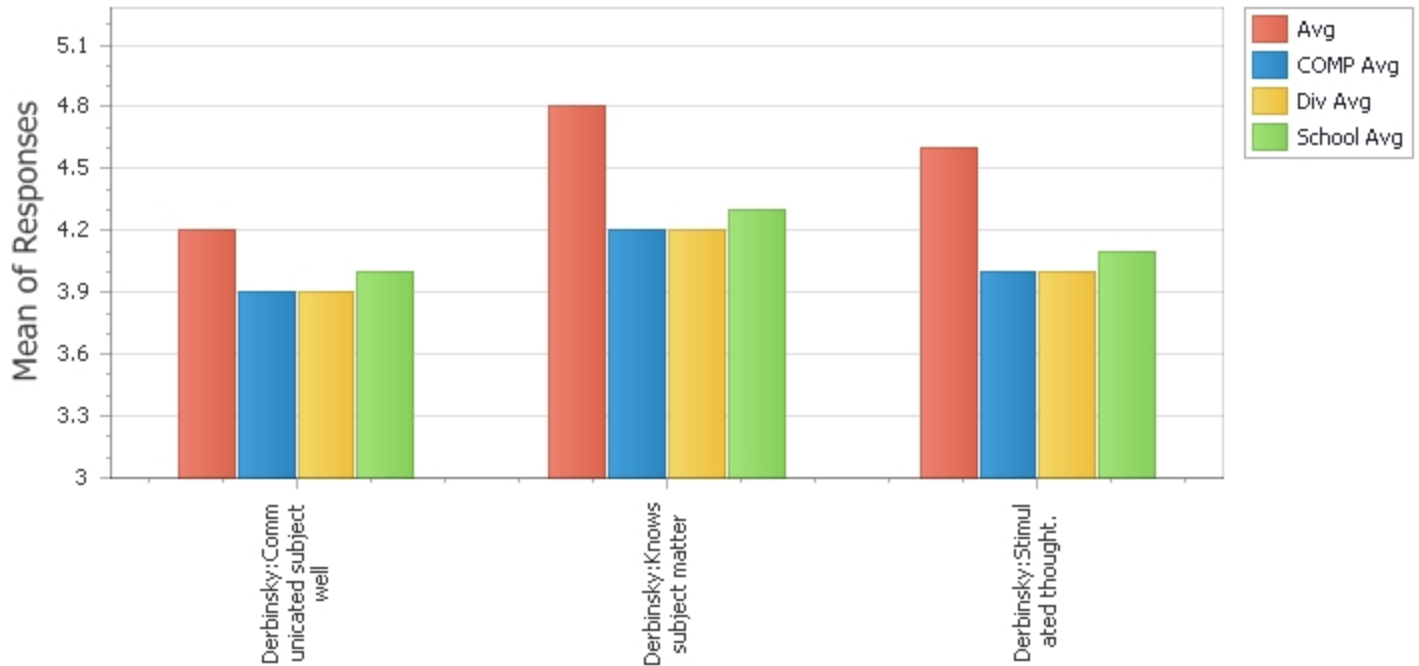


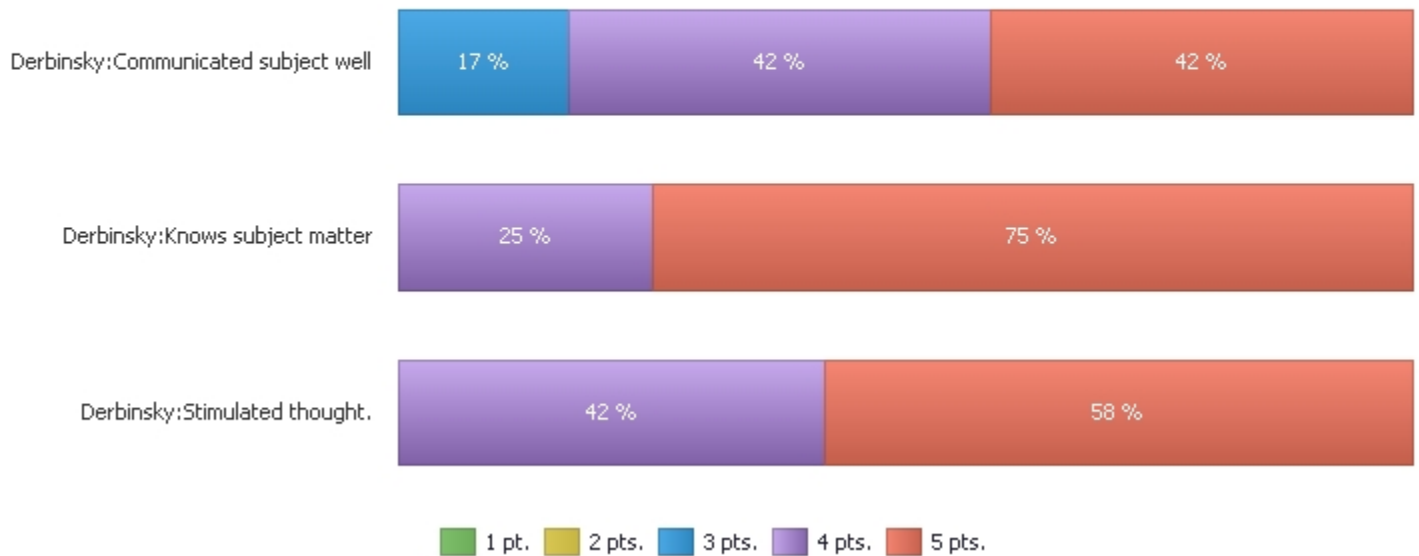
Custom Report for Nathaniel Derbinsky Teaching COMP 570 Single DATABASE APPLICATIONS DAY sec: 1 2014 Fall
 There were: 16 possible respondents.

Order		Question Text	N	Top Two	My Avg	COMP Avg	Div Avg	Div Lvl	Str Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Str Disagr	NA
1		Course required me to use previously obtained knowledge	12	92%	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	50%	42%	0%	0%	0%	8%
2		Analyze a problem, identifying inputs, outputs and processing req.	12	67%	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	33%	33%	25%	0%	0%	8%
3		Better able to design, code and test a program	12	75%	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	25%	50%	17%	8%	0%	0%
4		Course used current techniques, skills and tools	12	92%	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1	42%	50%	8%	0%	0%	0%
5		Intend to further my study of material	11	73%	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	36%	36%	18%	0%	9%	0%
6		Better able to analyze user needs	12	67%	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.9	50%	17%	25%	8%	0%	0%
7		Obtained enhanced understanding of best practices, standards and protocols	11	73%	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.9	45%	27%	18%	9%	0%	0%
8		Better assist in creation of effective project plan	12	67%	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.9	42%	25%	25%	0%	0%	8%
9		Adequate lab facilities	12	75%	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	33%	42%	17%	0%	8%	0%
10		Environment conducive to learning	11	91%	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0	27%	64%	9%	0%	0%	0%
11		Goals for learning achieved	12	58%	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	42%	17%	25%	8%	8%	0%
12		Access of information	12	67%	4	3.8	3.8	3.8	33%	33%	33%	0%	0%	0%
13		Oral communication skills.	12	33%	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	17%	17%	50%	0%	0%	17%
14		Written communication skills.	12	33%	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.7	8%	25%	50%	0%	0%	17%
15		Graphic communication skills.	12	33%	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	17%	17%	33%	0%	0%	33%
16		Improved problem solving.	12	67%	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	25%	42%	17%	8%	0%	8%
17		Understanding traits of leadership.	12	42%	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.7	17%	25%	17%	8%	8%	25%
18		Improved team skills.	12	75%	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.6	25%	50%	17%	8%	0%	0%
19		Exposed to ethical behavior.	12	33%	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	8%	25%	33%	0%	0%	33%
20		Sustainable resources.	12	33%	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	8%	25%	25%	0%	8%	33%
21		Societal and global issues.	12	25%	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	8%	17%	25%	8%	0%	42%
24	Derbinsky	Stimulated thought.	12	100%	4.6	4.0	4.0	4.0	58%	42%	0%	0%	0%	0%
25	Derbinsky	Knows subject matter	12	100%	4.8	4.2	4.2	4.2	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%
									Str Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Str Disagree	N/A
26	Derbinsky	Communicated subject well	12	83%	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.9	42%	42%	17%	0%	0%	0%

Question Averages



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Text Responses

Question: Improvement suggestions.

Database application course should go more indept about creating APIs.

Start SQL far earlier, spend less time on ERDs. The class is "Database Applications" but we didn't actually build an application - only DBs and Queries - until our final exam. Unacceptable.

Improve the format and structure put in place by the instructor.

Change this course. This course was Database Applications. I took this class to learn good ways on how to implement a database within an Application but instead I feel as if I wasted 4 credits. This class taught me little to nothing and was basically a rerun of the COMP 355, the required computer science Database class. I felt the general topics covered in this course did not build on what i had previously learned but retaught these concepts. I do not believe this was do to the instructor as I believe the instructor did his job very well. The biggest problem with this course was the students that took it. They did not pay attention in the earlier class causing the instructors review of material to become a semester long reteach of what they failed to know. I am extremely disappointed. To better this class I would pick up where the prerequisite left off and focus more on the good implementations of a database Application. Another thing i feel should be a prerequisite for this class if it not already is some programming classes because you need to know how to program in order to create an Application. There were to may people that did not understand this course coming in and were not prepared for what it SHOULD have been. This in turn ruined it for others.

Add more examples in the classroom and to go slower when teaching. This subject was taught way too fast. The professor was very smart but it was an overall hard course of you didn't have any experience with SQL Programming in the past.

have a better comp355

I hope that the Database Applications class becomes an actual Database Applications class instead of introductory DBMS.

Have the same professor for Intro to Databases and this course.

Not review COMP 355 for 6 weeks..... yeah that happened. I already paid for that course, i don't need to pay for it again. (2 - 3 weeks min. quiz after to make sure people study and understand it)

Question: Other comments:

It was a good class.

Pace material, this class was quite literally 2 classes in one. It'd be nice if we learned how to create a database and database application from scratch outside of the Final Project. Like, even a very very simple one would've been nice.

Workload is outright overboard. Grading is inconsistent at best and extremely harsh.

I enjoyed te professor but it was still a hard course.

Material heavily relied on comp355, which many in the class lacked literacy in

Great course

Question: Comments for professor

Exams seem too long, can they be shortened?

You know what you are talking about and you're a very bright Professor. Although this is you're first time teaching you have a high demand for quality of work. Your anticipated caliber and understanding of the subject is rather adverse with the behavior found at this Institute. Why did you waste so much time reviewing basic COMP355? There is a need to start off on day one with installing PHPMyAdmin, please don't wait seven weeks into the semester to begin teaching the subject matter that we're all paying this school for. Please relax when you're grading the labs, there is no need to get harsh with the grading. See you next semester.

This instructor was one of the better instructors I have had at Wentworth. If it had not been for him teaching the class I probably would have dropped it due to my above comments about the course in general. He is a great resource and knows his material very well. I am very glad that i was able to have him as a Professor.

This class was hard for me. I tried to come to as many office hours as I could. Most students came in from previous professors that taught differently than you. You know databases very well and I enjoyed all the knowledge you had to offer. I tried to understand it but I don't think databases are for me. In the future classes if you add a few more examples so students have a chance to solidify the topics it would be better. Another thing you can do is provide readings and weekly quizzes on them, this will make students consistently study the material. I felt that once I learned something I completed the lab and then forgot it. I wanted a class where I was constantly forced to follow up on what I did the week before so I wouldn't forget it. I hate forcing myself to learn something that does not interest me. Self teaching is the best way of learning as we have discussed before, but this class just wasn't for me. You are a great professor and I know your years will be well spent at Wentworth. Thanks -Aris Bega

Exams should be done during labs if they are so long.....

Professor Derbinsky is a smart guy and I think on track to being a really great Professor at Wentworth. I think it would've been nicer if he did understand the workload he put us under, however. It's not that it wasn't justified, it's just that we spent too much time doing concept in class when we could've been watching Professor Derbinsky do something like actually create databases from scratch, instead of talking about it. Talking to students and calling it a class is good from time to time, but not every time.

I would recommend trying to lighten up on the workload and not spending so much time on the basics of SQL. I would like to go more in depth with SQL and learn other things about it that we may not have covered in class

I think that more time should have been spent on SQL. I felt that the SQL part was rushed, the lab sure helped, but took a lot of extra work. You definitely understand your stuff, I think that near the end of the semester things could have been reviewed more than going further into depth in the material. I felt that some days the material went over everyone's head halfway through the class. More visualizations and examples would be nice. Good job on the lecture materials nonetheless, they are well organized and lay out what we need to know for the material.

Labs take super long (not that is a bad thing) but maybe they should be salable, and better written. Some of them are very confusing the way they are layout. Added unnecessary time to lab, and more confusion.