AC40001 Honours Project - Feedback Form

Please tick / mark an ‘X’ for your desired rating for each question below.  
(1 = poor - 5 = very good)

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|  |  | 1  (Poor) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5  (very  good) |
| A | The project website gave sufficient information on the project deliverables (interim report, final portfolio including main report, log book, etc.). |  |  |  | X |  |
| B | The project selection and allocation process worked well. |  |  |  |  | X |
| C | There were sufficient meetings with the supervisor(s). |  |  |  |  | X |
| D | Meetings with supervisor(s) were helpful. |  |  |  |  | X |
| E | Supervisor(s) were accessible. |  |  |  |  | X |
| F | The project met the aims and objectives of my Honours programme as I understand them. |  |  |  |  | X |

Please provide any comments in the box below that you may have on the **running** of the project module, including best things about the project and/or areas for improvement. In particular, if you have answered 1-3 to any of the questions above, please give as much detail as you can about how you think this aspect could be improved.

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| The only negative I have is that the project description and submission are very vague and therefore the success of the project heavily relies on the project supervisor. I was fortunate enough to have a very good supervisor, but I have heard some horror stories from my course mates. Some people were left entirely on their own with little to no guidance on what to do. I think a positive improvement to the honours projects would be to define a set of categories and give guidance on what to include for each. For example, a video game should be talking about design patterns in its report, a research project should focus on the Literature Review section, a UX evaluation should look into X qualitative methods. I think it would benefit everyone in providing a little extra guidance. I know personally that a lot of the work was a bit of an unknown until the very end. Thankfully, my supervisor was helping me define each step along the way so in the end it worked out really well.  I also think that the Research Frontiers were very helpful in giving me extra experience on academic writing, but a specific “Academic Writing 101” module might be even more useful. I also feel like it would have been a lot easier if I had no other modules in the second semester, as it would allow me to better focus on my work. I still think I could do a good bit of work in the first semester, even if I had an extra module of teaching. |

Please provide any comments that you may have about **your** project in particular in the box below.

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| I am really pleased with the final result. I think the report structure is fantastic for the purposes of an honours project. My report follows a traditional academic format and puts everything unrelated to that in an appendix. This resulted in a very cohesive and readable main report with well organised appendices. I have noticed that the reports of previous years are often very confusing to read because of their structure. I often forgot the idea behind the project by the time I finished reading 15 pages of system design and LESPI documentation. Credit goes to Dr Mike Crabb for suggesting the structure, I think it would really benefit future students in organising their reports. |

Finally, if you have any tips for future project students - for example about things you got right, or things you wish you had done differently - please write these in the space below.

I am really happy that I successfully came up with an idea for an application and a set of research questions around it. I would advise all students to really dive deep into the Literature Review when doing research projects, as it gives an amazing overview of the field. Sticking to a Gantt chart is also a must. Re-submitting ethics applications as soon as the project is changed is advisable, as sometimes it takes a long time to process. My second submission took almost 2 weeks and I submitted it before the COVID email for amendment requests. Using a LaTeX editor is also encouraged as it really helped me with the structure and referencing in my report. I would finally advise future students to keep a well-organised document for all of the resources they use throughout the project. I had to spend a lot of time tracing back and looking for models so I can give proper citation.