

Instructor Related Questions: Virgil Pavlu (15 comments)

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

- 1 Well informed and experienced. Makes the course challenging so that people can cope up in real life scenarios.
- 2 Very enthusiastic about the material, and worked very hard to teach it well. Good mix of academic knowledge and real-world use of that knowledge in the field.
- 3 The professor conveyed the class material accurately along with the fundamentals of the mathematical derivations in order to give a more clear picture of every algorithm
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- 5 Professor can explain concepts in an intuitive way. Without the lecture, I may spend much more time to understand what is happening. And it is exactly what I am looking for in a lecture.
- 6 The instructor clearly divides the "story" that explains the key concepts that as a computer science major I should know and the additional details that are more math related. This gives me a clear separation between the two sides of the course.

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

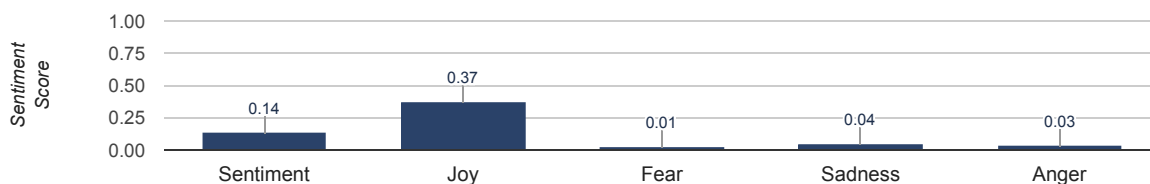
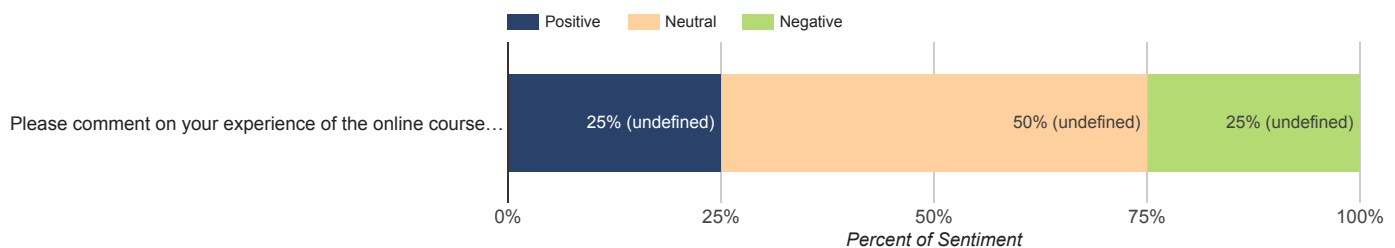
- 1 Sometimes the coursework was too challenging. Not expected it to be easy, but at least the grading was lenient.
- 2 N/A
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- 4 This course was not as challenging as I expected it to be. This felt more like an intensive undergrad course rather than a grad course. I would appreciate a bit less handholding in the course (I understand that this is a bit difficult for a lot of the students) and more rigorous assignments with clearer goals. The goals of the assignments felt a bit off (I understand that this simulates the real world). What I would have appreciated is the assignments being a bit tougher.

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

- 1 He does not want you to fail the class but will not make it easy for you. He would give the whole class an A if he could.
- 2 This professor holds his students to a very high standard, which is challenging in the moment, but great once the course is over.
- 3 The professor was ver knowledgable in the course material and was able to convey the materials with examples that made it easier for us to understand complex algorithms/ideas.
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- 5 The prof understands both the CS and the math world clearly. This helps especially when he talks about the underlying concepts and how they are implemented in the real world.

Questions to Assess Students' Online Experience (4 comments)

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| 1 | Online website was well maintained and coursework, schedule, slides were well maintained. Quick responses to most answers on Piazza. ★★★★★ |
| 2 | N/A ★★★★★ ☆ |
| 3 | - ★★★★★ ☆ |
| 4 | professor have an Youtube channel which is great for everyone who was not able to attend the lecture. ★★☆☆☆ |

Student Self-Assessment of their Effort to Achieve Course Outcomes (4 comments)

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

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| 1 | Known that this was only unsupervised machine learning. |
| 2 | I could have revised the fundamentals of statistics and probability in order to follow the class material better. |
| 3 | Prepared better with the basics related to statistics |
| 4 | N/A |