Student Evaluation of Instruction: Course Report

CS1302 1: Computer Science II
Fall 2013
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Response Count: 7

Item	Strongly Agree		Agree		Uncertain		Disagree		Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable	No answer	
Student-Centered Questions												
I correctly utilized all required course texts and materials.	2	29%	3	43%	1	14%	1	14%				
I regularly attended class.	5	71%	1	14%	1	14%						
I was punctual.	3	43%	4	57%								
I was well-prepared for class.	1	14%	5	71%							1	14%
I actively participated in all class activities.	3	43%	3	43%	1	14%						
If/When I struggled with course material, I sought help from the professor or from resources provided to me.	5	71%	1	14%	1	14%						
This course	4	57%	3	43%								

challenged my
intellect.

Discipline-Centered Questions

Class discussions and/or activities helped me to understand the subject matter.	6	86%	1	14%					
Course assignments helped me to understand the subject matter.	7	100%							
Course content was presented effectively.	6	86%	1	14%					
Required course texts and/or materials helped me to understand the subject matter.	1	14%	4	57%	2	29%			
Test content was representative of assigned material.	6	86%						1	14%
Tests and/or assignments required problem solving, critical thinking, and/or creative thought.	7	100%							

Instructor-Centered Questions

The instructor demonstrates knowledge of his/her discipline.	6	86%	1	14%
The instructor clearly explains course expectations.	7	100%		
The instructor clearly	7	100%		

The instructor clearly explains how students will be evaluated.	7	100%
The instructor evaluates and returns tests and assignments in a reasonable period of time.	7	100%
The instructor presents material in an organized manner.	7	100%
The instructor communicates effectively.	7	100%
The instructor demonstrates respect for students.	7	100%
The instructor is receptive and responsive to the sharing of ideas during class discussions.	7	100%
The instructor offers and is available for individual assistance.	7	100%

Additional Information Requested

What is your student classification?

	Freshman-Sophomore		Junior-Senior		Graduate	No answer
	5	71%	1	14%		

What is your GPA?

below 1.00	1.00 to 1.99	2.00 to 2.99	3.00 to 3.99	4.00
	1 14%		4 57%	1 14%

What grade do you expect to earn in this class?

A	B	C	D	F	No answer
2 29%	3 43%	1 14%			

Are you taking this course because it is required?

Yes	No	No answer
6 86%	1 14%	

Open Comment Questions

What are the most important things you learned in this course?

Many new CS topics that have provided a solid foundation for my further education in the subject.

Of the many things that I learned in this course, I think that my problem-solving skills were strengthened through the course of the class. The homework was really helpful in cementing the concepts presented in the textbook and in class.

Java Concepts

Every concept taught was essential toward building a foundation of learning to program in java. Nothing was wasted or less important.

How will you use the knowledge you gained in future classes and/or in your chosen profession?

I aspire to one day become a system architect or software engineer, and this course has given me the necessary skills to progress further toward that goal.

I will be using problem-solving skills for the rest of my life, at least in my career anyway. I also think that the ability to be able to teach yourself something is also valuable.

Programming

I'm certain this information will be used in future courses such as program construction, but also in learning the basic principles of programming and in an object oriented construction as well. Java is a popular programming method so I am basically soaking up everything taught in the class hoping to become familiar with the java coding base.

Explain any positive changes you would like to see made to this course.

N/A

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I cannot think of anything that needs to be changed to make the course better.

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Books available via pdf or download is much more preferrable than just online as the connection available to my own personal computer at school is often sketchy and unreliable. It puts me in a bind if I need to be able to access reading materials at school, but am unable.

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Comment specifically on the value of texts, class materials, assignments, and class activities.

The text was not very useful, but everything else was great.

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The textbook is required to pass the tests. If you don't understand everything the instructor presents in class, the textbook may approach it differently giving you a stronger understanding of the concept. The assignments are probably the most useful aspect of the course. By actually using hands-on experience to practice the concepts of the course, the homework allows students to be able to understand the concepts more thoroughly.

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The text itself was very helpful and informative, but as mentioned up above, online versions were highly frustrating to deal with. Not only was connection availability inconsistent (depending on where I needed to access the book), but WileyPlus often timed out too soon and they didn't really have a convenient method to get back to place.

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Comment on the evaluation methods utilized-- fairness, difficulty, ease, etc.

Everything was very fair; there were no "curve balls" and I always knew what was expected of me.

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I think that the instructor was very fair in all grading aspects of the course. Each assignment was also given a rubric, telling exactly what would be in the grade breakdown. While this class was challenging, I would not say that it was too difficult. If one puts in the necessary time and effort to actually understand everything in the

course, success will be achieved.

The course was informative, interesting and challenging. The professor was quite clear about instructions and grading methods and was quite fair.

Comment on the instructor's overall effectiveness as a teacher in his/her discipline.

Dr. Baumstark is terrific; one of my all-time favorite professors.

Dr. Baumstark is a wonderful professor who is readily available and willing to help his students succeed. He is very knowledgeable of the not only the material in the course but also in computer science overall. His teaching style of combining lecture with assignments allows the students to be very prepared for the tests over the material in the course.

Dr. Baumstark is a terrific professor. He not only knows his material well, but is able to effectively convey the topics in a manner that is easy to comprehend. It is obvious that he is not only good at, but also enjoys teaching. His teaching strategy really helps the student learn to grow with the material as at first he provides a lot of information to get you going in a program and gradually takes more and more helps away, leading the student to 'stand on their own two feet' so to speak. I feel like I not only learned how to implement code better, but also the rationale behind those methods....why and how objects worked together, best practices, etc. Another thing that I particularly like (being only on campus two days a week) is that he makes himself quite often available over BlackBoard chat. I use that method more than any to communicate with him about class questions. Yet, even outside of that venue, he makes himself readily available to students in and outside of office hours. No question is wrong and he is very patient. Hands down, I would recommend Dr. Baumstark to any student!