Wentworth Institute of Technology Spring 2015, COMP 355 DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS Section 5 Instructor: Derbinsky, Nate (Primary)

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	88%	4.4	4.0	4.0	4.0	50%	38%	13%	0%	0%	0%
2	Analyze a problem, idetifying inputs, outputs and processing req.	16	100%	4.7	4.1	4.1	4.1	69%	31%	0%	0%	0%	0%
3	Better able to design, code and test a program	16	100%	4.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4	Course used current techniques, skills and tools	16	100%	4.9	4.1	4.1	4.1	88%	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5	Intend to further my study of material	16	100%	4.7	4.0	4.0	4.0	69%	31%	0%	0%	0%	0%
6	Better able to analyze user needs	16	100%	4.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%
7	Obtained enhanced understanding of best practices, standards and protocols	16	100%	4.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%
8	Better assist in creation of effective project plan	16	100%	4.7	3.9	3.9	3.9	69%	31%	0%	0%	0%	0%
9	Adequate lab facilities	16	94%	4.4	3.9	3.9	3.9	63%	31%	0%	0%	6%	0%
10	Environment conducive to learning	16	100%	4.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%
11	Goals for learning achieved	16	100%	4.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	88%	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%
12	Access of information	16	88%	4.7	3.9	3.9	3.9	81%	6%	13%	0%	0%	0%
13	Oral communication skills.	16	81%	4.2	3.6	3.6	3.6	44%	38%	19%	0%	0%	0%
14	Written communication skills.	16	88%	4.2	3.7	3.7	3.7	38%	50%	13%	0%	0%	0%
15	Graphic communication skills.	16	87%	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	38%	44%	13%	0%	0%	6%
16	Improved problem solving.	16	100%	4.6	3.9	3.9	3.9	56%	44%	0%	0%	0%	0%
17	Understanding traits of leadership.	16	80%	4.3	3.7	3.7	3.7	44%	31%	19%	0%	0%	6%
18	Improved team skills.	16	100%	4.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	56%	38%	0%	0%	0%	6%
19	Exposed to ethical behavior.	16	71%	4.1	3.7	3.7	3.7	31%	31%	25%	0%	0%	13%
20	Sustainable resources.	16	64%	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.5	25%	31%	31%	0%	0%	13%
21	Societal and global issues.	16	71%	4	3.5	3.5	3.5	25%	38%	25%	0%	0%	13%
24	Stimulated thought	16	100%	4.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	88%	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%
25	Knows subject matter	16	100%	5	4.3	4.3	4.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
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26	Communicated subject well	16	100%	5	3.9	3.9	3.9	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Text Responses

Improvement suggestions

Nothing, Great Class.

nothing to change keep class structure the same. Be a little mean sometimes though, AKA no corrections.

Change nothing

Nothing. It was the best course I have taken.

Not change a thing.

Slow the speed of the second section of the course to allow students a greater chance of fully grasping the content provided.

Make the classes slightly longer, possibly by 25 minutes.

For some lab instruction (like setup), can you make a video tutorial for us to follow instead of reading a long string.

Pack the exam on a Lab or maybe take home? 45 Minutes is not enough.

remove the final. Project + 2 midterms is more than enough to learn the material

Offer more opportunities for extra credit, like a relatively small but challenging and optional task assigned at the same time of each Lab assignment, and/or every time a new topic is introduced during the lecture (whether intentional or not). Because if you make them about more than the required material, that validates researching the topics further without feeling like its a waste of time when the knowledge is on w3schools.com. Also, for all of the extra credit to be due towards the last day of class, just so they don't think "Already missed it, can't make it up now."

Other comments

I learned a lot in this class and was paced perfectly with learning and exam times.

Was a very intensive course but I learned a lot.

The overall content of this course will allow me to better understand computer systems that utilize databases to be able to better troubleshoot issues or improve current database applications.

Initially I didn't think I'd enjoy this course, however I've gotten an extensive knowledge of databases and gotten to apply it. I throughly enjoyed this class

GOOD JOB !

Best teacher I had so far at Wentworth. I couldn't stop bragging about the course and how much I was enjoying it.

This class became an ordeal for me; the subject-matter is literally painfully interesting, while conflicting with most of my other class work, that it just brutalized my GPA.

Comments for professor

Great course. While the work load was challenging I feel like I've gained more knowledge from this class than most others at WIT. Your humor helps break up otherwise monotonous subject material

I would love to take more advanced Database classes with Prof. Derbinsky.

One of my favorite classes at Wentworth so far, and I learned so much from it. Thank you !

Nathaniel Derbinksy is by far, the best Professor I have had here at WIT. I have learned a great deal this semester. There is a high reward if there is high level of participation. I highly recommend this teacher.

The class was great. It was at times a little daunting to understand and become adept at everything but all in all the challenge taught me a lot.

Maybe do some more in class examples. Otherwise great job with teaching the class and getting us way ahead with a much better understanding of databases compared to the other DBMS classes.

Great innovation on the course. I would much rather take this version of the course than what other Comp355 courses offer.

Thank you, this was a great class and I learned a lot.

This is how I imagined a course would be. Intense, challenging, and well worth the money.

Challenges are absolutely necessary and beautiful experiences, given the time and energy not taken up by other classes' work.