

BCIT242

Website Development

Course evaluations from

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## Introduction

When students of the Co-operative education project were submitting their final report they were asked to analyse their previous courses with what they had learned and in relation to their project. Here we have statements the students have made about what is good about BCIT242 and any recommendations that could be made about the course content. Each statement is made by a separate student and bullet points are used to make this distinction.

## What students think is good about this course

* The chief benefit of this course was that it included a group project working to produce a product, like this on a much smaller scale. The project provided an opportunity to organize myself in working with other people to a common goal. It was also one of my earlier experiences in designing an application which had some value here
* What I really enjoyed is that we got to choose the theme of the website we wanted to create and that added to the enjoyment of doing the assignment as you create a website about something that interests you
* During this course we were taught a basic introduction to website development using HTML5 compliant code. This knowledge aided in the development of our User Interface. We used tables, buttons, and input fields to create an easily navigable UI
* We were also introduced to the idea of designing a responsive webpage. During the project we created a webpage UI that was somewhat responsive. As the webpage reduces in width the content adjusts so that it remains viewable.
* BCIT242 focuses on responsive design and guides students to develop responsive websites, I think it is very useful.
* The assignment 1 on this course taught me a lot. The assignment 1 was develop a website specification, which included plan, target audience identification, time-line, website hosting solution, website design, testing, etc. Almost all aspects about process of website development had been involved.
* It was a good experience building and creating a website
* The investigation of the issues relating to the setting up of a website was worthwhile.
* This course was relevant to my project, because the project work involved working with and testing a web application. The skills I picked up in this class were definitely helpful.
* Because this course was a web development course I felt it helped my project in a big way. I felt this because it helped me to use HTML and CSS code to complete the content which I preferred.
* The course had a lot of relevant content towards my project. As it was primarily front-end, the course material helped a lot with understanding and editing the existing HTML and CSS code. My knowledge of basic interface design principles also helped in the project
* The lesson on responsive design helped me to create the fundamental user interface that our app, System Status Monitor, uses.
* This course didn’t give much help my project, my project is software development, not web page design. However, the knowledge I get from this course can still benefit my future job hunting.
* Website development gave me some of the foundations of my knowledge for CSS and HTML which greatly helped in this project. This class taught us the basics in website coding and without it I would not be able to build the websites that I can today.

## What students recommend for this course

* I would recommend to include more JavaScript as we had limited exposure to it in the course. I think that is especially important for IS students as we don’t take many advanced programming courses so learning it in more depth would be beneficial.
* Bootstrap has become the most popular CSS framework and real standard of Web front end development, it would be better if Bootstrap can be introduced in the BCIT242 class.
* When I did the course we didn’t have to put the site on the web but I would have liked to have done this as I thought I would have put more of an effort into the website that I created back then.
* Using AngularJS, ReactJS. Focus more on the current web design trends, and the technologies involved
* Another recommendation is to add another lesson to the course syllabus and this lesson should be about Bootstrap. Bootstrap is a free front-end framework for faster and easier web development, it includes HTML and CSS based design templates.
* This course should have taught us more about how to make a dynamic and responsive website. I recommend taking advantage of CSS and JavaScript plugins like Bootstrap
* I would like to use more powerful tool instead of notepad++, how about Dreamweaver or Expression 4?