

De Anza College Office of Institutional Research and Planning

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Date: 7/11/2016

Subject: LinC Survey, Spring 2016

A survey of LinC program students was conducted at the end of the Spring quarter in 2016. The survey was distributed to students enrolled in a LinC course which resulted in 29 valid respondents. The following sections of the LinC program were given the opportunity to participate in the survey.

The sections that have chosen to participate include:

ESLD272.	02D
ESLD273.	02D
EWRTD211.	03D
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Important Highlights Include:

- 45% of students responded “I thought I could be more successful than in regular classes” when asked what the most important reason they enrolled in this learning community, 24% of students responded “The learning community concept seemed interesting”, 24% of students responded “The class times worked best for me”. (Question 2)
- 62% of students responded “often” or “very often” when asked if they connected and integrated ideas, concepts or skills from the different classes in the learning community when discussing material and doing assignments. 38% of students responded “rarely/hardly ever” or “sometimes”. (Question 3)
- 44% of students responded “often” or “very often” when asked if they connected and integrated ideas, concepts or skills from the different classes in the learning community to practical skills outside of class. 45% of students responded “rarely/hardly ever” or “sometimes” and 10% of students responded “never”. (Question 4)
- 62% of students responded “often” or “very often” when asked if they used theories or concepts to look at practical problems or perform new skills, while 35% of students responded “sometimes” or “rarely/hardly ever” or “sometimes”. (Question 7)

- 52% of students responded “often” or “very often” when asked if they had conversation with their classmate about diversity, such as race, ethnicity, religion, mental and physical challenges, or sexual orientation. 42% responded “rarely/hardly ever” or “sometimes”. (Question 15)
- 62% of students responded “much” or “very much” when asked if their writing was more effective and clear. 38% responded “some” or “very little”. (Question 18)
- 62% of students responded “much” or “very much” when asked if they learn more effectively, while 38% of students responded “some” or “very little”. (Question 22)
- 48% of students responded “much” or “very much” when asked if they have better study skills, including time management, while 45% of students responded “some” or “very little”. (Question 26)
- 59% of students responded “much” or “very much” when asked if the counseling they received will be valuable to them in completing their academic, career and/or personal goals. 41% of students responded “some”. (Question 32)
- 90% of students responded “good” or “very good” when asked to describe their overall educational experience in this learning community, compared to Fall 2016 where 59% responded “good” or “very good”. (Question 36)

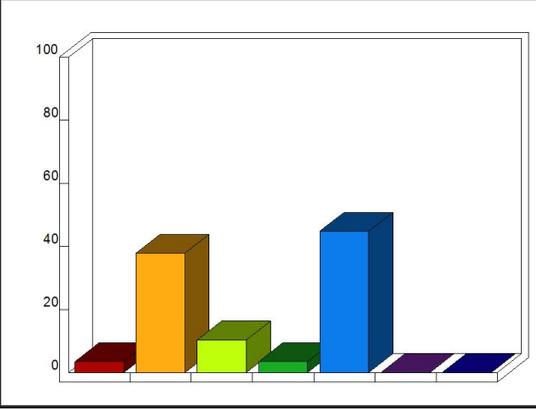
Provided below is a link to the previous survey conducted in Winter 2016.

http://deanza.edu/ir/deanza-research-projects/2015-16/LinC_Winter16.pdf

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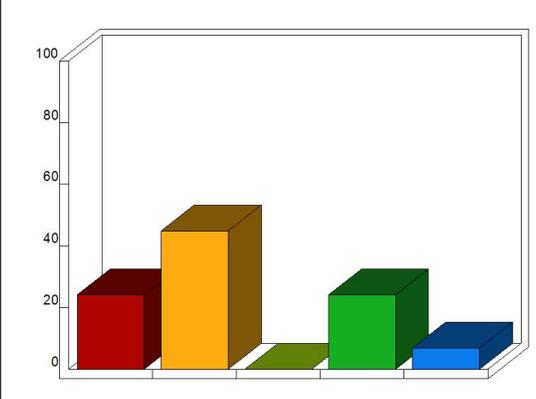
1. How did you find out about this learning community?

Mean: 3

Response	Value	Frequency	Percent	Graph
Someone came to class and told me about it	1	1	3	
My teacher told me about it	2	11	38	
A counselor told me about it	3	3	10	
A friend recommended it	4	1	3	
I saw it in the on line schedule of classes	5	13	45	
I saw it on a flyer	6	0	0	
The course Title or Topic interested me	7	0	0	
Total Valid		29	100	

2. What is the most important reason you enrolled in this learning community?

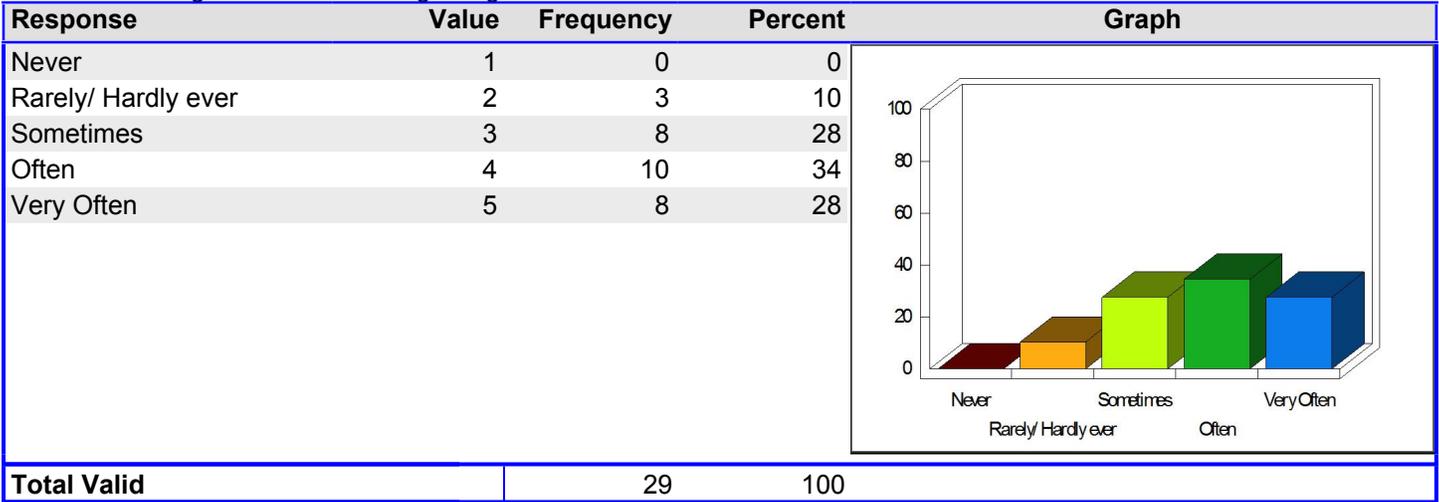
Mean: 2

Response	Value	Frequency	Percent	Graph
The learning community concept seemed interesting	1	7	24	
I thought I could be more successful than in regular classes	2	13	45	
I thought I could make friends	3	0	0	
The class times worked best for me	4	7	24	
These were the only classes open	5	2	7	
Total Valid		29	100	

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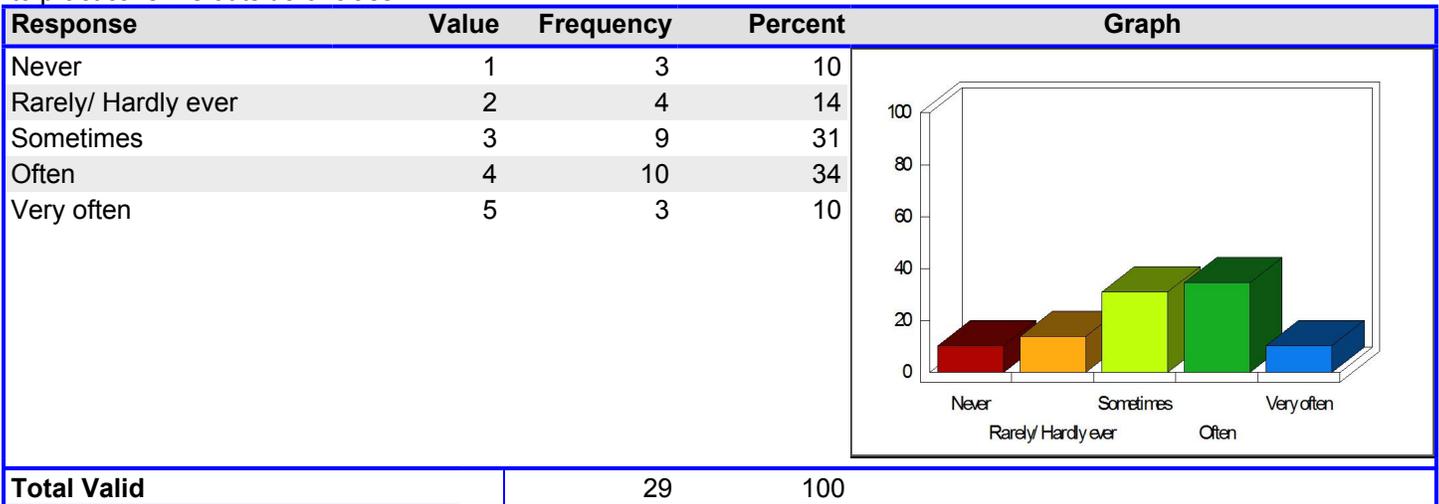
3. Connected and integrated ideas, concepts or skills from the different classes in the learning community when discussing material and doing assignments.

Mean: 4



4. Connected and integrated ideas, concepts or skills from the different classes in the learning community to practical skills outside of class.

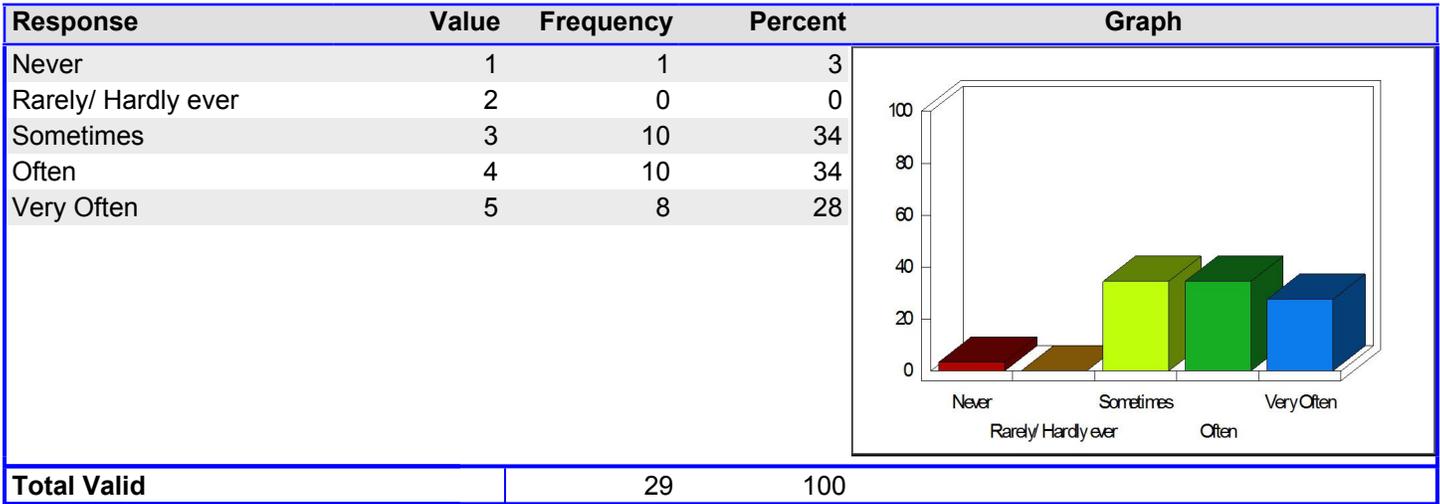
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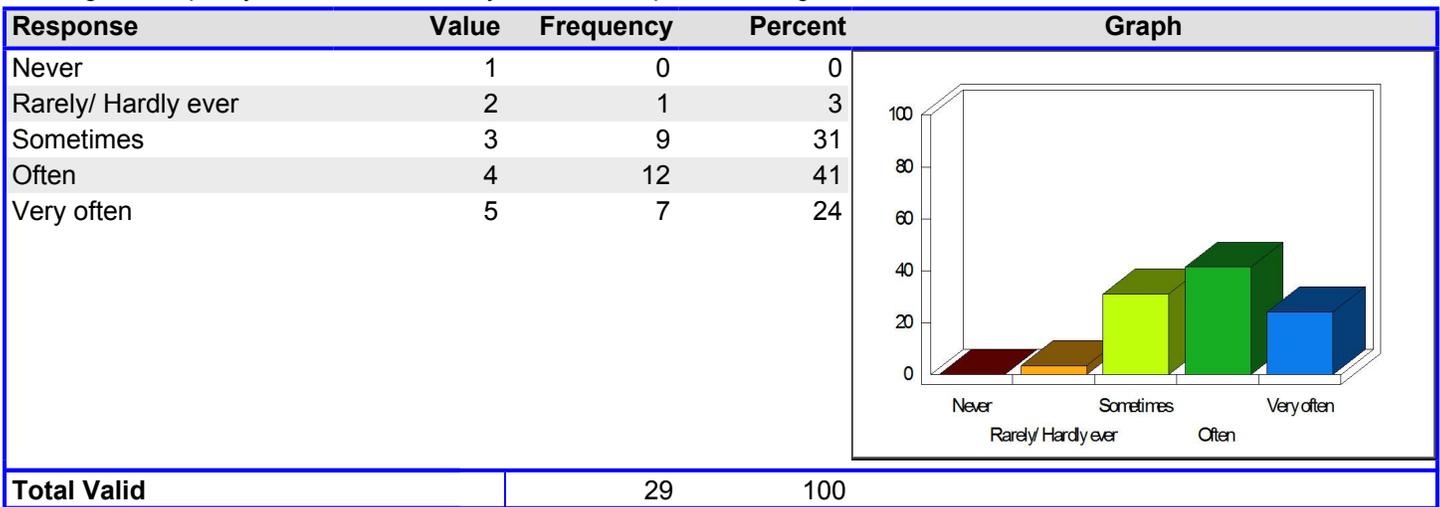
5. Looked at new ways to synthesize, connect or organize information, ideas and experiences.

Mean: 4



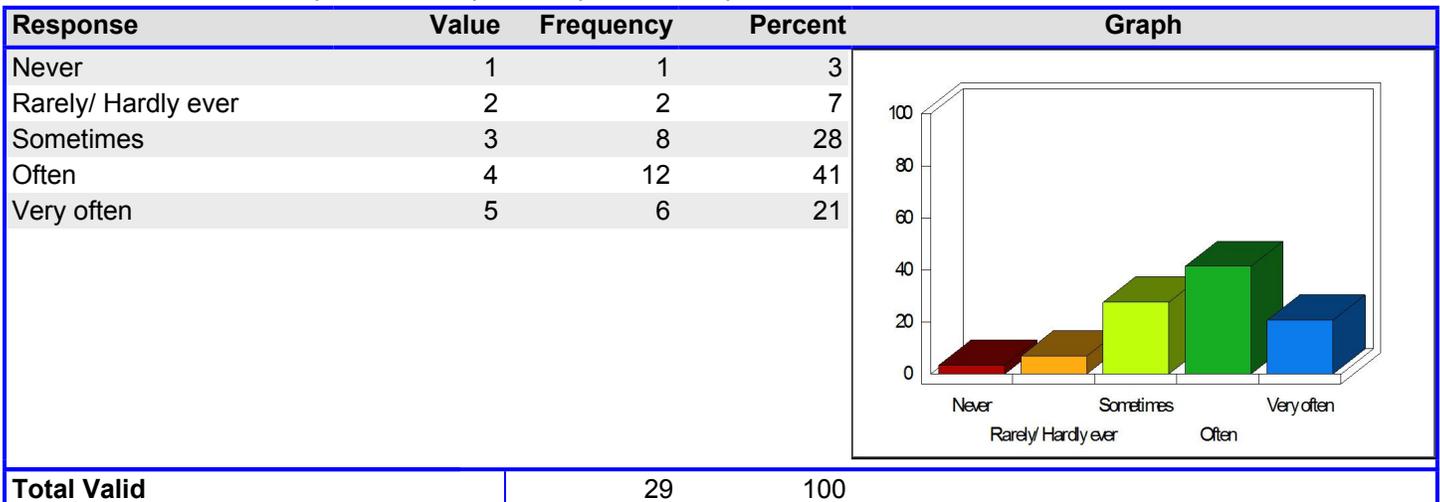
6. Judged the quality, value and accuracy of methods, positions, arguments or information.

Mean: 4



7. Used theories or concepts to look at practical problems or perform new skills.

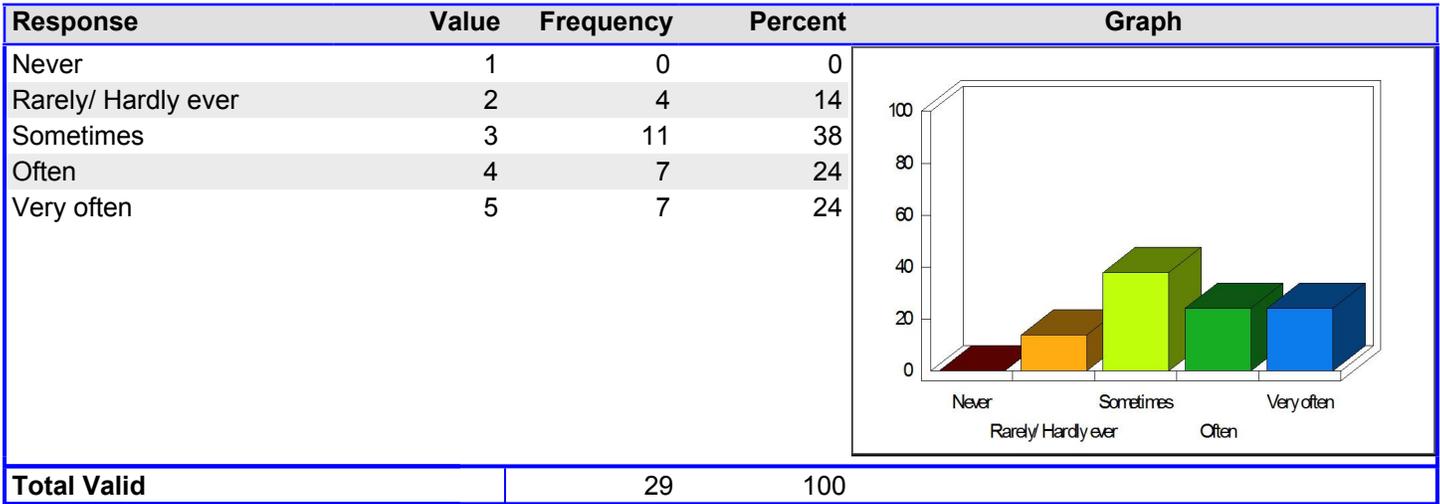
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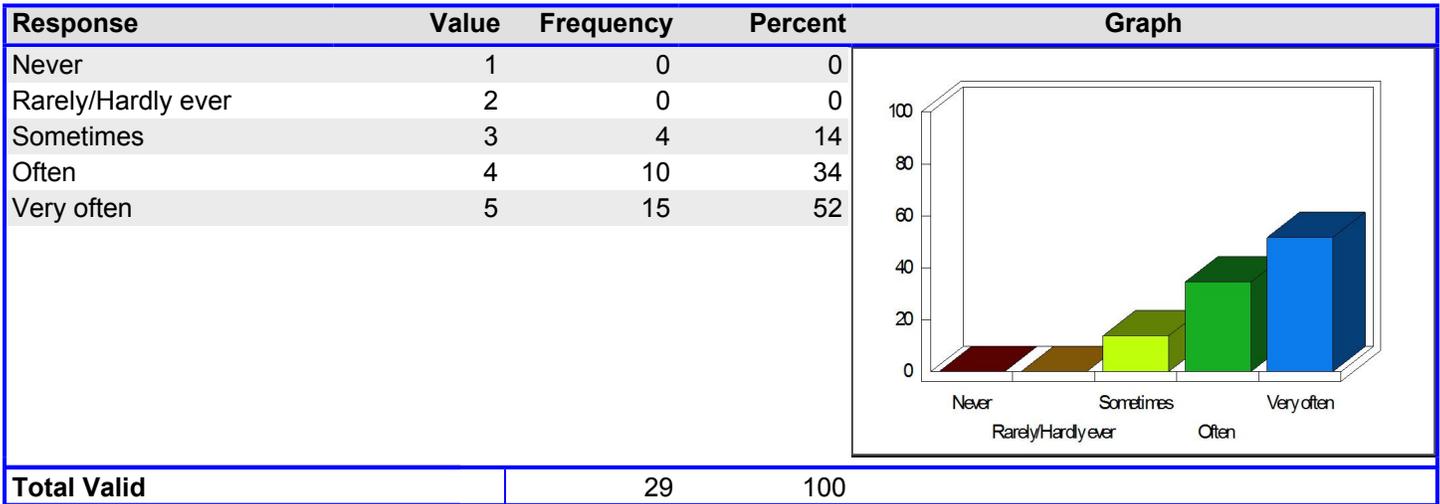
8. Spoke up in class discussions and asked questions in class.

Mean: 4



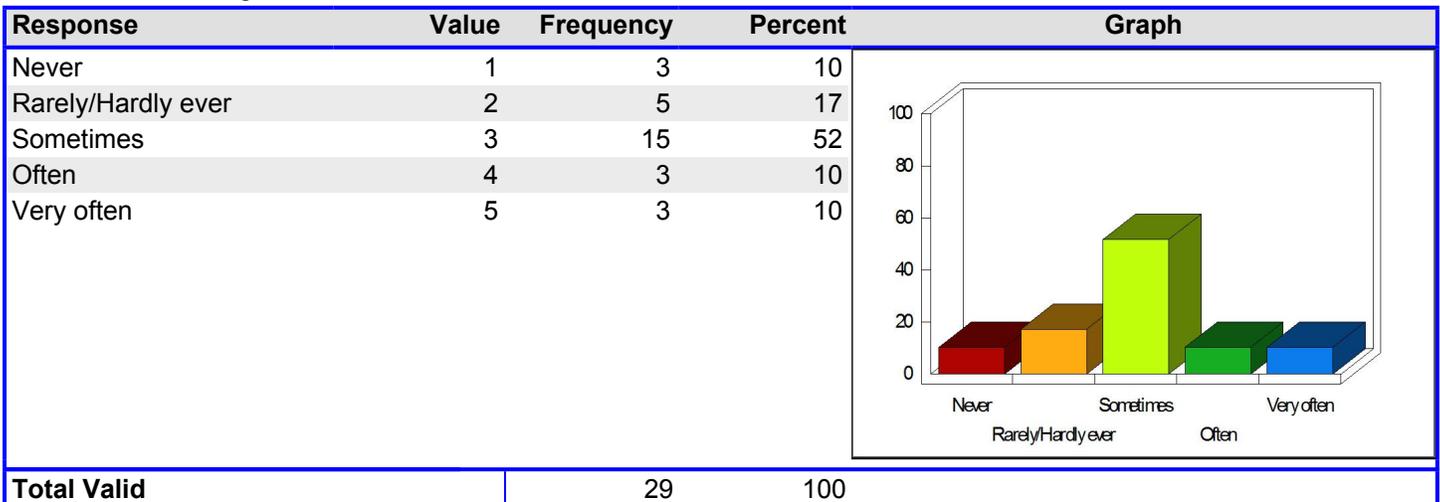
9. Worked with classmates during class.

Mean: 4



10. Worked on assignments or discussed material with classmates outside of class.

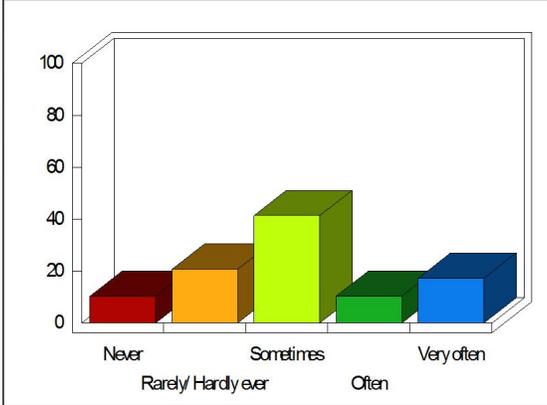
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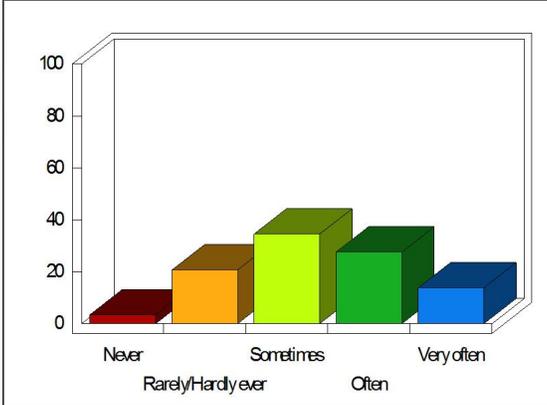
11. Discussed ideas from the readings, lectures or discussions with non-classmates outside of class.

Mean: 3

Response	Value	Frequency	Percent	Graph
Never	1	3	10	
Rarely/ Hardly ever	2	6	21	
Sometimes	3	12	41	
Often	4	3	10	
Very often	5	5	17	
Total Valid		29	100	

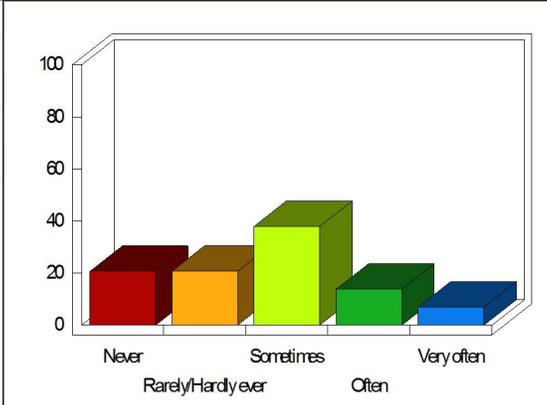
12. Discussed assignments or material individually with an instructor in class.

Mean: 3

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Never	1	1	3	
Rarely/Hardly ever	2	6	21	
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Often	4	8	28	
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13. Discussed assignments or material with an instructor outside of class.

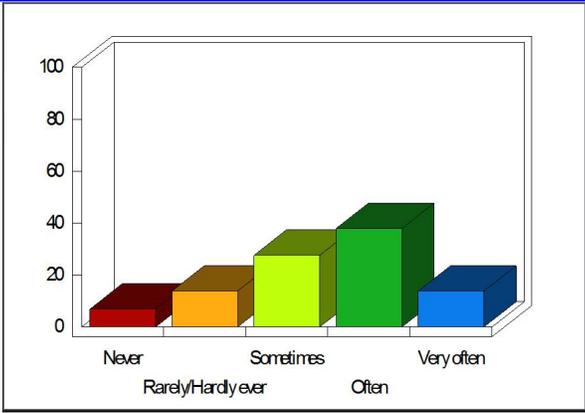
Mean: 3

Response	Value	Frequency	Percent	Graph
Never	1	6	21	
Rarely/Hardly ever	2	6	21	
Sometimes	3	11	38	
Often	4	4	14	
Very often	5	2	7	
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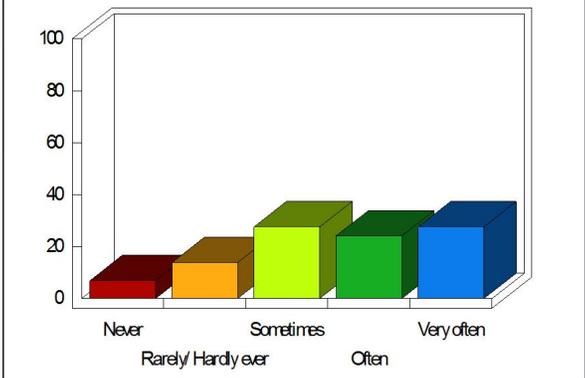
14. Put more time and effort into your work than you thought you would because of your classmates' expectations.

Mean: 3

Response	Value	Frequency	Percent	Graph
Never	1	2	7	
Rarely/Hardly ever	2	4	14	
Sometimes	3	8	28	
Often	4	11	38	
Very often	5	4	14	
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15. Had conversations with your classmates about diversity, such as race, ethnicity, religion, mental and physical challenges, or sexual orientation.

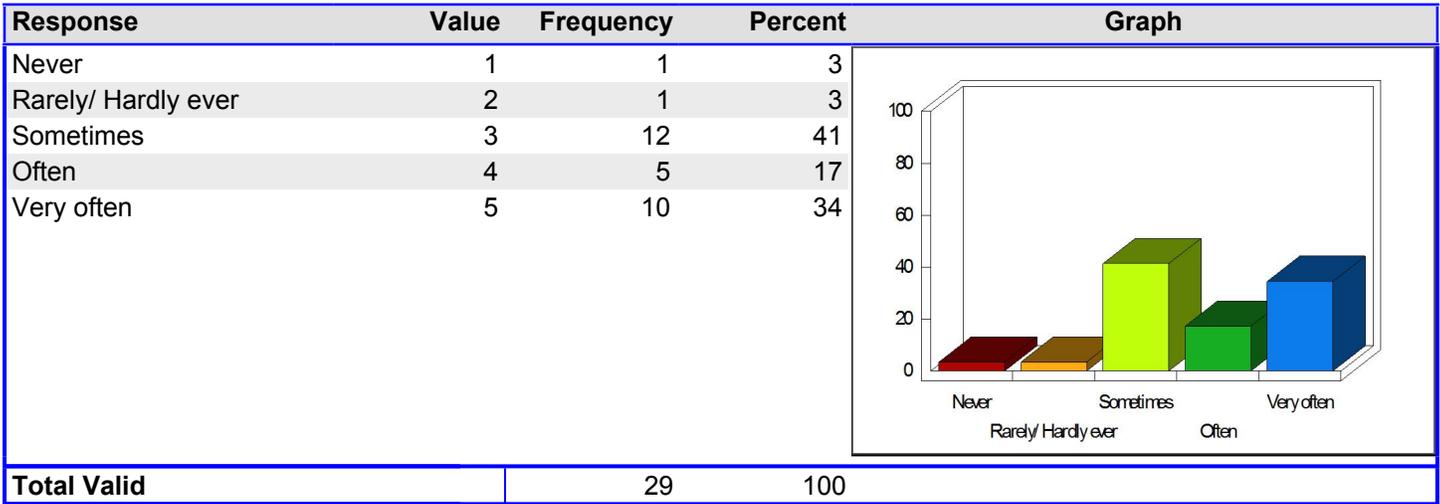
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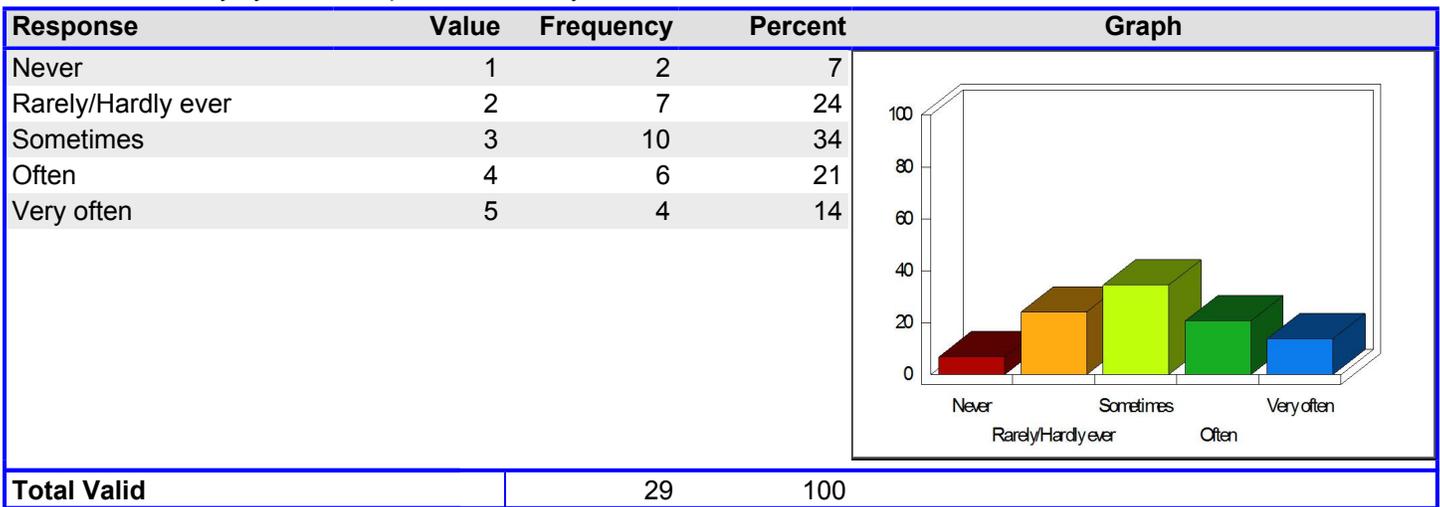
16. Discussed current social and world issues.

Mean: 4



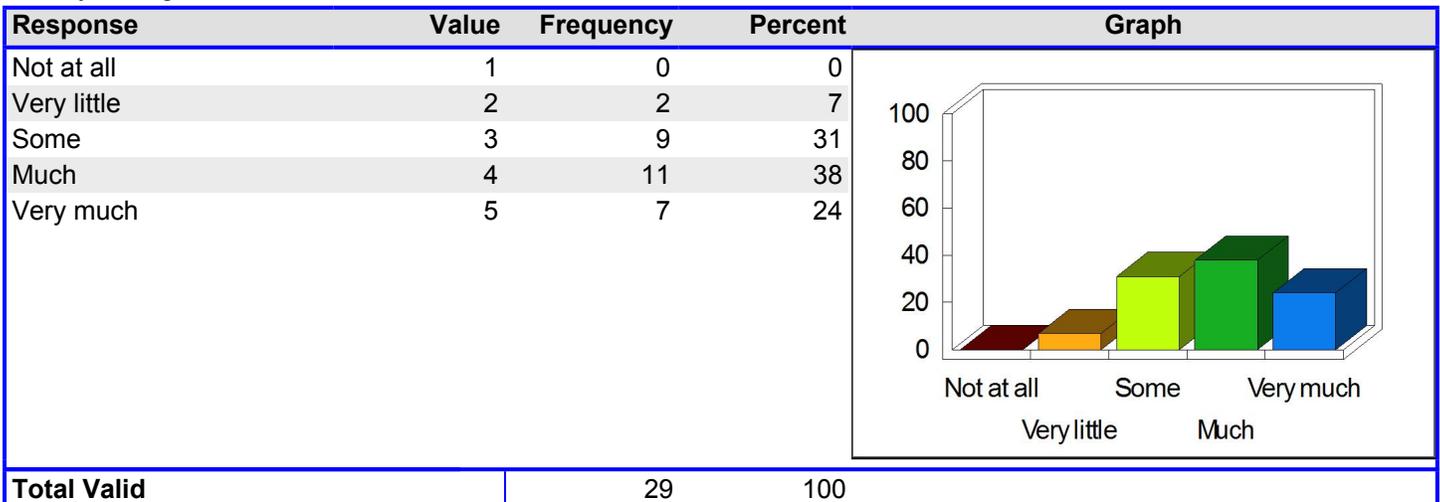
17. Discussed ways you can help the community.

Mean: 3



18. My writing is more effective and clear.

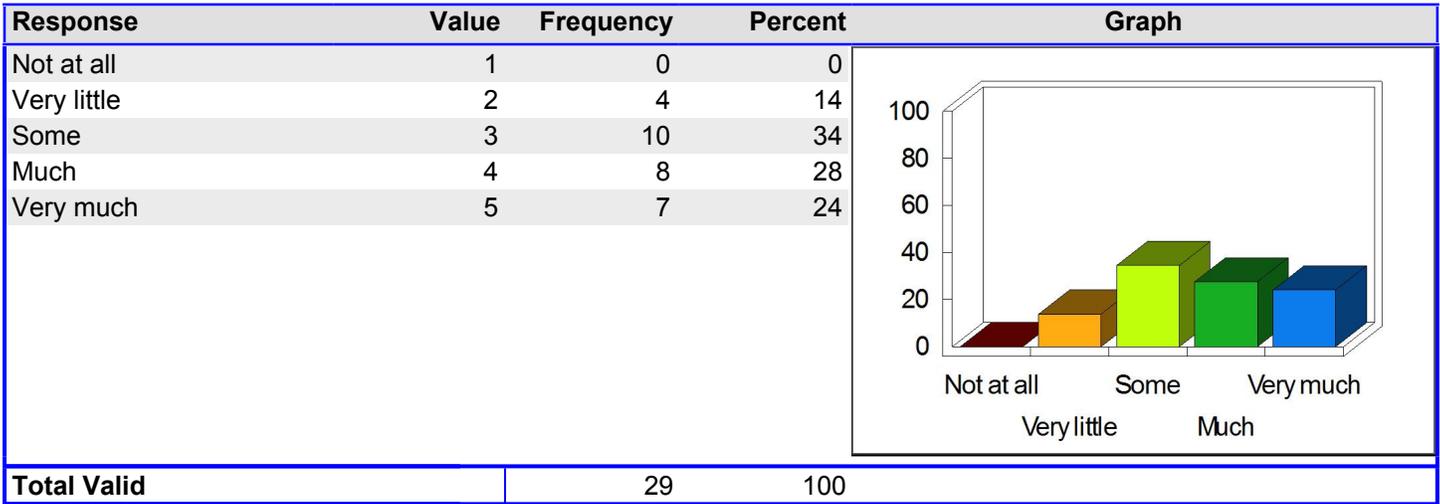
Mean: 4



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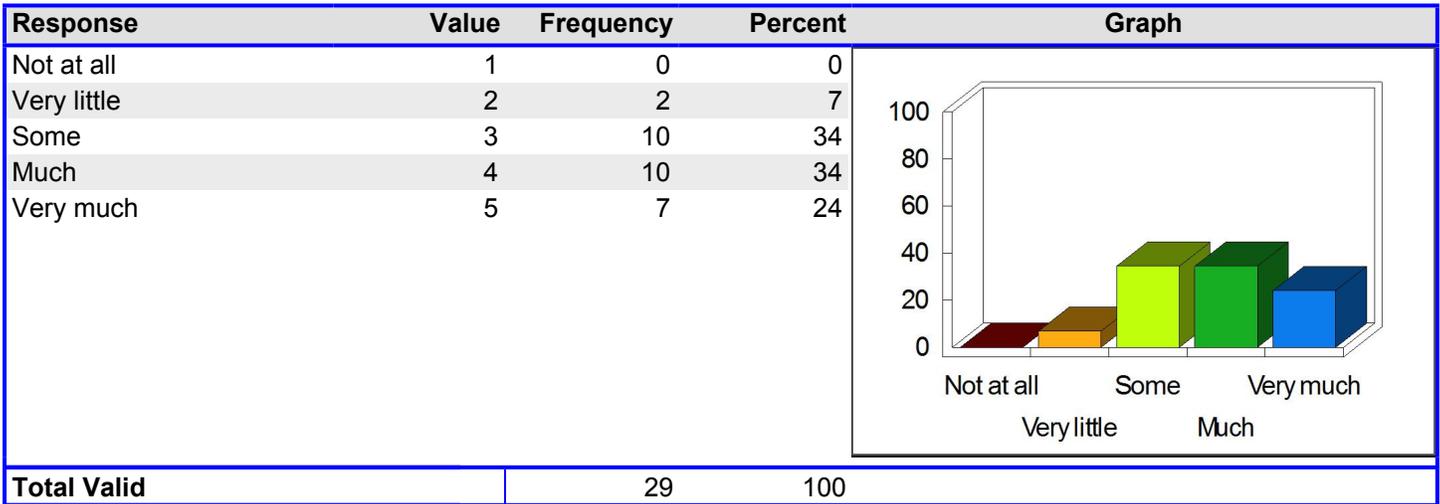
19. My speaking is more effective and clear.

Mean: 4



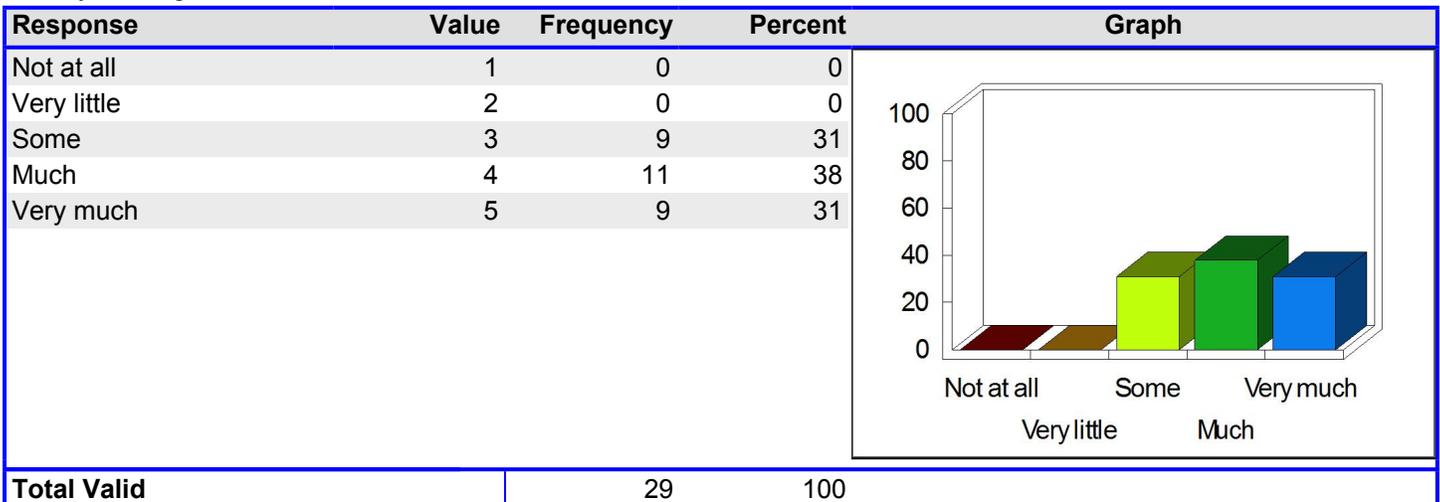
20. My thinking is more analytical and critical (questioning).

Mean: 4



21. My reading is more effective and clear.

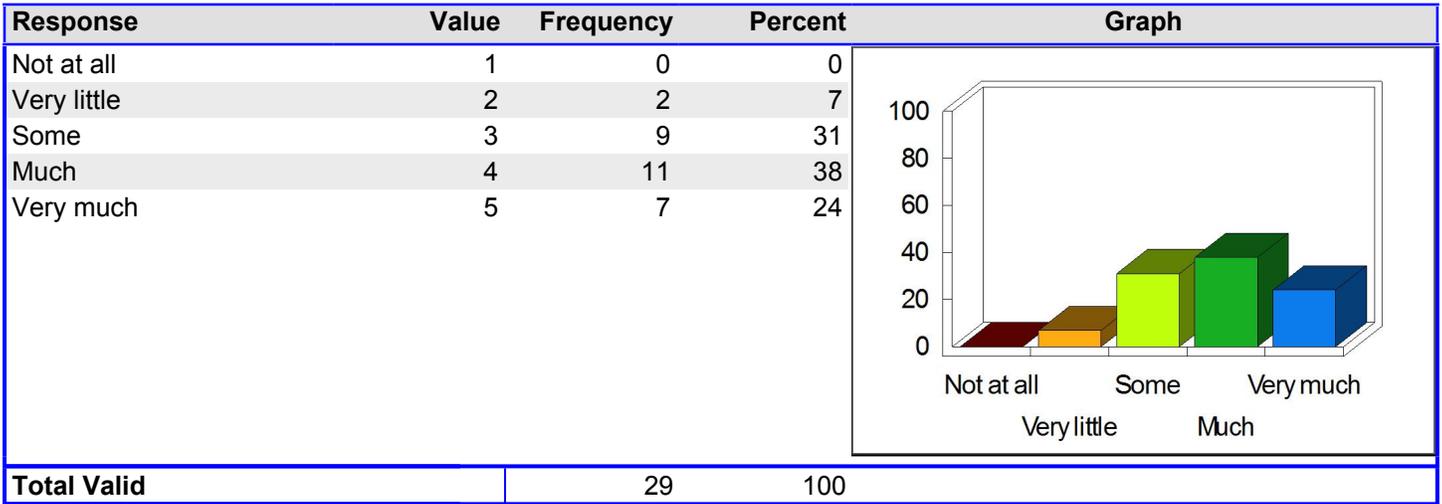
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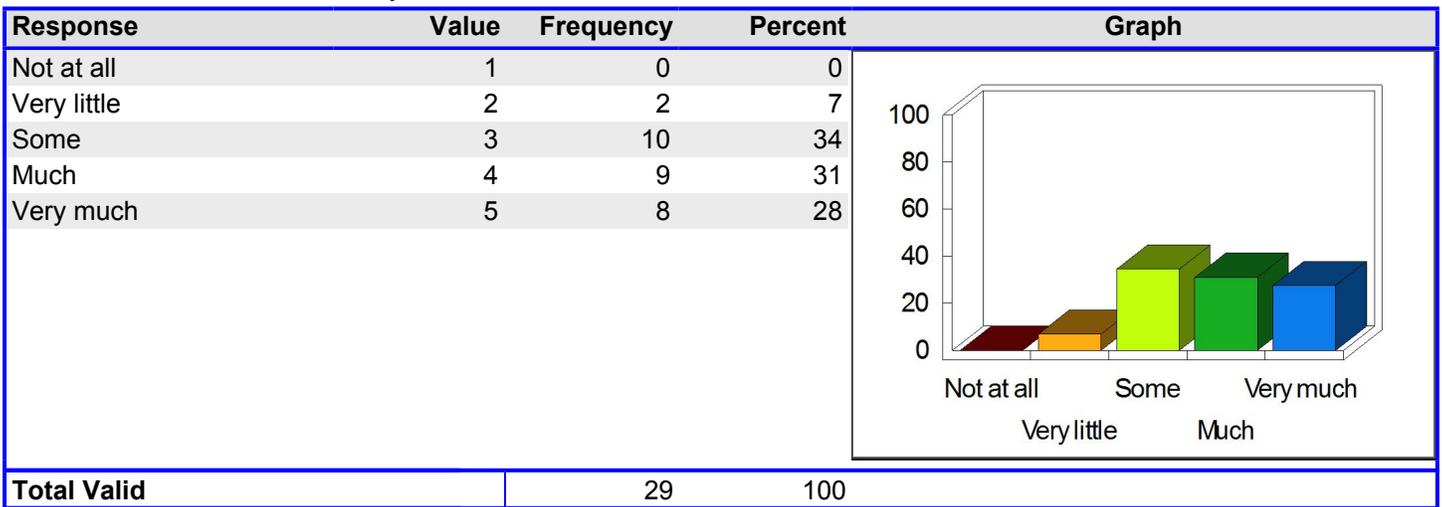
22. I learn more effectively.

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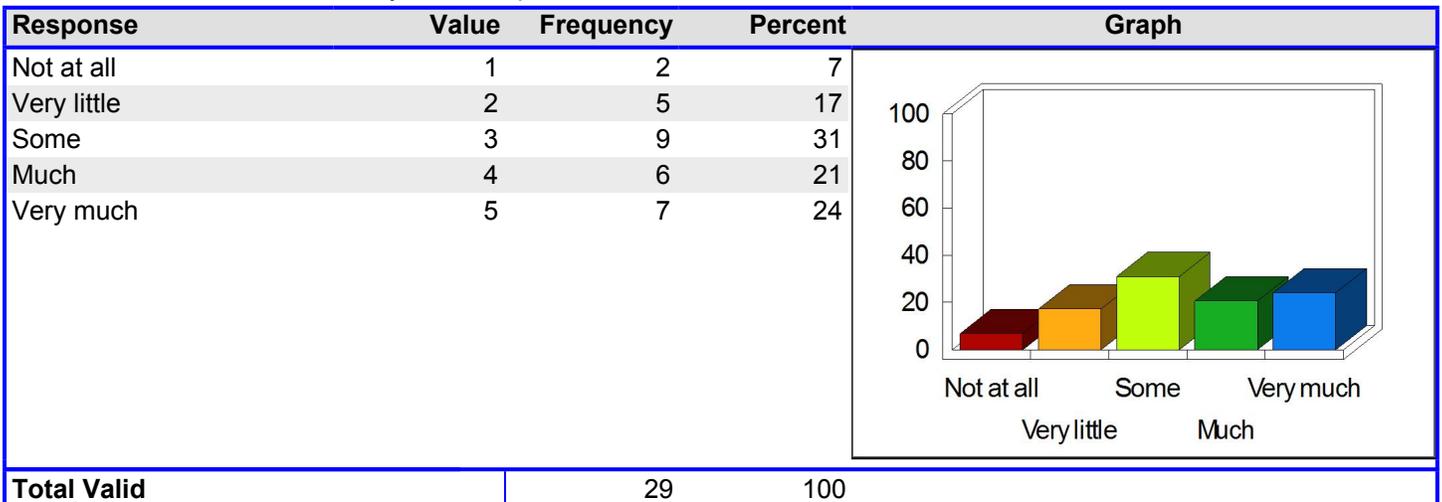
23. I have more confidence in my academic abilities.

Mean: 4



24. I have more confidence in my leadership abilities.

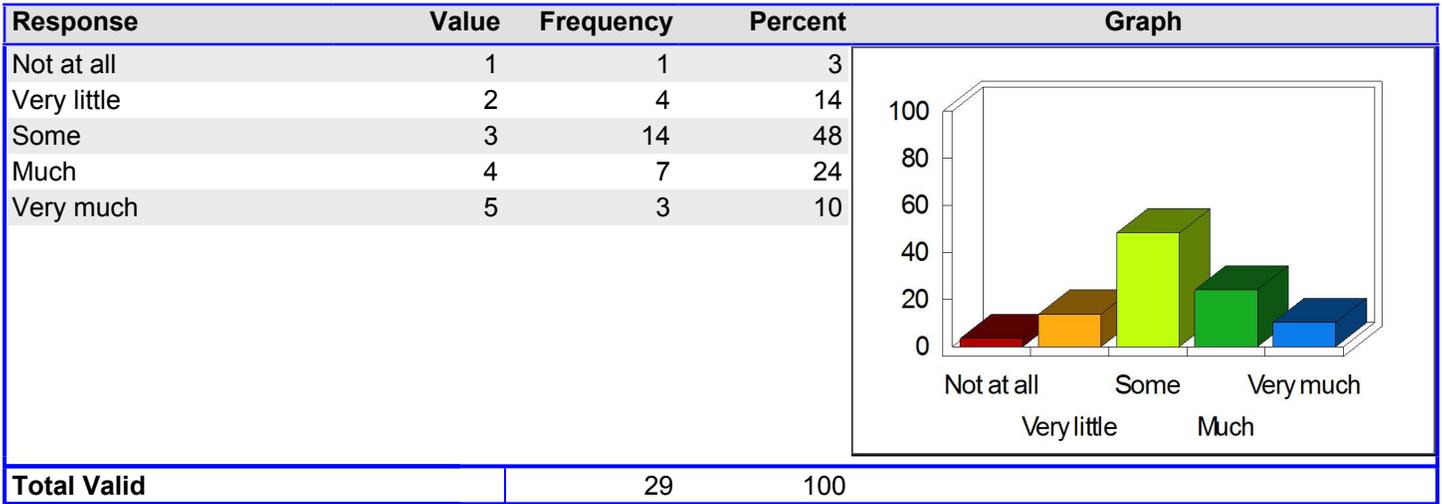
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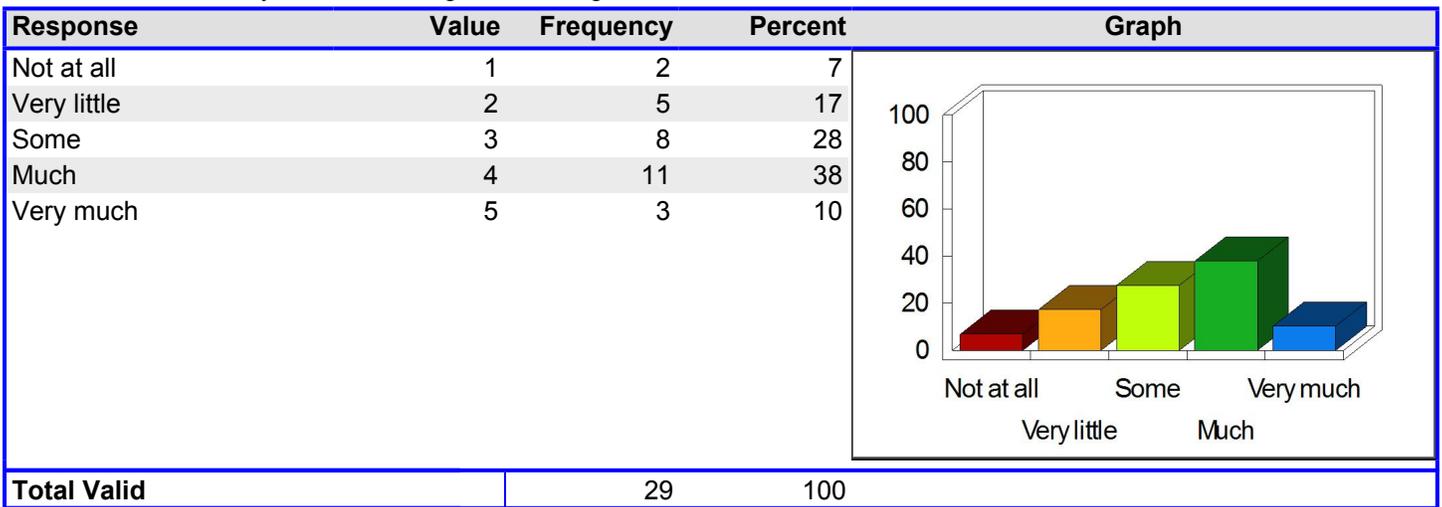
25. I have more confidence in my ability to make a difference in my community.

Mean: 3



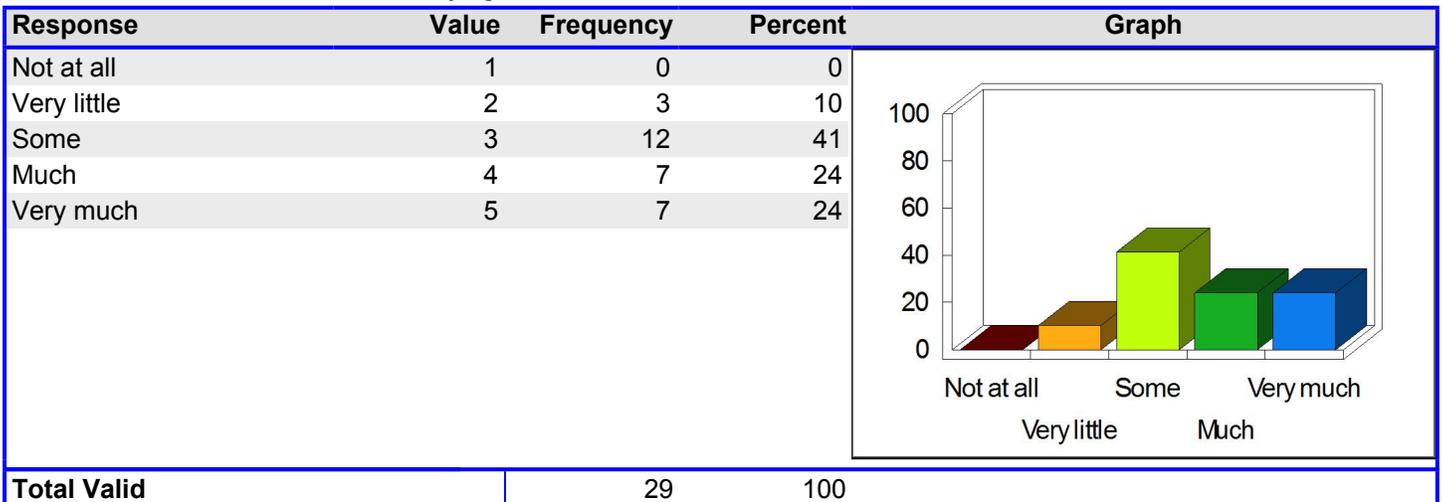
26. I have better study skills, including time management.

Mean: 3



27. I have more successful and satisfying social interactions.

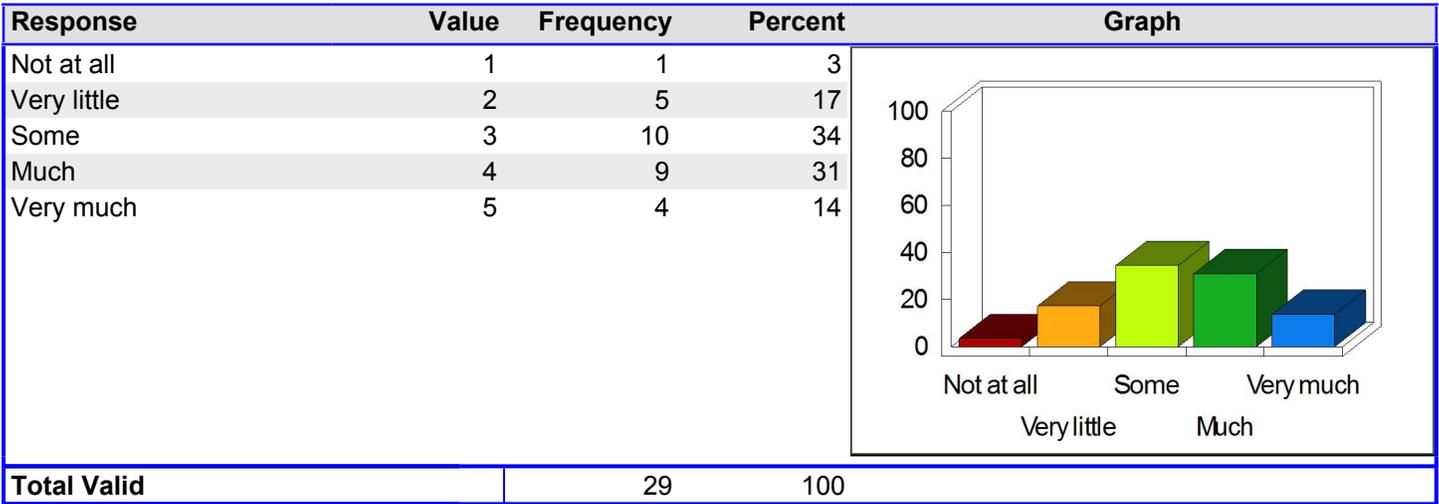
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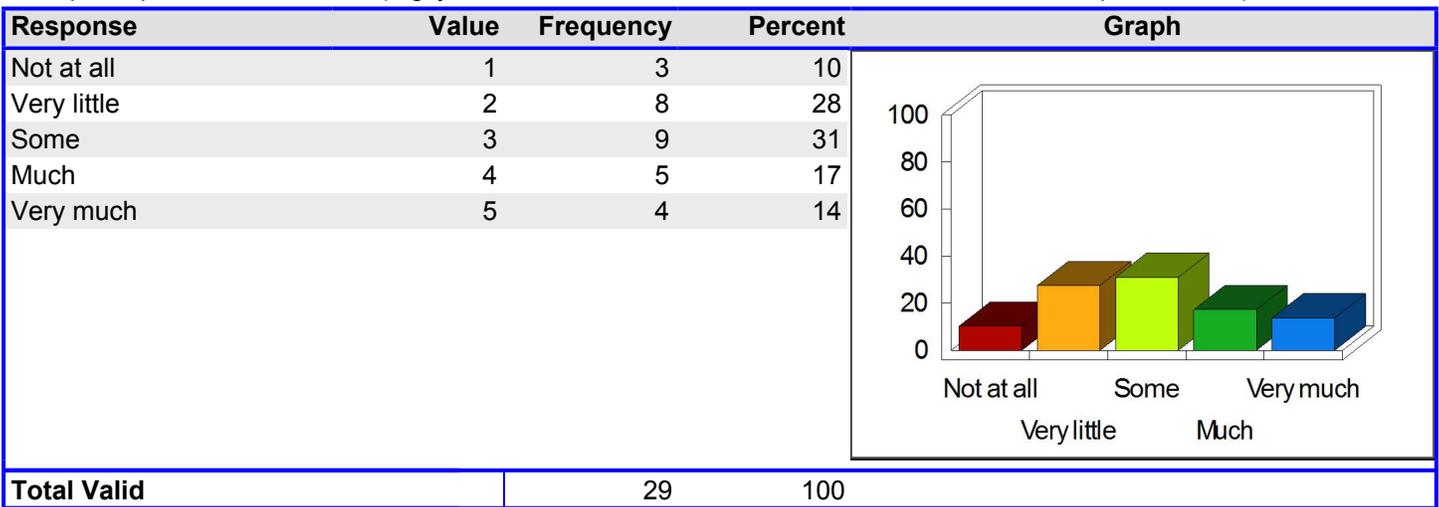
28. I am better at using counseling, academic and other student services.

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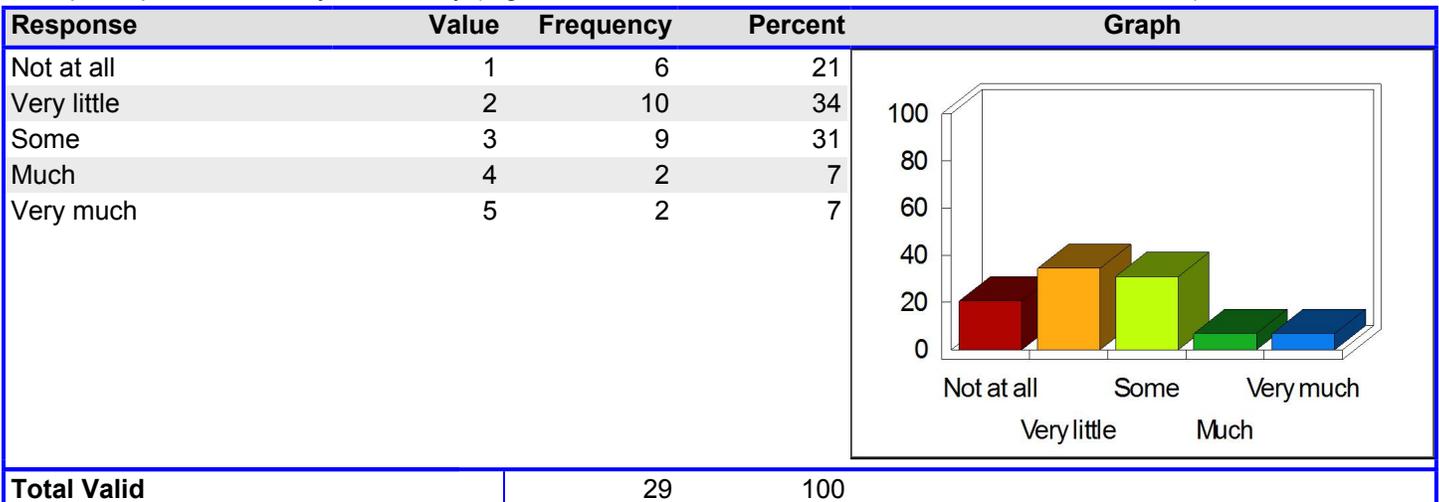
29. I participate more in school (e.g. joined a club, saw a counselor, saw a tutor, attended a special event).

Mean: 3



30. I participate more in my community (e.g. volunteered, mentored students, translated for someone).

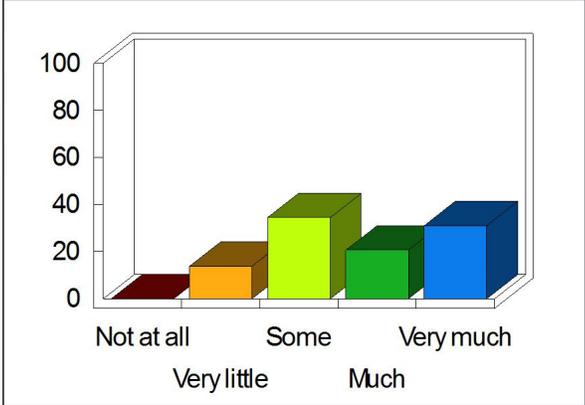
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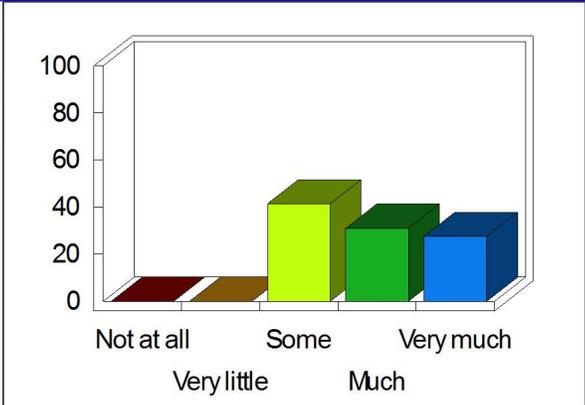
31. I am more successful because I have gotten the support I need.

Mean: 4

Response	Value	Frequency	Percent	Graph
Not at all	1	0	0	
Very little	2	4	14	
Some	3	10	34	
Much	4	6	21	
Very much	5	9	31	
Total Valid		29	100	

32. The counseling I received will be valuable to me in completing my academic, career and/or personal goals.

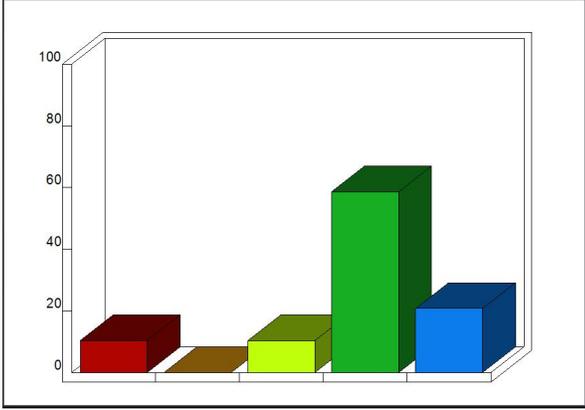
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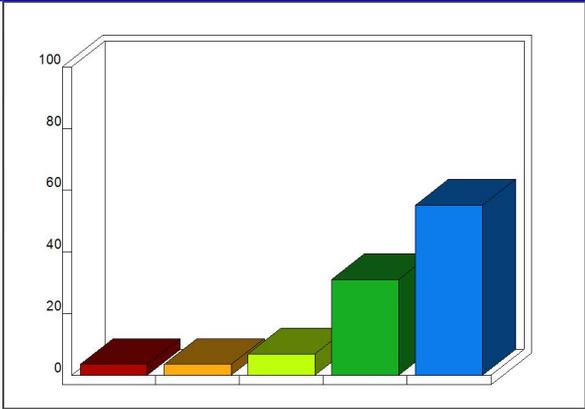
33. Describe the quality of your relationships with the counselor in this learning community.

Mean: 4

Response	Value	Frequency	Percent	Graph
Does not apply	1	3	10	
Not friendly supportive and helpful	2	0	0	
A little friendly supportive and helpful	3	3	10	
Friendly supportive and helpful	4	17	59	
Very friendly supportive and helpful	5	6	21	
Total Valid		29	100	

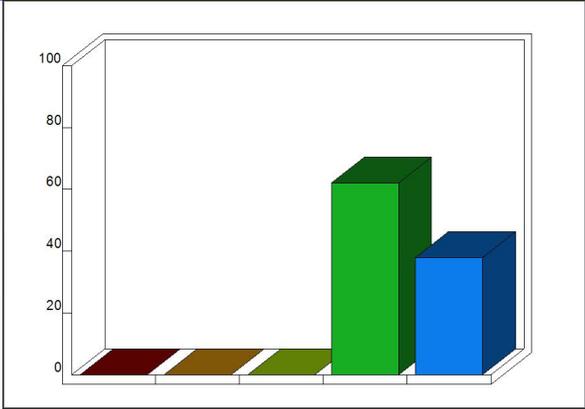
34. Describe the quality of your relationships with teachers in this learning community.

Mean: 4

Response	Value	Frequency	Percent	Graph
Does not apply	1	1	3	
Not friendly supportive and helpful	2	1	3	
A little friendly supportive and helpful	3	2	7	
Friendly supportive and helpful	4	9	31	
Very friendly supportive and helpful	5	16	55	
Total Valid		29	100	

35. Describe the quality of your relationships with classmates in this learning community.

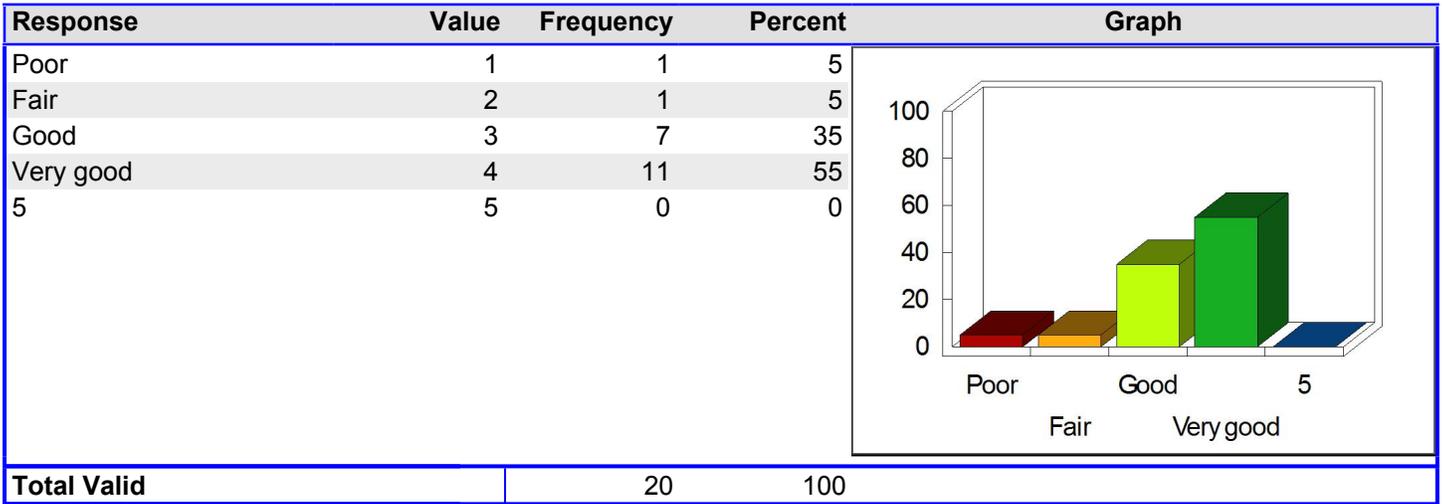
Mean: 4

Response	Value	Frequency	Percent	Graph
Does not apply	1	0	0	
Not friendly supportive and helpful	2	0	0	
A little friendly supportive and helpful	3	0	0	
Friendly supportive and helpful	4	18	62	
Very friendly supportive and helpful	5	11	38	
Total Valid		29	100	

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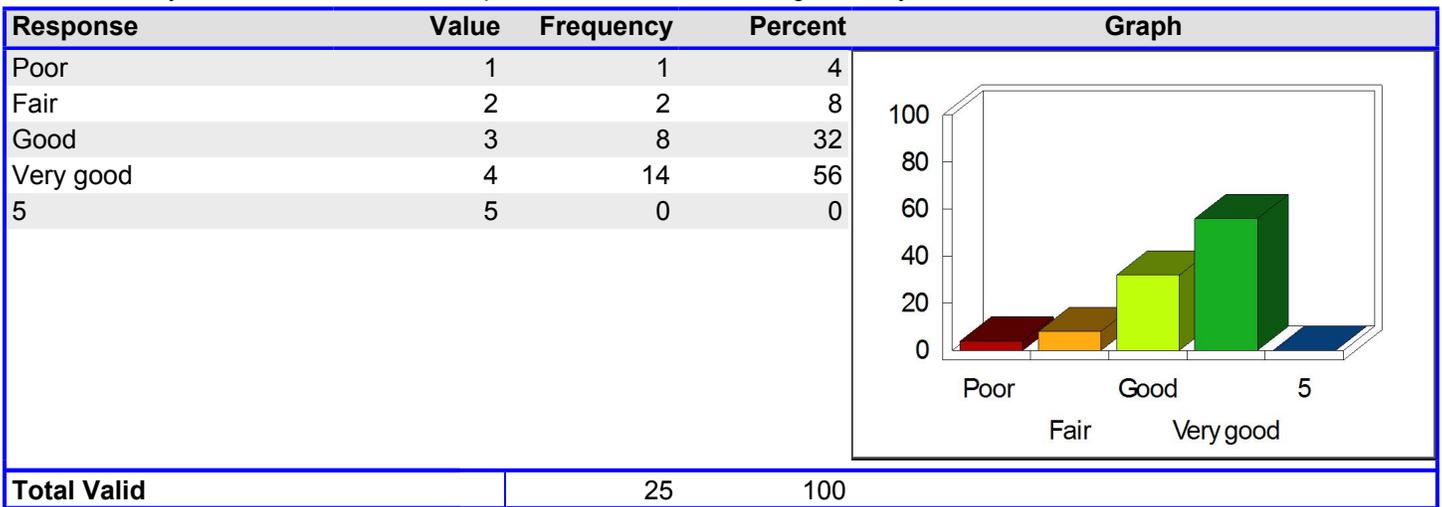
36. Describe your overall educational experience in this learning community.

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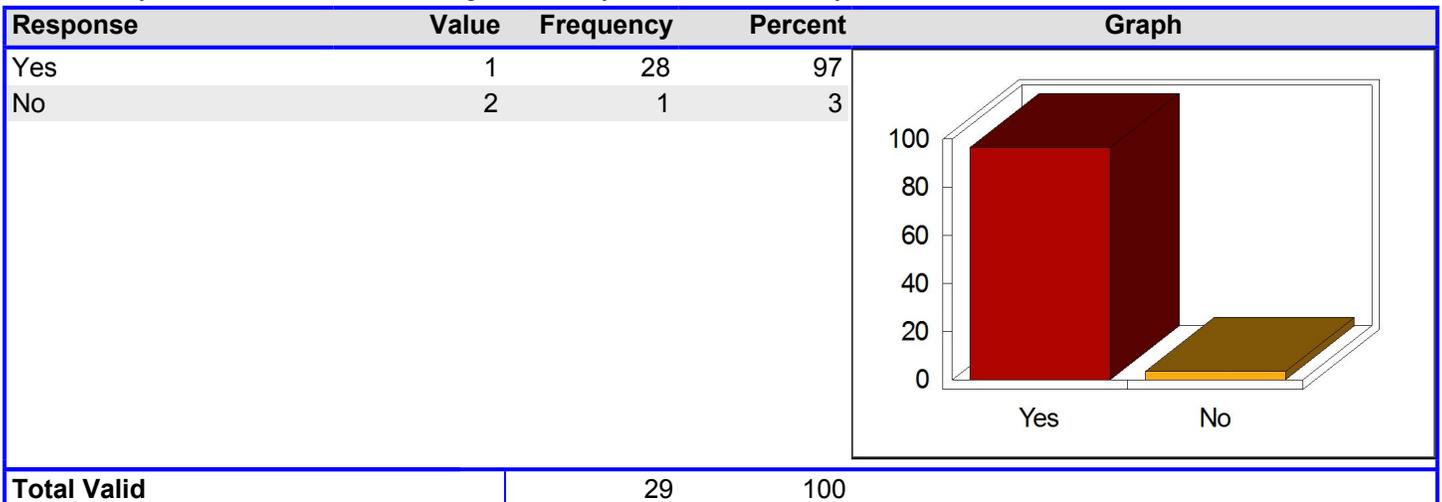
37. Describe your overall educational experience at De Anza College since you came to De Anza.

Mean: 3



38. Would you recommend this learning community to a friend or family member?

Mean: 1



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This survey will be used for research purposes only. All responses will remain anonymous and any data that is reported will be at the aggregate level (no individual data will be given out). You may choose not to answer any question.

This survey will help the Learning in Communities(LinC) Program serve students better. The results will be given to the research staff, not your instructor. This survey is voluntary and completing it shows your willingness to participate.

Please answer all questions in relation to this learning community this quarter.

We greatly appreciate your participation!

1. How did you find out about this learning community?

2. What is the most important reason you enrolled in this learning community?

In this learning community, how often have you done items #3-16?

Please rate your experiences using the following scale:

- 1 = Never
- 2 = Rarely / Hardly ever
- 3 = Sometimes
- 4 = Often
- 5 = Very often

3. Connected and integrated ideas, concepts or skills from the different classes in the

learning community when discussing material and doing assignments.

4. Connected and integrated ideas, concepts or skills from the different classes in the learning community to practical skills outside of class.

5. Looked at new ways to synthesize, connect or organize information, ideas and experiences.

6. Judged the quality, value and accuracy of methods, positions, arguments or information.

7. Used theories or concepts to look at practical problems or perform new skills.

8. Spoke up in class discussions and asked questions in class.

9. Worked with classmates during class.

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14. Put more time and effort into your work than you thought you would because of your classmates' expectations.

15. Had conversations with your classmates about diversity, such as race, ethnicity, religion, mental and physical challenges, or sexual orientation.

16. Discussed current social and world issues.

17. Discussed ways you can help the community.

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What benefits have you gotten by your experience in this learning community?

Please use the following scale when answering #17-26:

- 1 = Not at all**
- 2 = Very little**
- 3 = Some**
- 4 = Much**
- 5 = Very much**

18. My writing is more effective and clear.

19. My speaking is more effective and clear.

20. My thinking is more analytical and critical (questioning).

21. My reading is more effective and clear.

22. I learn more effectively.

23. I have more confidence in my academic abilities.

24. I have more confidence in my leadership abilities.

25. I have more confidence in my ability to make a difference in my community.

26. I have better study skills, including time management.

27. I have more successful and satisfying social interactions.

28. I am better at using counseling, academic and other student services.

29. I participate more in school (e.g. joined a club, saw a counselor, saw a tutor, attended a special event).

30. I participate more in my community (e.g. volunteered, mentored students, translated for someone).

31. I am more successful because I have gotten the support I need.

32. The counseling I received will be valuable to me in completing my academic, career and/or personal goals.

33. Describe the quality of your relationships with the counselor in this learning community.

34. Describe the quality of your relationships with teachers in this learning community.

35. Describe the quality of your relationships with classmates in this learning community.

36. Describe your overall educational experience in *this learning community*.

37. Describe your overall educational experience at *De Anza College* since you came to De Anza.

38. Would you recommend this learning community to a friend or family member?

Thank you again for your feedback!

Submit Survey