

Instructor: **Thomas, Jack**
Subject: **CS**
Catalog & Section: **5200 18**
Course ID: **20443**
Objectives:

Enrollment: **30**
Responses Incl Declines: **20**
Declines: **0**

Instructor Related Questions: Jack Thomas (12 comments)

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

- 1 none
- 2 He knows the material well and explains things relatively well.
- 3 Jack is nice and responsive, he answered my questions in detail and clearly in office hours.
- 4 Explain very clearly and convey important points we should learn. Also the example he gave us is helpful for learning.
- 5 professor is very enthusiastic in teaching and always find way to make an active learning environment for the students.

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

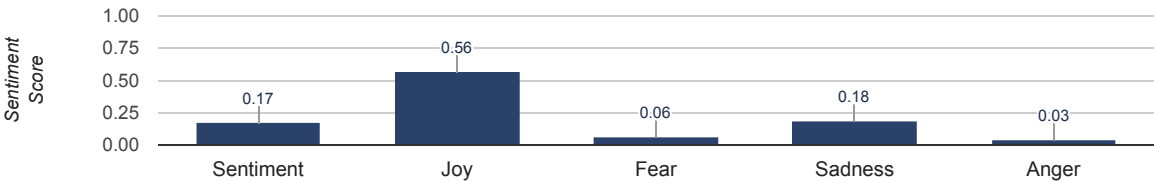
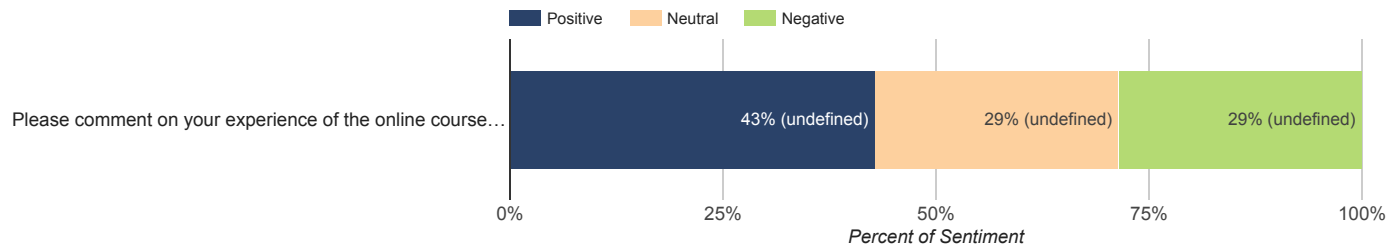
- 1 I wish the video tutorials could cover more examples, such as more query and relational algebra examples. All the examples covered in the videos are very simple, but the quiz questions and the assignments would consist of questions that are steeply more difficult than the given examples, and I sometimes don't know how to properly approach those questions.
- 2 He can be more inspiring.
- 3 In my opinion, the instructor is good enough, and I cannot think of anything else to improve.
- 4 Maybe we can use Python? I've heard that many school start to use Python on their database course.

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

- 1 There are obviously some differences in the grading standards between the teacher and TA, and sometimes the points given are too strict. In addition, some of the questions on the final exam are too abstract.
- 2 The TA and the instructor did not align their thoughts of assignments and practicum. Even though students got some clues from the instructor, the TA didn't know about that.
- 3 Have strong knowledge on the course.

Questions to Assess Students' Online Experience (7 comments)

Q: Please comment on your experience of the online course environment in the open-ended text box.



- 1 none ★★★★★
- 2 I appreciate that Jack monitors Teams very closely and he replies to Teams messages very fast. It would be nice if he could adopt to using discussion boards such as Piazza earlier in the course so that students would participate more. I think for me with certain assignments and concepts, being able to see what others are confused about would greatly help me learn. ★★★★★
- 3 helpful ★★★★★

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I hope that the language taught in the course can be Python. In the industry, R language isn't the mainstream technology stack for data mining anymore. The connection between modules and assignment quizzes isn't very tight, and the final exam is slightly more challenging, creating a disconnect in difficulty levels compared to regular assignments. I hope that the materials in the modules can be updated. Some of them are from a long time ago and seem to be from materials used in the Boston campus, which isn't keeping up with the current trends. ★★☆☆☆
- 5

The R language is outdated in industry. The course should use python, Java or C as the structural language. ★★☆☆☆
- 6

The material is not well structured and cannot be supportive guide to the assignments and final exam ★☆☆☆☆
- 7

This class is quite good, it introduced me to a lot about databases, as well as many useful tools ★★★★★

Student Self-Assessment of their Effort to Achieve Course Outcomes (3 comments)

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

- 1

none
- 2

Do more of the pre-view before going to class.
- 3

I think during group assignments, work should be distributed more effectively