CIS 410 Computer Networks - Students Comments

Spring 2020:

<u>Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor. Would you take another course from this instructor?</u>

- Always available and provided awesome lectures and in class examples. Excited to take more courses with her.
- Yes, Dr. Gurajala's lectures are very engaging and effective. I think getting more feedback on assignments earlier on would have helped me evaluate my understanding better.
- The transition to online made this class a lot more difficult and the lecture videos were kind of hard to track what was going on and learn from them.
- N/A
- no. A lot of seemingly avoiding questions that get asked. One will ask a question and she'll step around it and answer something sort of related but not at all answer the question given.
- She's like a breath of fresh air where she exudes a non intimidating aura and I appreciate that.

<u>Please comment on course content, requirements or any other aspect of the course</u>

- I liked the course and subject matter. I came into the course knowing some of the material from prior experience with networking outside of class. I felt that the homeworks were to detached from the exam and lecture material. I think the course would be more beneficial if the homeworks focused on the topics we should study or learn for exams as opposed to the questions offered in the book. I found myself spending a lot of time trying to the homeworks only to find the same material was not relevant to the exams. When it came time to take the exams I felt I was not prepared for the questions. Again, I enjoyed the course and the material, I just feel that having homework focused on exam material and that goes over example problems would be more helpful for future renditions of the course. I enjoyed the labs and programming assignments, the latter has inspired me to learn Python on my own outside of class. I found that I actually preferred this course being online since I could take notes along with the lectures far easier and go back through the lecture videos to relearn and understand problems.
- N/A
- a long course packed into one semester. Yikes
- Everything seems like an amalgamation and can't stand independent of the other components of the OSI model. Its very memory intensive to succeed.

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<u>Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor. Would you take another course from this instructor?</u>
- She is very competent and structures the class well. Sometimes presentations felt too dense to retain everything.
- She went through material too quickly
- Looking forward to next semester
- If every student messes something up, it is not the students fault, it is yours
- Personally, Dr. Gurajala is my favorite professor in the department and I enjoy taking her class a lot. With that being said, I feel like she should have slowed down a lot during teaching this course. Flying through the slides doesn't work for me, I might as well have never showed up to the lecture
- Yes I'd take another class from her
- Good Understanding of The Subject
- Sometimes note taking is a little difficult because of the speed you go through the slides, but I think that's due to canceled classes at the beginning of the semester
- I thoroughly enjoy courses with Dr. Gurajala. She is a very fair and understanding. Occasionally, it was difficult to learn by example is because of the pace we had to go. I would love to take another course with her.
- Dr. G is an amazing professor, who is super caring and is always there to help

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<u>Please comment on course content, requirements or any other aspect of the course</u>
- It was an important course, but I found that I had issues retaining information.
- It was fine
- Awesome stuff as always
- The online applications necessary are complete trash
- Need to do more with GENI in class before lab, stop having quizzes on material not covered yet. Homework material needs to be before the test.
- Emphasis on an renewing GENI slice is key, an early lab for GENI may be helpful
- I felt homework never reflected what to study for a test. Handing back homework only a couple of days, sometimes never, before exams is a very flawed we used that homework to study as well
- The snow days earlier in the semester forced of the pace of the course to increase. I found it was hard to get through all of the material without rushing.
- Felt rushed, could have been due to class cancellations at the beginning of the semester.

Spring 2018:

<u>Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor. Would you take another course from this instructor?</u>

- Yes!
- Yes.
- I would take another course with the instructor. I feel as though we moved a bit too fast in this particular course.
- For me she is the best in the CIS department. She explained everything clear and evaluates her class fairly.
- Yes, I would. Included helpful worksheets and presented material in a very organized and clear manner. Open to questions and willing to explain or elaborate on background information
- She is very good, sometimes talks really fast which makes it hard to stay with her, partially due to classes being canceled and needing to pick up pace
- The professor would talk too fast sometimes and would be hard to follow. Otherwise, the course wasn't bad and I will be taking more classes with the professor
- Great professor, I don't have any opinions. I would take another course from this instructor
- Dr. Gurajala is good at breaking down diagrams and explaining things through picture. On the other hand she often goes over things very fast at times.

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- Review the day before a test or a quiz would have greatly impacted my grade. Felt like there was stuff I had never seen before.
- Personally, I think the course should focus a lot more on network security. I wish we had more time for it.
- Would have liked labs with my wireshark instead of geni maybe
- The course was fine, but some of the binary was confusing
- There was a good amount of work in the class. Sometimes a little too much at a time but it was manageable.
- The course content is very thorough and feel as though I understand networks much better than when I started the course

Spring 2017:

<u>Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor. Would you take another course from this instructor?</u>

- Dr. Gurajala has been an excellent educator. I can not think of a flaw. 10/10, I would take another course.
- It has been a pleasure having Ms. Gurajala. She is extremely helpful and I learned a lot from this class. Keep on doing what you're already doing.
- If I were not a senior I would love to take another class from this instructor.
- Strengths include clarity, competence and approachability.
- Fantastic. Maybe don't rush through slides so much, but I love your teaching style. Also, you don't have to be as forgiving as you have been (I don't mind because I slightly benefitted) otherwise awesome.
- I would take another course with her. She knew and demonstrated the material very well.

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- The rubric for the course was relevant and necessary for computer science education. It was well paced and informative
- I found it very helpful that we spent time reviewing material before exams and that quizzes and homework's were related to exams. Also I believe we should also have a lab day along with the extra credit.
- The course was fantastic. I actually understood almost everything.
- There is lot of content in the course to remember