Anonymous Student Survey Fall 2000 CS419/519 Internet Databases

Question 1: Fall99-01

Question:

It is needed to conduct student evaluations of courses in classes near the end of a semester. For this course, we can do this only through an on-line survey. Due to the special characteristics of this Web-based course, we have designed a special set of questions. We try to use them to figure out how this course performed and how to make improvements on it. We start from a very broad question, Overall speaking, you think that this course is: (The question is about your overall, general feeling about this course: its content, methodology, instructor help, etc.)

(10) Very good
(13) Good
(1) Neutral
(2) Not good
(1) Very bad
(0) No opinion or do not understand the question

Question 2: Fall99-02

Question:

I think that the usefulness of the subject matter (It may be called the technical content. It includes all the knowledge, experience, skill, and theory that the course offers.) of this course is:
(For this question, do not include other supporting factors such as laboratory services.)

(11) Very good
(12) Good
(1) Neutral
(1) Bad
(0) Very bad
(0) No opinion or do not understand the question

Question 3: Fall99-03

Question:

I think that the actual content of the course provided by the instructor (This includes course notes, examples, references, assignments, examinations, projects, and other instructor's efforts.) as a whole is:
(Do not include anything that are beyond the control of the instructor.)
(9) Very good
Question 4: Fall99-04

Question:
I think that the **instructional methodology** (i.e. how you were facilitated to learn, and encouraged to explore) that has been applied in this course is:
(This question is about the approach that the course is taught by the instructor. We will evaluate supporting services separately.)
(6) Very good
(13) Good
(4) Neutral
(1) Less than adequate
(1) Very much lacking
(0) No opinion or do not understand the question

Question 5: Fall99-05

Question:
Comparing this particular Internet-based course (not Internet-based courses in general) **to traditional classroom-based lecture courses in all aspects** (including the course structure, ready availability of course-content related materials, convenience or flexibility in learning regarding time and place, intellectual stimulation and the opportunity for active learning, availability of instructor assistance, etc.), I think that this course is:
(This question is about comparing traditional classroom-based courses to the approach implemented by the instructor.)
(5) Much better
(9) Better
(7) About the same
(2) Worse
(1) Much worse
(1) No opinion or do not understand the question

Question 6: Fall99-06

Question:
Considering the way this particular course is conducted, I think that **the amount of hands-on learning experience that I have achieved, as compared to a corresponding hypothetical lecture course** (We have to assume that the hypothetical lecture course does not have available the same on-line access to all the course materials and interactive examples, and it has to meet at scheduled hours.) is probably:
(This question is about comparing what you have actually learned in this class with what you would have learned in a hypothetical traditional lecture class.)
(7) Much more  
(14) More  
(3) About the same  
(1) Less  
(0) Much less  
(0) No opinion or do not understand the question

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**Question 7: Fall99-07**

Question:  
Even though I do not meet the course instructor regularly in a classroom, I think that the *instructor's overall contribution has been*:  
(This question is about providing the course material and facilitating learning.)

(11) Very good  
(12) Good  
(0) Neutral  
(2) Bad  
(0) Very bad  
(0) No opinion or do not understand the question

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**Question 8: Fall99-08**

Question:  
I think that the *OCCS service* (support on the LearningSpace aspect of the course - assistance in accessing the on-line course material and various functions) has been:  
(This aspect is beyond the instructor control, but is relevant to the course and the learning process.)

(7) Very good  
(14) Good  
(3) Neutral  
(1) Bad  
(0) Very bad  
(0) No opinion or do not understand the question

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**Question 9: Fall99-09**

Question:  
I think that the support of the CS laboratory service (availability of account and various system servers in proper working order) has been:  
(This aspect is beyond the instructor control, but is relevant to the course and the learning process.)

(5) Very good  
(12) Good  
(5) Neutral  
(2) Bad  
(1) Very bad  
(0) No opinion or do not understand the question
**Question 10: Fall99-10**

Question:
I think that, for a course like ours, the **LearningSpace** environment is:
(We may continue to use LearningSpace or consider to replace it based on the answers.)
(7) Very good
(15) Good
(1) Neutral
(1) Bad
(0) Very bad
(1) No opinion or do not understand the question

**Question 11: Fall99-11**

Question:
Please give your written **comments on both positive and negative points** regarding the course content, methodology, actual operation, instructor action, laboratory support, and so on. You are particularly encouraged to comment on the aspect of an Internet-based course.

Anonymous Response:
Positive: It covered a good substance of the current ongoing web based programming. Rest is evident by the way it is taught.
Negative: Oracle is an exhaustive topic, thinking of good Final project in Oracle which is taught at the end of the course is quite difficult. It gives a very little insight in the period of learning.
Solution:
It would be better if it is taught from the begining of the course schedule as it requires no background, of the much of the things taught. It can be thought in bits and included in tests, so students don't ignore it. And the final assignment and project can be on Oracle. Please give a sincere thought.

Anonymous Response:
I was impressed with this course... a little better emphasis on exams though, for instance, a study guide would help in order to know what to study for in each module.

Anonymous Response:
<No Response>

Anonymous Response:
I think this is a well written course with lots of positive aspects to it. The frustration level is that is written solely for the inhouse student. The support services are offered to those that utilize the computer lab and the machines in it. This is not an effective teletechnet course in that there is no support. You are on your own. You not only have to deal with learning. Which I did learn alot, but with logistics of connections. Software configurations. Software purchases. Hardware installations and purchases. I utilized over $800 in preparation for this class and was unable to keep up. The support was not there. I was able to learn alot through the notes and able
to fine tune my upgrading skills, but with a high frustration rate. This is my last ODU class and I am sure I will have to take it over or replace with an equivalent class. The amount of effort that I put into it, I feel will be ignored. The course has great possibilities and should be pursued. I feel it should target internal students who have access to the ODU lab and staff to help with the learning process. It would be great if the teletechnet sites also had this knowledge and set up, but I do not forsee that in the near future. Overall the class was great for learning, but the assignments were hindered by the complexities of interfacing.

Anonymous Response:

Anonymous Response:
EXCELLENT COURSE!
VERY WELL ORGANIZED AND CONDUCTED!

Anonymous Response:
I think we can get more information from Internet-based courses. Because everything is there ready to use. If we can have one or two lectures from the instructor, then it will be is much better.

Anonymous Response:
The contents of this class is so wide and one part will be good enough for a course.

Anonymous Response:
The course was really good regarding the contents and assignments and exams. But I personally like the traditional class room lecture type of class because it has more interaction with the instructor. So I would definitely like if there is more interaction with the instructor in such type of course. But the material availability on the web and easy links, actual examples do help a lot. I really appreciate the amount of material which I have learned from this course. It is a good experience.

Anonymous Response:
>No Response>

Anonymous Response:
I will never take an internet based course again. Although it was VERY convenient I feel that I could have learned as much on my own. There were only 2 class meetings, one to discuss the syllabus, the other to discuss the first exam results, that's it. Totally unacceptable. I needed more teacher interaction than that. I was looking for topic discussions, do's and don'ts
discussions. I was looking for alot more feedback on assignments. Completing the projects is one thing, writing good code is another. There was very little discussion among students. It was difficult to ask questions via e-mail and have Dr. Shen fulling understand what you were asking. As far as Learning Space was concern and the CS department I was very happy. I did not have any trouble with either. I received quick response with setting up accounts.

Anonymous Response:
I just like Internet-based course becouse it's easy to manage time.

Anonymous Response:
One of the best courses. I learned a lot.

Anonymous Response:
This is an unusual course but I like it. I had to spend a lot of efforts, but the reward has been great. In fact, if it were not an Internet based course, I probably could not take it because of my job commitments. I like the fact that Dr. Shen encorsged job related projects. I have done the final project for my work environment and my boss liked it very much.

Anonymous Response:
This course helped me a lot to learn more about programming with databases. The assignments were really good and are in tune with the subject instructions. this course can still made excellent by also including some of the topics in Web Programming like java scripts....and sever....applications

Anonymous Response:

Anonymous Response:
Over all the course has helped me enhance my knowledge in internet & databases.

Anonymous Response:
It is very good to have a course like this, but i think it would have been even better, if there could have been some more sessions where the professor could discuss with us some exam related questions or information related to some important topic.

Anonymous Response:
It is good that we can refer the topics which we need but if we need to have some discussion it takes time and is not quick. I think we should atleat have a live discussion class.

Anonymous Response:
Anonymous Response:
overall the course, instructor and the facilities are between good and very good.

Anonymous Response:
The course is designed well.
What i would suggest is
"" instead of gaining half depth knowledge in many fields, its better to get in
to deep in some subjects"
but the course is of real useful me, i learnt so many things.
Lab support was always there, the moment i had a problem they helped me at that
instant, very prompt response.
Main thing i wanted to stress is "" Try to KEEP LABS OPEN FOR MORE TIME ""
is my request.
thanks for giving this opportunity.

Anonymous Response:
I liked this course very much. This course is designed very well. This is a
job-oriented course.
The professor(Dr.Shen) has provided all the course material which is very
helpful. His exams and the way he tests are particularly very good.
Even the facilities(lab) provided to us are good.
We had some problems with the OWAS. But on the whole this course is very good
in all aspects.

Anonymous Response:
I THINK OVERALL THE COURSE HAS BEEN GOOD .IT ENHANCED MY KNOWLEDGE IN
DATABASES
AND INTERNET LANGUAGES.BUT I ALSO FEEL A LITTLE MORE EMPHASIS ON THE 3RD
MODULE
WOULD HAVE BEEN A LOT MORE HELPFUL.

Anonymous Response:
positive points: instructor very responsive to
student needs.material always available .
negative points:better if the material for atleast each module or submodule is
kept in one place to make it easier to print.
what's the use if material is available alltime
but the PS lab opens and closes earlier than other
non computer labs.

Anonymous Response:
In general, accessibility to the course is great due to the fact that it is
convenient, it is "portable". I actually could log on many times a day because
computer is everywhere. I would also like to meet with the instructor on
one-to-one basis with the potential hardship I may encounter during the
semester, i.e. hardware as well as software as a whole. I would like to also
suggest to utilize email as often as one can to communicate with the
instructor. The CourseRoom is great, but it was not as fully and often utilized as it seems.