

Full Report

Evaluation for 2019 - Term 2 (Winter)

Course Code	Instructor	Response Rate (Respondants/Enrolled)
COMPSCI 1XA3 (C02)	D'Alves, Curtis	46.15% (6/13)

1. Overall for this course, what is your opinion of the effectiveness of the instructor?

(Scale: 1 Very Poor to 10 Excellent)

4 Students (66.67%) said: 8

2 Students (33.33%) said: 10

Median: 8.00	Mean: 8.67	StDev: 1.0328	Variance: 1.0667	Not Responded: 0
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2. The timing and appropriateness of feedback on your progress:

Receiving assignments back in a reasonable time frame, clear explanation of grade

(Scale: 1 Very Poor to 5 Excellent)

2 Students (33.33%) said: 1

2 Students (33.33%) said: 3

1 Students (16.67%) said: 2

Median: 2.00	Mean: 2.00	StDev: 1.3229	Variance: 1.7500	Not Responded: 1
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3. Independent critical judgement was encouraged:

(Scale: 1 Very Poor to 5 Excellent)

3 Students (50.00%) said: 4

2 Students (33.33%) said: 5

1 Students (16.67%) said: 2

Median: 4.00	Mean: 4.00	StDev: 1.0954	Variance: 1.2000	Not Responded: 0
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4. OVERALL, how do you rate the value of this course compared with others you have taken at McMaster?

(Scale: 1 Very Poor to 5 Excellent)

3 Students (50.00%) said: 4

3 Students (50.00%) said: 5

Median: 4.50	Mean: 4.50	StDev: 0.5477	Variance: 0.3000	Not Responded: 0
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5. The organization of this course:

Progression of learning material, resource availability, professor was timely and prepared

(Scale: 1 Very Poor to 5 Excellent)

3 Students (50.00%) said: 4

2 Students (33.33%) said: 5

1 Students (16.67%) said: 3

Median: 4.00	Mean: 4.17	StDev: 0.7528	Variance: 0.5667	Not Responded: 0
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6. The instructor's response to students:

Approachability, attitude, availability, well-explained answers

(Scale: 1 Very Poor to 5 Excellent)

4 Students (66.67%) said: 5

2 Students (33.33%) said: 4

Median: 5.00	Mean: 4.67	StDev: 0.5164	Variance: 0.2667	Not Responded: 0
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7. The coverage and fairness of tests:

Material coverage, mark distribution, difficulty level

(Scale: 1 Very Poor to 5 Excellent)

4 Students (66.67%) said: 4

2 Students (33.33%) said: 5

Median: 4.00	Mean: 4.33	StDev: 0.5164	Variance: 0.2667	Not Responded: 0
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8. Please comment on the quality of the TA's in this course:

- The only TA I had any contact with was Chris and he was very helpful and clear in explaining anything I had a question about.
- Although we did not interact with the TA too much in the course, the one time I did talk to the TA they were able to answer my questions which helped me finish my project. The TA was available on Slack whenever we needed them. One suggestion to make the course better could be to have the TA's be present during the lab to help up so we wouldn't have to pause the lesson to ask the Prof. a question.
- TA's were helpful, and any errors were unexpected
- TA's were not utilized much as the course was mostly ran by the instructor, but when asking questions on the slack discussion board, TA Chris was usually very helpful and quick to respond with resources if needed.
- Very good. Assisted on slack very often. Provides useful resources for the course and further exploration on topics covered.

9. Please list aspects of this course that you found valuable and should be continued:

- This course had a lot of valuable examples needed to properly learn how to write code. Rather than just learning what some command does we are forced to use it and find creative uses for it which is how you really learn the depth of how a language can be used. The example based learning is more difficult but more beneficial. Lecture notes are in a very convenient and easy to use format.
- I found that most of the material presented in this course was very useful and valuable overall. Most of the things taught are stuff that we will continue to use throughout our studies and even in the work force. I found the CV website to be especially useful because I feel it gives us an edge over more reputable schools like Waterloo when searching for a co-op.

- The depth to which the topics were covered
- GitHub and version control - keep this, very useful tool to teach regardless of what the programming platform is. Also, having the github with some examples and the code done in class was useful if we wanted to use it as a template, or to play around with quickly.
- Slack Usage was great along with website. lab instruction and notes posted on time and available when needed. The two hour lab was nice to have to all at once.

10. Please list aspects of this course that might be improved:

- Sometimes it's not 100% clear on how to do something and difficult to follow examples in class. If a mistake is made along the way we really fall behind and it's difficult to catch back up. It would be nice if the examples created in class could be available online afterwards. Also the lectures are available online could be titled with the subject matter for reference rather than just numbered.
- I think the time in which we receive our grades should be drastically improved. We have not received any grades past the first couple of weeks of school. I would have preferred to receive these grades in a timely manner so that we can bring up any discrepancies and just have some perspective on how we are doing in the course. I also think the slides should be improved a bit. When doing projects and labs, it is hard to remember what certain things mean in the slides. So I think it would help to have explanation on the slides themselves on what certain things mean.
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- Further in-depth tutorials on the server-side/django programming.
- Better room with a clear projector.

11. Additional comments:

- Really the course was good and Curtis was great as an instructor. The only real problem was that Curtis said he would post something or give grades back or a solution or something but never did. His responsiveness was great but didn't always follow up on it.
- Overall I enjoyed the course and the instructor was very good. The instructor was approachable and was able to answer any questions we had. I feel that this course should continue to be taught in the future.
- If any example code is potentially malicious, the instructor should attempt to make that fact very apparent to ensure to their best attempt a student does not unintentionally suffer.
- Keep this instructor, the final third section of the course about django and server-side programming could use a little bit more refining however. Version control, bash, elm, and html sections were all very thorough though.
- Very enjoyable learned a lot from the course including many employable aspects. Prof D'Alves was great along with the teaching he did.