

TO: Students in Graduate Theory in Criminal Justice  
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 RE: Your views on meeting course goals

In class last Monday seventeen of you evaluated the extent to which the course met stated course goals advertised at the beginning of the semester.

You used a five point Likert rating format where 0 = disagree strongly, 2 = neither agree nor disagree and 4 = strongly agree.

Your responses are summarized below for the different questions. Thanks for your input. It helps think about where work is needed.

Item #	Median	Mean	sd	min	Item
1	4	3.71	0.59	2	I have been exposed to important theoretical works in criminology (2008 mean = 3.54)
2	4	3.65	0.49	3	We spent time in class reflecting on important theoretical works in criminology
6	4	3.47	0.87	1	I have learned a significant amount about how to evaluate a criminological theory (2008 mean = 3.46 for roughly comparable item)
4	3	3.41	0.62	2	The first in-class exam provided useful practice writing for the advanced exam in theory (please answer even if you are an MA student) (2008 mean = 3.54, comparable question)
8	4	3.41	0.87	1	My interest in some of the perennial questions that are important to criminological theory has increased as a result
3	3.5	3.32	0.77	2	In class we learned more about how to criticize important theoretical works in criminology
7	3	3.24	0.75	2	I have learned a significant amount about how to gauge the connection between a theory and the relevant empirical evidence (2008 mean = 3.46)
5	3	3.18	0.73	2	I have gained a better appreciation of how criminological theory construction works (2008 mean = 3.38)