

Instructor: **Hamandi, Lama**
Subject: **CS**
Catalog & Section: **5008 06**
Course ID: **39695**
Objectives:

Enrollment: **36**
Responses Incl Declines: **33**
Declines: **1**

Instructor Related Questions: Lama Hamandi (59 comments)

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

- 1 knowledge, professional, good content
- 2 She is working hard. Assignments are very helpful.
- 3 The lectures are very detailed and clear and the instructor is really responsible.
- 4 Professor Lama is very responsible and patient.
Her lecture is clearly and valuable.
- 5 The instructor is knowledgeable on the course material. She is patient and diligent. I like that in addition to explaining the concepts she allows in-class activities for students to work through example problems which help students to better understand the idea.
- 6 very detailed, elaborated
- 7 Very technical.
- 8 responsible and helpful
- 9 She is very nice, patient and responsible. She will make sure that everyone gets a good grasp on the new knowledge.
- 10 easy to understand, very patient and careful
- 11 The TA are very helpful.
- 12 It covered the basic data structures, which is very useful.
- 13 The instructor is very patient and goes through the course materials in detail.
- 14 Professor Hamandi explains concepts very well which is helpful for the visualization and understanding of various topics.
- 15 Algorithm.
- 16 learning a lot about the fundamental concepts of algorithms.
- 17 Professor is very passionate about teaching, and sincerely hope students could learn the necessary skill and knowledge from this course.
- 18 clearly explain the materials during the class and make sure every student is attending the class and gets involved
- 19 The instructor really teaches lots of details and goes through the concept step by step to ensure all students understand.
- 20 it help me in learning algorithm

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

- 1 a lot of work for this course. Hopefully I can have more time to read about other resources.
- 2 Instructor could give us more materials about hardware part.
- 3 Some parts of the lectures overlap with CS5002, which we learned in the previous semester. I hope that we don't spend a lot of time going over these contents in class.
- 4 I know she did her best and I really like her course.
- 5 I feel like sometimes when I ask the instructor a question, the answer is not very direct and sometimes it is hard to pinpoint what the main idea is. In some cases, it seems like the instructor is explaining around the problem instead of the problem on point.
- 6 less homework
- 7 Probably less workload, there are so many things goooing on after the mid-term.
- 8 I don't think that hardware experiments so helpful to my understanding of data structures (maybe because I do not have enough basis and interests to understand hardware part?). Maybe these parts can be decreased by some?
- 9 less homework
- 10 The workload is too heavy.
- 11 Teaching more basic knowledge of C language.
- 12 The lab, homework combined make the course pretty time-consuming.
- 13 Some homework and lab assignments are pretty lengthy and very time-consuming. Making the assignments more concise would be better. Also, the learning activities don't show the answer after submission which is not helpful for us to know which part we didn't get from self-learning.
- 14 This course is extremely work heavy. Even though I agree we need out of class assignments having labs, homework, learning activities, midterm, final, project, and mock interview make it very challenging to deeply internalize the topics, I felt like I gained a very surface level understanding. I constantly felt as though I was just trying to complete an assignment to just get to the next one. Especially towards the end of the semester when we had labs, homework, presentations, final, and mock interviews to prepare for. It was a very stressful time.
- 15 Teach more coding.
- 16 Giving more examples, and go over some homework problems

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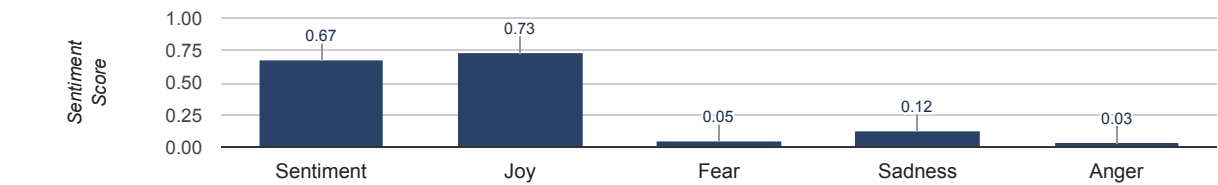
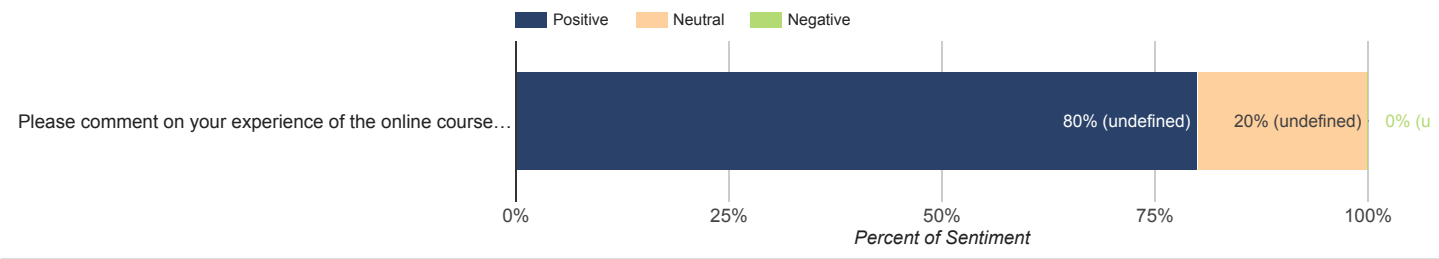
- 17 The workload from homework assignments, particularly as we approach the end of the semester, can become overwhelmingly stressful. It would be greatly appreciated if there could be a more balanced approach in terms of timing and the volume of homework assignments.
- 18 use less time for easy content and spend more on difficult content instead of using the time equally.
- 19 Maybe covering more on how the code gets implemented during the class.
- 20 write code
- 21 More challenging, in-depth learning material for in-class teaching.

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

- 1 very knowledgeable about the course. Maybe she can talk more real applications in the industry.
- 2 Teaching clearly, assignments are very helpful.
- 3 The assignments are well-designed; however, the workload of this course is a little too heavy. Perhaps it would be better to reduce some assignments.
- 4 She let us participate in every class.
- 5 The instructor's explanation to questions can be more concise and straightforward, especially considering a lot of the students do not have English as first language. The instructor is responsible and has passion in teaching the subject.
- 6 more interactive activity in class
- 7 Basically the professor cna answer every question which is nice.
- 8 very responsible ;
detailed lectures
- 9 less workload
- 10 N/A
- 11 I think trying to make the end of semester a little lighter. Maybe by giving out mock interview problems midway through the semester for students to gradually work on.
- 12 Gave us the details of algorithm step by step.
- 13 maybe explain more complex examples in the lecture.
- 14 While I appreciate the commitment to upholding academic integrity, it would be beneficial if the professor considered more constructive approaches or shared insights before resorting to issuing warnings directly without any explanation.
- 15 patient and nice to students.
- 16 The instructor cares about her student, and all the assignment are well designed to make sduent learn.
- 17 writing code is better
- 18 I enjoyed the in-class discussion session, but we spent too much time on waiting for people to finish. I also enjoyed the recording videos explaining my homework. I hope this class is harder and provides more challenging in-class material. Often, I feel like in-class teaching is just repeating the online reading we do. Instead of talking about basic concepts like implementing the binary tree or traversing graphs, I want to learn more about different applications or deeper proofs of these concepts. With the current level of in-class teaching, I don't think my efforts in reading material before class are necessary.

Questions to Assess Students’ Online Experience (10 comments)

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



- 1 There is no online course. Professor posted prior recording for us to learn by ourselves and finish the in-class exercises. ★★★★★
- 2 Great. ★★★★★

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

- 3 The online learning materials are helpful. The only thing that can be improved is releasing the answers to the learning activities promptly after we finish the assignments. ★★★★★
- 4 good ★★★★★
- 5 The videos on canvas are very long, it would be more beneficial if the videos are more concise. ★★★★★
- 6 Pretty well, but a lot of contents are introduction, I believe it can be more in-depth. ★★★★★
- 7 very useful ★★★★★
- 8 Online course is clear. ★★★★★
- 9 Good ★★★★★
- 10 Some of the explanations are over simplified, I often need to refer to other sources to have a better understanding. ★★★★★

Student Self-Assessment of their Effort to Achieve Course Outcomes (13 comments)

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

- 1 I learned reading materials before attending class.
- 2 I did some extra practice on LeteCode problems by myself.
- 3 I may need more time
- 4 I would have done better on the pre-class learning activity if I had read the textbook.
- 5 spend more time reading extra matrial
- 6 None.
- 7 watch the materials given by professor
- 8 Practice more
- 9 Preview.
- 10 Work on more practices problems and making myself familiar with the concepts.
- 11 I can do better if I better prepare and watch the online lecture before class.
- 12 writing code is better
- 13 solve one leetcode problem a week based on the material we learned