

Instructor: **Valcourt, Scott**
Subject: **CS**
Catalog & Section: **5600 06**
Course ID: **37590**
Objectives:

Enrollment: **25**
Responses Incl Declines: **13**
Declines: **0**

Instructor Related Questions: Scott Valcourt (15 comments)

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

- 1
- Classes are very organized and the instructor has solid knowledge. The homework and programming assignments are very fun.
- 2
- Scott is very responsible and give great support to students.
- 3
- Prof. Valcourt is very knowledgeable and passionate about this subject. His assignments were challenging but fairly graded.
- 4
- Prof. Scott's exudes so much enthusiasm and confidence while teaching that it is contagious ! That is the best part of taking his classes
- 5
- Scott is one of the most passionate professors on campus and that shows in his lectures. He has a deep understanding of systems and is excited to share his knowledge with you. The lectures can be long but he made them interesting.

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

- 1
- Can reduce some not very important old stuff.
- 2
- For me, it is better if class material like powerpoint could be uploaded before class day since i want to prepare for the class content.
- 3
- It sometimes felt as if there was a disconnect between the material covered in class/text and the questions or tasks associated with homework and programming assignments. Group project work was at times quite frustrating.
- 4
- I wish he would keep attendance mandatory for the course.
Will help create a great learning environment .

I hate to see students watching the lectures online while he spends so much time teaching the lectures.
- 5
- The syllabus could be revamped. There were more assignments and quizzes listed than what we got to, however the course did move fast and it was a lot of work even without them.

I also found many of the assignments to be quite difficult, especially early on, and they often required extra research out of what was taught in lectures/the textbook. While not on Scott, the grading from the TA was incredibly slow, with assignments and quizzes from months earlier still not being graded as we neared the end of the semester.

The textbook is also hard to get through, but that may be the case for any book on the subject.

Lastly, I wish there was an option for projects to be done individually rather than in a group. People have different priorities and schedules, and I find group work to be more stressful than working solo.

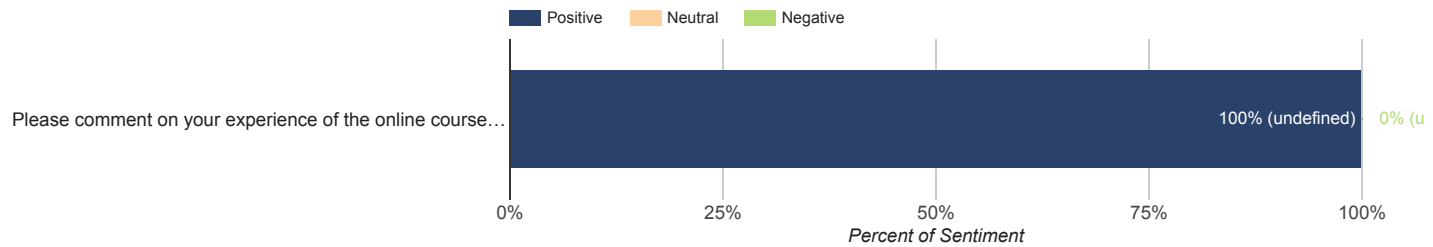
Q: Please expand on the instructor's strengths and/or areas for improvement in facilitating inclusive learning.

- 1
- The professor can make a lot of hard and dry knowledge easy to understand. Can do more easier code programming homework which allows students learn step by step.
- 2
- great supportive and responsible when addressing student questions
- 3
- Scott is great! and always here to help!
- 4
- Prof. Valcourt is very good at communicating knowledge and providing thought provoking assignments. I think he does a great job of making sure the focus of the class is on the students learning the subject.
- 5
- This class was almost perfect. The content is great and many of the assignments helped reinforce what we were learning. Some small changes will make it even better.

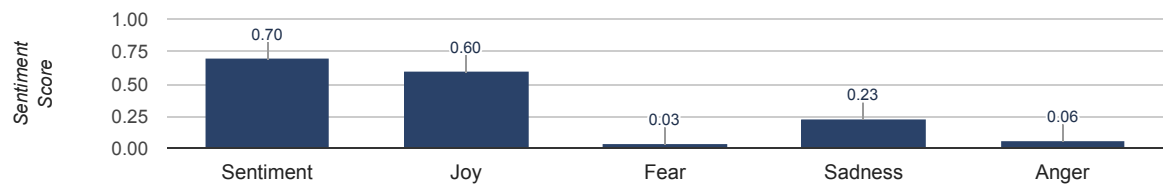
Ensure assignments are graded promptly, update the syllabus to be more accurate, and re-order some of the early quizzes and assignments or provide more detailed instructions to ensure students don't have to do as much self-learning.

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.



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- 1 I learned a lot from this course. ★★★★★
- 2 Prof. Valcourt was great at accommodating when student's were not able to attend class in person ★★★★★
- 3 There wasn't much of an online community. Piazza was occasionally used for questions but that was about it. Many people also didn't show up to class, which has its pros and cons. Those who did attend were able to get a more personalized course compared to those who only watched the lectures. ★★★★★☆

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 More reading and more practice.
- 2 Do more practise.
- 3 This course went great
- 4 Made notes for the textbook given by the Prof.
- 5 You should have a good grasp of C before taking this course. I recommend reviewing pointers and memory management ahead of taking it. This will make for an easier transition.