Instructor: **Mwaura, Jonathan**

Subject: **CS**

Catalog & Section: **5800 09**

Course ID: **17405**

Objectives:

Enrollment: **21**

Responses Incl Declines: **17**

Declines: **1**

Instructor Related Questions: Jonathan Mwaura (20 comments)

Q: What were the strengths of this course and/or this instructor?

1   The professor is clearly very knowledgeable about the course material and his years of teaching experience show in his lectures. He also treats students with a great deal of respect and it is enjoyable to be in his class.

2   Dr. Mwaura was very prepared, enthusiastic about the course and willing to go deep into topics to foster student's understandings.

3   I really love Prof. Mwaura's enthusiasm for the subject and his commitment to making sure everyone in the class understands a topic. He does an excellent job communicating ideas and provides lots of examples and group exercises which enhanced my understanding of various topics.

4   N/A

5   Good communicator and able to understand students' difficulties and needs

6   I really liked that video lectures where uploaded to canvas, so if I didn't feel like I understood the topic I could watch additional lectures!
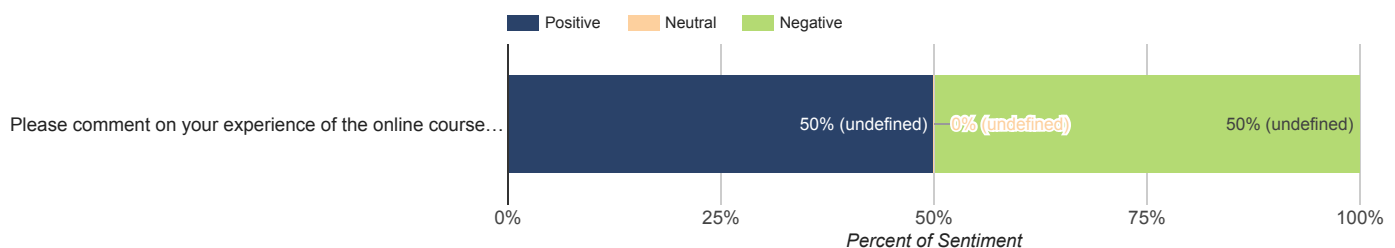
Q: What could the instructor do to make this course better?

1   I think the classes where the professor has materials/notes prepared beforehand go more smoothly. The dynamic programming lecture stands out to me in my memory because the professor had brought notes for the tabulation algorithm to solve 0-1 knapsack. What could have been a difficult algorithm to cover was made clear and simple by the advance preparation.

2   I think adding more Leetcode problems for assignments will be better

3   more flexible deadlines would have been nice!

4   I can't think of anything

5   N/A

6   too much theoretical part of the course, and the homework has been designed with too much proof questions. i personally think we should focus more on how to use the theoretical part instead of being asked to prove those which have been proved by the great people. And we should stand on the great man's shoulder instead of sitting with them.

7   1. I suggest clearer segregation of assignments on Canvas, particularly for students without Zybooks access, to avoid confusion.
2. More transparent grading criteria on Gradescope would help students understand the rationale behind deducted points.

8   Many of the problem sets took a long time to come back graded. I would have preferred the grading to be completed more quickly.
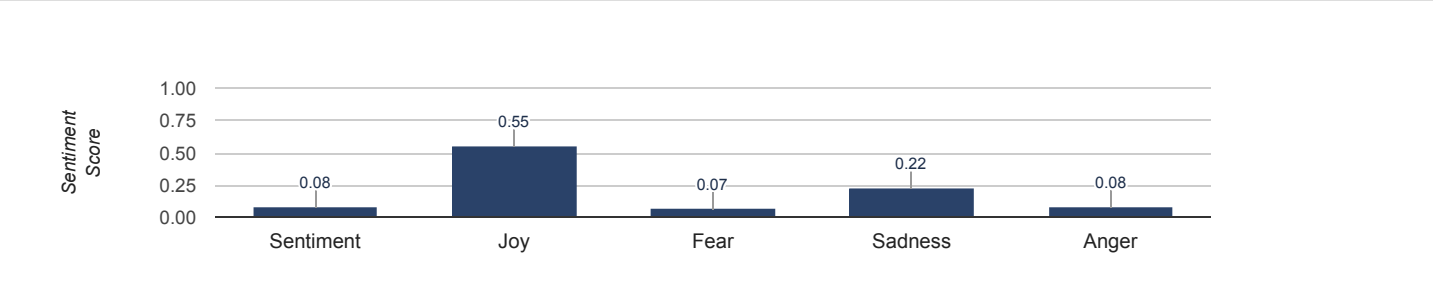
Q: Please expand on the instructor's strengths and/or areas for improvement in facilitating inclusive learning.

1   Everything said above

2   I really enjoyed having Dr. Mwaura as a proffesor

3   Nothing more to add than what I have already said.

4   N/A

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6   Professor Mwaura was exceptional at remembering everyones names quickly. I think this is an effective way to make everyone feel equally included. One thing that could have been a bit better is not everyone engaged in class discussions and I think that putting more pressure to have everyone speak occasionally could have put some pressure off those who spoke more often.

Questions to Assess Students' Online Experience (4 comments)

Q: Please comment on your experience of the online course environment in the open-ended text box.

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1. I attended in person most of the time.

   Canvas contained many useful resources, but sometimes they were uploaded a bit late. Not a big deal though. ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

2. I felt pretty neutral about the online environment, It was mostly just a support of in class. ★ ★ ★ ★ ☆

3. Too many online products used. Why use Canvas modules if the modules do not contain the assignments? Why have different reading materials in ZyBooks, Canvas, and Teams? Why have Gradescope assignments and Canvas assignments? ★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆

4. I think the class experience is very good, the professor will call online students every time
   It makes me feel respected

   At the same time, the professor will answer my questions in a timely manner. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Student Self-Assessment of their Effort to Achieve Course Outcomes (8 comments)

Q: What I could have done to make this course better for myself.

1. I think I did everything I could to make this course a valuable learning experience for me. I gained a lot of valuable information and skills from it that I expect to be able to use in my future classwork and career.

2. Study more about the subject before going to the class

3. Studied more in the beggining

4. I wish I had attended more professor and TA office hours to review topics

5. Tweak notification settings in Canvas or ZyBooks, so I can get Upcoming Due Date deadlines in my email. I missed a couple reading assignments, because I forgot when they were due.

6. Do your homework faster. If you have any problems, you need to talk to someone in time instead of waiting and escaping.

7. I could have solved more leet code problems

8. Start Problem sets sooner. I fell a little behind and didnt manage to get into a good groove for myself!