

## CSC 431 Course Reflection

This course offered a comprehensive exploration of software engineering aspects, challenging me intellectually, practically, and socially. After the first class, when you told us this was your first time teaching the class, I didn't know what to expect. However, throughout the semester, I thoroughly enjoyed the class; I found the lectures engaging, and the stories/speakers helped provide real-world applications of the lectures. In addition, I felt that your emphasis on communication was extremely helpful, especially with the semester-long project. I am usually quiet in class and don't meet many people. But your push to communicate with the class and people around me pushed me to meet quite a few people in the class. In addition, most of my other classes are lecture-based, which is usually uninteresting, which means that people aren't engaged in the class. I never felt like any of your classes were like this, and that made so much of a difference in terms of enjoyment.

In terms of the project, I think it went well. I didn't know my group mates before this class, but we were very close by the end. Even making plans outside of class to hang out. In addition, everyone in my group did their part and was available to meet. This made doing the project pretty easy and quick. The best part was that each of us had strengths and weaknesses, and I think they did really well, so it was easy to teach and learn from each other. Turning to the actual presentation and documents, I felt they were fair and connected to the lectures and the information we were learning. However, I felt there could have been more direction in the form of a clearer outline or a more detailed explanation of what you wanted from the project. Going forward you should take one of the better projects from our class and give that to kids next year as a reference. I think this would be nice as people can see the elements you want and can do that and more. This was the most challenging part of the whole project as we didn't know if there was more than you wanted. When we looked online, websites said different things, so we didn't want to follow them and stray away from the template.

For the quizzes, although I didn't do well on them, I thought they were very fair. I had difficulty studying for and performing on tests, so that was my biggest issue. But when I looked back at the quizzes and when you explained it in class, I could see exactly which slides the question came from, meaning it was a fair quiz. In addition my partners scored well on the quizzes so I think it was just my performance rather than the actual quiz. I think the weight of the quizzes in terms of the entire class was nice. It was enough to make them very important but not so large that it tanked your grade if you didn't do well. This was nice for me as I think I did well on our presentation and documents. In addition, going over the quiz helped me learn the material so I never felt like I fell behind.

In conclusion, I hope that you get to teach this class again. I found it extremely interesting and fun, and I'm not sure I would have felt like that if I had a different teacher. I think it would have been a very different experience. In addition I enjoyed how much you cared about us and wanted to create a relationship with us where we were able to joke and talk before class and during class. This was nice as it broke down the barrier between us and actually made the class closer to each other. I also was very appreciative when you cooperated with me when I was sick, as I had a recurring issue over this semester that I was facing. It made it hard to attend classes, but once I knew you would work with me, especially if I planned and told you about it. It relieved a lot of stress on my end. Thank you so much for the class, I learned a lot and enjoyed it.