

CSHD 252: STRUCTURAL EQUATION MODELING

FALL SEMESTER 2021

Reflection Activity #3

Target Submission Date: December 22, 2021 [Absolute latest that it can be submitted is January 2, 2022, because I have to submit grades by 9 am on January 3, 2022]

Name: Please type your name here!

NOTE: So that you can answer the questions about the project fully, please wait to submit this reflection until after you have gotten my feedback about your project part 5. If you receive feedback of 3 (“no resubmission”) or 2 (“resubmission optional”) and you choose not to resubmit, you can turn in this reflection. If you are going to resubmit your project (i.e., do Project Part 6), then please wait to submit this reflection until after you turn that in.

Congratulations on making it to the end of the semester – and learning a lot about SEM! This reflection activity has three purposes: 1. To help you “close the loop” on the goals that you set at the beginning of the semester by reflecting on them, 2. To help me understand how the course went from your perspective, to inform my teaching of it in the future, and 3. To guide you through the process of suggesting a grade for yourself as part of the “ungrading” approach.

Beyond-Content/Personal Goals [OPTIONAL SECTION]

1. Reflect on the personal goals you set for yourself at the beginning and/or middle of the semester. Describe your progress toward that goal. What is one thing that went well toward pursuing that goal? What is one thing that you might do different in an upcoming semester?

Course Goals

1. Reflect on the learning-related goals you set for yourself this semester. Describe your progress toward that goal (or goals), what you think went well, and something you might do differently the next time you take a statistics course.
2. Which concept/topic was the easiest for you to understand? Why do you think that is?
3. What concept/topic was most challenging for you to understand? Why do you think that is?

The Project

1. Describe the main lessons you learned from the project apart from the analysis techniques.
2. What went well or better than you thought?
3. Where did you experience challenges?
4. Other comments about the project (e.g., structure) are optional but definitely welcome!

Statistics in General

1. Please describe how (if at all) your understanding about statistics has changed this semester (related to SEM or not!). I ask this question because I find it helpful (as a teacher) to see how you make connections between the material in this course and outside it, and how your experience changes in your statistical understanding.

Yes, You Can Do It: Suggest a Grade for Yourself

1. Please reflect on the work you have done in this course as a whole – including attending and participating in class (or watching the recordings afterward) and completing the post-class questions, the homework assignments, and the project – as well as the progress you have made toward the goals you set for yourself. What areas of strength do you identify? In what areas do you think you need improvement?
2. Based on that reflection, what letter grade would you give yourself and why? Please include specific examples to support your conclusion. Although some parts of your work were “graded” on the three-point scale, please do not rely solely on that information as evidence for your grade. Instead, consider your work on the assignments as well as things like the extent and depth of your knowledge of course concepts and the effort you put into the course as a whole.
3. As you know, the “ungrading” this semester was a new thing for this course (and me). From your perspective as a student, how do you think that it went? I would appreciate any suggestions about elements of the ungrading approach that I should keep for future courses, as well as any changes that could be made.

Concluding Thoughts

1. Between this reflection and the formal course evaluation (thank you so much for doing those! I take them very seriously and they are an important part of how I am evaluated as a professor), there are many opportunities for you to provide feedback about your experience in SEM this semester. If there’s anything else that you’d like to share beyond that, this is the place to do it =).

Thank you for a great semester!