

## \*\*\* PROVISIONAL REPORT \*\*\*

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
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 B000 Basic

COURSE-INSTRUCTOR SURVEY  
 SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Spring 2014 DEPARTMENT COPY  
 Enrollment = 37  
 Surveys Returned = 22

	NUMBER CHOOSING EACH RESPONSE					NO. REPLIES THIS ITEM	AVG.
	Str Disag	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str Agree		
1 COURSE WELL-ORGANIZED	2	0	0	3	17	22	4.5
2 COMMUNICATED INFORMATION EFFECTIVELY	1	0	0	3	18	22	4.7
3 SHOWED INTEREST IN STUDENT PROGRESS	1	0	2	3	16	22	4.5
4 ASSIGNMENTS AND TESTS RETURNED PROMPTLY	0	3	1	7	11	22	4.2
5 STUDENT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION	0	0	2	4	16	22	4.6
6 COURSE OF VALUE TO DATE	1	0	0	3	18	22	4.7
	Vry Unsat	Unsat	Satisfact	Very Good	Excellent		
7 OVERALL INSTRUCTOR RATING	1	0	0	2	19	22	4.7
8 OVERALL COURSE RATING	1	0	0	5	15	21	4.6
	Excessive	High	Average	Light	Insuffic		
9 STUDENT RATING OF COURSE WORKLOAD	2	14	6	0	0	22	
	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	0	6	5	11	22	
	<u>  A  </u>	<u>  B  </u>	<u>  C  </u>	<u>  D  </u>	<u>  F  </u>		
11 PROBABLE COURSE GRADE	5	14	3	0	0	22	

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 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.  
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## COMMENTS:

Total Number of Comments: 14

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1. Wonderful Professor. Engaging and teaches every class that is of utmost important. Amazing experience.
  2. One of the best classes and best professors in the department.
  3. Excellent course and instructor. Will recommend to others. I feel like I really took some valuable experiences and new knowledge from this course and Downing.
  4. I love Downing. Y'all should throw money at him to get him to teach more classes. No one professor did more to prepare me for the real world. He is an amazing person and a fabulous teacher.
  5. Glenn Downing is by far THE BEST instructor I have had at UT or at least among the few. He KNOWS how to teach the course of subject. I learned so much in Software Engineering versus other courses I've taken here at UT. On top of that, you end the semester with a great project you can show off to future employers that will help you get a job!
  6. I enjoyed this course but this was not as challenging as OOP.
  7. Downing is a great teacher and a great guy. He was always available and interested in helping. Regarding specific feedback I think adding Javascript would be more useful than design patterns, but what do I know? We used Javascript a bit in our project and it would have been nice to have some background knowledge. I think SQL was covered perfectly and has encouraged me to delve in a little deeper. The Collatz project was a good project to introduce those who aren't familiar with Github, but I hate Sphere so that was annoying. Netflix was also a good project for pair programming. Wouldn't swap these for anything else. The group project was the most rewarding, and I think it'd be a cool idea to bring in a real customer.
  8. Remove collatz project and give more time for idb and expand requirements. Great class!
  9. I liked that you had recent college graduates who went on to become software engineers after college. I feel that I got a lot out of that. I liked that you read the weekly blogs that the students wrote, that shows a real interest in making sure that you are doing things correctly. Most instructors would wait till this here. I learned good things in the projects, those are the correct ones. Keep doing things well.
  10. BEST PROFESSOR EVER!
  11. This is the only class at UT besides some of the introductory programming classes that has been of value to me in my career. I wish I had taken it sooner. It should be required.
  12. Regarding the feedback requested Less or no XML would be preferred, most APIs use JSON nowadays. SQL is always good, but it may have been more interesting if we got a bit more into database design and not just the SQL language. Would prefer Ruby to Python, but both are great. Projects were great. It is difficult to collaborate with 5 other students that have varying schedules. Unlike at a job where everyone is pretty much available 9 to 6. Also, getting a group together was difficult. Maybe you should assign group members in the future based on schedule? I think more time should have been spent on tests, good test frameworks, mocking, TDD Test Driven Development Heroku is great and definitely more valuable on a resume. No slid.es
  13. Wish we had more time to focus on web development tools and techniques in lecture
  14. 2nd test focused too much on two topics. However, I had no idea how design patterns could have been tested and I liked the style of questions. The website project is a very good learning experience, but pretty difficult considering the amount of people in the group. I think the evaluations for the 3rd phase should be given after the presentation because some people might slack off at that point. Letting us choose the topic was nice but I like how in your speech during the senior banquet you said you chose crisis because it forces us to broaden our horizons. I really like that because I feel like some people don't really care about things around them, and doing a website over video games or sports is not as educational
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