



# 2023 Fall Individual Report FAS-NEURO 101VA-Sculpting Activity: How Inhibition Shapes the Brain in Health and Disease 001 Saad Hannan

Project Title: **2023 Fall Harvard FAS Course Evaluation**

Course Audience: **11**  
Responses Received: **9**  
Response Ratio: **82%**

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## Report Comments

Note:

The order that the questions appear on this report is not the same as the way the questions were displayed to students.  
The order has been changed to make the report more readable.

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## General Course Questions

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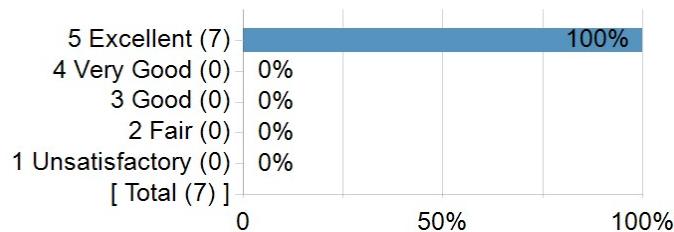
	Count	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Unsatisfactory	Course Mean	Dept Mean	Division Mean
Evaluate the course overall.	7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.00	4.58	4.06
Course materials (readings, audio-visual materials, textbooks, lab manuals, website, etc.)	7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.00	4.60	4.13
Assignments (exams, essays, problem sets, language homework, etc.)	7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.00	4.54	3.91
Feedback you received on work you produced in this course	7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.00	4.67	3.95
Section component of the course	3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.00	4.70	4.16

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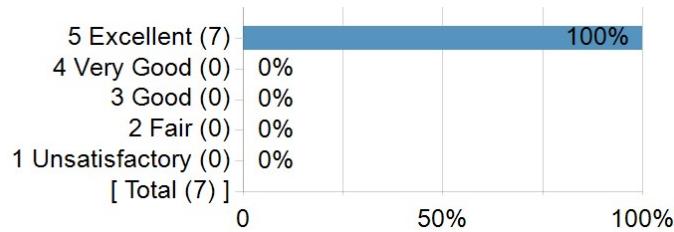
**Add comments about course materials?**

Comments

All so easy to access and find!!!! Amazing range and levels of difficulty.

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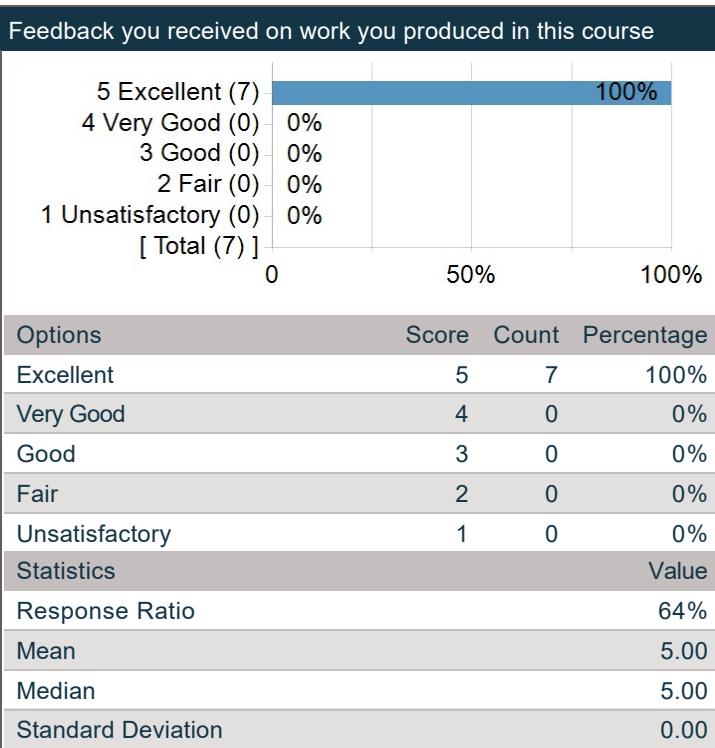
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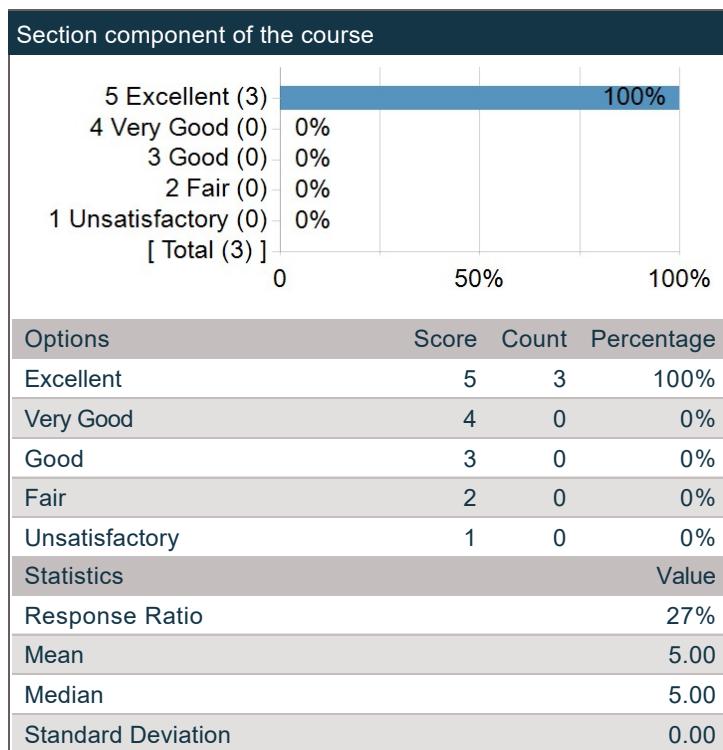
**Add comments about course assignments?****Comments**

Very fair and well-rounded. My only critique is that I would have liked more specifics surrounding exam topics being covered.

**Feedback you received on work you produced in this course****Add comments about course feedback?****Comments**

FEEDBACK WAS SO HELPFUL!! Details, caring, and attentive to each and every component to our writing whether that was a misunderstanding of a bio-related topic or a citation problem.

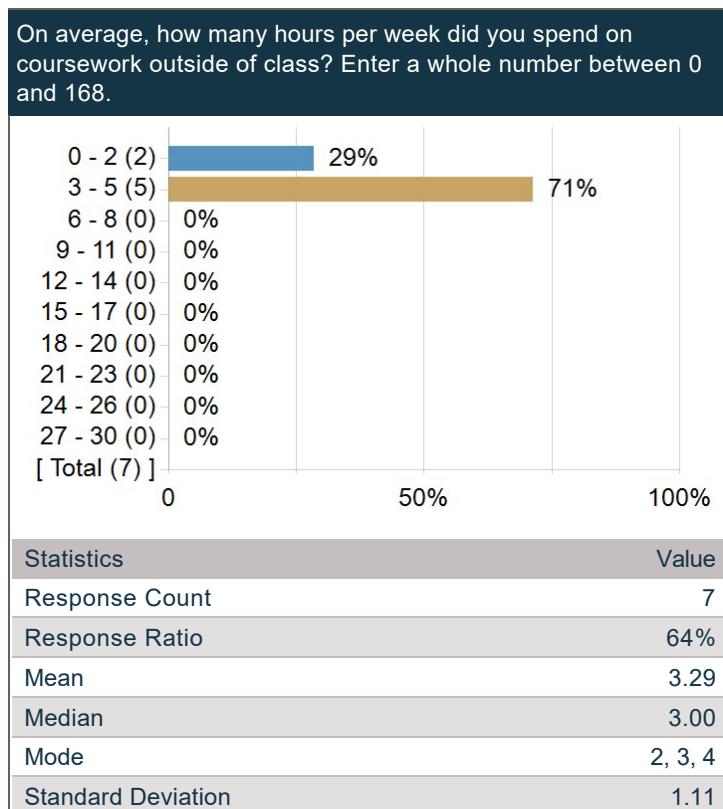
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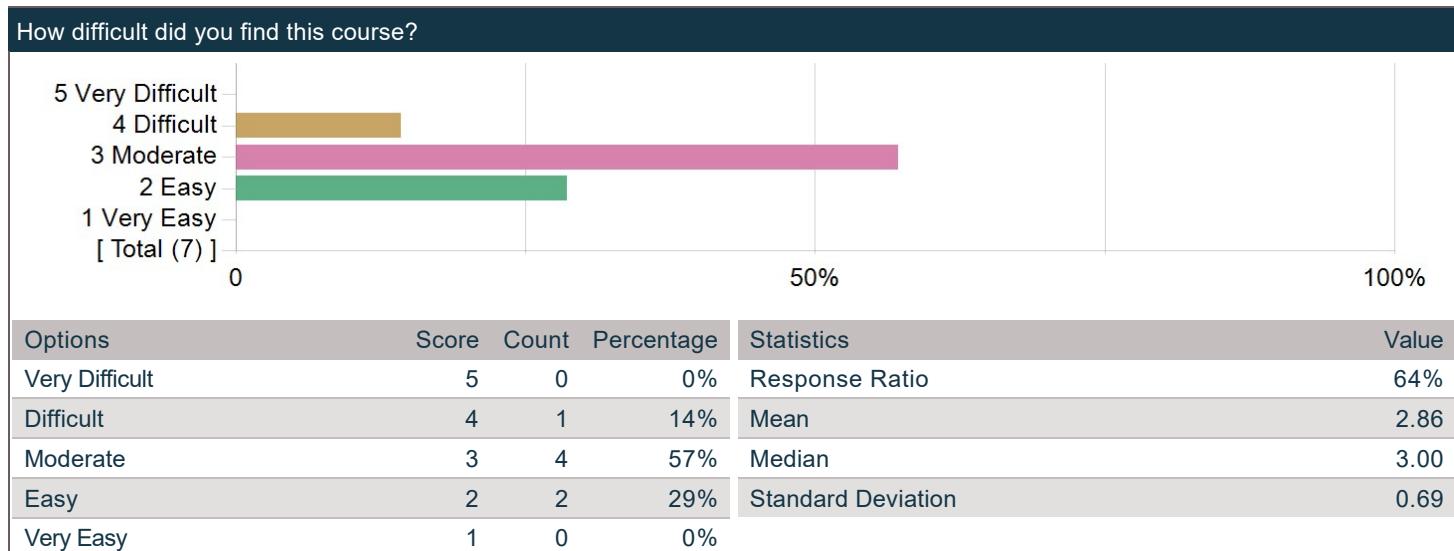
## Requirements - What did this course require of you?

On average, how many hours per week did you spend on coursework outside of class? Enter a whole number between 0 and 168.

Frequency chart and mean excludes students who answered 31 or more hours.



## How difficult did you find this course?

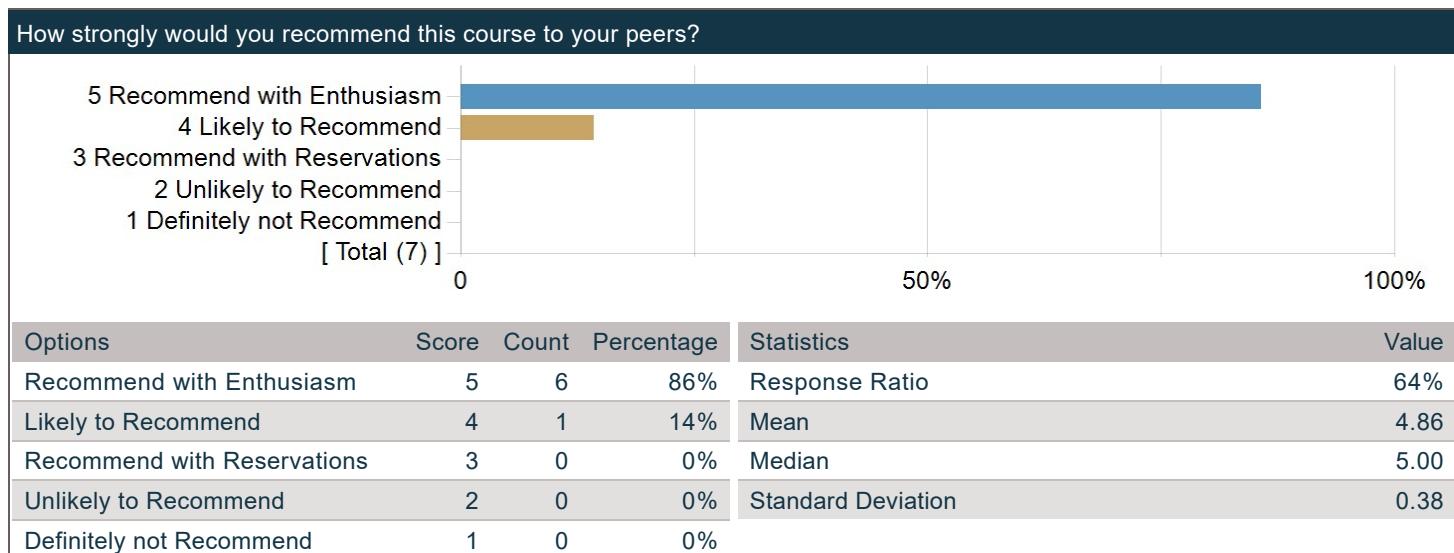


## What was/were your reason(s) for enrolling in this course? (Please check all that apply)

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Elective	4
Concentration or Department Requirement	6
Secondary Field or Language Citation Requirement	0
Undergraduate General Education Requirement	0
Expository Writing Requirement	0
Foreign Language Requirement	0
Pre-Med Requirement	0
Divisional Distribution Requirement	0
Quantitative Reasoning with Data Requirement	0

## Recommendations - Would you recommend this course?

### How strongly would you recommend this course to your peers?

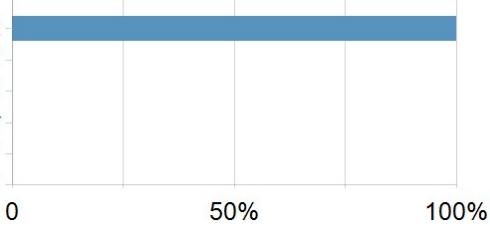
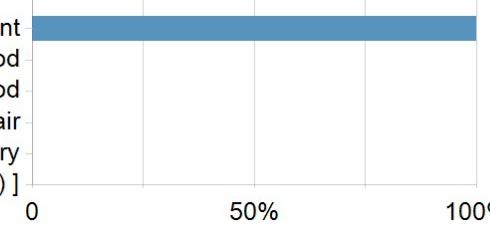


## Evaluation of Instructors

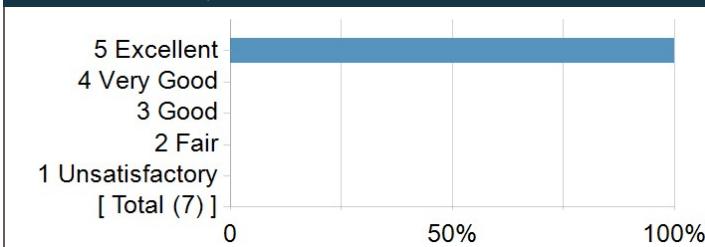
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Evaluate your Instructor overall.	7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.00	4.82	4.46
Gives effective lectures or presentations, if applicable	7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.00	4.83	4.33
Is accessible outside of class (including after class, office hours, e-mail, etc.)	7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.00	4.72	4.49
Generates enthusiasm for the subject matter	7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.00	4.83	4.53
Facilitates discussion and encourages participation	7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.00	4.78	4.48
Gives useful feedback on assignments	7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.00	4.76	4.45
Returns assignments in a timely fashion	7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.00	4.77	4.45

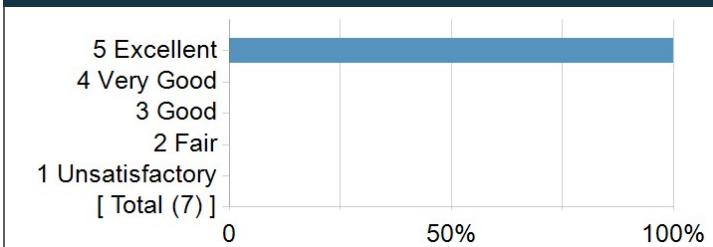
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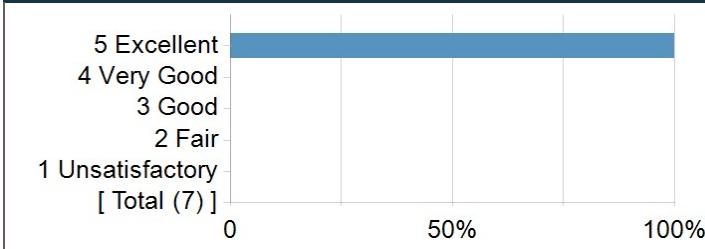
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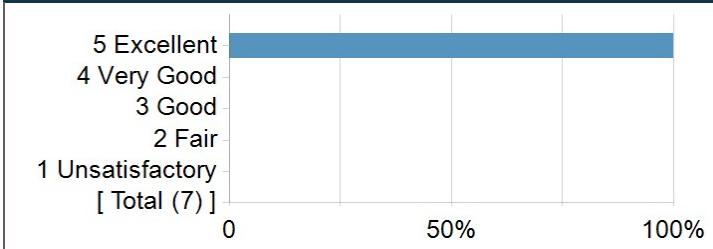
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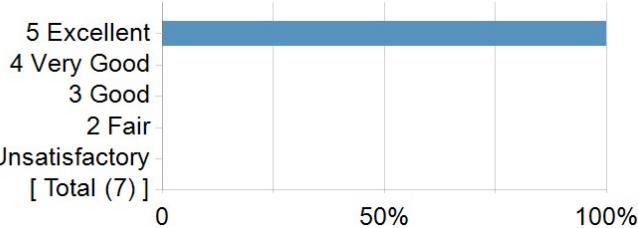
## 5. Facilitates discussion and encourages participation



## 6. Gives useful feedback on assignments



## 7. Returns assignments in a timely fashion



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## General Course Questions - Comments

**What were the strengths of this course? Please be specific and use concrete examples where possible.**

Comments
Saad is an amazing professor! He makes sure that we understand the concepts, methods, and techniques. He is very focused on our deep understanding of content and is always ready to clarify any confusion.
Saad is so so smart and shares his knowledge in a way that makes the most difficult concepts feel easy to grasp. He also really believes in his students and holds them to such a high standard without making course content feel scary. So grateful.
Saad is an excellent instructor who is incredibly knowledgeable and passionate about the subject. The papers we read are critically evaluated as part of the course, which I have personally found very useful.

**How could this course be improved? Please use concrete examples where possible and provide constructive suggestions.**

Comments
Nothing!! Maybe more review at the onset of the course but genuinely Saad incorporates background information super well, and our class reviewing statistics is a testament to this.
More accountability measures for people's presentations. It isn't uncommon to zone out when someone is presenting. Would be more productive to have greater participation and engagement from everyone.

## Requirements Comments - What did this course require of you?

**In your opinion, what preparation or background is necessary to take this course?**

Comments
Any neuro background!
Neuro 80 at least. Optional: stats and an intermediate neuro class.
None at all tbh (maybe Neuro 80 just to have some context?) Saad starts from the very beginning and the first few lectures are all concept intros. Only once we have established our understandings do we move on to actual papers.

## Recommendations Comments - Would you recommend this course?

**What did you take away from your experience in this course? What did you learn? How did this course change you?**

Comments
Inhibition is a topic that I did not know much about and I have definitely learned so much even though its only been the first half of the course this semester! I really enjoy the connection between GABA/inhibition and various diseases, especially since this is knowledge I will apply in medical school and my career.
Learned how to actually read, talk about, and write about scientific writing. Though this sounds simple, this has changed my interactions with scientific literature grossly. I'm very thankful for Saab's fine-tooth comb approach to difficult papers and am stepping away from this semester a) excited to pick back up in January but b) with a nuanced understanding of the role of GABA and inhibition in neuronal circuitry.
I have learned how to critically evaluate a scientific paper and think more meticulously about the standards to which my science and science in general should be held to. I have also, through the process of reading these papers, been exposed to new scientific methods that I hope to bring back to my own work.

**What would you like to tell future students about this class? (Your response to this question may be published anonymously.)**

**Comments**

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You will learn how to actually read, talk about, and write about scientific writing and have an incredible instructor guiding you through this!! Do not miss this course if you're a neuro concentrator and don't be worried about the seemingly precise scope of the course. This is a TREASURE of a class and covers so many interesting scientific topics rigorously and in a way that reminded me why I love neuroscience.

Saad is a very understanding teacher and I wholeheartedly appreciate how much time he has been willing to dedicate during office hours and chatting with me when I was confused about a paper, working on my research paper presentation, or discussing research generally. I am really looking forward to the next semester of this course and have truly gained so much knowledge about GABA inhibition already.

Saad is amazing. I love him. You will also love him. Course content is very interesting and very well-explained. You'll walk out of this course a better scientist and a better observer of science.

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## Instructor Comments

**Please comment on this person's teaching. (Your response to this question may be published anonymously.)**

**Comments**

Saad is an amazing professor! He makes sure that we understand the concepts, methods, and techniques. He is very focused on our deep understanding of content and is always ready to clarify any confusion. He is always accessible over email and open to meeting with us regarding assignments/presentations during the week or even before class starts!

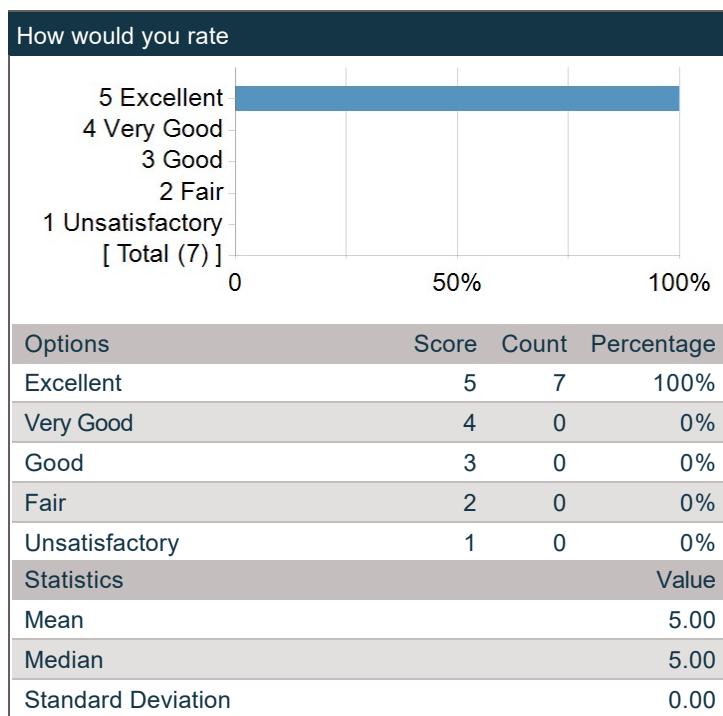
Saad is an incredible mentor. He truly believes in his students and cultivates a work environment that makes you want to put your all into each and every course project.

Saad is very knowledgeable!

Amazing. Very kind, feel comfortable in class, very granular and helpful feedback, genuinely invested in coaching growth.

## Custom Questions

### How would you rate



### What would you say are the main strengths of this course?

Comments
Super interactive
Scope of topics covered and the precision of the discussion on these topics.

### What changes can be made to this course to make it more tailored to your specific learning goals and make it more enjoyable?

Comments
Maybe more basic content review but not much as I LOVED this class.