

Instructor: **Arunagiri, Sara**Subject: **CS**Catalog & Section: **6220 03**Course ID: **38929**

Objectives:

Enrollment: **91**Responses Incl Declines: **50**Declines: **0**

Instructor Related Questions: Sara Arunagiri (33 comments)

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

- 1 The video lectures were good
- 2 online
- 3 They were very prompt in responding to questions at piazza.
- 4 The units were clearly structured and I enjoyed each weekly assignment. It wasn't overwhelming, but I still learned enough.
- 5 Good syllabus
- 6 a lot of discussions with mates and instructor
- 7 I liked the discussion sections, they were fun
- 8 It was really great to gain so much learning from this course. And I am sure this will help me going forward in my career. Professor was very helpful in all course work. We were able to learn a lot because of her open communication to discuss doubts, it helped facilitate learning.
- 9 many different topics towards data mining
- 10 The instructor was great at responding to Piazza questions quickly.

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

- 1 Perhaps her lectures should be more informative.
- 2 This class needs more organization and participation from the instructor. Oftentimes, dates were copied from previous semesters or they were just incorrect, so we often didn't know when things were due. We needed more communication about rubrics or what we would be graded on as sometimes we would get points off for things we didn't even know would be a problem because they kept it a secret until grading, keep discussions on Canvas, not Piazza (one centralized place to turn everything in). It would also be nice to hear from the professor more. We only heard from her once a week in a short post about the topic that week, then never again.
- 3 Assignments could be a bit more challenging, for anyone with some prior minimal Data Science experience, they would find the course to not cover much new ground
- 4
 1. the course material is poorly updated, some assignments are full of legacy from last semester and canvas deadlines are also not updated.
 2. the piazza questions are not responded after days in the first half of the semester.
 3. Most of the assignments do not provide any rubrics, and regrading assignment is a common practice to fix students' complains on deducting points.
 4. Online discussion on piazza/canvas is very confusing, and most of them are poorly composed, students are doing it purely just for getting credits.
 5. Team projects are not given any instructions or details, proposals receive zero comments or suggestions from instructor. No review sessions for the project available.
- 5 Nothing much here. It has been a good experience learning in this course.
- 6 I think doing an hour and a half class once a week to review the modules would be beneficial.
- 7 ORGANIZE THE COURSE. Directions to assignments need to be in one place. Discussions need to be in one place and preferably pinned to the top of Piazza. Respond to Piazza questions faster/or just at all.
- 8 make materials more updated and clearly with less mistakes.
- 9 Please choose TAs more carefully.
- 10 NA
- 11 N/A
- 12 Respond to students on time
- 13
 - Check the due dates before posting
 - Respond to feedback in real time
 - Proofread
 - Move the discussions to Canvas
 - Have an actual lecture?
- 14 more feedback and communication on the piazza would be great

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

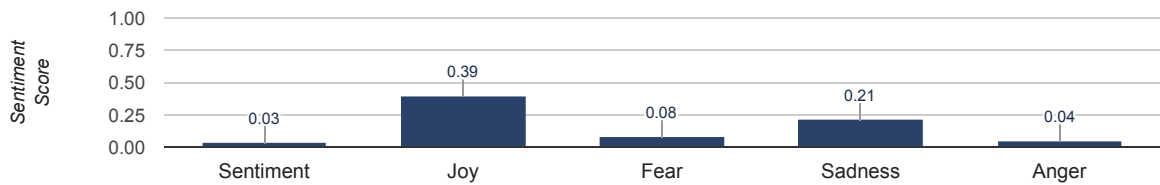
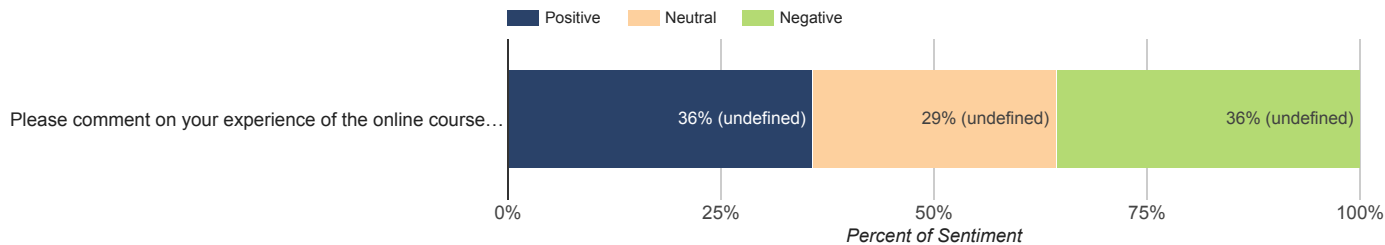
- 1 At least be open to feedback when students are confused or having difficulty following the structure. Make sure TAs are on the same page so she doesn't don't provide contradictory answers to them.
- 2 sometimes the materials are not updated, as we can see it's from last year. e.g. the project due date is Fri 4/21/2023, but it's not Fri..
- 3 No suggestions for improvement at the moment.
- 4 My other online class professors always set up an optional recitation so students can ask the professor questions for an hour or two once a week. This is very helpful and feels like the other professors are engaged and care about the students progress and understanding. This class could be very good if there were just more organization and participation, demonstrations, openness to feedback from the students, really anything, from the professor.
- 5 Good content
- 6 N/A

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

- 7
- Professor was not available to answer any time sensitive things
- 8
- improvement: more clarification on assignments requirement
- 9
- They knew a lot about the content.

Questions to Assess Students’ Online Experience (14 comments)

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



- 1
- Perhaps it would be better to add live interaction during lectures. ★★★★★
- 2
- It felt very disorganized ★☆☆☆☆
- 3
- I thought the course was easy to follow. Assignments were all well explained with detailed guidelines provided in each of the assignment descriptions. I liked that they were weekly, it helped me stay in touch with the subject. ★★★★★
- 4
- It was really great to gain so much learning from this course. And I am sure this will help me going forward in my career. ★★★★★
- 5
- A lot of the questions in this survey aren't applicable to an asynchronous course. Consider revising. ★☆☆☆☆
- 6
- I've only taken online courses since starting grad school and so I am happy with them and this one was similar to others I have taken. ★★★★★
- 7
- This course was disorganized and setup was clearly copied from previous semesters as assignment due dates were often the completely wrong month. ★☆☆☆☆
- 8
- n/a ★★★★★
- 9
- everything is good ★★★★★
- 10
- Very good ★★★★★
- 11
- N/A ★★★★★
- 12
- Horrible. A lot of the material was recycled from another professor’s course. ★☆☆☆☆
- 13
- Impressively bad organization skills. I'm sure plenty of others have commented so I'll keep it brief:
Piazza was a poor choice for discussion based assignments
Canvas almost never had the correct (or in some cases any) due date.
The assignments felt unhelpful. ★☆☆☆☆
- 14
- n/a ★★★★★

Student Self-Assessment of their Effort to Achieve Course Outcomes (10 comments)

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

- 1
- Not found for now
- 2
- I could give my best to make best out of the class resources, I think everything went well in my learning experience in this class
- 3
- I did everything I could.
- 4
- NA
- 5
- know better about python and pandas
- 6
- I would have been more open to discussions with peers in class and also with Professor. I will work on it going forward.

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

7 Increase the difficulty. Not a master's level course by any means

8 I think I did the best I could given the circumstances.

9 n/a

10 Participated in more office hours.