

Instructor: **Elhamifar, Ehsan**Subject: **CS**Catalog & Section: **7180 01**Course ID: **34231**

Objectives:

Enrollment: **9**Responses Incl Declines: **6**Declines: **0**

Instructor Related Questions: Ehsan Elhamifar (6 comments)

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

- 1 Very knowledgeable and organized person. Was very professional.
- 2 Professor kept the class interactive almost all the time. Opportunity to present papers for students really helped.

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

- 1 I think most of the content in this course was purely self-learned and not really taught. This is not really good. I think there should have been a balance of "teaching" and "self-learning" and a good combination of "practical" assignments so that we get a chance to learn how to apply in practice. I felt this was the biggest feature missing in this otherwise wonderful course under a good professor.
- 2 May be provide more critical feedback after paper presentation presentation so we could improve next time.

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

- 1 Professor is always prepared, is well versed with his field, and moderates the conversations well.

I felt this course, was 90% self-learned which negates the presence of the professor. The work became very predictable and easy and there was less of practical learning as most of the work was reading ideas and just discussing them by people who haven't gone into deeper details (relatively).

I think to make this amazing course even more powerful, a good balance of "practical" classes and assignments or guidance would give the student some tangible skills that could be of great use in jobs or research, which is the whole point of taking this course.
- 2 Instructor welcomed all students always.

Student Self-Assessment of their Effort to Achieve Course Outcomes (2 comments)

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

- 1 Write papers reviews early on or spend more time writing paper reviews to be better prepared for the lecture.
- 2 Read about the broad topics in more detail to understand the context of the papers and their contributions.