Survey: EEE Feedback – Autumn 2014-15

PROGRAMME SUMMARY – FREE TEXT ANSWERS – MSc
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Please comment on what was good/what could be improved:

- More Emphasis should be made with regards to practicals on modules learnt, so as to get a feel of what the practical world would be like.
- The EEE modules/examinations should be spreaded to 2 semesters, otherwise, the 2nd semester would be a very hard.
- Most modules are taught very well. I do believe however that the teaching method of the Wireless Packet Data Networks and Protocols module by Jie Zhang could be improved a lot.
- Teachers are very nice, but they should upload all the slides on the mole.
- The lecture was very informative. It is also a good guide for me. It will be more excellent if it is recorded so that we can revise the point that we miss in class.
- Too many MSc Projects to be chosed, but I still hardly find the one I want to do.
- Hope we can get more examples/ tutorial sheet.
- Too few assignments no group discuss.
- I am a bit worried from the annual exams systems in MSc taught programme. I think there should be semester system applicable in taught programs with two exams in a year.
- In first semester, we have no assignments and no coursework, which is not good for us to understand the contents from lectures. I suggest that we could have more assignments in each module and help us to understand the knowledge deeply.
- Everything is fine.
- I think it could be better if the length of each module be shorter.
- Further improvement: 1. There could be a little bit more work assigned to students out of class to kind of force them catch up with the lectures. Since almost all the classes were carried out in the form of lecture with few assignments, for those with less self-discipline it could be prone to indulge themselves sometimes. 2. Add more practical part to give students more direct sense and to underpin the knowledge.
- Most of the courses are pretty good and the teachers prepared well for every lecture. However, the EEE6205 is very bad. The hand-out notes are always very unclear and the content is always muddled.
- I think the arrangement of exam is not perfect. Most of us have eight courses this semester which means we will have

eight exams in the next semester. And that is definitely horrible. The pressure becomes much bigger than before.

- Break between lectures.
- Power electronic subject.
- Tutorial classes for each modules to give more understanding on it's content.
- Do not have much experiment, it is better if have more.
- We want more practice.
- Lecturers may give more worked examples to help us get the concepts more because they do not have past question papers available from all of my modules.
- Well organised - qualified and co-operative staff - good atmosphere. Some models need improvement as the tutor doesn't have enough time to answer all our questions or explain the material in a better way.
- Nothing bad I think, I think it's better if we can get the exam this semester.
- Department need to inform to the student earlier about the changes of module and the new module are little bit difficult.
- Not all of the materials are available online. As I have missed several of the hand-outs, the teacher told me to ask my classmates for help because he didn't have the previous hand-out too.
- I should do more exercise.
- EEE6085 could be improved.
- Need more tutorial so that we can understand better.
- The courses which I had some background information are good, others are not.
- The course could be a little bit more diversified, for example, more courses relating to modern aircrafts. The timetable scheduling could be improved, as we missed one of our assessed labs for ACS6335 due to a timetable clash between the lab and the avionics system course.
- Some teacher spoke too fast in lecture.
- Visual Information Processing has been very interesting. Selected topics in Computer Vision could have a bit more direction. Machine Learning is very hard and feels like a maths module. Systems Design is not enjoyable and seems fairly aimless. Also why did the lectures start in week 3? Final two weeks are feeling rushed because we started so late.
- Old teaching style, most of the time we are copying what the lecturer is writing on the projection machine. Not enough time given to explanation of what is being presented.
- What I am most satisfied with the courses is the studying process like Selected Topics in Computer Vision Engineering (EEE 6805) Assignment 1. Specifically, in that assignment, the

lecturer give us some basic instructions (on a hand-out) and ask us to write a program to implement edge detection algorithms. In the beginning of the assignment, I have no knowledge on edge detection. Then I start with the instructions on the hand-out, and research the topic on himself. Finally, I come up with a program for that assignment and learn a lot. I really like this process to learn by myself with some instructions from lecturer Dr. Peter Rocket. In conclusion, I expect more assignments like this (start with hand-outs -> learn by myself -> come up with a program), NOT the theoretic reports or lectures only. Other Good aspects: 1. Detailed solutions for my questions from staffs. 2. Good attitude of staffs. Could be improved: 1. Maybe some more free useful software pack for us, such as MS office. 2. Some more practical sessions, not only lectures in some modules. 3. Some more literature materials or hand-outs on Computer Vision Engineering module (EEE ? I cannot remember this module number).

- Very interesting and practical module design, however more material needed.
- Would be better if the academic staff can provide a lot of questions/tutorials for us to do some practice in order to get a better grasps on the subjects.
- The professors should have the same english qualifications they expect from us.
- The course contents are very rich, but I hope we can get more lab time.
- We need the lecturers to upload the electronic hand-out to the mole as soon as possible, especially for the course EEE6395. I think we can get some coursework in our first semester during the holidays before the Semester 2, which can reduce our pressure in the second semester.
- We need more test and slow progress in each course.
- Good Exposure to MBE and MOCVD however the session has time limitation and not detail enough to understand real time process. Each process should allocate two sessions so that students can understand overall process before real time assignment given. The hands on activities gives better understanding during lectures.
- Good: As far as i know, the difficulty is reduced. That makes me more time to read more extra resources during spare time. Needed to be improved: Can have a little more assignment, since it's a math and physics based program which practice can be good.
- Too many modules at the same time.
- Lectures are nice and helpful.

- The final exams are all in the second semester, which will give us more pressure than usual. So the new kind of credit distribution is not that reasonable. It is better to examine half of courses after one semester than now. Because we also need to do some research on the Project in the second semester. Thank you.
- Bad:1.Some teachers use so many hand writing, some time we can't understand their writing. 2.Please give us more practical chance with our course 3. We wanna some basic courses for students whose background are weak Good 1.arrangement is good.
- The majority of lecturers just read out the slides, it is boring, it should be improved.
- So far everything has been very well, nevertheless, I would suggest to improve English skills in the Chinese lecturers because it's really difficult to understand them.
- Because he is patient.
- The scores of the course is usually from the final test. It really make us nervous in the 2nd semester. I think the scores of the course can partly from the class attendance.
- Some lectures relates to practice, that's good. No slides available for downloading before lectures in some courses.
- I think the lecturers do well in course performance and hand-outs, so I can acquire knowledge and skills.
- The courses about the antennas are difficult to understand, I think the teacher should have more explanation in detail.
- More information about learning resource on mole.
- EEE6205 is very hard, I think it I need some time to get good understanding of this course. The teacher of EEE6205 is good but I think if she tells us more in detail, it will be better.
- Modules are good and covers a wide range topics but as the course is new , students are not provided with enough practice material and sometimes there are some issues with the hand-outs provided, like few mistakes (not just printing mistakes).

Thinking about sessions with your Personal Tutor, please comment on what was good/what could be improved:

- A good aspect of it is the research and presentation activity. Improvements can be made in a way for tutors to encourage students and open up students to a wide range of opportunities after graduation.
- He is very friendly, nothing bad.
- He is very patient.
- Very good overall experience. Nothing much to improve here.

- Nice, very nice man. He cares about almost everything in our project.
- My tutor is very nice. She helps and guides us to prepare for our dissertation. However, the exercise given is not very suitable. The topic given is not related to our major course.
- He is a very nice tutor.
- Only one meeting with my tutor.
- It was all good. My tutor was very responsible and helpful in every matter.
- My personal tutor Dr Gavin William is quite good and responsible to us.
- My tutor is very nice, patient and helpful!
- She is good enough.
- My tutor is really good and he gave a lot of good ideas to me.
- Everything is good.
- He is a very good tutor.
- Maybe they can speak slowly.
- My Personal Tutor is good.
- Everything was pretty good, but time was challenging issue.
- Personal tutor is very good.
- Give a good way to student to get some comment and advice from lecturer. Reduced the size of group so that our personal tutor have a lot of time to concentrate to each student.
- The report and the presentation is quit time consuming.
- He is very patient for me.
- The Personal Tutor is generally unapproachable, while he never responds to our emails.
- They were productive and I enjoyed them.
- Good attitude. Good patience.
- A kindly man and very conscientious, try his best to help me. In a word, perfect!
- He has been very attentive, I have no bad comment about him.
- Very patient but he forgot to give feedback of tutorial.
- All of them are enthusiastic.
- My tutor is really good.
- It is good since it provide some bonds with the tutor however the effort done by students not being evaluated. At least there is a additional marks given since a lot of effort done towards the assignment given on the 5G wireless network activities.
- He is nice and patient. Can't think of anything needed to be improved.
- It was really good, learned a lot.
- Provided useful tips to complete future dissertation.
- It is very good.
- My tutor helped me a lot, I think the report checking and advice are very good. But, the tutorial should focus more on student academic writing and career help.
- Tutorial sessions provided helpful information and support about being a student of the University of Sheffield,

nevertheless (which is not my case) some tutors showed a lack of interest on these sessions.
- My personal tutor is a kind man.
- He help me too much about how to write a good report.
- The tutor is really good. He is very polite but sometimes late for the tutorial.
- Fine.
- I believe my tutor is very responsible.
- The tutor is very kind and patient.
- My tutor gave me lots of useful info about my learning and lives.
- The tutor is very good.
- Sessions with personal tutor were overall good but cannot say they are satisfying. As the tutor was very busy with his work (maybe his industry work) so not much time was devoted to students. But the meetings that we had he gave us some good advice.

What if anything, would improve your sense of belonging to an academic community?

- More assignments.
- Maybe some public event.
- Events - more social events and experiments.
- Maybe can give us some instruction of the lab.
- May be some group tasks may help.
- Organising extra meeting between staff and all students to discuss some challenging technological issues or world difficult problems. This kind of meeting it would be more exciting and beneficial if it is organised regularly and in environment like conference. This would improve the student confidence and their academic personality.
- Make the student to join the advanced academic projects.
- If the department is able to regularly provide the students (especially MSc students) with more industrial information and job opportunities.
- If I didn't already have an existing group of friends in Sheffield I'd feel quite isolated but that's not an issue for me.
- More practices, less lectures.
- More chance of information interchange may be helpful.
- Everything's fine.
- Group party.
- Events or camp involving both.
- More interesting social events.
- Academic conference with lectures.
- I want to blend in with local students but it is very hard.
- Perhaps a group on a social network. Like an official EEE page on Facebook.
- I think it is good enough.

- To have an academic community dinner on a long table. We can chat each other.
- None.
- I think the department can organize some social events so that we can enhance our relationship between each other.
- The timetable of our courses, I suggest that the department arrange more classes on the forenoon.
- None.
- Teachers should communicate more with students, not only in classes.