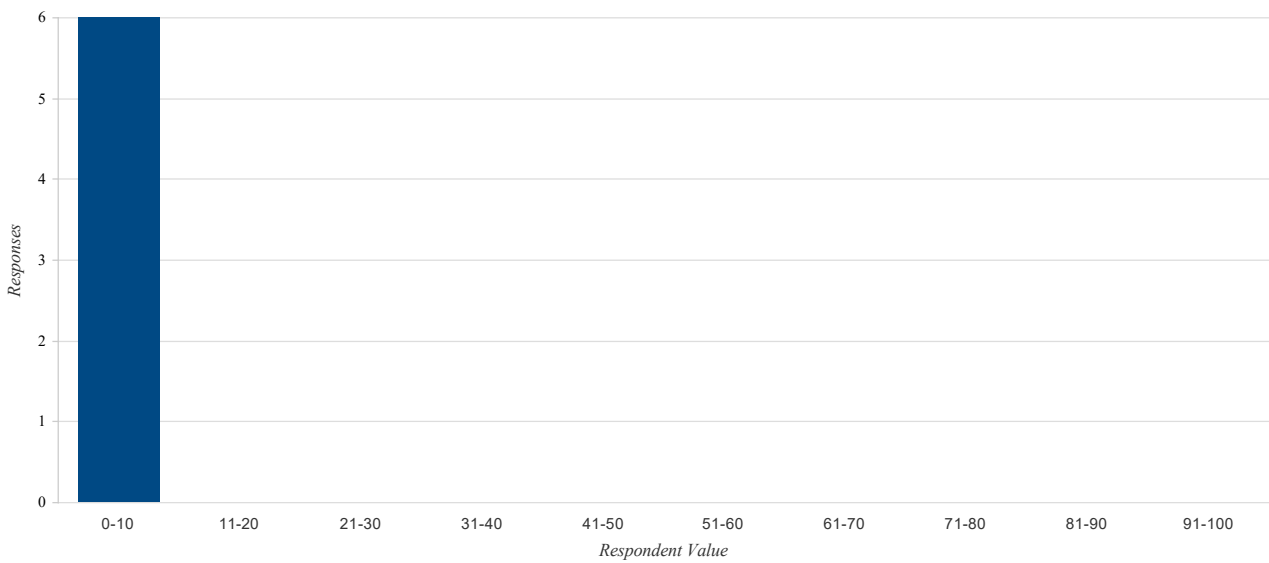
Question	Number of Responses	Response Rate	Course Mean	Course Median	STDEV	5	4	3	2	1
How well did you achieve the learning goals of this course?	8	62%	4.38	4.50	0.74	50%	38%	13%	0%	0%

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

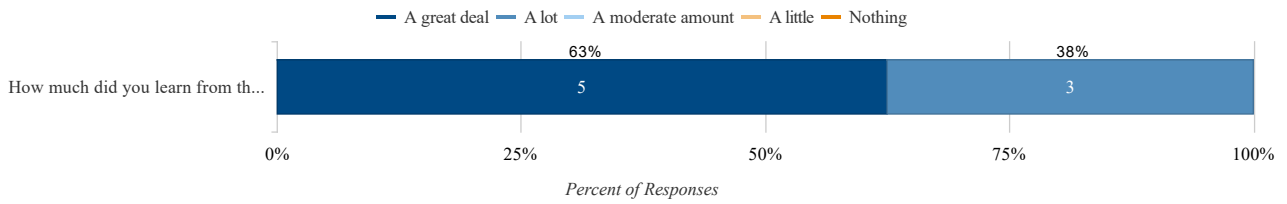
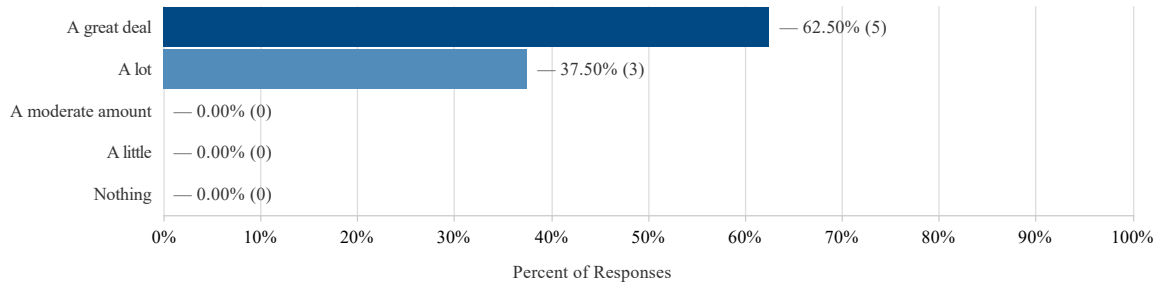
About what percent of the class meetings (including discussions) did you attend in person?



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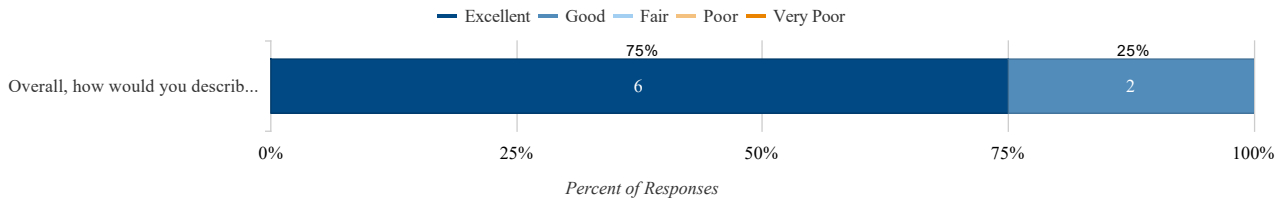
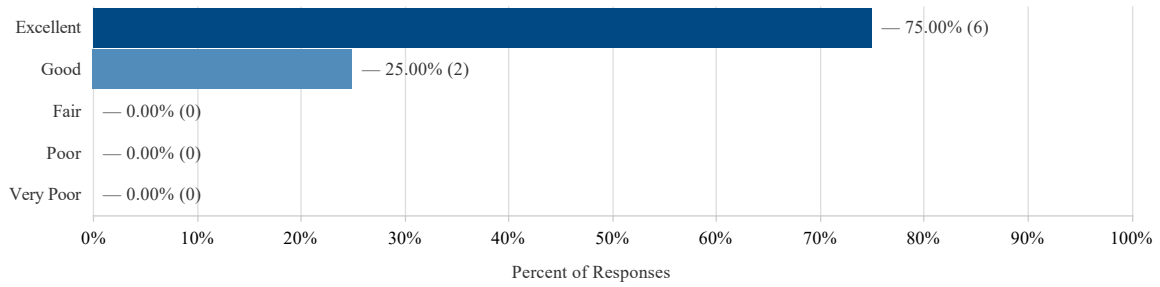
How much did you learn from this course?



Question	Number of Responses	Response Rate	Course Mean	Course Median	STDEV	5	4	3	2	1
How much did you learn from this course?	8	62%	4.63	5.00	0.52	63%	38%	0%	0%	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?	8	62%	4.75	5.00	0.46	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%

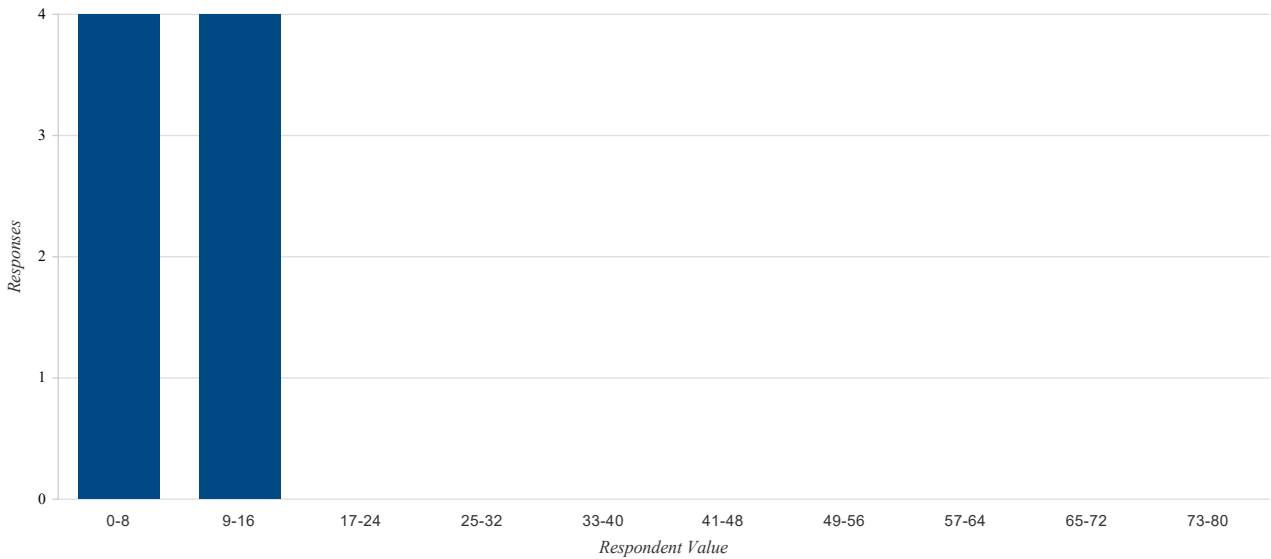
Note: 5: Excellent; 4: Good; 3: Fair; 2: Poor; 1: Very Poor

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve?

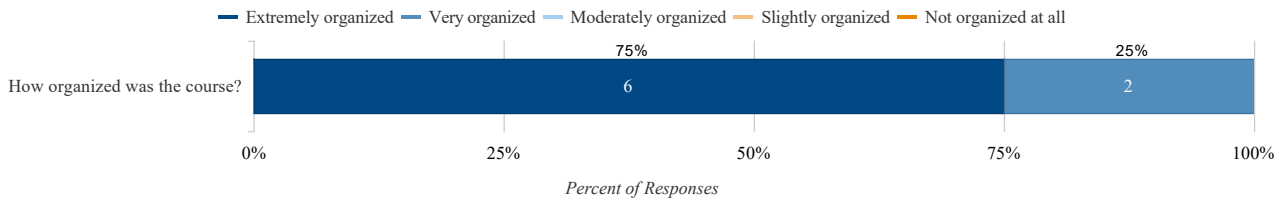
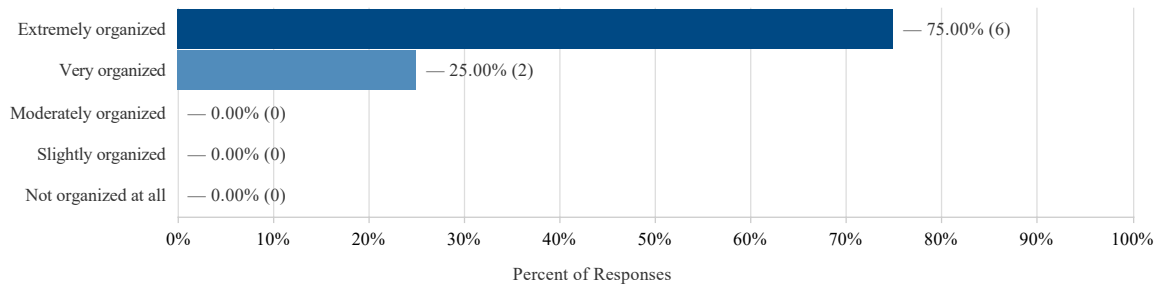
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1. This history of Cancer knowledge, How Cancer begins and spreads, Cancer treatments, how to read research papers, how to engage with literature and its position in society.
2. I learned about specific cancer pathways, cancer therapies, screening, and the general timeline of cancer research and discovery. I specifically improved on my ability to read and interpret scientific papers, especially on the topic of cancer. After the first two weeks, reading the weekly papers became more natural and I became more accustomed to the types of questions I should be asking myself when reading a paper.
3. I learned a lot about the various topics in cancer biology that I previously was unfamiliar with. I also learned a lot about how to read and understand scientific articles, and how to digest the complex topics/figures in them in preparation for and during discussions.
4. history of cancer biology, big ideas in cancer biology

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?	8	62%	4.75	5.00	0.46	75%	25%	0%	0%	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.

(7 comments)

1. Very little work - just weekly readings for discussion in class. The papers are hard to understand though. Prof Lipsick is awesome!
2. Dr. Lipsick is amazing! He's a really interesting person and a great teacher. I felt little academic/competitive pressure in the class and it allowed me to focus on the material and actually learning. I really loved his teach style (Tuesdays was background knowledge for the paper we would discuss together on Thursdays). The course assignments were independently driven and flexible.

3. This is a great introduction to cancer biology. Professor Lipsick is extremely knowledgeable and presents the information like a story that makes it easier to follow and more engaging.
4. Really great intro to cancer biology and relatively low stress class. Dr. Lipsick is a good lecturer and cares a lot about supporting students. Definitely recommend!
5. This is an interesting class if you are interested in the different pathways, mechanics, and other biological components of cancer. It is very technical and scientific, so if you are expecting more of a social and epidemiology aspect built into the course, you will get very little of that. With that said, the lectures are interesting and you learn a lot. The class was split into one lecture per week and one class discussion per week. Before discussion, you will review a primary research paper and discuss it (mostly the figures and main findings) during class time. Before this class, I never particularly enjoyed reading scientific papers, but I felt that the class helped me learn how to break down a paper and feel less intimidated by them. Joe Lipsick is a chill professor and accommodates well. He knows his stuff so lecture is interesting, but he does go over the lecture time by ~5 minutes, so plan accordingly. I would recommend this class if you are into biology and heavy STEM material. If you like discussing scientific papers, this is great for you, but if you want to learn how to understand scientific papers, this class is great for you too.
6. Take this class! It's fantastic. You will learn so much about cancer biology and how to read/understand scientific literature. Professor Lipsick is an incredible lecturer and is so knowledgeable about all of the topics. He's great at answering questions, and he's great at leading discussions about papers to ensure that everyone is engaged and following along.
7. Take this class! It's super chill, no psets and no exams, just a small final assignment at the end (also really chill, you just answer some questions about a paper and stuff on a database). Professor Lipsick is so knowledgeable about cancer biology and the history of the field; it's insane that he personally knows a lot of the big-name people he mentions in his slides. You learn about the history of cancer biology and a lot of big-picture info about cancer, instead of all specific molecular stuff. You meet twice a week, but lecture is on one day and the other day is discussing a paper. So your only "homework" each week is reading the assigned paper(s) and making sure you can talk about the figures. Professor Lipsick is also really sweet and funny; he makes the lecture fun and interesting.

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

(3 comments)

1. I had learned about cancer very broadly in my other courses, so I really enjoyed being able to take a course that is all about cancer. It really allowed me to understand more about it and why it is so complex. I also loved that we talked a little about the social and economic aspects of cancer, not just the science.
2. I enjoyed the course, and Joe Lipsick is a good professor. The class sometimes goes over the lecture time though, so it can be stressful getting to my class on time.
3. Loved this course! It was super interesting to hear all the stories about cancer biology history.