Wentworth Institute of Technology

Fall 2015, COMP 1070 COMPUTER SCIENCE I Section 27
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There were: 18 possible respondents.

	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	16	69%	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	25%	44%	13%	19%	0%	0%
2	Analyze a problem, idetifying inputs, outputs and processing req.	16	81%	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1	50%	31%	19%	0%	0%	0%
3	Better able to design, code and test a program	16	81%	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.9	44%	38%	13%	6%	0%	0%
4	Course used current techniques, skills and tools	16	88%	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.1	50%	38%	13%	0%	0%	0%
5	Intend to further my study of material	16	75%	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	69%	6%	19%	0%	6%	0%
6	Better able to analyze user needs	16	81%	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.9	44%	38%	6%	13%	0%	0%
7	Obtained enhanced understanding of best practices, standards and protocols	16	88%	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0	38%	50%	6%	6%	0%	0%
8	Better assist in creation of effective project plan	16	75%	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.9	44%	31%	13%	13%	0%	0%
9	Adequate lab facilities	16	88%	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.9	38%	50%	6%	6%	0%	0%
10	Environment conducive to learning	16	88%	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0	38%	50%	13%	0%	0%	0%
11	Goals for learning achieved	16	88%	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	63%	25%	13%	0%	0%	0%
13	Access of information	16	81%	4.4	3.9	3.9	3.9	56%	25%	19%	0%	0%	0%
16	Oral communication skills.	16	25%	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.6	13%	13%	56%	19%	0%	0%
17	Written communication skills.	16	50%	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	19%	31%	44%	6%	0%	0%
18	Graphic communication skills.	16	33%	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	13%	19%	50%	13%	0%	6%
19	Improved problem solving.	16	81%	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.9	50%	31%	13%	6%	0%	NA
20	Understanding traits of leadership.	16	38%	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.7	19%	19%	50%	13%	0%	0%
21	Improved team skills.	16	27%	3	3.7	3.7	3.7	13%	13%	31%	38%	0%	6%
22	Exposed to ethical behavior.	16	44%	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.7	13%	31%	50%	6%	0%	0%
23	Sustainable resources.	16	25%	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	25%	0%	63%	13%	0%	0%
24	Societal and global issues.	16	29%	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	13%	13%	56%	6%	0%	13%
27	Stimulated thought	16	88%	4.4	4.0	4.0	4.0	56%	31%	13%	0%	0%	0%
28	Knows subject matter	16	100%	4.9	4.3	4.3	4.3	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%
								Str Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Str Disagree	N/A
29	Communicated subject well	16	100%	4.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	81%	19%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Text Responses
Improvement suggestions
Maybe create a project of some sort to have people work together and make sure they understand the subject.
Include more info about computer hardware as opposed to simply learning the java language
Incorporate more small assignments with more feedback.
Nothing
The J unit tests dictate too much of the grade or all of the the grade. The outputs are too specific and it becomes frustrating to a point where it is difficult to complete the PA.
It was great! I cant think of anything to change.
Not use gitlab.
Other comments

As someone who has taken 2 other intro programming classes, this one was a breeze due to previous experience. However the pacing and knowledge was well done and it's nice to see Wentworth shift to Java-based learning to reflect market expectations.

Great professor, good teaching skills. I came into the class with no prior knowledge in computer science but I am leaving the class with decent skills and understanding. The way the lectures are set up and his explaining helps a lot. Only thing about the class is the grading can get a bit harsh but I believe it is because he wants close to perfection from the students so they can get a better understanding. J-unit tests make the class a bit more difficult but its a great tool because it helps you complete programs and guarantees you will do well if you pass them.

This course was very good, I learned new information and was challenged to make sure I knew and understood what I was doing.

Computer Science isn't for me, not to say it's a bad course it's just not for me. In my personal opinion it was a huge mistake going to wentworth expecting that computer science will be my career. And wentworth does not offer a multitude of majors which forces me to re think my college education and transfer to another college.

I felt like I learned a lot in this course. The material was covered very well and was the perfect balance of figuring out the problem for yourself, but also getting instruction on what to do.

Comments for professor

The grading policy on late work can be harsh. If you finish one lab and don't finish the second lab, handing in the late work will do nothing to help your grade at all and makes it seem worthless to fix the issues. The first two test were extremely useful and fair. On the lab front, the jump in difficulty can be seen once you hit methods and caused me to get very lost.

10/10 professor. Second class with him so far and I hope to see him again in the future. Wentworth would be wise to find others like him. Or just have him teach every course. Either way he should be the standard for engagement, learning, instructional knowledge, clarity, and motivation.

this professor is pretty dope

Keep the drop the lowest grade thing going because it is easy to make a simple mistake on an assignment such as not giving developer access. The drop grade teaches the student never to forget to do it again and they aren't completely penalized for forgetting the first time.

Giving zeroes for messing up with gitlab (an already confusing website) is a bit counterproductive and just adds unnecessary stress pertaining to this course.

He's the man.

I think you do a good job teaching the material but pace is very fast and it becomes hard to consume all the information.

I'm glad I took this course due to the amount that it pushed me to learn. Came in with no experience but feel like I have learned plenty to advance in the courses.

Find the people who will mistake your jokes for insults and help them understand they are jokes.

He is very clear with the course material and very funny. I know he had a very strict grading policy but I understand it help us to become better programmer. Recommend if you really want to learn programming

I liked this course, I was challenged throughout, but it helped me understand better the course material