

University of Victoria  
Course Experience Survey  
Survey Summary Results: Summer 2008

Course: **CSC 370**  
 Dept/Div: **Computer Science**

Section: **A01&A02**  
 Enrolment: **#N/A**

Instructor: **D. GERMAN**  
 Forms Scanned: **20**

**Statements about the instructor(s):**

Statement	% Response to Scale Ratings					No.	Mean	SD	Median
	1	2	3	4	5				
1	0%	0%	0%	21%	79%	19	4.79	0.42	5.0
2	0%	5%	5%	47%	42%	19	4.26	0.81	4.0
3	0%	0%	5%	37%	58%	19	4.53	0.61	5.0
4	0%	0%	0%	47%	53%	19	4.53	0.51	5.0
5	0%	0%	17%	39%	44%	18	4.28	0.75	4.0
6	0%	0%	5%	47%	47%	19	4.42	0.61	4.0
7	0%	0%	0%	33%	67%	18	4.67	0.49	5.0
8	0%	0%	0%	44%	56%	18	4.56	0.51	5.0

**Statements about the course:**

Statement	% Response to Scale Ratings					No.	Mean	SD	Median
	1	2	3	4	5				
9	0%	6%	6%	50%	39%	18	4.22	0.81	4.0
10	0%	5%	11%	58%	26%	19	4.05	0.78	4.0
11	0%	0%	5%	26%	68%	19	4.63	0.60	5.0
12	0%	0%	0%	53%	47%	19	4.47	0.51	4.0
13	0%	0%	0%	45%	55%	20	4.55	0.51	5.0
14	0%	0%	5%	30%	65%	20	4.60	0.60	5.0
15	0%	0%	0%	45%	55%	20	4.55	0.51	5.0

**Statements about self:**

16	Reasons for taking course:				
	Interest	Program Requirement	Reputation of Instructor	Reputation of Course	Timetable fit
Number:	16	0	0	0	3

17	Number of sessions unable to attend:				
	< 3	3 - 10	11 - 20	>20	n/a
Number:	0	6	11	2	0

18	Workload relative to other courses:				
	Extremely Heavy	Somewhat Heavy	Average	Somewhat Light	Extremely Light
Number:	7	12	0	0	1

19	Approximate number of hours of study per week outside of class:					
	< 1	1 <= 2	2 <= 5	5 <= 8	8 <= 10	> 10
Number:	2	6	7	3	0	1

20	As a result of experience in this course, interest in material		
	Decreased	Stayed the same	Increased
Number:	1	6	13

**Additional statements**

Statement	% Response to Scale Ratings					No.
	1	2	3	4	5	
21	0%	0%	0%	15%	85%	20
22	0%	0%	5%	45%	50%	20
23						0
24						0
25	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	1



Course Experience Survey

Course: \_\_\_\_\_ (eg. COM 205)

Section: \_\_\_\_\_ (eg. F02)

Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

The University of Victoria values your feedback on your course experience. Your responses will be considered in the assessment of instructors and for improving the design of courses. All your answers are anonymous. Please contribute your ratings by responding to the questions below. Thank you!

Shade circles like this: ○

I Instructor's teaching.

Please provide your rating on the following statements:

Table with 5 columns: Very Poor (1), Poor (2), Adequate (3), Good (4), Excellent (5). Rows 1-8: Instructor prepared for sessions, explanations clear, motivated to learn, available for questions, returned assignments, helpful feedback, respect for students, overall effective.

II Course design.

Please provide your rating on the following statements:

Table with 5 columns: Very Poor (1), Poor (2), Adequate (3), Good (4), Excellent (5). Rows 9-15: Course structure clear, materials clear, assigned work helpful, opportunities to engage, fair assessment, relevant skills, overall effective learning experience.

**CSC 370 A01/A02**  
**D. German**  
**SUMMER 2008**

**What strengths did this instructor demonstrate that helped you to learn in this course?**

- The instructor knows the material very well.
- Very friendly and approachable; excellent at explaining concepts in a clear way.
- Enthusiastic & good understanding of material.
- He was helpful and always showed up during his office hours.
- He was very passionate about what he teaches.
- Excellent teacher, best uvic class so far.
- Motivated. Knowledgeable. Good job!
- Offered optional tutorials.
- The labs are helpful

**Please provide specific suggestions as to how the instructor could have helped you learn more effectively.**

- When I send you an email with a question and cc my group member, please reply to all so that everyone sees your response.
- The in-class exercises were helpful. – I would have liked to do more of them.
- The labs would be helpful in order to understand the material better.
- Maybe switch teams half way through just to change experience a bit.
- Assignments questions were sometimes unclear, but when asked for feedback and clarifications, the professor was very helpful.
- Have a course project that makes students use SQL in a real world related project.
- Dr. German provided extra 'labs' this hands on instruction was very helpful for shifting the work from theory to applied, which is useful for future work.
- Talk slower so people have time to think.

**What are the main strengths of this course?**

- Material is relevant in the workplace.
- It covers a lot of database management in a broad scope.
- Excellent teacher and relevant material
- Practical. Teaches skills that are essential in the workplace.

- Labs
- I think the volume & content of the assignments were very helpful for keeping on top of the course content.
- Working in groups

**Please provide specific suggestions as to how this course could be improved.**

- Add lab sessions, the pre-req does not ensure the students are exposed to SQL, which makes it a bit difficult at first.
- While the course did not officially have a lab, I appreciated the optional lab sessions and would endorse making them official labs. I would have preferred working alone to working in a group.
- A lab section would be very helpful.
- This course definitely needs labs/tutorial to grasp the material better. The group work was very helpful but the size of the groups should be smaller.
- LABS!
- Labs.
- Course Project. Labs.
- Lab section would be good. Group work was good, but groups should be smaller.
- Labs should be included, however they should only be an hour long. Team work was useful, but at times, staggered?? – Instructor should create smaller groups & lighter assignments.
- I didn't like the group work. My group was very unreliable, rarely came to lecture and often missed group meetings. I chose to stop lending them notes and teaching them what they'd missed. I really felt backed into a corner as my grades relied on their work or mine tripled.
- More labs and less assignments.

**- I was satisfied with this course and have no detailed comments. -1 responses**



Course Experience Survey  
Comments

Course: CSC 370  
(eg. COM 205)

Section: F01  
(eg. F02)

Instructor: D. German

Comments will be made available to the instructors, after grades are finalized, to assist the instructor in improving instruction and the course. Your comments are intended to be anonymous – no personal identification is necessary.

Wherever possible, please use specific examples or suggestions.

- I was satisfied with this course and have no detailed comments.
- Please type my comments before they are given to the course instructor.

What strengths did this instructor demonstrate that helped you to learn in this course?

- he knows this stuff well.
- relates it to other things we may encounter

Please provide specific suggestions as to how the instructor could have helped you learn more effectively.

What are the main strengths of this course?

- It is useful
- It relates to many other courses.

Please provide specific suggestions as to how this course could be improved.

- LABS.  
→ we would learn a lot better with  
labs!

Thank you for your comments!



Course Experience Survey Comments

Course: CSE 370  
(eg. COM 205)

Section: A07  
(eg. F02)

Instructor: german

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What strengths did this instructor demonstrate that helped you to learn in this course?

very knowledgeable about sql and concepts of course

Please provide specific suggestions as to how the instructor could have helped you learn more effectively.

topics discussed in class were hard to link to posted slides

What are the main strengths of this course?

learn sql + concepts behind DBS

Please provide specific suggestions as to how this course could be improved.

groups were so so, extra tutorials were very effective, wished it was oracle instead, imdb was interesting would have liked to learn some more advan stuff

Thank you for your comments!



Course Experience Survey  
Comments

Course: LSC 370  
(eg. COM 205)

Section: K01  
(eg. F02)

Instructor: Dan German

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I was satisfied with this course and have no detailed comments.

Please type my comments before they are given to the course instructor.

What strengths did this instructor demonstrate that helped you to learn in this course?

Please provide specific suggestions as to how the instructor could have helped you learn more effectively.

What are the main strengths of this course?

Please provide specific suggestions as to how this course could be improved.

Working in teams was nice in theory, but instances of true collaborative work were scarce due to time constraints; most of the time different portions were done by different people. Maybe this is not so good.

Thank you for your comments!



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Section: A01  
(eg. F02)

Instructor: D. German

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What strengths did this instructor demonstrate that helped you to learn in this course?

Powerful voice and expressions; energetic

Please provide specific suggestions as to how the instructor could have helped you learn more effectively.

Provide handouts with summaries of material in a given section to better provide us with an outline of what material was covered and what ~~is~~ is important to understand.

What are the main strengths of this course?

Its real world applications

Please provide specific suggestions as to how this course could be improved.

Smaller (more frequent) assignments.

Thank you for your comments!





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Instructor: D. German

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- I was satisfied with this course and have no detailed comments.
- Please type my comments before they are given to the course instructor.

**What strengths did this instructor demonstrate that helped you to learn in this course?**

He was interested in the material & offered examples, offered extra labs to help demo concepts learned in class.

**Please provide specific suggestions as to how the instructor could have helped you learn more effectively.**

**What are the main strengths of this course?**

The extra labs which the instructor offered to demonstrate concepts learned in class.

**Please provide specific suggestions as to how this course could be improved.**

Labs.

*Thank you for your comments!*



Course Experience Survey  
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Course: CSC 370  
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Section: <sup>A</sup>#01  
(eg. F02)

Instructor: DM German

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What strengths did this instructor demonstrate that helped you to learn in this course?

Daniel is a really nice and knowledgeable guy. He explained things in a clear manner. I look forward to taking more courses with him.

Please provide specific suggestions as to how the instructor could have helped you learn more effectively.

What are the main strengths of this course?

Very interesting course, would definitely take a higher level version.

Please provide specific suggestions as to how this course could be improved.

No group assignments! As I've been working with databases for years, I ended up doing > 75% of the work on group assignments as I won't let people who don't know what they are doing hurt my grades.

Thank you for your comments!



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Section: A01 (eg. F02)

Instructor: Daniel German

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What strengths did this instructor demonstrate that helped you to learn in this course?

A willingness to run optional labs to help us learn SQL - unfortunately there was no structure to them, and I didn't learn much. But the potential's there.

Please provide specific suggestions as to how the instructor could have helped you learn more effectively.

Group work can, in theory, help students learn. In my experience it just leads to laziness, and to partitioning of work so no one learns everything.

What are the main strengths of this course?

Databases are everywhere these days. I enjoyed learning relational algebra, that'll probably come in very useful.

Please provide specific suggestions as to how this course could be improved.

structured labs on SQL (and not impromptu ones)

Thank you for your comments!