

Instructor: **Jamieson, Lindsay**
Subject: **CS**
Catalog & Section: **5001 06**
Course ID: **19242**
Objectives:

Enrollment: **19**
Responses Incl Declines: **6**
Declines: **0**

Instructor Related Questions: Lindsay Jamieson (14 comments)

Q: What were the strengths of this course and/or this instructor?

- 1 Presenting material in a way that was easier to understand
- 2 Lindsay provided many different types of assignments, all of which were appropriately challenging and helped me understand the material better.

The lectures were concise and covered important topics. I appreciated the opportunities to do practice problems in class.

Lindsay also did a great job of emphasizing cultural diversity in computing which I found interesting.
- 3 Lindsay clearly enjoys teaching the course and cared for the quality of the class. She was also very good at being accommodating to students at different experience levels; she kept both students with 0 coding experience and students with a solid coding background engaged throughout the course.
- 4 Lindsay communicates clearly and effectively in class. She structures her lectures well and the course work (minus the quizzes) helps to reinforce the skills learned each week. I think the combination of in-class learning and outside-of-class assignments helped to build a solid foundational knowledge of the material.
In addition to this, I was really appreciative of how easy it was to get support from Lindsay outside of class hours. She responds to emails and teams chats very quickly and, from my experience, always managed to help me understand and solve whatever blocker I was facing in about 2 or 3 sentences.
When I was struggling early on, she was more than happy to schedule a 1x1 with me where we discussed the class, the root of my struggles, and some plans to help moving forward.
- 5 I appreciated Lindsay's promptness in responding to questions and providing feedback. She provided all of the necessary resources for students to succeed in this course.

Q: What could the instructor do to make this course better?

- 1 Ensure that some of the tacky-tacky portions don't get in the way of learning the content. I.e. coding practices
- 2 More focused programming problems instead of online quizzes
- 3 Reduce the amount of work - emphasize the most important assignments

More feedback on assignments

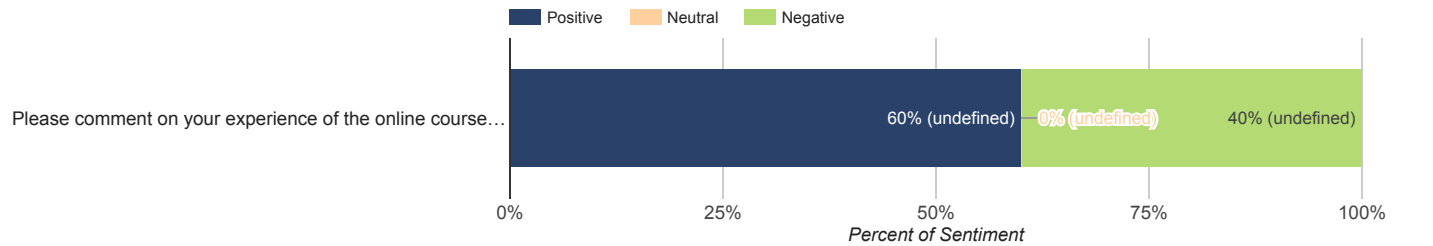
Give time to work on practice problems individually before partnering up
- 4 There were two quality of life improvements that Lindsay could change to make the course better and avoid confusion in certain areas:
1) This was a fall semester course, but some of our assignment PDFs and course materials had the prior Spring semester's due dates listed. Please update the docs for the next class so it is clear for them when things are due!
2) Please standardize the time of due dates in Gradescope - we had some assignments that would be due at 11:59 PM, and others that were due at 12:00 AM. Please stick to one so it is clear if assignments are due at end of date listed, or at end of day prior for 12:00 AM case
- 5 I sometimes found some of the questions in the quizzes/coding practices/projects to be either vague or confusing. I think that another pass with a discerning eye for clarity could help to sure this up pretty quickly.

Q: Please expand on the instructor's strengths and/or areas for improvement in facilitating inclusive learning.

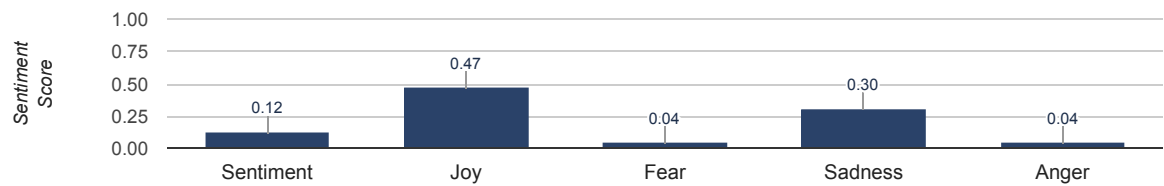
- 1 I would ask for more involvement with breakout rooms, a lot of the time it felt like I was the only one working and I would've profited from being more engaged at that time.
- 2 Overall Lindsay did a good job at facilitating an inclusive learning environment.
- 3 Always willing to help. Shows a propensity for meeting students where they are and helping to bridge the gap so they can get where they need to be.
- 4 Lindsay is an exceptional instructor in many ways. She made the content of this course accessible. I feel that I have a solid understanding of computer science fundamentals because of her. One thing that I would like to highlight about Lindsay is that she chose to showcase the accomplishments of leaders in computer science who are also members of minorities. I deeply appreciate her efforts to set the premise that computer science is a field for everyone, not just straight white men.

Questions to Assess Students' Online Experience (5 comments)

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- 1

There were some aspects of the online portion that could use another look for polish but overall the content and usefulness was there. ★★★★★
- 2

A lot of the course was self-driven anyway so it translated well to a remote academic experience ★★★★★
- 3

Having grades, assignments and materials on 4 different platforms (gradescope, 5003 and 5001, ethics) was confusing at times

Online communities were generally lacking much participation. ★☆☆☆☆
- 4

For the majority of the class I attended in-person lectures, but during the occasional week I was sick I would log-in to the Zoom lectures. These were setup well so I could see and hear the Prof.'s materials, so attending virtual lectures never harmed the learning process. The organization of the course materials in Canvas was great for the weekly topics. ★★★★★☆
- 5

Canvas is garbage. :)★☆☆☆☆

Student Self-Assessment of their Effort to Achieve Course Outcomes (5 comments)

Q: What I could have done to make this course better for myself.

- 1

Stay on top of my work
- 2

I was very busy this semester but normally I would've spent more time physically in the class
- 3

Reached out to the Dr. Lindsay and TAs more frequently
- 4

I could have reviewed some of the weekly online materials prior to the class so that I was ready for the recitation projects as soon as they were released, but with the workload it was hard to stay as ahead as I would have liked.
- 5

It would have been really helpful if the admissions department was able to get my student account setup properly in a timely fashion.