Instructor: Singh, Sarita Subject: CS Catalog & Section: 5002 06 Course ID: 40184 Objectives:

Instructor Related Questions: Sarita Singh (9 comments)

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

- 1 I think our instructor did a good job of providing a lot of resources and additional problems for students to understand the course material. It is also clear that she cares about her students success, as she often asks for feedback and is willing to make changes to her exams based on student input. I think exams were very fair, and the homework was a good test of understanding.
- 2 Professor Sarita excelled in providing clear examples and solving problems in class. While her in-class examples are easy to follow, the difficulty level of her homework and exams/quizzes surpasses that of the materials covered in class. Often, I encountered topics on exams/quizzes/homeworks that were not addressed in class.
- 3 I don't know where exactly the strengths were. I came to lecture to get introduced to the topics, then I'd go home or find a place to study and pretty much just google lessons and watch youtube videos for putting everything in practice. I also had a tutor outside of class.

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

- Ithink the Canvas course could be organized better. For example, having more details about corresponding Zybook chapters alongside what each lecture day will cover would be helpful. I also think having more organized file naming on Canvas could help with clarifying which files are supplemental and which files are essential to lecture. I also think having the canvas materials posted ahead of time is helpful for previewing information. However, I understand if this is hidden to allow for instructors to make changes or to not overwhelm students.
- In each lesson, Professor Sarita adeptly introduces examples and thoroughly explores the subject matter during the initial portion of class. However, the latter part often feels rushed, lacking the same depth of explanation and illustration. It appears she assumes self-study for the remaining content after covering the fundamentals. Moreover, the homework consistently poses challenges, deviating notably from in-class discussions. The lecture notes and Zybook are complex, leading me to seek supplementary resources or assistance elsewhere. To enhance the course, simplifying course materials, maintaining consistency in teaching depth throughout the class, and aligning homework, quizzes, and exams with in-class difficulty levels would be beneficial.
- 3 The optional reading material should be required.
 On top of that, if it was optional, then we should have access to the answers in the practice questions because if I bought the book, I should be able to use it to learn, however, we had to wait for the additional practice questions to be released after we needed to know if we were doing it correctly. Doesn't make sense to pay for a book that we don't have full access to. If the worry was because it would make the assignments or homework easier, then that should be the point of the learning experience as long as the homework and exam questions weren't exactly the same.

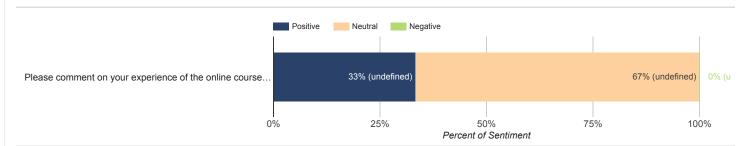
Q: Please expand on the instructor's strengths and/or areas for improvement in facilitating inclusive learning.

- 1 I think our instructor's strength was providing support to students who needed it. I appreciated the extra resources and additional practice problems, Zybook, and other online materials. I also appreciated that our instructor tried to periodically tie in practical applications of the concepts we were learning.
- 2 Professor Sarita effectively presents material and examples, promoting inclusivity. However, she could improve by ensuring equal attention to all lesson parts and providing clearer course materials. Encouraging diverse perspectives and open dialogue would enhance inclusivity further.
- I think what I said about the book was enough.

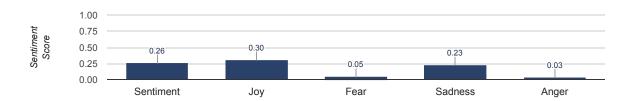
 I think Sarita seems like a great person, but it was difficult to gauge her passion for teaching. However, it was nice when she would talk about the topics she's interested in because that was when she was most engaging and spoke with more conviction and those were my favorite moments through the course. Also, I think

Questions to Assess Students' Online Experience (3 comments)

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- 1 I think the online course environment (specifically Canvas modules) could be organized more carefully. However, I did appreciate having all the resources provided by our professor. I thought the Zybook resource was fantastic, and was very instrumental for me while studying for this course. *****
- 2 The online courses including the Zybook was difficult to learn from. ★★★☆☆
- 3 N/A★★★☆☆

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 Previewing course content on Zybook and going through practice problems was important for me.
- 2 Not sure what I could have done personally because during the course, I feel like I really pushed myself to get through it. However, I do know there was a two day class that was suppose to prepare us, but I heard it was suppose to be two weeks long instead of two days. I think the two week long course would have been beneficial and was upset that we didn't get that opportunity.