Instructor: Lash, Alexander Subject: CS Catalog & Section: 5500 06 Course ID: 20806 Objectives: Enrollment: 28 Responses Incl Declines: 13

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Instructor Related Questions: Alexander Lash (13 comments)

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

1 I like the professor's way of lecturing. It's very effective and fun, so I never get bored even when talking about very broad subjects.

In addition to lecturing, the professor also showed how to configure and code for the final project - these are very helpful, especially when I started the class knowing nothing about how to do this full-stack project.

The professor is open and willing to share a lot with students, just to make them feel less intimidated by the project and better prepared for a professional SDE career, and I really appreciate that.

- 2 It represented the work environment effectively
- 3 The process of developing a project with my own ideas is very helpful and valuable.
- 4 This program was very challenging but well worth it. The professor strengths was organization, great ability to explain difficult topics and re-explain when they don't make sense. Most importantly the professor was always making sure we new he was available to help us.
- 5 The instructor is very knowledgeable and the class coding session were very helpful.

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

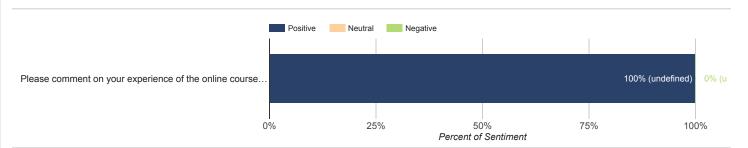
- 1 The professor could be more careful in selecting the TAs and emphasizing the requirements for the TAs. Often during the project, I didn't feel that we received enough support from the TA when we asked for help.
- 2 Post the assignments early on so that we had more explicit guidance on expectations.
- 3 Provide more clear instructions on weekly team project
- 4 A suggestion would be to have the project worked on throughout the majority of the course with milestones to achieve by different deadlines.
- $5 \quad \text{ To conduct class coding session early in the course.} \\$

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

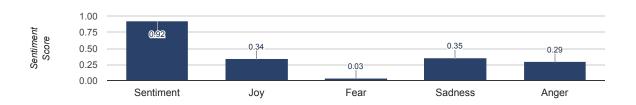
- 1 Overall, I am happy with my experience and growth in this course.
- 2 The professor was very good at verbalizing that he had high expectations and gave us lots of leeway to succeed or fail. The subject matter was very challenging. I didn't know how to work with Discord, I didn't know to play Pokémon, I've had, up to this class, very specific assignments to work from which was a very different scenario here. I had a hard time understanding how to make my releases vertically
- 3 I think my above answers are well explained and do not need further expansion.

Questions to Assess Students' Online Experience (2 comments)

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



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- 1 The Canvas, Google, Git and Cal scheduling tools worked well for sharing class material \star \star \star \star
- 2 Professor Lash was very organized an excellent lecturer $\star\star\star\star\star$

Student Self-Assessment of their Effort to Achieve Course Outcomes (3 comments)

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

- 1 I should have gotten a tutor to help with the Java earlier. I should have reached out early for help from the instructor when my teammate was unavailable for multiple contiguous weeks
- 2 Have stronger coding skills and start earlier on my final project.
- 3 Get weekly code review from the professor