*** PROVISIONAL REPORT ***

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN   COURSE-INSTRUCTOR SURVEY   Spring 2014 DEPARTMENT COPY
Downing, Glenn P   C S373   53900   SOFTWARE ENGINEERING   Enrollment = 33
B000 Basic   Surveys Returned = 23

	Str Disag	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str Agree	NO. REPLIES THIS ITEM	AVG.
1 COURSE WELL-ORGANIZED	1	0	0	5	17	23	4.6
2 COMMUNICATED INFORMATION EFFECTIVELY	1	0	1	2	19	23	4.7
3 SHOWED INTEREST IN STUDENT PROGRESS	1	0	0	5	17	23	4.6
4 ASSIGNMENTS AND TESTS RETURNED PROMPTLY	1	2	1	7	12	23	4.2
5 STUDENT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION	1	0	0	6	16	23	4.6
6 COURSE OF VALUE TO DATE	1	0	0	0	22	23	4.8

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7 OVERALL INSTRUCTOR RATING	1	0	0	2	20	23	4.7
8 OVERALL COURSE RATING	1	0	0	6	16	23	4.6

	Excessive	High	Average	Light	Insuffic		
9 STUDENT RATING OF COURSE WORKLOAD	1	16	6	0	0	23	

	Less 2.00	2.00-2.49	2.50-2.99	3.00-3.49	3.50-4.00		
10 OVERALL UT GRADE POINT AVERAGE	0	1	3	14	5	23	

	__A__	__B__	__C__	__D__	__F__		
11 PROBABLE COURSE GRADE	6	13	3	1	0	23	

For the computation of averages, values were assigned on a 5-point scale so that the most favorable
response was assigned a value of 5 and the least favorable response was assigned a value of 1.

COMMENTS:
Total Number of Comments: 12

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1. While this class was challenging and not "easy" to say the least, the course hit topics that are invaluable to know review on regardless of your background and does extremely well to prep for industry. Projects were entertaining and meaningful and while my grade may not be very high, this class will surely remain in my top college classes.

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2. Hands down the most well organized and articulated class I've taken, and I know that it will be directly relevant to the job I'll be taking after graduation. Thanks very much! Austin

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3. I enjoyed the projects and the chance to learn a wide variety of topics with which to complete our assignments. My only complaint would be a that I believe that material focuses a little heavily on more of the nuances of a particular language i.e. python rather than on some of the bigger topics, such as design patterns.

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4. Professor Downing is one of the best professors I have had here at UT. He engaged all the students, and made the subject exciting for everyone. Just so! He taught how to write code in a way that was, "Beautiful!"

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5. By far one of the best assets of the UT CS department! He is the only professor that focuses more in applicable topic rather then theoretical

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6. My only problem with Professor Downing is he would sometimes interrupt students when they're answering his questions. But he was doing it for the other students i suppose so it's not such a big deal. He's a very good professor over all and I'd takeany class if he was the instructor.

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7. I really enjoyed this course. The thing that was difficult was learning everything for our projects on our own. For example, we went over absolutely nothing about Django and how it works. The Extreme Programming seemed like relevant reading to the field of Software Engineering. Refactoring assigned readings like, only because some reading assignments were close to 70 pages, and knowing most students they wouldn't start until the night before and when they see how much they have to read they don't do it. Might be a good idea to spread the readings or even make the Refactoring reading more frequent but in smaller chunks. Overall good course

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8. Best professor or lecturer whatever that I have ever had. Thank you for your commitment to your students, you can't help but learn by taking your class. Your speech at the Giving Tree Banquet was beautiful.

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9. This was a fun class and I enjoyed the programming assignments. Also useful was the writing assignments given as extra credit. They've improved the velocity at which I can place words on a page and important skill in industry . The only thing I disliked about this class were the exams tricky and picky at best and random at worst. Additionally, they count for so much of the grade that if you are unlucky and don't remember or place specific content from the course on the allowed cheat-sheet , even with near perfect assignment scores it is impossible to get an A. I feel like this penalizes hard work and instead shifts high achievers in the class to a category of lucky or eidetic individuals.

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10. This was a really wonderful class. I would recommend it to all of my CS friends. However, the exam was extremely challenge. I wish this class weight more on project rather than the exam. I think the main reason I won't be able to get a good grade inthis class was because of the exam grade.

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11. Professor Downing, this class has been amazing, I've learned so much and what you're teaching us is so relevant. While interviewing for the internship I got this summer, the interviewer was so impressed with what I was learning in your class and wished that more CS classes were as applicable to industry as yours. Many of the articles you've had us read especially those about women in CS have also made me feel more confident as a female CS student to know that the concerns I have   issues I see are felt by others in the field. My only complaint is that I think 4-5 people would be a better team size for IDB. Thank you for a great semester, and I hope your students in the summer and future semesters appreciate this class as much as I have.

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12. I feel like we kind of rushed through the design patterns at the end we spend hardly any time on xml, json, so I don't know how useful it was to include these at all sql was interesting to learn, but we didn't actually use it that much on the projects Alex TA recommended against writing raw sql, and it was kind of shoehorned into the last project javascript could be useful to learn and provide some balance Collatz and Netflix were good projects, but we might as well have started pair programming from collatz I really like the idea of an outside real customer slid.es are ok speakers are really good, could maybe organize these as after class extra credits it would be nice to know what the quizzes will cover the tests can be tricky

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