

SUNY Potsdam

Fall 2020 Course Evaluations

Course: 93881_CIS420.001_gurajas_FALL20: DATABASE SYSTEMS - Gurajala - Fall 2020
Instructor: Supraja Gurajala *
Response Rate: 9/11 (81.82 %)

1 - Reason for taking the course (complete all that apply):

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
Major-required	(6)	4	44.44%		
Major-elective	(5)	4	44.44%		
Minor-required	(4)	0	0.00%		
Minor-elective	(3)	0	0.00%		
General Education Requirement	(2)	0	0.00%		
Free Elective	(1)	1	11.11%		
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2 - Class Year:

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Freshman	(6)	0	0.00%		
Sophomore	(5)	0	0.00%		
Junior	(4)	4	44.44%		
Senior	(3)	5	55.56%		
Graduate	(2)	0	0.00%		
Other	(1)	0	0.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
9/11 (81.82%)				3.44	0.53
					Median
					3.00

3 - Expected grade:

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
4.0	(13)	0	0.00%		
3.7	(12)	3	33.33%		
3.3	(11)	2	22.22%		
3.0	(10)	0	0.00%		
2.7	(9)	2	22.22%		
2.3	(8)	0	0.00%		
2.0	(7)	1	11.11%		
1.7	(6)	0	0.00%		
1.3	(5)	0	0.00%		
1.0	(4)	0	0.00%		
0.0	(3)	0	0.00%		
S	(2)	0	0.00%		
U	(1)	1	11.11%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
9/11 (81.82%)				9.33	3.57
					Median
					11.00

4 - I attended class:


Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Always	(5)	4	44.44%		
Frequently	(4)	3	33.33%		
Moderately	(3)	2	22.22%		
Occasionally	(2)	0	0.00%		
Rarely	(1)	0	0.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
9/11 (81.82%)				4.22	0.83
					Median
					4.00

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5 - How many hours outside of class did you devote to this course on average per week?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
9+	(5)	0	0.00%			3.00		
6-8	(4)	3	33.33%	■				
4-5	(3)	3	33.33%	■				
2-3	(2)	3	33.33%	■				
0-1	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
9/11 (81.82%)				3.00		0.87		3.00


6 - Rate the level of your participation in this course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Very active	(5)	1	11.11%	■		3.56		
Active	(4)	3	33.33%	■				
Moderate	(3)	5	55.56%	■				
Minimal	(2)	0	0.00%					
Not active	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
9/11 (81.82%)				3.56		0.73		3.00

7 - What overall rating would you give yourself as a student in this course?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Excellent	(5)	1	11.11%	■		3.33		
Good	(4)	3	33.33%	■				
Adequate	(3)	3	33.33%	■				
Poor	(2)	2	22.22%	■				
Very Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
9/11 (81.82%)				3.33		1.00		3.00

8 - Supraja Gurajala demonstrates competence in the subject area. -



Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Strongly Agree	(5)	7	77.78%	■		4.78		
Agree	(4)	2	22.22%	■				
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
Does not apply	(0)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
9/11 (81.82%)				4.78		0.44		5.00

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9 - Supraja Gurajala's teaching is effective. -

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Strongly Agree	(5)	4	44.44%					
Agree	(4)	3	33.33%					
Neutral	(3)	1	11.11%					
Disagree	(2)	1	11.11%					
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
Does not apply	(0)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
9/11 (81.82%)				4.11		1.05		4.00



10 - Supraja Gurajala is concerned with students' progress in the course. -

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Strongly Agree	(5)	5	55.56%					
Agree	(4)	3	33.33%					
Neutral	(3)	1	11.11%					
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
Does not apply	(0)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
9/11 (81.82%)				4.44		0.73		5.00

11 - Supraja Gurajala is available to students outside of class -

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Strongly Agree	(5)	6	66.67%					
Agree	(4)	3	33.33%					
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
Does not apply	(0)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
9/11 (81.82%)				4.67		0.50		5.00

12 - Examinations relate well to the stated course objectives.



Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Strongly Agree	(5)	5	55.56%					
Agree	(4)	4	44.44%					
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
Does not apply	(0)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
9/11 (81.82%)				4.56		0.53		5.00

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13 - The work required in this course relates well to the stated course objectives.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Strongly Agree	(5)	3	33.33%			4.33		
Agree	(4)	6	66.67%					
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
Does not apply	(0)	0	0.00%					
				02550100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
9/11 (81.82%)				4.33		0.50		4.00

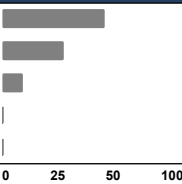

14 - Supraja Gurajala evaluates student performance fairly. -

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Strongly Agree	(5)	5	55.56%			4.56		
Agree	(4)	4	44.44%					
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
Does not apply	(0)	0	0.00%					
				02550100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
9/11 (81.82%)				4.56		0.53		5.00

15 - I learned a great deal in this course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Strongly Agree	(5)	4	44.44%			4.22		
Agree	(4)	3	33.33%					
Neutral	(3)	2	22.22%					
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
Does not apply	(0)	0	0.00%					
				02550100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
9/11 (81.82%)				4.22		0.83		4.00

16 - Overall rating of Supraja Gurajala: -

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Excellent	(5)	5	55.56%			4.44		
Good	(4)	3	33.33%					
Adequate	(3)	1	11.11%					
Poor	(2)	0	0.00%					
Very Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
				02550100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
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17 - THE COURSE: Please comment on course content, requirement or any other aspect of the course.

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- Impossible to get into a group for required group projects due to current pandemic situation. Impossible for me to pass this class. If it were a normal semester I might've been able to do the work
- The course is almost a accumulation of all the things we have learned thus far in Computer Science. I wish we had spent more time on that aspect in a way. Knowing the database logic is okay, but I think putting in more analysis of different things such a grain and architecture would also be really helpful. The logic, while good to have, was not my favorite part of the course. I loved the final paper and I think if the course almost was closer to that it would be even better. That is not to say this is a bad course. I enjoyed it and I think under a more normalized semester/world this would've been a more enjoyable course for me personally. I just think pulling in from Networks, OS/Assembler, Algo only in the fading hours of the course is missing some awesome interaction and discussion. I like the course though and would recommend it to others especially if they have taken OS, Algo, and Networks.
- I feel like the course is a little unbalanced. It seemed like we spent not a lot of time on key database principals like ACID, history, and a lot of time on relational algebra and SQL. I wish we had spent some of that time on doing more practice in decomposition, specifically 3NF and BCNF. Also, I think a few SQL programming assignments would have been helpful.
- Evolved into something I didn't expect, Databases was more comparable to theory than anything else but with tools we could use

18 - THE INSTRUCTOR: Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of Supraja Gurajala. Would you take another course from this instructor? -

Response Rate	3/11 (27.27%)
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- Dr. G is good at relaying how to do something. She is good at pulling a wide array of examples in for things like logic and theory. I honestly love that she has a concrete format and it helps with note taking. I personally struggle with the pacing in class, she moves slightly to quick for me but I write far slower. She reminds me of some of the better math professors I have had though and I would take another course with her on that merit alone.
- It's very clear that you are extremely knowledgeable on this subject and I think your teaching style is very effective. My only critique is that I wish you offered more guidance on the projects. I appreciate the freedom to choose all of our tools, but that adds the extra step of figuring out which tool (i.e. database software) to use as well as learning that tool. I think that in addition to more restrictions, more checkpoints would be helpful to keep students on track. I know a lot of people that started work on their project very late because they either didn't know how to start or forgot about it. A clear timeline of what should be completed for this project and when would remedy that issue I think.
- Always a pleasure