University of Victoria  
Course Experience Survey  
Survey Summary Results: Fall 2011

Course:  CSC 370  
Section:  A01  
Instructor:  DANIEL GERMAN  
Dept/Faculty:  Computer Science, Faculty of Engineering  
Enrolment:  37  
Rate of Response:  118.9%

I Instructor’s Teaching - Students’ Ratings on the Following Statements:

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<td>1=Very Poor</td>
<td>2=Poor</td>
<td>3=Adequate</td>
<td>4=Good</td>
<td>5=Excellent</td>
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<td>1. The instructor was prepared for course sessions.</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>5%</td>
<td>32%</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<td>2. The instructor’s explanations of concepts were clear.</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>43%</td>
<td>41%</td>
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<td>3. The instructor motivated you to learn in this course.</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>36%</td>
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<td>4. Instructor was available to answer questions or provide assistance.</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>56%</td>
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<td>5. Inst. ensured that assign./tests were returned within reasonable time.</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>23%</td>
<td>48%</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td>6. Inst. was helpful in providing feedback to improve learning in course.</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>2%</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>27%</td>
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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 | Resp. |
| 9. The course structure, goals and requirements were clear.                | 0%          | 0%     | 11%       | 41%    | 27%        | 44    | 4.16  | 0.61 | 4.0 |
| 10. The materials provided for learning the course content were clear.     | 0%          | 2%     | 17%       | 45%    | 36%        | 42    | 4.14  | 0.78 | 4.0 |
| 11. The assigned work helped your understanding of the course content.     | 0%          | 2%     | 14%       | 41%    | 43%        | 44    | 4.25  | 0.78 | 4.0 |
| 12. Course provided opportunities to engage with the course material.      | 2%          | 0%     | 14%       | 42%    | 42%        | 43    | 4.21  | 0.86 | 4.0 |
| 13. The methods of assessment used to evaluate your learning were fair.    | 0%          | 0%     | 14%       | 57%    | 30%        | 44    | 4.16  | 0.64 | 4.0 |
| 14. The course provided relevant skills and information.                   | 0%          | 0%     | 11%       | 39%    | 50%        | 44    | 4.39  | 0.69 | 4.5 |
| 15. Overall, the course offered an effective learning experience.          | 0%          | 0%     | 11%       | 43%    | 45%        | 44    | 4.34  | 0.68 | 4.0 |

III Statements About The Students:

16. My primary reason for taking the course:

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<tr>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Interest</th>
<th>Program Requirement</th>
<th>Reputation of Instructor</th>
<th>Reputation of Course</th>
<th>Timetable Fit</th>
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<td>36</td>
<td>1</td>
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17. The approximate number of classes or labs that I did not attend:

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<th>11 - 20</th>
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18. Relative to other courses I have taken at UVic, the workload in this course was:

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<th>Extremely Heavy</th>
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<td>31</td>
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19. The approximate number of hours per week I spent studying for this course outside of class time:

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20. As a result of my experience in this course, my interest in the material:

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<th>Decreased</th>
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IV Additional Statements:

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

- Love the in-class small exercise, but if a clear solution be posted after will be even better
- Hyper, full of energy when teaching course & using blackboard
- He was highly engaged while teaching us. Motivational. Very informative. This policy regardless missing classes was great & motivated me to come to class
- Great idea to write on black board from your note book, in some courses professors seemed scattered with their black board notes, you always came to class well prepared and I think that made the learning experience more effective.
- Awesome
- Entertaining
- He stays up to 2am to answer questions
- The spelling of “lenght” and “chunck” kept the class fun
- In class exercises provided a means to receive immediate feedback on how we are doing with the material
- Interesting with the database early and often is beneficial
- Knowledge of the course materials, past experience with course
- Charisma
- On the fly knowledge
- Verbal presentation
- Detailed knowledge
- Focus on practical applications
- The instructor gave exercises to work in class in group which is the best part of the course
- If someone zones out during class DMG would call them out and this caused me to pay more attention
- The work sheets were good.
- Use of the blackboard! Seeing and modifying discussions on the fly was great.
- Mandatory attendance and cell phone/computer roles – most engaged class I’ve ever been in.
- Use of blackboard & in class exercises
- Used great technique of passing questions during class which kept people thinking about the subject.
Please provide specific suggestions as to how the instructor could have helped you learn more effectively.

- Nothing
- Better use of blackboard (e.g. more organized)
- Let’s watch more of memento
- Please watch all of memento next time!
- Better organization on the blackboard for notes
- The notes for this course need to be improved. The order they are presented in make sense on the boards but not if transferred directly to text (can’t draw lines between pages (etc))
- Encourage effective note-taking through better organized blackboard notes
- The notes on the board were very useful but messy clearer note would help!
- ?
- It would be nice to get marked assignments back before related midterms
- Asked us questions about last class
- Demanded a good learning environment

What are the main strengths of this course?

- Love the team work idea
- Team based assignment allowed to become engaged with other classmates
- Relevance to real world (which I appreciate the instructor emphasizing and covering)
- Well-structured
- Relevant unlike… say… Numerical Analysis
- Practical
- In–demand
- Engaging
- Learn sql
- Use of real-world sized data, only way to literally “see” concepts
- Prof makes H interesting
- Application to real world

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

- Faster database server 😞
- MORE MEMENTO & EGGS
• Watch more movies
• More sql
• No changing teams after first assignment
• Add project
• Setting up the database or accessing it was not clear. A simple tutorial in the beginning of the course would be helpful.

- I was satisfied with this course and have no detailed comments. – 13 responses
Course Experience Survey Comments

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(eg. COM 205)

Section: **A02**  
(eg. F02)

Instructor: **YMC**

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Please enter ‘X’ in boxes, if applicable

☐ 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?

☒ The instructor was able to clearly explain difficult concepts.

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.

Thank you for your comments!

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Course Experience Survey Comments

Course: **CSC 270** (eg. COM 205)  
Section: **A01** (eg. F02)  
Instructor: **DMG**

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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.

Structure his notes/examples better. They are hard to follow.

What are the main strengths of this course?

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

Thank you for your comments!

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Section:  
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Instructor: **Daniel Coman.**

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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.

more practical work for topics such as query evaluation / transactions.

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

Good use of class time

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

Be more effective in Blackboard organization if not posting slides

What are the main strengths of this course?

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

Thank you for your comments!

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Section:  
Instructor: Daniel 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?

- Enthusiastic
- Knowledgeable

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

- Slow down
- Use the overhead
- You scrawled all over the boards making note taking extremely difficult.

What are the main strengths of this course?

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

More focus on assignments (scale their worth accordingly)

large % of midterms/finals are terrible.

Thank you for your comments!

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Section: A01
Instructor: Daniel German.

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What strengths did this instructor demonstrate that helped you to learn in this course?
- enthusiasm
- motivated to learn
- kept attention
- good class structure

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

What are the main strengths of this course?
- team work

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?

clearing explanation
more example.

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

clear note on the black board.

What are the main strengths of this course?

good explanation

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

more example

clear notes

good handwriting

Thank you for your comments!

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Section:  
Instructor:  

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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?

In class exercises were great for retaining lecture material.

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.

Thank you for your comments!

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Section: A01  
(eg. F02)  
Instructor:  

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

Enjoyed what he was teaching

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.

Classes M/W on T/F instead of M/W

Thank you for your comments!

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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?

Very passionate and engaging.

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 to industry, this course helps in the real world.

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

possibly a lab or tutorial.

Thank you for your comments!

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Section: A01  
Instructor: Gersov

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

Forced attendance policy

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

More prepared examples

What are the main strengths of this course?

 Desire of students to learn
 Amazing environment where all students paying attention

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

Coverage of triggers because reading docs is hard with no in class examples

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

- Enthusiasm

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

- Better blackboard organization. Notes are all over the place and force lots of eraser use.

What are the main strengths of this course?

- Actual skill for real life

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

- Assignments worth more, more testing with less punishment for failure.

Thank you for your comments!

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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?
- Knows material

Please provide specific suggestions as to how the instructor could have helped you learn more effectively.
- Post lecture slides, blackboards were messy, and moved too fast
- Don't take attendance, we're adults and sometimes have stuff to do.

What are the main strengths of this course?
- Very relevant to industry

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

Thank you for your comments!

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Instructor: Dr. Groman

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

- In class exercises, clear explanations, extra help, Black board only, attendance credit

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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