

Instructor Related Questions: Gary Cantrell (12 comments)

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

- 1 Software Engineering is great! You get to work on a project that's as close to "real" as possible. Dr. Cantrell is invested in everyone's learning and success.
- 2 entertaining, funny, energetic, knowledgeable, compassionate.
- 3 Dr G is very passionate and put in a lot of work to make sure the course and project were successful
- 4 Gary is a great professor. He makes people feel welcome in his class. His vibe makes you feel comfortable and willing to share and participate without feeling judged. He is also very knowledgeable about the topic. I liked that he added extra lectures to help us learn more about various design patterns, which will help in industry.
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 - Organized, always highlighting key deadlines
 - Worked with students based on their needs and what they had going on
 - Listened to and built rapport with the class

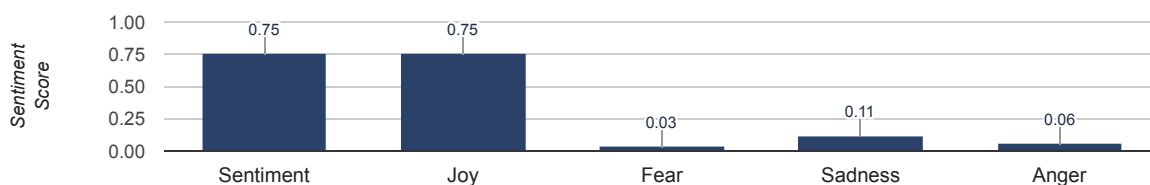
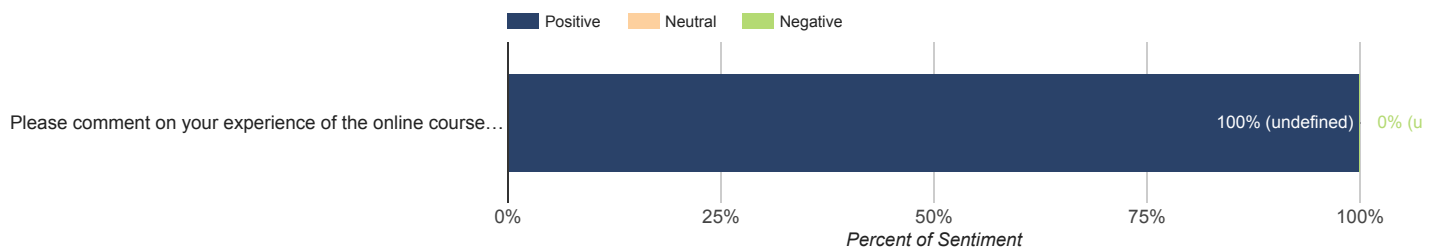
Q: What could the instructor do to make this course better?

- 1 A little faster of a kickoff to the projects - while add/drop means that it can be hard to form teams the 1st week, I think it would have been helpful. Also, I lucked out with a team that could help me with the implementation aspects that I wasn't as strong on, so a set of resources to help students earlier in their careers would be good.
- 2 include more real life experiences.
- 3 Dr G often talks down the quality of the course. He toes the line between informal and unprofessional. Perhaps just keeping the course a smidge more structured and professional.
- 4 The textbook wasn't my favorite. It was a bit dry and repetitive.
- 5 Some of the final documents seemed to overlap with each other, and there were so many of them. Larger team size may have helped with that, but the professor did note that teams should be at least 3 people if possible.

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

- 1 Dr. Cantrell's style is very inclusive-- the amount of care he has for the students and the subject is obvious.
- 2 Nothing more to add. Great class, great professor.

Questions to Assess Students' Online Experience (4 comments)

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

- 1 never thought that a theoretical course would be so fun to learn. ★★★★★
- 2 The course was good either remote or in person ★★★★★

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- 3 Gary will host course material on his own website, which is easier to follow than Canvas. ★★★★★
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- 4 Canvas and the professor's site were helpful to outline assignments, especially when coupled with the professor covering admin at the beginning of each course. Zoom attendance to the class also worked well and I was able to coordinate with my team over Teams where needed for in-class assignments. ★★★★★
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Student Self-Assessment of their Effort to Achieve Course Outcomes (6 comments)

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

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- 1 I could have been better at organizing my time-- this course is very executive-function heavy!
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- 2 Self studied and dive deeper into the knowledge taught in class
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- 3 started early on my project.
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- 4 I probably could have picked a more involved project.
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- 5 The primary focus was the semester-long project. It would have helped if I started that project sooner to avoid the end-of-semester time crunch.
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- 6 I should have taken a web/mobile development course before taking this course, but based on when this course is offered each year, i am very happy that I went ahead with taking it.
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