

University of Victoria

Course Experience Survey

Survey Summary Results: Fall 2010

Course: CSC 370
Section: A01
Instructor: DANIEL GERMAN
Dept/Faculty: Computer Science, Faculty of Engineering
Enrolment: 34
Rate of Response: 132.4%
I Instructor's Teaching - Students' Ratings on the Following Statements:

Statement	% Response to Scale Ratings					Total # of Resp.	Mean	SD	Median
	1=Very Poor	2=Poor	3=Adequate	4=Good	5=Excellent				
1. The instructor was prepared for course sessions.	0%	0%	4%	24%	71%	45	4.67	0.56	5.0
2. The instructor's explanations of concepts were clear.	0%	0%	9%	36%	56%	45	4.47	0.66	5.0
3. The instructor motivated you to learn in this course.	0%	0%	7%	27%	67%	45	4.60	0.62	5.0
4. Instructor was available to answer questions or provide assistance.	0%	0%	2%	36%	61%	44	4.59	0.54	5.0
5. Instr. ensured that assign./tests were returned within reasonable time.	0%	0%	9%	36%	56%	45	4.47	0.66	5.0
6. Instr. was helpful in providing feedback to improve learning in course.	0%	5%	14%	52%	29%	42	4.05	0.79	4.0
7. The instructor demonstrated respect for students and their ideas.	0%	5%	0%	27%	68%	44	4.59	0.73	5.0
8. Overall, the instructor was effective in this course.	0%	0%	0%	23%	77%	44	4.77	0.42	5.0

II Course Design - Students' Ratings on the Following Statements:

Statement	% Response to Scale Ratings					Total # of Resp.	Mean	SD	Median
	1=Very Poor	2=Poor	3=Adequate	4=Good	5=Excellent				
9. The course structure, goals and requirements were clear.	0%	0%	9%	44%	47%	45	4.38	0.65	4.0
10. The materials provided for learning the course content were clear.	0%	2%	16%	40%	42%	43	4.21	0.80	4.0
11. The assigned work helped your understanding of the course content.	0%	7%	2%	33%	58%	45	4.42	0.84	5.0
12. Course provided opportunities to engage with the course material.	0%	2%	2%	30%	66%	44	4.59	0.66	5.0
13. The methods of assessment used to evaluate your learning were fair.	0%	0%	4%	51%	44%	45	4.40	0.58	4.0
14. The course provided relevant skills and information.	0%	0%	2%	20%	78%	45	4.76	0.48	5.0
15. Overall, the course offered an effective learning experience.	0%	0%	2%	42%	56%	45	4.53	0.55	5.0

III Statements About The Students:

16. My primary reason for taking the course:	Interest	Program Requirement	Reputation of Instructor	Reputation of Course	Timetable Fit
Number:	6	36	1	0	1

17. The approximate number of classes or labs that I did not attend:	< 3	3 - 10	11 - 20	>20	n/a
Number:	37	5	0	0	3

18. Relative to other courses I have taken at UVic, the workload in this course was:	Extremely Heavy	Somewhat Heavy	Average	Somewhat Light	Extremely Light
Number:	1	7	35	2	0

19. The approximate number of hours per week I spent studying for this course outside of class time:	< 1	1 <= 2	2 <= 5	5 <= 8	8 <= 10	> 10
Number:	5	17	16	5	0	1

20. As a result of my experience in this course, my interest in the material:	Decreased	Stayed the same	Increased
Number:	3	18	24

IV Additional Statements:

Statement	% Response to Scale Ratings					Total # of Resp.
	1	2	3	4	5	
21.	0%	0%	0%	18%	82%	44
22.	0%	0%	7%	32%	61%	44
23.	0%	13%	25%	0%	63%	8
24.	0%	0%	43%	0%	57%	7
25.	0%	17%	17%	0%	67%	6

**CSC 370 A01
D German
FALL 2010**

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

- Liked the fact that he used the blackboard rather than power point. Very good teacher.
- Well prepared. Good explanation of course material.
- Daniel has a strong understanding of the material being presented. I learn more effectively w/o the use of power point, so I always learn the material in his class. He's interesting to listen to. One of my favorite profs!
- Engaging, knows subject matter, enthusiastic & clear. In-class demonstrations of the DBMS were great for helping me understand.
- Industry experience. Clear requirements (for students).
- Examples and Exercises in class were very helpful. Overall it was a great course and very effective teaching style.
- Enthusiastic during lectures. Engaged with students.

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

- The class exercises became less frequent towards the end of term – it would be good to keep those up.
- Assignments worth more. Midterm worth too much.
- Assignments should be worth more.
- Write clearly & get a room with more board space. Don't just erase & write question in same space – instead rewrite new question.
- Better setup on Moodle – too hit-or-miss to find things.
- Clear organized notes/ topic summaries.

What are the main strengths of this course?

- Course content that is usable in the future.
- Applicability to real world.
- Applicable for future career.
- Relevance to careers.

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

- ☺
- Ensure the printers on the 3rd floor are working!!! Instructor doesn't like teaching & called UVic students dumb & stupid compared to a different Canadian university in the first class – that wasn't cool.
- Better work distribution between partners on assignments.
- More theory! We get enough SQL in the real world. Provide more structure for group work, so that slackers can't coast.
- Assignment workload was massive compared to the % worth of the assignments.

I was satisfied with this course and have no detailed comments. –17 responses



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(eg. COM 205)

Section: _____
(eg. F02)

Instructor: 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?

Very engaging and motivating

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

more time spent on material directly related to assigned work

What are the main strengths of this course?

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

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

- Made classes and class discussions interactive and engaging
• In-class exercises were helpful reinforcing lessons

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

- Would have appreciated a more linear/sequential flow of some lectures and their topics (for better clarity)
• Would have also appreciated it if extended deadlines were updated more promptly on connect

What are the main strengths of this course?

- Provides useful teaching on SQL
• Provides useful information on database design

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

- Not sure if relational algebra is very useful (it's not a very intuitive "language", especially for aggregates, and is hard to learn after learning the equivalent SQL)
• Not sure if writing team contracts was very useful in assignments (although doing some initial discussions does help)

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

- ENTHUSIASTIC -> HIGH ENERGY.
ENGAGED CLASS WITH QUESTIONS / EXERCISES.

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

- NOTES WERE SOMETIMES UNORGANIZED (FOR ME, THE ONLINE NOTES WERE MUCH MORE USEFUL THAN CLASS NOTES).

What are the main strengths of this course?

- ASSIGNED WORK WAS ACTUALLY USEFUL

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

- GROUP WORK ISN'T IDEAL -> SOME ASSIGNMENTS WERE DIFFICULT TO DISTRIBUTE ACROSS THE GROUP. ALSO, MAKES IT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO SCHEDULE WORK, AND FELT NEED TO COMPENSATE FOR OTHER MEMBERS AT THE LAST MOMENT. (IN A WORK PLACE, WORK TIMES WOULD BE FAR EASIER TO SCHEDULE.)

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- MANDATORY ATTENDANCE IS SILLY AT THIS LEVEL OF EDUCATION.



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

- Good lecture, assignments were well thought out and structured.
- I'm glad we didn't cover relational calculus.

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

- Could have moved through material at a faster pace sometimes.

What are the main strengths of this course?

- Likely applies well to industry.

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

- The class db was hideously slow.

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Section: A01
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What strengths did this instructor demonstrate that helped you to learn in this course?

- Enthusiasm 😊
- Lots of board writing
- Good examples

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

- Practise exams/ practise questions for midterms.

What are the main strengths of this course?

- Group projects
- More interesting than other CSC courses I'd previously taken.

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

- Again, practise exams/questions to help us study.

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

- Prepared for class
- interesting & engaging lectures
- Not afraid to tell students to shut up
- Reasonable assignments
- Responded to emails quickly

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 relevant. Almost every part of Computer Science uses database knowledge
- Group work is very valuable experience
- Good mark distribution

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

- Text was not the greatest

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

knows his stuff and cares that we need to learn it
- Best Prof I have had. I would take any course he teaches

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

What are the main strengths of this course?

Interesting material

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

- I don't like group work!

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Section: A02
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Instructor: Daniel German

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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?

- Explanations of concepts very clear
- Enthusiasm makes it much easier to come to lecture

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.

- Improve assignment specifications.

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

created a positive environment,
the teaching methods were excellent,

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

more organized blackboard writing

What are the main strengths of this course?

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

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Section: 1 (eg. F02)

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What are the main strengths of this course?

The professor

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

Make group assignments more group-oriented, less readily divisible

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

Clear lectures.

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.

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

Excellent enthusiasm, very strong teaching style.

Also, how the heck did he memorize all our names by the third 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?

Taught some relevant and interesting material for future jobs.

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

Perhaps more mentions of how specific DBs differ - I'll probably sound like an idiot when I don't know Oracle from Postgres.

Also, could assignments be done differently? We all did 1/3rd of each assignment, which means lots of us have holes in knowledge.

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Instructor: Daniel German

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

• Outgoing, positive, engaging, interactive

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.

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

Very inspirational and motivating

Good in-class examples.

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

What are the main strengths of this course?

teamwork assignments work well... when you get a good tea.

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

A \$200 textbook? Really?

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Instructor: Daniel Gaerman

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

Enthusiastic, engages the class in relevant activities.

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

What are the main strengths of this course?

Teaches a relevant, important skills for industry.

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

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