

Instructor: **Rajpal, Vishal**
Subject: **CS**
Catalog & Section: **6240 01**
Course ID: **20304**
Objectives:

Enrollment: **7**
Responses Incl Declines: **3**
Declines: **0**

Instructor Related Questions: Vishal Rajpal (3 comments)

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

- 1 The professor does a great job of engaging students in lectures to keep us thinking and to keep the content interesting and challenging. He is also willing to tweak the curriculum (topics, deadlines, assignment requirements) based on the needs of the class which is very helpful. He is also very considerate of our needs and our lives outside of the class and takes time to check in with the group as a whole.

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

- 1 I would have liked to have known the assignment due dates (even tentative dates) at the beginning of the semester or at least 2-3 weeks in advance so I can better plan the weeks ahead. For example, there was an assignment due when I had a vacation planned and it was difficult to anticipate this deadline, resulting in 2 full (10 hr) vacation days spent working on homework. This lack of a schedule can be even more challenging for students who are currently interviewing or have deadlines in other classes.

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

- 1 -The professor should keep up the good work trying to engage students who are not paying attention in the lecture.
-Assignment 3 was very difficult and should have been broken up into multiple assignments in my opinion. I spent all of my time trying to design, implement, and debug the flight data mapreduce program that I spent very little time on the PigLatin.
- Assignments were very time consuming in general and I think it would be helpful for the professor to collect data on time spent on each assignment and tweak the assignment complexity from there. This will help give visibility to actual vs. expected time to be spent outside of class working on homework.

For example, here is my data from the assignments:

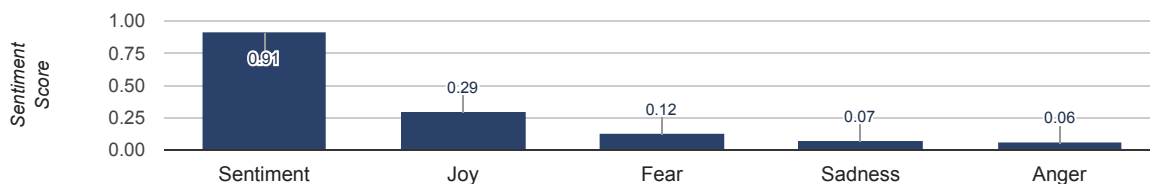
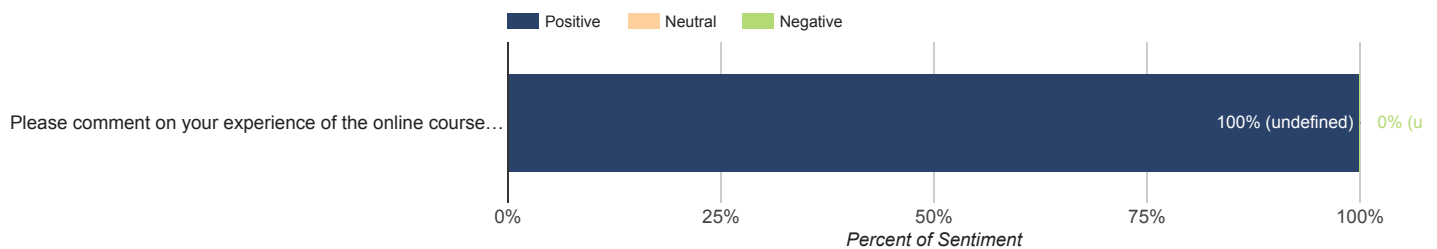
Assignment 1: 2 days of 8 hrs = 16hrs (given 1 week)

Assignment 2: 4 days of 8 hrs = 32hrs (given 1 week)

Assignment 3: 4 days of 10 hrs = 40hrs (given 2.5 weeks)

Questions to Assess Students' Online Experience (1 comments)

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



- 1 Good experience, professor was reasonably quick to respond to email and piazza. ★★★★★

Student Self-Assessment of their Effort to Achieve Course Outcomes (1 comments)

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

1 Begin assignments earlier (right when they are announced)