



Student Evaluation of Instruction: Course Report

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CS6261 N01: System and Network Administration Summer 2014

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Response Count: 19

Item	Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable	No answer	
Student-Centered Questions								
I correctly utilized all required course texts and materials.	16	84%	3	16%				
I regularly attended class.	10	53%				9	47%	
I was punctual.	11	58%				8	42%	
I was well-prepared for class.	9	47%	6	32%	1	5%	3	16%
I actively participated in all class activities.	11	58%	6	32%	1	5%	1	5%
If/When I struggled with course material, I sought help from the professor or from resources provided to me.	12	63%	6	32%	1	5%		
This course	13	68%	6	32%				

challenged my
intellect.

Discipline-Centered Questions

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

11	58%	7	37%			1	5%
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Course assignments
helped me to
understand the
subject matter.

9	47%	7	37%	2	11%	1	5%
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Course content was
presented effectively.

10	53%	7	37%	1	5%	1	5%
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Required course
texts and/or
materials helped me
to understand the
subject matter.

10	53%	6	32%	1	5%	1	5%	1	5%
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Test content was
representative of
assigned material.

9	47%	8	42%					2	11%
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Tests and/or
assignments
required problem
solving, critical
thinking, and/or
creative thought.

13	68%	6	32%						
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Instructor-Centered Questions

The instructor
demonstrates
knowledge of his/her
discipline.

16	84%	3	16%						
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The instructor clearly
explains course
expectations.

13	68%	5	26%	1	5%				
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The instructor clearly

12	63%	5	26%	2	11%				
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explains how students will be evaluated.

The instructor evaluates and returns tests and assignments in a reasonable period of time.	8	42%	8	42%	1	5%	2	11%
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The instructor presents material in an organized manner.	11	58%	7	37%			1	5%
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The instructor communicates effectively.	14	74%	5	26%				
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The instructor demonstrates respect for students.	16	84%	3	16%				
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The instructor is receptive and responsive to the sharing of ideas during class discussions.	19	100%						
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The instructor offers and is available for individual assistance.	17	89%	2	11%				
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Additional Information Requested

What is your student classification?

Freshman-Sophomore	Junior-Senior	Graduate	No answer
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19 100%

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 5%	10 53%	8 42%

What grade do you expect to earn in this class?

A	B	C	D	F	No answer
18 95%	1 5%				

Are you taking this course because it is required?

Yes	No	No answer
18 95%		

Open Comment Questions

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

some initial Linux and some aspects of virtual machines. And, of course, a bit about networking.

The basics of network configuration

I learned a lot about System Administration - how to navigate Linux specifically, and how to set up a network.

I learned NAT, IPv4, SubNet, Netmask, DHCP, DNS, HTTP, TCP, Packet Capture, and more. These are all very interesting subjects and the real-world assignments made them such. Thanks to Dr. Baumstark, my interest in SysNet Admin is greatly sparked.

Almost everything I have learned in this class was new for me. The most important thing was actual hands-on practice of working with virtual machines and configuring the network.

I learned network, ip configuration and static and dynamic ip. Learned bash programming.

The problem solving skills learned in this course are GREAT! I now have a much greater appreciation for the complexity and a solid understanding of networking. Shell scripting skills were a great thing to learn. But one of the most important things was the ability to find the answers - then implement them - in addition to the expected curriculum.

DNS structure and Packet Routing

I have to admit, I don't feel like I learned very much from this course. I really wanted to understand networking, but without a text and with only very minimal online resources, I struggled to fully understand the topics. I felt like I was just "getting by" each week, which is frustrating. PLEASE ASSIGN A TEXTBOOK FOR THIS COURSE

How to utilize the operating system Linux and the various networking programs corresponding with it.

I have learned how to troubleshoot problems in this class.

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

It will no doubt come in handy. I am certainly no expert after this course, but I am no longer completely clueless.

Having a better idea of how the internet and networks in general work, will help me in future classes and my career as a tool for troubleshooting and an aid in web related coding

It is unfortunate that we only get a brief snapshot of how Systems & Network Admin works, but then again we are not network administrators in my track- we are software developers. The knowledge learned will be invaluable in the job market and it has already improved my understanding in my current job.

System Administration is an important course for a future software developer. I'm sure I will get to use new skills I got in this class in my further career.

may be some day i will preofesionally code in bash

The deeper understanding of networking will prove invaluable as I continue teaching undergrad. MIS courses. As a matter of fact, I have already enjoyed sharing some of my new understanding with my summer school students.

Troubleshooting networked apps.

Helps, due to a lot of networking models are built around Linux machines.

Whenever I run into a problem I can use troubleshooting techniques to fix the problem.

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

Would like to see grades updated to Moodle from Network Project.

More direct preparation for the network configuration project

I would like to see a bit more guidance and/or practice for the assignments. Many of the assignments were difficult, and I felt as I spent a lot of time Googling because there were not many resources given, besides notes and a few videos.

You know-- I cannot express enough the gratitude that I have for such awesome, hands-on assignments that were all very dynamic. I do have to say Project 2 was a struggle- consulting resources on a brand new OS and syntax without much help except shoddy internet searches, but that's all part of this field so I give it due respect in that regard. The one thing I hope you at the CS department take into consideration is that while the assignments were great, I have trouble retaining what I just learned since it was a whirlwind tour. I am not sure if it is just my brain-- but if there are any improvements, subtle or large, on an already outstanding assignment lineup that would help students RETAIN the knowledge, that would make it go from outstanding to phenomenal.

I was satisfied with course organization and don't have any complains.

want more of programming than war driving assignment. would like to see a page on moodle where i could see assignment name , date it is due , is it submitted and is it graded on not . all together on one screen. It will be really helpful to see how much we have completed and what is left to complete on one single page and we could track where we are. since Dr B uploaded all assignment in one go it was really helpful to proceed on next assignment when first was completed, but it made it difficult to track what I did till now.

More specific step by step help or tutorials with the VM ware tools. As a first time user, the very basic skills for that tool were extremely challenging.

More focus on tools in assignments, for instance some guidance on the LDAP tools in an assignment would have been appreciated before tossing it at us blind in a project. I was a little frustrated I had to go out and learn it separately, felt I should have been taught it as part of the course.

PLEASE ASSIGN A TEXTBOOK TO THIS COURSE so that we have references available to study -- and please make the text relevant to the class - don't have us purchase an entry-level text when we are going to be working well beyond it (like Java - 6311/6312).

None, the course was great and the professor was extremely helpful and responsive.

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

I think we just got our toes wet with this course. There was a lot to get our heads around. A second more advanced course offering would be helpful.

I found all of the resources quite helpful. The only downside was, while we were introduced to all of the necessary networking concepts, I felt rather weakly prepared for actually configuring the network. I feel that a more direct presentation of the pertinent material along with some practices exercises would have been more helpful. That said, I do realize to merits of learning how to learn to work with networks... if that makes sense.

I think that in the short time he had to work with, Dr. Baumstark put together the heart of the information for us on each segment from DHCP, DNS, HTTP, TCP, and so on. I honestly wish I could take this course another 2 times, not that I didn't do well, but I really enjoyed it and like I said- to retain the good information and make it concrete. It may just be me.

Class materials were very helpful. All readings we were required to do were well organized and contained all of the information we needed to complete our assignments.

materials was good, just like good notes enough for assignments. But want to see more assignments on programming and more real networking.

The hands-on assignments/projects proved invaluable in providing a deep understanding of the material. The class discussion board is one of the best aspects of this course. It provided us the opportunity to help one another with specific issues and Dr. B. jumped in and helped often. Students and Dr. B seemed respectful of one another and intent on upholding academic integrity in the use of this board. It was apparent that he monitored the discussion board and kept abreast of the difficulties some may be having.

As I have said above - Please assign a text to this course! If it wasn't for the "Troubleshooting" forum, I don't think many of us would have made it through this course.

It was nice to be given VM software and a couple versions of Linux to use for the class. The professors notes/instructions were very precise and understandable.

The assignments really challenged my thinking in this class.

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

The chance to see grading on the fly as we went through the Network Project was invaluable. Well done.

Fair grading. The only assignment I found difficult was the network configuration project.

I would have appreciated a little more feedback on assignments.

I think that evaluation (quantitative grades) should be the least important in modern times. Sure-- it is true the institution has to know when all objectives are completed to hand out the degree. I think that paying too much attention to the evaluation takes away from what students may gain in knowledge, but the professor in the case of CS6261 presented a broad range of assignments and accurately evaluated his students. Difficulty and ease are such relative terms to the individual- it is easy for me to say that because I did well, but I also feel I learned a lot.

Evaluation was fairly organized. The instructor clearly described how assignments are graded. For me, assignment difficulty level was moderate - not too easy and not too hard.

evaluation was perfect

Dr. B was fair. Stated expectations up front. Challenging, rigorous. The variety of assignments was refreshing - coding, written assignments, virtual presentations quizzes...

N/A

I think the evaluation methods were fair but at the same time was definitely not an easy course.

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

Dr B was ready and available to help his online students succeed in this course. An outstanding performance.

Dr. B, was very helpful with any questions I had. He always replied very promptly, both during the week and on the weekends, which I, and I'm sure the rest of the class, appreciated very much. He was very knowledgeable of the course subject matter as well.

Dr. Baumstark is a good professor, and really knows the material. I look forward to having him again next semester.

I get that this course was just a touch of the topic on System & Network Administration. That said, Dr. Baumstark provided a very inspiring introduction to the subject, and I hope the only changes made are subtleties in helping students retain what they learned in this course- and of course changes in technologies (which should go without saying).

Instructor was very very helpful. He participated in students discussion forum and was on top of any raised problem. Very knowledgeable.

He is very quick in giving replies on your questions with explanation. provides resources to refer. Very helpful.

Dr B. is very nice. Unlike some other He is very professional and very very helpful. Cannot imagine this course without him. happy to have him as teacher. he not just good , he is awesome.

Excellent. He was responsive to questions, helpful and genuinely respectful. It was VERY helpful that he posted all assignments at the beginning of the semester and allowed us to work ahead to help manage our time. I would love to see that with all online courses. (or at least post a couple of weeks ahead.) With many students working full time - this allows one to work ahead some weeks to allow for a "busier than usual" work week.

It was wonderful how everything was laid out ahead of time and we could work ahead as necessary to manage our time. Much better than feeding it one week at a time.

I think Dr. B is a good instructor - he seems to be very involved with his students and is always available for help. He even monitored the forum and make helpful comments. It was nice to have a professor who was actually involved and cared about his students.

Awesome Professor!! Dr.B was by far the fastest/nicest professor I have ever had to respond to questions and concerns via email.

This teacher is very effective simply because he is always willing to help and will sit with you until you figure a problem out.

 Moodle Docs for this page

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