

Semester Participation Grade and Self-Assessment

Suggested Grade: 4.0/5.0

Justification: I believe I have been a very engaged student throughout the semester. I not only attended lectures and lab/TA sessions, but also made sure to ask questions when pertinent and to voice my opinion on topics being discussed during interactive lectures. I was also very active on the course slack channel, asking questions pertinent to HW assignments, course material, final project details, software and the like. I also tried to help my fellow classmates by answering to some of the questions on the channel (when I believed I had enough experience to give a useful suggestion). I also tried to encourage my classmates during final project presentations by highlighting points of their work I personally found meaningful/interesting (e.g., anatomy-based pattern of retina vessel segmentation found by Victoria) and providing suggestions on next steps (say when I suggested to Altaful he looked into using a sequence learning model like an RNN or a Transformer to expand on his work and look into translation of American Sign Language). However, I recognize I could have been more engaged on some lectures but refrained from doing so in part because I felt comfortable with the material and in part because of my reserved personality. Therefore, I think the score above is reasonable as it captures overall good participation with the recognition that I could have done a better job at times.