Instructor: **Bayat, Akram**

Subject: **CS**

Catalog & Section: **5340 03**

Course ID: **39708**

Objectives:

Enrollment: **21**

Responses Incl Declines: **15**

Declines: **0**

Instructor Related Questions: Akram Bayat (15 comments)

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

1   This class was one of my favorites in my entire graduate program. Many professors lecture for the full 3 hours, which can be very exhausting and tedious for us and I'm sure for them as well. Professor Bayat made sure not to lecture for too long and had us interact with each other and apply the skills we learned, which I thought was a very effective use of time. The quizzes simply reinforced what he had learned and weren't impossible. The learning materials were interesting and varied (videos as well as readings). She also made sure to ask for feedback throughout the course and applied that feedback. Overall she is a very good instructor.

2   Instructor responds promptly. The way of teaching style is really patient and kind.

3   A great course to dive in Human-Computer Interaction
Professor is super nice and helpful

4   I liked that the instructor was easy to reach (either in person after class or by email), and answered any questions students shortly. Also, I liked that the course was very well structured, and the new topics built on previous topics, making the flow of the course easy to follow.

5   It helps you to have a thorough understanding of a design in a more human-centered way.

6   N/A

7   She illustrates the concept clearly, which is helpful for me to understand.

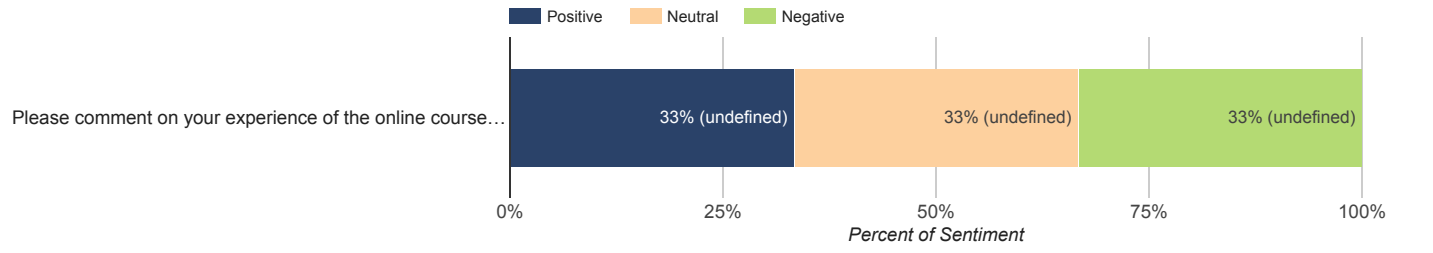### Q: What could the instructor do to make this course better?

1   The only piece of feedback I have for Professor Bayat is that the assignment instructions were sometimes confusing and inconsistent. We could figure out what to do by using our critical thinking skills or asking clarifying questions, but at the beginning the ambiguity was a little stressful. However, we soon learned that this wasn't a problem because we weren't graded harshly. Some of the activities were also sent to us at the last minute, so that was a little stressful, but we made it work.

2   I can't come up with any suggestions to the course at this point. Overall I'm very happy with it.

3   Would be appreciated if the TAs could give feedback for every assignment they grade, as answers to HCI related questions are heavily human based. It is crucial to know which prospective did the TAs focused on when they were grading.

4   N/A

Q: Please expand on the instructor's strengths and/or areas for improvement in facilitating inclusive learning.
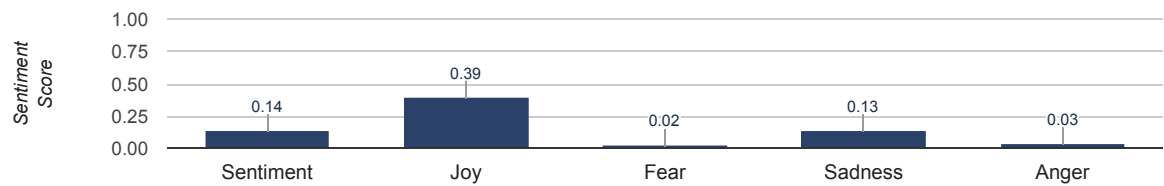
1   Again, the only area of improvement I'd say is clarity of assignments and activities, as well as providing enough notice. Other than that, Professor Bayat is one of the best professors I've had and this was one of my favorite courses.

2   The TA and grading sometimes are not aligned with what students know from the instructor. Maybe set standard rubrics before each assignment created, and tell the students and TAs same rubrics.

3   I think the instructor created a good environment to allow all students to express and share their ideas and thoughts.

4   N/A

Questions to Assess Students' Online Experience (3 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
33% (undefined)	33% (undefined)	33% (undefined)

Percent of Sentiment

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

1   The class wasn't online but our discussion assignments required us to interact with our fellow classmates, which created a very collaborative environment even though not all of us were in the same project groups. I really appreciated this. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

2   The survey talks about online interactions, but this was an in-person course, so I don't think those questions apply and that's why I answer as neutral. ★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆

3   N/A ★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆

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 could have started reading assignments earlier.

2   I think I was able to do pretty well in this course. I could have done better in the exam (especially managing my time better). However, it is a little challenging when having to use different tools and submit an exam in a given timeframe and those tools get stuck

3   N/A