Instructor: **Wan, Kai Yee**

Subject: **CS**

Catalog & Section: **5600 05**

Course ID: **36913**

Objectives:

Enrollment: **78**

Responses Incl Declines: **21**

Declines: **0**

Instructor Related Questions: Kai Yee Wan (17 comments)

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

1	The course itself is helpful for building the computer science base.
2	Real world applications taught
3	Since, it was online class there was less interaction with the instructor. However, the set up was properly done for weekly studying.
4	Professor Wan is super responsive on Piazza and I can feel that he's always ready to help with any course questions from students.
5	Kai was always helpful and friendly during office hours.
6	I liked how everything was structured into modules. The instructor provided a good experience with the practicum walk throughs as well.
7	Availability, organization

Q: What could the instructor do to make this course better?
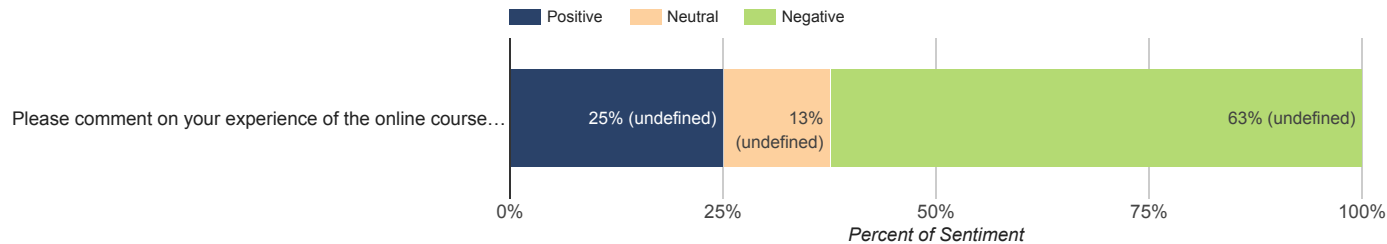
1	So many things, but I just want to give the most crucial one: Give us a zoom meeting time for at least a Q&A session!!!!
2	The provided time estimates for reading and homework assignments are rather inaccurate, so a more reasonable estimates, especially for the practicums, would be nice. Also, the assignments' grading criteria were really vague and I would appreciate a more detailed and specific description of what is needed. This would also help the TAs give more directed advice.
3	better sequencing of assignments/modules. At times, it felt like what we were learning and implementing was all over the place.
4	The use of C programing is almost absolute; even the US government emphasized on not using C language. Find a different language to teach the class.
5	Hold online class instead of letting students merely learn from Canvas materials all by themselves.
6	A live lecture session would be make this course much more engaging. This course had no lecture, and the fully self-guided format of the course was unexpected.
7	Make more walkthrough appointment slots.

Q: Please expand on the instructor's strengths and/or areas for improvement in facilitating inclusive learning.
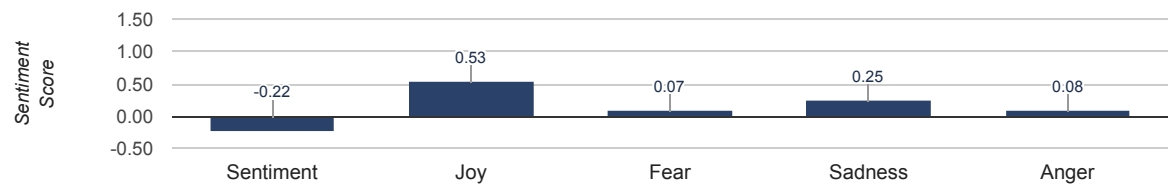
1	actually, we have no online meeting so I do not know how to explain this question. If I really need to answer this question, I would say at least he sometimes reply on piazza and that's it.
2	Timely response to the enquire online helped with studying.
3	Professor Wan's introduction video showcased a clear passion for teaching, setting high expectations for the course. However, the absence of virtual classes prevented us from experiencing his direct teaching, as learning was relegated to self-study with the provided reading materials. The only interaction available was during office hours, which were limited to answering questions rather than offering comprehensive instruction. Spending thousands of dollars in tuition to take a course like this is very disappointing. After all, there are so many free, high-quality educational resources like MIT 6.S081, this course did not meet my expectation at all.

Questions to Assess Students' Online Experience (8 comments)

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

Please comment on your experience of the online course…

Positive	Neutral	Negative
25% (undefined)	13% (undefined)	63% (undefined)

Percent of Sentiment

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

	Sentiment	Joy	Fear	Sadness	Anger
Sentiment Score	-0.22	0.53	0.07	0.25	0.08

1   The course materials are obsolete and not organized. There are no meetings with the instructor. ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

2   Basically, I'm unsure if this structure is normal for an online course. This remote course lacks any online meeting opportunities throughout the entire semester. While the material is not overly difficult, it can be challenging for students without a background in computer systems. Each module is delivered through just a few links. If the only resources are the links and the textbook, why should I choose this class? I could easily undertake self-learning outside of school. My reason for selecting this course was understanding that computer systems is a challenging subject, involving complex and specialized knowledge, making the instructor's role crucial in this learning experience. However, the instructor has not conducted any online meetings to address questions arising from the modules or homework, nor offered any Q&A sessions. The homework load is quite heavy, requiring us to complete at least two assignments per week and learn these difficult concepts on our own, without any interactive learning experience. I'm not sure if this is how the course was designed, but I paid tuition to learn, not to teach myself. If that's the case, why not choose a bootcamp on Udemy or Coursera instead? ★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆

3   Good ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

4   The notes were not helpful for completing assignments. I had to used external sources and still could not complete the assignments. ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

5   We don't have any scheduled class meeting time at all. All learning materials were on canvas. Feel no connection with anyone in this class. ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

6   This was mostly a self-guided course with no interaction between classmates. I think a lecture session would have given a much better sense of community. ★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆

7   I enjoyed the moduals and separated material as well as the assignments. However, I feel I would have benifited from more video examples/lessons as some guidence through all the readings provided. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

8   It was a asynchronous class, so communication with classmates was limited. ★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆

Student Self-Assessment of their Effort to Achieve Course Outcomes (7 comments)

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

1   There should be regular meetings with the instructor similar to the traditional class.

2   Look for additional learning materials online. Websites like Khan Academy, Codecademy, or even YouTube can offer tutorials and explanations that might complement your course materials well.

3   Read the textbook

4   I wish I had quitted this class at the beginning of this semester so that I could save my time for another course.

5   It helps to talk to others about the topics being covered, so perhaps I could have joined more office hours sessions with the instructor or TAs.

6   I feel I would have benifited from more video examples/lessons as some guidence through all the readings provided.

7   Devote more time each week to dedicate to learning and reading each modules. Work on future modules when I finished the current one, especially to give me more time for practicums.