Vassar College Course and Faculty Evaluation

McCarthy, Jay	Total Enrollment:	**20**
CMPU 203-51	Number of Responses:	**15**
Spring 2015	Percent Responding:	**75%**

	High 5	4	Med 3	2	Low 1	N/A	Total
Part I - Rate the course on the following components							
1. Organization	8 53%	3 20%	3 20%	1 7%	0 0%	0 0%	15 100%
2). Readings or other required material	2 13%	5 33%	5 33%	2 13%	1 7%	0 0%	15 100%
3). Written or other assignments	5 36%	3 21%	5 36%	1 7%	0 0%	0 0%	14 93%
4). Examinations	4 27%	0 0%	2 13%	1 7%	0 0%	8 53%	15 100%
5). How well the course met its objectives as stated by instructor	5 33%	2 13%	5 33%	2 13%	1 7%	0 0%	15 100%
Part II - Rate the instructor on the following							
6). Effectiveness of lecture or presentation	4 27%	5 33%	3 20%	2 13%	1 7%	0 0%	15 100%
7). Ability to illuminate difficult material	7 47%	3 20%	4 27%	1 7%	0 0%	0 0%	15 100%
8). Ability to guide discussion	5 33%	6 40%	2 13%	1 7%	0 0%	1 7%	15 100%
9). Openness to students' point of view	7 47%	6 40%	2 13%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	15 100%
10). Helpfulness of comments on coursework and individual consultation	5 36%	6 43%	2 14%	1 7%	0 0%	0 0%	14 93%
11). Overall effectiveness of instructor	5 36%	3 21%	3 21%	0 0%	3 21%	0 0%	14 93%
Part III - General							
12). How strong was your initial desire to take this course?	7 47%	5 33%	3 20%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	15 100%
13). How much time, attention, and effort did you give to this course?	10 67%	3 20%	2 13%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	15 100%
14). As a result of this course, how much have your knowledge and understanding of the subject matter increased?	5 33%	2 13%	7 47%	1 7%	0 0%	0 0%	15 100%
Part IV - Answered only if applicable to the course							
15). How effective was the laboratory?	2 15%	5 38%	2 15%	3 23%	1 8%	0 0%	13 87%
					Yes	No	
16). Was the lab taught by this instructor?					14 100%	0 0%	14 93%
17). How effective was the performance, studio, or production aspect of this course?	1 13%	0 0%	1 13%	0 0%	0 0%	6 75%	8 53%
18). How effective was the team-teaching aspect of this course?	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	1 13%	0 0%	7 88%	8 53%

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Sometimes it felt like the lectures had no connection to the assignments, and that they were just thrown at us with little relevance to what we would discuss in class. The lack of physical presence was discouraging for the early part of the semester. I wish you had continued to code in class like last year so we could see how everything was actually implemented. But by being quickly submerged into big assignments I understood Java, and the one-on-one help was very useful.

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I really enjoy this class and am sorry that you won't be teaching here anymore (would have loved to take another class). You are very knowledgeable, and I believe your students can learn a lot from you (I certainly have).

I don't have any weakness-suggestions. Simply put, keep teaching. We have a lot to learn

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I don't know if you're going to read this or not but I hope you do. You are by far the most difficult professor I've ever evaluated. You are a brilliant man that is incredibly helpful when help is asked of you. However you are an unreliable, self important dick and you absolutely shafted our class this year. I loved the course, I loved your help, I want your approval, but part of me hates you so much. I hope for the sake of your future classes you get your shit together sometime soon.

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I thoroughly enjoyed this course's programming assignments. The only problem I had was early in the semester when we very rarely had class. I have learned a lot through this course especially when it comes to making games, which is a field I may pursue in the future.

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I liked the freedom that is given when doing assignments (the games). I appreciate your energy when in class, I think that it makes the lecture periods easy to pay attention to. I also like how you kept the lectures light by making jokes and taking a break from the information every once in a while to just converse with the students

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I'd say the biggest strength of your particular course is the way the overall points add up for the grade. It allows people like me to make mistakes, learn from them, and come back with a better understanding on the second time around. Even though it was a bit of a rough start on both ends, Thank you for a pleasant semester.

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You are incredibly smart & an engaging professor. However, I feel as if you gave up on us in the beginning of the year. It was difficult to devote my attention to coursework when I didn't know when I'd be having class on a regular basis... When you started coming to class it got a lot better.

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While I wish I had gotten a full semester of lectures I found the lectures that did happen very interesting and informative. I really liked them very. the HW assignments were set up giving us almost total freedom so long as our code properly implemented what we were trying to do. Comments on course work could be abrasive but were usually helpful. I learned a lot in this course and I'm very glad I took it.

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I don't think I was super well prepared for this course, but regardless, I still found it very challenging. I guess as someone who is still pretty new to computer programming, it would have been nice if there was more overlap between what we had to do for the assignments and what we covered in lectures.

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The course material was interesting and I felt like I understood most of what we covered in class fairly well. However, apart from a couple of lectures during the time we were working on data2 it seemed like the material we discussed in class and the projects we worked on for the course grade were generally not particularly strongly related. This made the course fairly stressful, as I felt like I had two learn two sets of material: one for lecture and one for projects. I would have really liked to focus more either on applying the topics of lectures to code, or more on the projects as given and focusing in specifically on the design principles that were very relevant to that code.

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Once again I'm coming out of this class feeling like it's one of the most informative classes I've taken at Vassar. I think I'll save the praise for later and try and think of some constructive criticism. Ya had to do what ya had to do re: interviews. No point dwelling on that and I think you made up for it. Well I guess that's about it. Thanks Jay.

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Sometimes the assignments felt daunting or overwhelming but that's likely because it's a bit of jump from previous courses' assignments. Lectures are always interesting though. ⌐→ also because I'm a really crappy student

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Hi Joy!

Thanks for sharing all of your awesome knowledge and work with us. I think it would have been very helpful for you to include more visuals and more ways for us to interact with the things we've learned in class — I feel like some of the contents are pretty ... abstract and I think it would have been nice to have some more guided, hands-on lectures rather than auditory, discussion-based lectures. Some of the assignments were very difficult and I think it would have been very nice to give us a little bit more structure to how we should do them. I also think that it might have been helpful to talk a little bit more about object-oriented vs. funct. programming and how the design process can be followed — eg: thinking about how what ideas are represented by implementations, about APIs... I think that learning about the design patterns & broader concepts AFTER we do some of the more specific tasks is a good way to make sense of some of our work. I also wish we had more personal feedback with our assignments. Thanks!

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