

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Student Feedback Questionnaire

Instructor - Section Report

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Survey period: 25 April 2019 - 9 May 2019

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CIVL-2120-L1 Mechanics of Materials

44 student(s) have evaluated the course.

104 student(s) have not evaluated the course.

Percentage of enrolled students responding: 29.7% (44/148)

Adjusted percentage ^ of enrolled students responding: 28.4% (42/148)

Tutorial sections

Q1. How well did the TA explain things to you?

		Weight	Count	Percentage	
A	Very well	100.0	2	4.5%	
B	Well	75.0	14	31.8%	
C	Acceptable	50.0	21	47.7%	
D	Not well	25.0	2	4.5%	
E	Poorly	0.0	0	0.0%	
NA	Not sure/applicable		5	11.4%	
	Total		44	100.0%	

Statistics	Regular		Adjusted ^	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Survey	60.3	16.9	60.1	15.0
Section	77.2	22.2	-	-
Course	77.2	22.2	-	-
Department (CIVL) UG	73.8	20.2	N/A	
Department (CIVL)	73.8	20.2		
School (SENG) UG	75.3	21.5		
School (SENG) PG	90.0	15.8		
School (SENG)	75.5	21.5		
University UG	74.6	22.2		
University PG	87.0	20.0		
University	75.7	22.3		

Q2. Do you think the TA has a solid knowledge of the subject matter of this course?

		Weight	Count	Percentage	
A	Yes	100.0	29	65.9%	
B	Only partially	50.0	8	18.2%	
C	No	0.0	1	2.3%	
NA	Not sure/applicable		6	13.6%	
	Total		44	100.0%	

Statistics	Regular		Adjusted ^	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Survey	86.8	25.2	88.9	21.1
Section	93.6	18.7	-	-
Course	93.6	18.7	-	-
Department (CIVL) UG	90.1	21.8	N/A	
Department (CIVL)	90.1	21.8		
School (SENG) UG	89.3	22.8		
School (SENG) PG	95.7	14.1		
School (SENG)	89.4	22.7		
University UG	88.5	23.5		
University PG	92.4	20.2		
University	88.9	23.2		

Q3. How easy was it to reach the TA outside of class?

		Weight	Count	Percentage	
A	Very easy	100.0	2	4.5%	
B	Easy	75.0	10	22.7%	
C	Acceptable	50.0	13	29.5%	

Statistics	Regular		Adjusted ^	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Survey	64.0	16.3	63.0	14.8
Section	69.3	19.4	-	-

D	Difficult	25.0	0	0.0%	
E	Very difficult	0.0	0	0.0%	
NA	Not applicable		19	43.2%	
	Total		44	100.0%	

Course	69.3	19.4	-	-
Department (CIVL) UG	71.0	20.9	N/A	
Department (CIVL)	71.0	20.9		
School (SENG) UG	73.0	21.8		
School (SENG) PG	90.0	15.4		
School (SENG)	73.3	21.8		
University UG	72.9	22.6		
University PG	87.2	18.6		
University	74.2	22.6		

Q4. Is the TA helpful in general?

		Weight	Count	Percentage	
A	Very helpful	100.0	3	6.8%	
B	Helpful	75.0	19	43.2%	
C	Somewhat helpful	50.0	14	31.8%	
D	Not helpful	25.0	1	2.3%	
E	Totally unhelpful	0.0	0	0.0%	
NA	Not sure/applicable		7	15.9%	
	Total		44	100.0%	

	Regular		Adjusted ^	
Statistics	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Survey	66.2	16.9	66.4	14.8
Section	77.6	19.3	-	-
Course	77.6	19.3	-	-
Department (CIVL) UG	74.4	19.5	N/A	
Department (CIVL)	74.4	19.5		
School (SENG) UG	76.3	20.5		
School (SENG) PG	90.3	14.3		
School (SENG)	76.5	20.5		
University UG	75.5	21.4		
University PG	85.8	20.6		
University	76.4	21.5		

Q5. Overall, how do you find the tutorials?

		Weight	Count	Percentage	
A	Excellent	100.0	1	2.3%	
B	Good	75.0	20	45.5%	
C	Acceptable	50.0	15	34.1%	
D	Poor	25.0	2	4.5%	
E	Very poor	0.0	0	0.0%	
NA	Not applicable		6	13.6%	
	Total		44	100.0%	

	Regular		Adjusted ^	
Statistics	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Survey	63.2	16.2	63.2	14.0
Section	76.6	20.7	-	-
Course	76.6	20.7	-	-
Department (CIVL) UG	73.2	19.7	N/A	
Department (CIVL)	73.2	19.7		
School (SENG) UG	74.9	20.7		
School (SENG) PG	89.2	15.1		
School (SENG)	75.1	20.7		
University UG	74.5	21.4		
University PG	83.8	21.4		
University	75.3	21.6		

Q6. Overall, how do you find the laboratory section?

		Weight	Count	Percentage	
A	Excellent	100.0	0	0.0%	
B	Good	75.0	8	18.2%	
C	Acceptable	50.0	7	15.9%	
D	Poor	25.0	0	0.0%	
E	Very poor	0.0	0	0.0%	
NA	Not applicable		29	65.9%	
	Total		44	100.0%	

	Regular		Adjusted ^	
Statistics	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Survey	63.3	12.9	63.5	13.0
Section	75.0	19.4	-	-
Course	75.0	19.4	-	-
Department (CIVL) UG	74.0	19.9	N/A	
Department (CIVL)	74.0	19.9		
School (SENG) UG	74.0	19.9		
School (SENG)	74.0	19.9		
University UG	74.0	19.9		
University	74.0	19.9		

Q7. What was good about the TA?

1. .
2. Nil
3. Nothing.

4. Patient to teach
5. Whenever I had questions in the tutorial he answered them very well so that I could understand it a lot better. In that sense I think I learned a lot from the tutorials.

Q8. How might the TA improve?

1. .
2. More questions on whiteboard may be better
3. Nil
4. Very boring teaching that was basically repeating what Prof. TSE does in the lecture. Instead of talking about the proof (which should be covered in the lecture), talk more about the questions and just remind us what equation/knowledge we have learnt in the lecture and what each term represents. Also, very boring voice.

[^] Explanatory notes on adjusted percentage, mean and SD (collectively referred to as "adjusted statistics" below):

1. Adjusted statistics are calculated to provide a reference with extreme responses being excluded.
2. If a survey recorded 3 or more responses, the top 1.5% AND bottom 1.5% responses will be discarded. The number of discarded response(s) of each end is rounded UP to the nearest integer. The resultant data set will then be used to calculate adjusted statistics in this report.
3. Adjusted statistics will be provided up to course level if and only if they meet the following conditions:

Level of adjusted statistics	Conditions
Survey level	The survey receives 3 or more responses.
Section level	(1) All surveys receive 3 or more responses; AND
	(2) This section is taught by One teaching staff only (instructor / TA).
Course level	(1) All surveys receive 3 or more responses; AND
	(2) This course is taught by One teaching staff only (instructor / TA).

If no adjusted statistics is provided, it will be marked as "-" in this report.

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