

University of New Mexico

2021 Spring Courses

Course: ECE437001: Computer Operating Systems
Instructor: Amanda Bienz *
Response Rate: 4/9 (44.44 %)

1 - Please rate the instructor's overall teaching effectiveness:

Amanda Bienz

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Highly Effective	(5)	3	75.00%	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	4.75		
Effective	(4)	1	25.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
Unsure	(3)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
Ineffective	(2)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
Highly Ineffective	(1)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
4/9 (44.44%)				4.75	0.50	5.00		

2 - How comfortable do you feel approaching the instructor with questions or comments?

Amanda Bienz

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Very Comfortable	(5)	3	75.00%	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	4.75		
Somewhat Comfortable	(4)	1	25.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
Unsure	(3)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
Somewhat Uncomfortable	(2)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
Very Uncomfortable	(1)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
4/9 (44.44%)				4.75	0.50	5.00		

3 - What features of this course and of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

Amanda Bienz

Response Rate	4/9 (44.44%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I think the best thing about this course was the lecture slides. The slides are super effective in combination with your explanations. Live examples were useful. Using piazza for questions helped because other students had similar questions. She is really passionate on teaching. N/A 	

4 - What specific suggestions do you have to improve the course and the instructor's teaching?

Amanda Bienz

Response Rate	4/9 (44.44%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I did not like piazza, I also dont think that UNM learn would be any better and I would chose Piazza any day over learn. The class technically had 3 websites to follow where things weren't always up to date. I think it might be easier to just keep track of learn and piazza. Nothing to add. Thank you for this course this semester. N/A 	




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5 - I would recommend this instructor to another student for this or other courses.

Amanda Bienz




Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Definitely Yes	(5)	3	75.00%		
Probably Yes	(4)	1	25.00%		
Unsure	(3)	0	0.00%		
Probably Not	(2)	0	0.00%		
Definitely Not	(1)	0	0.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
4/9 (44.44%)				4.75	0.50
					Median
					5.00

6 - What specific suggestions do you have to improve the course and the instructor's teaching?

Response Rate	2/9 (22.22%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .Nothing to add. Thank you for this course this semester. N/A 	




7 - How would you characterize the instructor's ability to explain course content and material?

Amanda Bienz

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Excellent	(5)	3	75.00%		
Good	(4)	1	25.00%		
Fair	(3)	0	0.00%		
Poor	(2)	0	0.00%		
Very Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
4/9 (44.44%)				4.75	0.50
					Median
					5.00

8 - Overall how satisfied are you with the quality of the instructor's feedback on exams, quizzes, and assignments?

Amanda Bienz

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Completely Satisfied	(5)	2	50.00%		
Somewhat Satisfied	(4)	2	50.00%		
Unsure	(3)	0	0.00%		
Somewhat Unsatisfied	(2)	0	0.00%		
Completely Unsatisfied	(1)	0	0.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
4/9 (44.44%)				4.50	0.58
					Median
					4.50

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9 - The assignments, discussion, and other learning activities were useful for mastering the course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Definitely Yes	(5)	2	50.00%	<div></div>	4.50			
Probably Yes	(4)	2	50.00%	<div></div>				
Unsure	(3)	0	0.00%					
Probably Not	(2)	0	0.00%					
Definitely Not	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
4/9 (44.44%)				4.50		0.58		4.50

10 - Prior courses adequately prepared me to succeed in this course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Definitely Yes	(5)	2	50.00%	<div></div>	4.50			
Probably Yes	(4)	2	50.00%	<div></div>				
Unsure	(3)	0	0.00%					
Probably Not	(2)	0	0.00%					
Definitely Not	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
4/9 (44.44%)				4.50		0.58		4.50

11 - Please include any additional comments.

Response Rate	2/9 (22.22%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for the course this semester. • N/A 	

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Course: CS481001: Computer Operating Systems
Instructor: Amanda Bienz *
Response Rate: 22/47 (46.81 %)

1 - Please rate the instructor's overall teaching effectiveness:

Amanda Bienz

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Highly Effective	(5)	14	63.64%	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div>4.50</div></div>			
Effective	(4)	6	27.27%	<div><div></div></div>				
Unsure	(3)	1	4.55%	<div><div></div></div>				
Ineffective	(2)	1	4.55%	<div><div></div></div>				
Highly Ineffective	(1)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
22/47 (46.81%)				4.50		0.80		5.00

2 - How comfortable do you feel approaching the instructor with questions or comments?

Amanda Bienz

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Very Comfortable	(5)	18	81.82%	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div>4.82</div></div>			
Somewhat Comfortable	(4)	4	18.18%	<div><div></div></div>				
Unsure	(3)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
Somewhat Uncomfortable	(2)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
Very Uncomfortable	(1)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
22/47 (46.81%)				4.82		0.39		5.00

3 - What features of this course and of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

Amanda Bienz

Response Rate	19/47 (40.43%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The live lecture made this course much better than many other online courses. Her in-depth slides and the code examples helped solidify the concepts. The homework also provided a good secondary confirmation of the course topics. I enjoyed how friendly she was and how willing she was to make sure the students understood a topic and would research any questions that we came up with out of class. She also was perfectly willing to admit mistakes which is rare in professors but is a very important trait. She was also entertaining and engaging. Her lectures kept you involved and paying attention, which is even more difficult when everything is online. Definitely my favorite instructor this semester! Recorded lectures The homeworks were the most valuable thing for learning, as it forced me to connect more with the concepts. I thought everything was pretty much solid. The pacing, exams, homework, and lectures were all very fair, and none of it was too hard or too easy. Great in-class code examples. It really helped to solidify the knowledge from the lectures/slides. The lectures are very enjoyable and engaging. the homeworks were simple and easy to follow while providing hands on examples of the topics discussed in class, thus they were by far the most helpfull in understanding the course. Dr. Bienz is very friendly which is very helpful. She speaks with energy as well which helps quite a bit. Her knowledge could be better, but I think asking someone to know every in-and-out of an OS is too tall a task. The explanations of problems. I'm a practical type. none Professor Beinz taught the course very well, her lessons were engaging and very informative. The set-up on piazza was very helpful, as was her quick responses via email. The recorded videos were a big plus. Providing many opportunities to ask questions and replying quickly to questions asked on Piazza. I also appreciated the in class questions and how useful they were when studying for the test. Always taking questions about the material as soon as they are thought of, instead of having to wait until the end of lecture. Prepared lectures. clear lecture, and piazza for discussion The instructor is extremely knowledgeable and highly effective at teaching. The live demonstrations in class coupled with the focused lectures were excellent. This is probably the best class I have ever taken. the HW Recorded lectures and good slides. The lectures were very nice and easy to understand (which is good for such complicated material). She was very approachable for questions, and I learned a great deal from her answers. being able to test the code before submitting the hw is great. 	

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4 - What specific suggestions do you have to improve the course and the instructor's teaching?

Amanda Bienz

Response Rate 17/47 (36.17%)

- No suggestions. She is already doing well!
- - Prepare more before class. Many of the instructor's slides had typos and errors that caused confusion during lecture. - Double check assignments and tests before releasing them. Some of the assignments had typos, and the instructions sometimes were confusing. Also, the coding projects had bugs and it made it more difficult to work on them than it had to be.
- The autograder and PDF's for the homework were a bit rough at times. Improving those would be good
- n/a
- Replit is ok, but can use some more work. C++ is new to me and its easier to use it in this browser IDE. The tests were not passing, and there was confusion about how a question is answered. Otherwise, easier than running it on my own system.
- none
- Her homeworks and autograder left a lot of be desired. Often they came to us broken which was frustrating, before being fixed later on. I think it is commendable that she worked to make all of it by hand and it doesn't go unnoticed, but I do think that her autograder needs work for it to be optimal. Additionally, we had to use C++ instead of C. While this was fine for me, she made us of specific C++ constructs that we had not learned and did not go over them. But overall I'm happy with the course all the same.
- This course's first half re-hashed a lot of what was in CS-341, I would have appreciated less on that material and more on the latter half. I would have learned more and I think the class overall would have been easier.
- none
- The only criticism I have is that the videos posted on learn do not include the chat.
- I think it would be useful to have instructions on how to use Repl.it.
- Don't give the answers to the programming assignments in the lectures.
- n/a
- The only thing I would have preferred to see are some programming assignments that we complete from scratch. I prefer this rather than the completing small functions according to a requirement style of assignment.
- na
- I think the course would improve from more in-class questions. They're a good marker for your understanding of the material after a lecture.
- I think having more coding example would be great

5 - How helpful, knowledgeable, and professional was your TA?

Amanda Bienz

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Highly Effective	(1)	4	18.18%	<div><div></div></div>	<div>3.18</div>			
Effective	(2)	7	31.82%	<div><div></div></div>				
Unsure	(3)	4	18.18%	<div><div></div></div>				
Ineffective	(4)	1	4.55%	<div><div></div></div>				
Highly Ineffective	(5)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
N/A	(6)	6	27.27%	<div><div></div></div>				
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
22/47 (46.81%)				3.18	1.92	2.50		

6 - Were the problem sets/homework assigned helpful in learning the material in this course?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Very Helpful	(1)	13	59.09%	<div><div></div></div>	<div>1.41</div>			
Somewhat Helpful	(2)	9	40.91%	<div><div></div></div>				
Unsure	(3)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
Somewhat Unhelpful	(4)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
Very Unhelpful	(5)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
22/47 (46.81%)				1.41	0.50	1.00		

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7 - How many times did you visit the instructor during his/her office hours?

Amanda Bienz

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
10 or more times	(1)	0	0.00%					
5-9 times	(2)	1	4.55%					
1-4 times	(3)	9	40.91%					
Never	(4)	12	54.55%					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
22/47 (46.81%)				3.50	0.60	4.00		

8 - How many times did you visit the TA during his/her office hours?

Amanda Bienz

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
10 or more times	(1)	0	0.00%					
5-9 times	(2)	0	0.00%					
1-4 times	(3)	3	13.64%					
Never	(4)	12	54.55%					
N/A	(5)	7	31.82%					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
22/47 (46.81%)				4.18	0.66	4.00		

9 - Were the quizzes, midterm, and final exam representative of the material presented in this course?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Very Fair	(1)	19	86.36%					
Somewhat Fair	(2)	2	9.09%					
Unsure	(3)	0	0.00%					
Somewhat Unfair	(4)	1	4.55%					
Very Unfair	(5)	0	0.00%					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
22/47 (46.81%)				1.23	0.69	1.00		

10 - Have you learned new concepts/topics in the course?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes, Many	(1)	11	50.00%					
Yes, Some	(2)	9	40.91%					
Yes, a Few	(3)	2	9.09%					
No, none	(4)	0	0.00%					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
22/47 (46.81%)				1.59	0.67	1.50		





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11 - If the course has prerequisites, did they adequately prepare you for the course?

Amanda Bienz

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Well prepared	(1)	17	77.27%		 1.32			
Somewhat prepared	(2)	4	18.18%					
Ill prepared	(3)	0	0.00%					
Not applicable	(4)	1	4.55%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
22/47 (46.81%)				1.32		0.72		1.00