

Individual course reflection

Taking Software Engineering this semester has been a truly rewarding experience, made even more enjoyable because of Professor Dr. Hien Nguyen. His sense of humor and energetic teaching style made every class engaging and fun. He has a way of breaking down complex concepts that really helped me understand the material better, and I feel very lucky to be one of the first students to experience him teaching this course. His passion for the subject and his students' success was evident throughout the semester.

One of my favorite parts of this course was seeing the growth of my classmates, especially during the midterm and final project presentations. Watching everyone improve and become more confident in their ideas was inspiring. Collaborating with my own group members was also a major learning experience. It taught me how different people bring different perspectives and working styles to the table. I learned that flexibility and strong communication are essential when working on projects like these as a team. Our group faced a major communication issue at one point, but Dr. Hien Nguyen stepped in and helped us work through it. His guidance not only resolved the situation but also taught us how to handle conflicts professionally and constructively. I'm truly grateful for that, and I'll carry that conversation with me into every future group assessment or project I take on.

As a class, we were all responsible for working on the Software Requirements Specification (SRS) and Software Architecture Specification (SAS) documents, as well as the presentations for both. While these were collaborative efforts, my group decided to divide the work so that each member had designated sections to focus on. This approach helped me develop stronger time management skills and a sense of responsibility, as I had to complete my parts independently while still staying in sync with the overall direction of the project.

Additionally, I had the pleasure of designing the mockup for our project. As someone who enjoys being creative, I loved this part of the process. Seeing our ideas visually come to life made the entire project feel complete. It was incredibly satisfying to witness our concept transform into something real.

If I could go back to the beginning of the semester, I would 100% choose to take this course with Dr. Hien Nguyen again. I sincerely hope he continues to teach it, because future students deserve the same amazing opportunity to learn from him.

This course has definitely been one of my favorites this semester!