

Instructor: **Valcourt, Scott**
Subject: **CS**
Catalog & Section: **5700 02**
Course ID: **36460**
Objectives:

Enrollment: **33**
Responses Incl Declines: **17**
Declines: **0**

Instructor Related Questions: Scott Valcourt (20 comments)

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

- 1 Professor Scott is always enthusiastic about the course material and well prepared of the topics.
- 2 Professor Valcourt is a wonderful teacher and probably my favorite I've had at the Roux. His passion is infectious and I love learning with him. This course has some great hands on assignments that teach concepts in a very practical way. I appreciate that.
- 3 The instructor had good communication skills and communicated his teaching effectively.
- 4 The instructor explained the knowledge points very clearly during the class, often accompanied by rich and vivid examples.
- 5 Professor Valcourt is very kind and easygoing.
- 6 Super knowledgeable of the subject and great teacher.
- 7 Extremely deep understanding of subject matter. Able to simplify and explain course content at various levels of detail. Overall, excellent professor.
- 8 Professor Valcourt's expertise on the subject

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

- 1 Responsiveness. We are in the final week of the course and I only have TWO grades! This is unacceptable, I do not have any clue as to my standing in the course as most homeworks are ungraded.
- 2 In my opinion, I think he did just fine.
- 3 I think the way the instructor is teaching the classes now is really good and helpful for different students.
- 4 The lectures are designed as one long continuous lecture, so oftentimes the professor would just break at the end of a 3.5 hour session and pick up in the middle of a topic the next week. This made it hard to follow the material. It would have been much better to just have a few shorter sessions per week and actually start and end topics one per session.

Homework assignments were few and far between and rarely correlated with lecture materials.

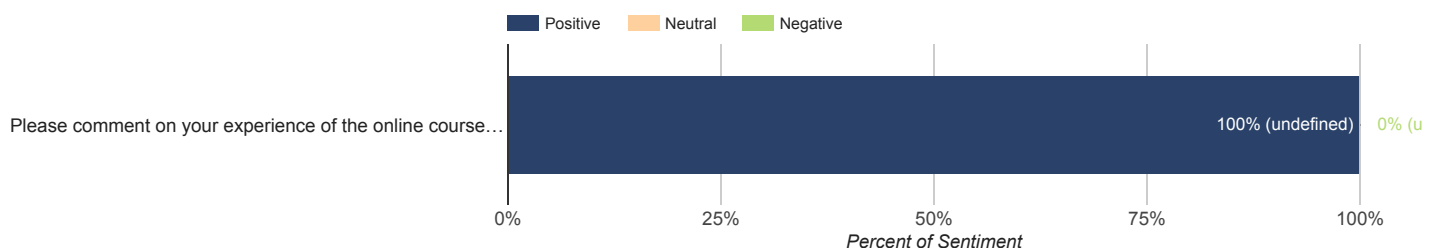
Would have been nice to delve more into the "why" and the problems of networks instead of just presenting "here's how the TCP protocol works", which is easy to look up online anyway.
- 5 Maybe make the homework more structured. More opportunity for getting points for homework or quizzes.
- 6 Breaking larger assignments down into smaller assignments with more frequent feedback could be helpful.
- 7 Devote more attention
- 8 This is a tricky question, but for myself (aspiring developer/software engineer) I felt a lot of what we learned I'm not sure I'll use, or will help me get my career started. Would have liked more coding, less overall information (especially way down the stack, though I totally understand that that stuff is crucial!)

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

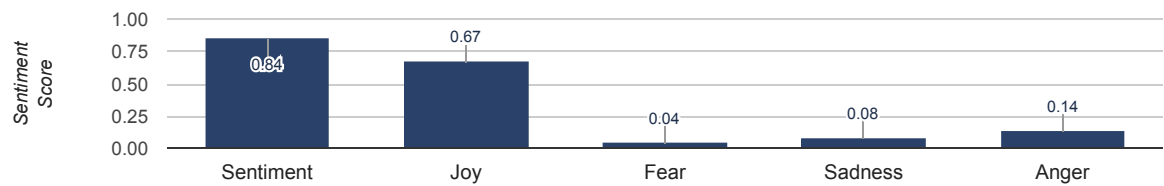
- 1 He is kind to everyone and always available to help even outside the class.
- 2 I love this class and this professor, but this lack of communication is unacceptable. As it is now I cannot recommend this course to anyone.
- 3 I think the coursework for this semester is perfect, and it would be even better if the difficulty of the assignments is gradual.
- 4 Since he has become a grandfather he has really taken on a Yoda like presence of relaxed insightful wisdom and joy. Scott has a genuine interest in his students and the world around him.

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.



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- 1 Overall the materials helps understanding the concepts well. ★★★★★
- 2 Materials were provided, and classmates were able to discuss the course and answer questions amongst ourselves. ★★★★★
- 3 I think online classes are great for me. I can easily find the questions that have been discussed and the instructor's answers. ★★★★★
- 4 Overall, I learned a lot about networking. It is a very complicated subject and Scott does a great job of breaking it down into parts. ★★★★★

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 I could have reached out to the TAs more, I think that could have helped
- 2 After class, you will be able to understand what the teacher taught by carefully reviewing it.
- 3 Literally just take a different course or not watch the lectures at all and only read the text.
- 4 Do more research outside of class to better understand complex topics. Coding projects are also opened ended and could have had more focus.
- 5 HW3 took a lot of time, maybe because I hadn't worked in an environment like that before (running the NS2 software on the Khoury server, troubleshooting the NS2 software, then porting the files over to a local environment in particular took a lot of time). I procrastinated and made it harder than it had to be.