



# Student Evaluation of Instruction: Course Report

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## CS3280 01: System and Network Administration Spring 2013

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Response Count: 26

Item	Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable	No answer
<b>Student-Centered Questions</b>							
I correctly utilized all required course texts and materials.	13 50%	8 31%	2 8%			3 12%	
I regularly attended class.	18 69%	6 23%	1 4%	1 4%			
I was punctual.	20 77%	5 19%		1 4%			
I was well-prepared for class.	13 50%	10 38%	2 8%	1 4%			
I actively participated in all class activities.	9 35%	13 50%	3 12%	1 4%			
If/When I struggled with course material, I sought help from the professor or from resources provided to me.	13 50%	9 35%		3 12%		1 4%	
This course	10 38%	13 50%	1 4%	1 4%	1 4%		

challenged my  
intellect.

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### Discipline-Centered Questions

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Class discussions  
and/or activities  
helped me to  
understand the  
subject matter.

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Course assignments  
helped me to  
understand the  
subject matter.

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Course content was  
presented effectively.

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Required course  
texts and/or  
materials helped me  
to understand the  
subject matter.

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Test content was  
representative of  
assigned material.

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Tests and/or  
assignments  
required problem  
solving, critical  
thinking, and/or  
creative thought.

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### Instructor-Centered Questions

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The instructor  
demonstrates  
knowledge of his/her  
discipline.

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The instructor clearly  
explains course  
expectations.

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The instructor clearly

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21	81%	4	15%	1	4%
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The instructor clearly explains how students will be evaluated.

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The instructor evaluates and returns tests and assignments in a reasonable period of time.	19	73%	6	23%	1	4%
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The instructor presents material in an organized manner.	17	65%	8	31%	1	4%
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The instructor communicates effectively.	23	88%	3	12%
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The instructor demonstrates respect for students.	22	85%	4	15%
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The instructor is receptive and responsive to the sharing of ideas during class discussions.	23	88%	3	12%
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The instructor offers and is available for individual assistance.	19	73%	7	27%
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## Additional Information Requested

### What is your student classification?

	Freshman-Sophomore	Junior-Senior	Graduate	No answer
	5	21		
	19%	81%		

## What is your GPA?

below 1.00	1.00 to 1.99	2.00 to 2.99	3.00 to 3.99	4.00
		12 46%	13 50%	1 4%

## What grade do you expect to earn in this class?

A	B	C	D	F	No answer
17 65%	6 23%	3 12%			

## Are you taking this course because it is required?

Yes	No	No answer
26 100%		

# Open Comment Questions

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

This course provided me with a great overview of the skills used in network administrations. I believe that I will be able to apply some of the skills learned and build upon that knowledge in the future.

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Basic networking skills

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Networking protocols

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furthered my knowledge on computers in all aspects

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More indepth knowledge of ip and packets.

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the use of VMware to setup virtual machines, network them, and test the connections. That alone has helped me with writing and testing projects for other classes and general development.

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Command line networking

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Using Linux via the virtual machine.

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I learned a lot about the linux operating system. I also learned more about client/server relations and how they work.

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How to use a virtual machine to make things work how I need them to and achieve things I can't with a PC

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I learned a great deal more than I ever wanted or needed to know about the internet, servers, and internet protocols. Very informative and potentially useful information that may be valuable in my chosen profession.

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The importance of correct syntax while using a virtual machine and the necessity for network administrators to ensure the security and reliability of networks.

How to create a DNS and DHCP server through terminal in Debian.

The beginnings of systems administration focusing mainly on servers and clients. The background to how the internet and how the 5 different layers work.

How network addresses and IP addresses interact. How TCP connections are established and how the information is transferred across that connection.

How to use and administer a Linux operating system and Network.

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

This course has helped me to understand how networks operate and how to configure both a small network and security required for one. This course will help me understand how applications I create at my job are used by our customers.

Use this knowledge in accordance with the setting up of networks

Learning the different network protocols will help with diagnosing issues

i will be able to understand more about how a computer along with other devices work

I will constantly use the knowledge gained of hosting a server at my home

I will use this knowledge as I currently am using it to set up testing environments for the applications I build.

Unsure.

It will help me tremendously in my future classes and profession because I am a CS major after all. Any CS class will help me in the future.

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I will be able to create a virtual machine and then use it to do things that help me do other things.

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I may or may not actually utilize the information I learned in this course. It is certainly beneficial to have a greater understanding of the nuts and bolts of how the network and internet work, regardless of the application to my career path.

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Knowledge from this class will be useful in any computer-related job or even at home to ensure that networks are properly maintained.

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I will use it for world domination.

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I will use it as the foundation of possibly a career in system administration.

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As of right now I am unsure of how I will utilize this information however I have no doubt I'll eventually find it useful.

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Honestly I doubt I will use it in my future profession as it is unrelated. However I can use the knowledge for my own home network.

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

I think this course is one of the least challenging of all classes I have this semester. I believe that we should be able to cover more material during the semester if the course is organized a bit better and more in-class work is incorporated with the lectures.

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Course is effective as it stands

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Not a huge fan of the presentation.

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Require the test to be taken at half time, I forget what I learned in the beginning.

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none. everything was great

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A more difficult class. The workload is very easy and the assignment are quite easy to complete. Is possible to pass the class without knowing all the required information.

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I would like to have had more instruction on how to use the command prompt in Linux. Going into this class, I had no prior experience with the command line interface and was thrown for a loop trying to learn it. There was plenty of opportunity to get help after class, but with working a job and going to school, this is sometimes hard to do.

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For the Linus based assignments, when directed to perform an internet search for guidance, it would be helpful to list a direction. For me, simply searching for the suggested term actually led me to resources that wound up confusing me more than if I had a more focused direction.

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I would like to see more hands on practice with Linux in class and learn more about servers themselves.

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For things like Project 2, more explanation of things we needed to do. We knew WHAT the DNS server was and WHAT DHCP was, but now HOW to set it up. More explanation and less reason to Google frantically. Please note, this problem was only a problem for Project 2. For everything else, it was great and nothing needs to change.

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The only positive change that I can think of would be to make sure that the larger projects are done on time by having different parts due at different times making sure that you do it before the entire thing is due

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Some of the projects required a great deal of self teaching. There were aspects of class projects that required the execution of things that we never went over in class. While it is good to learn how to conduct research to accomplish a desired outcome, it may be beneficial to actually cover a projects required tasks in class before being expected to deliver the product for a grade.

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Required progress updates on projects that are assigned weeks in advance to ensure that things are completely correctly and in a timely manner. It is quite difficult to have such a large class do presentations back-to-back, so a different organization system for students to give their presentations at staggered times would be better.

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Take the powerpoint presentations out of the course and replace with something else like a linux assignment presentation.

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Maybe specific links to how to use certain things, it was slightly confusing during the first major server project trying to figure out if the way people were doing it online was indeed the correct way. It was hard for me to "visualize" how it was actually working. Maybe do some specific examples in class on a live server.

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The exam for this course really needs to occur at midterm. I know we were asked whether we wanted it then or not but I feel we shouldn't have gotten that choice. Having to rush the presentations in order to restudy the material that we have forgotten over the last month would be eliminated.

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Cut back on the presentation, or eliminate it all together. Dependent upon class size. Our current size makes it so that they take up way too much time, especially since most presentations are good, thought provoking, and can inspire discussions about the presented topic (making it take a lot longer)

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

Overall, I believe that all quizzes and homework assignments are representative of the material learned.

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Texts - n/a class materials - effective assignments - difficult yet fair class activities - effective

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Didnt need a book. Yay!

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The assignments were good representation of what was expected, but the expectation level seemed low.

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Text books would be helpful for this class.

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Assignments were interesting and useful for helping to understand the material. They were challenging enough that I had to put effort and analytical thought into many of them.

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Value of Texts: great since there was not any. I am cheap. value of Class material: great value of

assignments: great, they really helped me learn the material. Value of class activities: not so good. There was not many in-class activities

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The lecture note things on Moodle were really helpful. And class was really good. The diagrams and things on the whiteboard are especially great for understanding.

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The class activities helped further explain what we talked about in class and then make sure what was most important was achieved

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Little to no value, the internet was my best friend.

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No text required. Notes are all on Moodle which not only saves money but is a convenient way to find materials needed for assignments and studying.

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Fantastic material was provided and proved very useful in completing and understanding assignments.

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I felt there should have been more "use this to help" sources. or something we can look at to help us understand some of the assignments.( like our project) I did not know how to do anything on the terminal going into the project. A starting ground would have been useful.

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Very useful, extremely informative.

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The project "books" were very helpful. I like how each stepped you through the process without giving everything away.

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More tutorials with Project 2 would have been nice rather than trying to Google it. I did not have too much trouble, except with when applying Bind9 to use a DNS server. I was not able to find clear enough tutorials for this, which affected my grade in that portion of the project.

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

Dr. B is more than fair with all grading and he treats all students fairly. Furthermore, he provides more than enough help to all students that need it in order to help them succeed in the class.

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tests/projects are fair in difficulty and grades

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The server project was really tough. Hardly anything in class was mentioned about how to setup/configure BIND, PMWiki

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strict but fair

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Grades were fair but easy

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The class was easy if you prepare and do the work in a timely manner. Dr.B was very fair in his grading and explicitly stated what he wanted from us.

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Very good methods. And we always got told how we would be evaluated, so that was good.

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The evaluation methods, being the projects, were fair and relatively difficult if you did not attend or participate in class. They were made so you had to know how to do it, making them completely fair.

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Very fair. I really enjoyed the course.

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Assignments cover material well. Hardest assignment was the Java subnet calculator which requires prior knowledge of Java that isn't covered in class.

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Fair class.

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Very fair, made the course easy to understand. Especially since he was always willing to help out when the need for help was there.

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Very fair. The first project was way too easy. Only took me 20 minutes and made a 100.

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No issues with evaluation method sans presentation evaluations. Difficulty is in the right place for our subject

matter, and Dr. B is quite fair on grading. The presentations I've heard the grading has been quite harsh and more representative of the content of the slides rather than the content of the presentation itself.

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

At times, Dr. B may go on a tangent during lecture in an attempt to answer a question outside of the scope of the class. He does a great job getting back on track after a short time, although this is often distracting. Also, I believe the content is over-simplified and I am often bored during lecture. I would have enjoyed more in-class work that allowed us to apply the skills we learned and less lecture time.

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Extremely effective

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Enjoyed the class. Would have like to seen at least an introduction into the components for the server project.

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Dr. B has really found a new way to teach and it's rather effective. He knows that tests are not a great indicator of how well you understand the material, his grading scale shows that. Excellent teach, would take any class that he's teaching!

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very helpful

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Great instructor has the ability to make more challenging topics seem more approachable and achievable. Helping give the students confidence on what they are working on.

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Great Professor, good communication skills and was able to explain everything clearly.

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Dr.B was very knowledgeable about the material. He taught the class well and gave us the opportunity to ask him questions over anything. You can tell he really wanted us to learn the material.

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Very effective. I've taken him before and he was great then as well.

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He was very effective in teaching what this class covers, and although he isn't always available at school he

put aside time to be able to help students remotely through email and BlackBoard IM.

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Very effective and professional. I really enjoyed the course, and look forward to subsequent courses with Dr. B.

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Dr. B knows what he's talking about and is always available for help for not only the classes he teaches but others as well.

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A++++++ would take again for another class.

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I think youre a great teacher. The only thing i wish you and the rest of the department would do is allow us some practice with code assignment and the material. Give us a ot of small homeworks and instead of a few huge projects. we need more practice where if we messed up our grade wouldn't drop so much.

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Amazing teacher, This is my third class with Dr. B and like with all the others I am very pleased with how he treats his students, he makes you comfortable with talking to him and is always very informative. But at the same time there is never any loss of the fact that he is the professor.

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Very effective.

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Great teacher, amazingly helpful, thought provoking and very intelligent. I've often questioned why he is teaching here rather than a Top level school such as Georgia Tech. Though I'm quite thankful he isn't. He is by far my favorite instructor in the department (Sorry Dr. Lloyd!)

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