

Instructor: **Akhmetov, Ildar**
Subject: **CS**
Catalog & Section: **5008 12**
Course ID: **40392**
Objectives:

Enrollment: **27**
Responses Incl Declines: **13**
Declines: **0**

Instructor Related Questions: Ildar Akhmetov (10 comments)

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

- 1 not good enough
- 2 Professor Ildar is professional and hardworking. He is always well prepared and enthusiasm in his class. I learnt a lot from his lectures. Thanks a lot.
- 3 Where do I even start, what a journey it has been since I walked into that 8:30 5001 session for the first time back in 2023, knowing either anything about CS or what this align programme had in store for me. Now typing these words while having 5008's final exam coming in three days time - which marks the official end of the bridge courses - I feel confident and even obliged to say that, I believe many of us would definitely not be able to make this far without all the help and care from Ildar, and I truthfully appreciate for having the chance knowing him and being one of his students.

Personally, beyond his knowledge base and devotion as an educator, what left me the deepest impression are his acts of kindness and most genuine humility. Every week I looked forward to his sessions, with or without new concepts to be introduced, I find it simply enjoyable and pleasant to be in his class even just to have a chat or to listen to his stories and banters. He inspired at least myself in as many ways as possible, to not only be an able programmer, but also an empathetic and caring individual, which in my opinion carries more weight than any technical skills in the long run.

Overall, to me, Ildar has been too much more than just an instructor, and I strongly believe such feelings are mutual among many others. I am grateful and proud for having him as my instructor, I wish him all the best in his future endeavours, and I hope one day, I could be as good as him in my own way, and achieve the level of impact that will make him proud of me as well.
- 4 Ildar has a lot of humor and explains things clearly.
The questions on Piazza were answered in time.

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

- 1 not good enough
- 2 As Ildar will be taking on the new position as the director of Khoury college at Vancouve campus, I believe he will certainly aim to improve the overall course structure / design of the Khoury college's programmes including but not limited to CS5008, and I am more than confident that he will succeed in doing so.

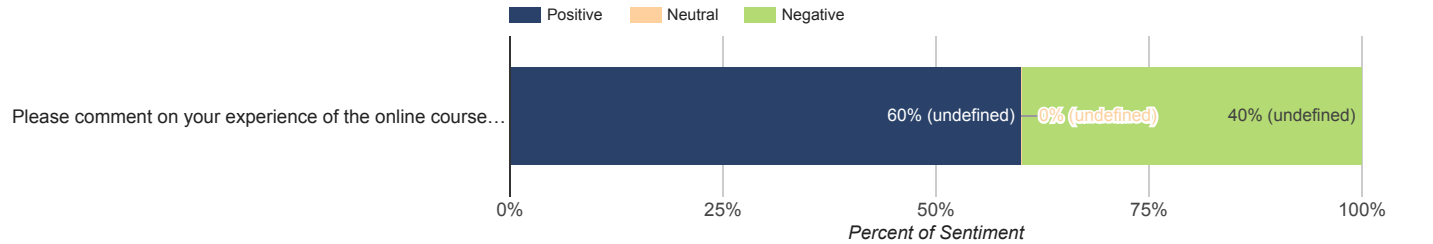
Overall I have not any complaints about the current syllabus or the way the course is delivered. I actually think the faculty has done a extraordinary job in making the course as accessible and enjoyable as possible, especially considering the fact that most of us are not CS majors and have little to no background in the field, and this data structure and algorithms course is the first of its kind for many of us. Personally I have learned a lot from this course in a three months time, and I am more than satisfied with the way it is.
- 3 Cancel or reduce the homework on making videos to explain code, which is time-consuming and not so useful.
Reduce the number and difficulty of homework and labs.
Reduce the number and difficulty of LeetCode questions in final projects.
Cancel some homework during the final so that we can have more time to prepare the final project.
Lecture more in class and reduce the time spent in group discussion.
Lower the proportion of the final project and final quiz in the final score, as we actually spend a lot more time and energy on our homework.
- 4 The workload for this course is toooooo heavy. In the final season there're presentation, final project, and final exam. Each one of them would require a large amount of time to prepare.

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

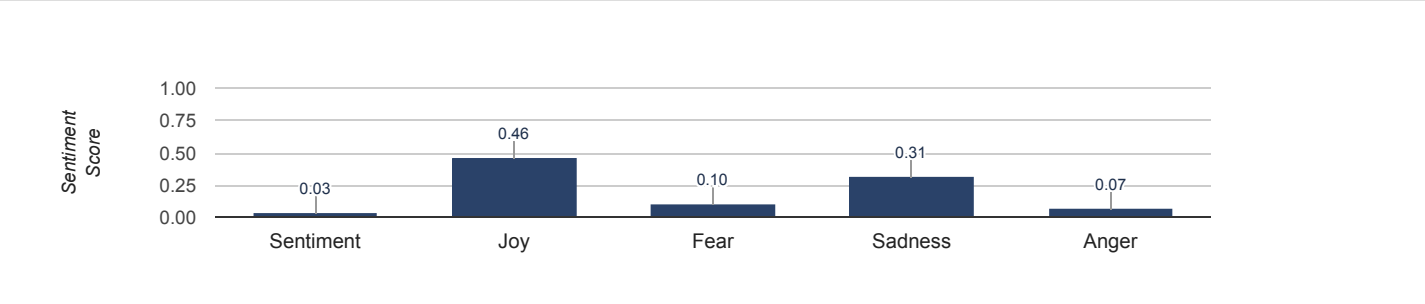
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- 2 Ildar included every student during the group discussion in class. Participating in Menti quizzes is interesting.

Questions to Assess Students' Online Experience (5 comments)

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



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- 1 just so so ★★★★★
- 2 I have actually not the chance to join any online 5008 session this semester as I attended in person. But I think it is safe to presume that the online sessions are as engaging and informative as the in person ones. ★★★★★
- 3 Overall, the videos on Canvas are helpful for learning. ★★★★★
- 4 Online recourses are just recording. And these recording are really poorly made. Not diagram, no animation, just dry speak and the people who record the video do not seems prepared. ★☆☆☆☆
- 5 too much work to do ★☆☆☆☆

Student Self-Assessment of their Effort to Achieve Course Outcomes (4 comments)

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

- 1 learn by myself more
- 2 Too many aspects I would improved for during this learning process of data structure and algorithms course. I would definitely try to read & learn all data structures introduced in this course in more depth, and spend more time practising related operations & concepts (e.g., search, delete, add etc). I only realize how important that is when I started working on LeetCode problems, literally most the ideas behind each problem is somewhat a test of one's understanding of a certain data structure.
But anyway, I still have the time and chance to continue this in the future for sure.
- 3 Study by following a schedule.
- 4 study more