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Sample Comments based on Whole Population of Courses

I reproduce verbatim the entire set of comments from three classes that I have taught. One is undergraduate class CS 367 (Computer Systems and Programming) taught the first time in Spring 2017, graduate classes Data Mining (CS 584) taught in Fall 2016 and CS 795 (Special Topics: Biological Data Mining). CS 795 was cross-listed with the Bioninformatics Department as well. The students are asked to answer the following two questions: (1) What aspects of the course and the way it was taught helped you to learn? (2) What modifications do you suggest for the next time the course is taught?

CS 367 Computer Systems Programming, Spring 2017

- Exercises were great and helpful for the exam. Very encouraging and I like that you care about student's learning progress.
- Rangwala, You have incredible energy and humor. This is a very hard class to teach and you did so with great excitement. I thoroughly enjoyed sitting in front and listening to your lectures.
- Class exercises were good. Remembered your presentation in CS 101, which is the reason I took your class. It's been a good decision. You explain concepts well. Learned a lot this semester from you. Maybe, I can take another class from you later :)
- This was a very hard course but Professor Rangwala was a great Professor. Although he was quite difficult and strict, his disciplined teaching style really helped to keep me focused and on track.
- Doing the questions in class helped a lot. You knew how to do the problem or had a nice template at the end.
- Professor Rangwala is funny and he is very dedicated. He showed that he wants us to learn and he made the students participate.
- Rangwala's teaching style is awesome! He's fun to listen to and makes his lectures interesting. He's obviously very passionate about the subject, and as a result the class was never boring.
- Excellent.
- Professor and HWS ✓. Lecture ++ ✓. RANGWALA is GREAT.
- This professor is exciting + passionate. Love Him !
- In class assignments were awesome.
- Activities, Discussions and Projects.
- The worksheets and class activities were extremely helpful.

- The handouts and projects.
- The projects and the homeworks helped to a degree.
- Piazza, Homeworks, Textbook practice problems.
- Projects were awesome! You were very helpful! In class assignments were invaluable!
- In class exercises, and the projects.
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- I enjoyed the labs.
- I liked the handouts, they really helped me understand and apply the theory.
- Challenging but great class.
- Class handouts were helpful.
- Loved the handouts. Lots of respect to students. Explained things in great detail.
- Handouts during class and group work were very helpful.
- Instructor willingness to answer questions and clarify confusions.
- The ppts were good review examples for the exam. The problem sets given in class were helpful to understand core material.
- The Activities/Worksheets in class.
- Piazza notes by the instructor.
- The in-class activities were fantastic—more!
- In-class discussions were great. I loved the teaching style.

CS 584 Theory and Applications of Data Mining, Fall 2016

- Projects and HW assignments were excellent. No better way to learn than by doing.
- Good Projects!
- The course taught me a lot with the method of data analysis.
- The Projects. It helped me understand what data analysis projects are like and what to expect when I work in the field.
- It was fun and interactive.
- Actual programming assignments.

- I loved the “Miner” grading style and it proved to be a gentle introduction to Kaggle and machine learning competitions. I also liked being encouraged to think about programming and working with real life datasets.
- Discussions inside the class and assignments that gave hands on.
- Miner was great way to do hands on learning. Projects over all were great!
- Lecture interaction, projects, homeworks.
- Interactive classroom participation expected. Data Miner Grader for immediate feedback.
- Class discussion. Real-world examples.

CS 795/BINF 795 Biological Data Mining, Fall 2009

- The research papers and HWs given based on papers exposes to practical learning.
- Set Sufficient Computer Science pre-requisites. This is mainly a course in machine learning and leass a course on bioinformatics. Few students appeared to adequately understand the readings. This widened effective communications in class. Use fewer jigsaws. Give more homework and/or projects.
- I consider this an excellent course and I enjpyed the class and learned a lot. My suggestion would be to lessen the pressure on the students in terms of updates and reports.
- The Readings and paper critiquing were very helpful. Though, difficult to start I learned a lot.
- Intellectual learning helped me learned the topics. The course is perfectly organized.
- They way the course worked to read research papers and critique them has helped.