

Recitation for CS 5001 (Fall 2023)

Instructor: **Jamieson, Lindsay**
Subject: **CS**
Catalog & Section: **5003 10**
Course ID: **17358**
Objectives:

Enrollment: **16**
Responses Incl Declines: **4**
Declines: **0**

Instructor Related Questions: Lindsay Jamieson (9 comments)

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

- 1 The projects did help to reinforce the course concepts in interesting ways. (Lottery Project & Ice Cream Shoppe were my favorites)
- 2 Lindsay is great. Please see below for my thoughts on having to fill out this survey twice.
- 3 Lindsay seemed to dislike teaching the course and it made for an unpleasant class environment. I also felt incredibly discouraged from asking questions after viewing how she responded to other students in the class discord. In the first class she had told us to always reach out if we were stuck on a problem for more than 30 minutes, but then she would respond to people's questions in discord with messages like "other students have figured this out" and no actual help.

Additionally the autograder was very frustrating at the beginning of the class. No parameters for it were taught to us, and on my first few assignments I probably wasted like 7 hours just deleting blank lines etc to try to figure out what it wanted from me. After I got used to this it was not a problem, but it is something that could so easily have been avoided through proper instruction.
- 4 Lindsay was always in attendance and available to answer questions.

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

- 1 The quality was good, there is not much Lindsay could do to improve recitation quality.

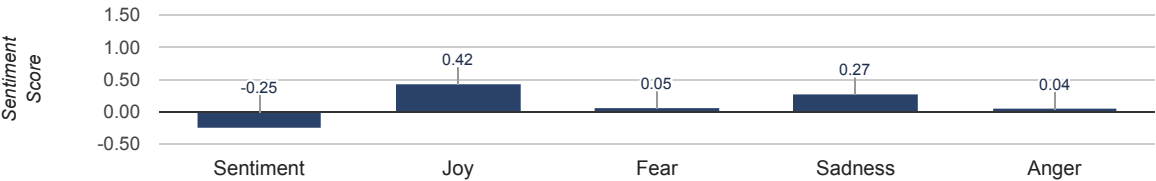
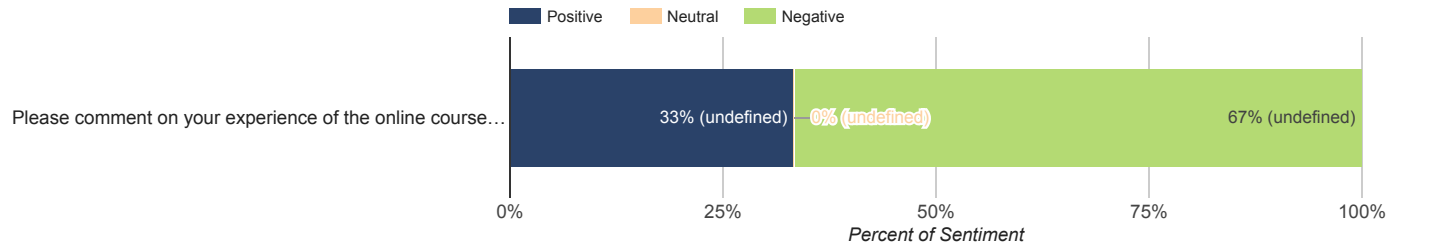
For Khoury college: it felt like there wasn't a full need for a recitation for this class. The concepts weren't too challenging and by the end of the semester > 75% of students either attended recitation from zoom or did not attend. It was helpful to have time blocked off each week to work on projects/homework, but just thought it would be worth mentioning.
- 2 This is NOT a criticism of the instructor, but why do we need to have a second course for the recitation. Having to jump between two course instances in canvas made things unnecessarily confusing. Even now, as I fill out this survey, I can't help but feel like creating a second submission for the recitation is a complete waste of my time.
- 3 I fell behind through my own faults, but I would say the due dates could be structured differently and if they had been it would not have happened and I would have learned more - if the due dates were not structured with the flexibility to put things off until the synthesis due date I would have gotten all of my assignments in on time without being overwhelmed.

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

- 1 Lindsay good. Canvas bad.
- 2 When the instructor expresses disdain for student questions in the class discord she instructed us to join it is hard to imagine an inclusive learning environment being constructed.

Questions to Assess Students' Online Experience (3 comments)

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



- 1 The online course experience was good, materials were organized logically. Sometimes the project instructions were less clear than they could be, but any problems could be worked out with the TAs and/or Lindsay. ★★★★★
- 2 Canvas is still garbage. :) ★★☆☆☆

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- 3

Hard to connect with virtual learners, and the breakout room experience was always pretty awkward and stilted. Some people would just not talk at all when you ended up in a breakout room with them. Would have preferred if the class was more focused on instruction (like the modules) and not exercises. ★☆☆☆☆

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

Review all weekly course materials prior to recitations, but this was challenging w/ workload.
- 2

I was just not a good student in this course. The flexibility around assignments not being truly due until the synthesis due dates ruined me for this course because I put them off until there was too much work for me to complete in the available time. This is completely my own failing.