Instructor: DeVito, Michael Ann

Subject: CS

Catalog & Section: 6983 02

Course ID: **39817** Objectives: Enrollment: 19

Declines: 0

Responses Incl Declines: 9

Instructor Related Questions: Michael Ann DeVito (20 comments)

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

- 1 The flow of the course was amazing and super interesting. The group work made the lectures engaging and the professor organized the course well.
- 2 The readings and materials were very interesting topics which made the class informative and fun.
- 3 Dr. DeVito is tremendously passionate about the subjects in this course and it really shows, and really helps make the course amazing. I think this course should be a core course within the human-centered computing concentration, as it completely changed my perspective on what social and responsible computing can look like.
- 4 The instructor is clearly knowledgable and passionate. The topics covered in the course were taught clearly and will be very useful for students in future career endeavors.
- 5 Prof. DeVito is a great lecturer. Excellent at conveying complex subjects. The course is great because the final project is flexible, allowing us to accomplish things that really boost our resume/career.
- 6 Lots of really interesting lectures. Professor encouraged creativity and questions, answering them and encouraging discussion. Professor was really enthusiastic and lectures were really clear and easy to digest.
- 7 Wrote the book on folk theorization. Able to insightfully teach some pretty abstract concepts. Readings were all really good.

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

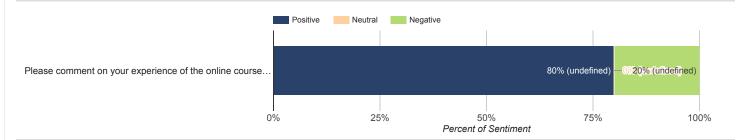
- 1 Personally, if the readings and the written response came after the lectures that way it was easier to digest the content.
- 2 Shorter reading assingments
- 3 The course can be a bit heavy on texts and sometimes on responses, but in general it's manageable and just needs time carved out for it.
- 4 I feel like the course was super tailored to research in HCl and I wish it could have been more broad and covered general work in CS as well.
- 5 I think it would have been better if final project pitch was due much earlier in the semester, and we had more time in class to flesh out project ideas.
- 6 Post the slides to Canvas after lecture
- 7 More check ins about final project progress throughout semester

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

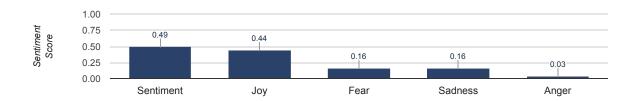
- Amazing professor very considerate with hybrid sessions.
- 2 Professor DeVito was enthusiastic when teaching her lectures and the topics were always interesting and informative. I learned a lot in this class on HCI and there should be more HCI courses like this one going forward for students to choose from.
- 3 I think more time for student discussions could be really invigorating, but I see the value in the in-class lectures to tie content together.
- 4 I think this course was great with group activities. Really great at expanded knowledge within a subject.
- 5 The class felt super inclusive, especially since we talked directly about empathy, feminist theory, and critical race theory which really helped us better understand the importance of diversity and understanding. The hybrid environment was also helpful in making a more inclusive environment.
- 6 Very welcoming and positive environment

Questions to Assess Students' Online Experience (5 comments)

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



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- 1 The content was super interesting. The hybrid session really allowed me the flexibility to attend class even when I was sick. 🖈 🖈 🖈
- 2 The online course gave me the opportunity to attend class from home when I was sick and ensured I did not miss work or important information. ★★☆☆☆
- 3 Love Dr. DeVito's virtual attendance policy and usage this semester. Having a TA is critical to ensuring adequate monitoring of online activities, so much appreciated.
- 5 Well done hybrid class. Very accommodating and made people online feel included $\star\star\star\star\star$

Student Self-Assessment of their Effort to Achieve Course Outcomes (5 comments)

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

- 1 I think digesting the weekly readings was a bit difficult. I think skimming the readings then re-reading it after the lectures would've helped me grasp the content better.
- 2 Put more time in
- 3 I wish I had asked more questions, but I was scared to appear dumb. There was a lot of well spoken people in the class.
- 4 Spend more time on the assignments and projects
- 5 Done readings earlier