**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..)

(8) Very good
(9) Good
(2) Neutral
(2) Not good
(0) 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.)

(13) Very good
(5) Good
(2) Neutral
(0) 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.)

(7) Very good
Question 4: Spring2001-04 Available Information

Question:
Compared to ordinary courses, the total amount of useful information made available to me in this course has been:
(9) Much more than average
(6) Somewhat more than average
(5) Average
(0) Less than average
(0) Very much lacking
(0) No opinion or do not understand the question.

Question 5: 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.)
(5) Very good
(10) Good
(3) Neutral
(1) Less than adequate
(1) Very much lacking
(0) 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
(7) More
(4) About the same
(1) Less
Question 7: 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:

(0) Much less
(1) No opinion or do not understand the question
(3) Much better
(10) Better
(4) About the same
(1) Worse
(0) Much worse
(2) No opinion or do not understand the question

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Question 8: 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**:

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

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Question 9: Fall99-08

Question:
I think that the Teaching Assistant has been:
(2) Very good
(9) Good
(6) Neutral
(2) Bad
(0) Very bad
(1) No opinion or do not understand the question
Question 10: 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.)
(1) Very good
(7) Good
(12) Neutral
(0) Bad
(0) Very bad
(0) No opinion or do not understand the question

Question 11: Fall99-11

Question:
Please give your written comments on all points regarding your learning experience, 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:
This course is very interesting. It covers something very useful and challenging to learn.
I think that the instructor has done a great job on the course material. I will take such a course again, for sure.

Anonymous Response:
The lab servers are often down. My database account was not set up properly at first.

Anonymous Response:  
<No Response>

Anonymous Response:  
blah

Anonymous Response:  
This is a very good course. I like all the materials that the instructor gave us. All the assignments is also very helpful.

Anonymous Response:  
The only thing I found at all negative about the course was the inconsistency of the oracle servers and account setups. Problems where resolved quickly though. Other than those couple of times the course was great.
Anonymous Response:
I found the class very educational and has been useful to me at work. I have learned probably more out of this class than any other of my programming classes.
I find the grading of the homework to be of too high of a standard for the amount of time given for each project. In other words starting off at a 90% or 80% just to get the project as defined then getting more of a grade for going beyond the scope of the project is a little different of a grading scale and I found it irritating.
The help for the project was also minimal. I would ask a question and it may two days before I got an answer. The discussion panel was a waste of time. I don't believe anyone looked at them.

Anonymous Response:
I feel that I have learn a lot, however there is too much to learn and explore, that this course is to me just an introduction. I have never had enough time to try everything.
In general I am happy taking this course, I think the material is great, not only contents but also organization. But in my opinion it does not matter that one tries hard, because getting an A at the end is almost impossible, since if one does everything that is asked never gets 100, always you have to add something that the grader thinks is worthy to give you some "extra points", which are not really "extra", only the ones you need to get 100 (if you are lucky).
My sugestions: value assignments in 100 points, give real extra points for enhancements, and check that every link in the material is functioning well.

Anonymous Response:
I feel that I did learn quite a bit more from this course than I would have had from a lecture-based course. However, I feel that some problems with it still need to be addressed. Although working with actual computer equipment helped to make this course actively stimulating, some of the numerous computer breakdowns interfered with the course's normal pace. Also, I feel that some of the course's project requirements had too many points associated with them. For example, I believe that the TA took off too many points on Project M2 for only a couple of items missed and did not assign enough points for additional work done on it. Lastly, there were a few links in the online references that did not function properly. In spite of these problems, I did get a lot out of this course.

Anonymous Response:
1, i think the weights for assignments can be adjusted. for example: AM32 is harder to finish and thus can have a max score of more than 4.
2, sometime the accounts for students were set up after scheduled.
3, exams are so important and it will be better either to see examples/coverage of the exams or not to have any questions that are beyond the course content.
4, i really enjoy learning Internet database in this way.
thank you!

Anonymous Response:

As an Internet based course, this course is good. I believed that the instructor tried very hard to make the notes and instructions as clear as possible and let the students understand them without much confuse. If we could know the schedule (like the time of tests) earlier, in the beginning of the course or the middle, it will be better for us to arrange and prepare.

Anonymous Response:
I really have learned a lot of things in this course. It is amazing that so many important and accurate things are right there. I like the hands-on aspect of it and the instant accessibility of reference material. The instructor is not available all the time, but I appreciate his answering emails even on weekends. The lab servers are often down, or not available for some reasons. Hopefully this situation will improve. I worry about completing my term project in time. I suggest that projects count more for course grade than has been determined by the instructor.

Anonymous Response:
Generally speaking, this is a good learning space which providing more freedom and convenience than the traditional one. Students are encourged to study the stuff with more self motivation, more complete and well prepared studying schedule. However, it is my own point that the instructor and TA should take more part into the course, such that join the discussion, helping resolve the problem the students encountted. And it would be perfect if we can have some regular person to person courses or meetings in addition to the network course.

Anonymous Response:
I'm assuming that the text box at the bottom of each question was for comments. Lacking any identification, it was hard to tell.

I spoke about the advantages of not having large blocks of students using a single server (pokey) and having big assignments due at the same time for several blocks. This invites disaster, and as many have mentioned, this is not the first time that this has created hardships for students.
The instructor has been lenient on several occasions when services were down and I appreciate that.

I'm not real excited about being responsible for being tested on DB design when that section's material's basically said "you should know this, and if you don't go learn it from other textbooks". If this is one of our learning modules, at least some links would be of benefit.

To prospective students:
1. Don't buy any books until you need them.
   The XML book wasn't even touched.
2. You'll be printing lots of material.
3. Bring lots of material w. you to the test.
   Take advantage of the fact it's open book.
4. Um... you may want to borrow a book on HTML, DATABASE DESIGN, etc.
5. Find someone who knows the languages you'll be using here. For example, they may be able to show you in 5 minutes some simple SQL commands that will save your life.
6. Consider taking this at the same time as 550. If you're going to be responsible for DB design on the final, you might as well be fresh on it (as you learn it in 550)

Actually, I really think those that took these 2 courses at the same time have the advantage.

Wishes:
-- I wish the TA had posted office hours
-- I wish I could get some critique along w. my grades
-- I wish I had taken CS550 at the same time
-- I wish we had all met at the beginning so we could identify who else was taking this course.
-- I wish the profile section of the Learning Center actually let us input our profile (doesn't work)
-- I wish that students weren't always the first to realize that the examples given didn't work because of some reason, (services moved, etc). (Shouldn't these be checked before being offered to the student) I understand some things are beyond TA/prof control, but then at least appropriate course announcements could be given.

Summary:
All in all, I learned alot. This critique is meant to help make the course better for future students. I'm not really thrilled w. the idea of paying full price for a course and not getting teacher instruction. At least TA office hours would have been helpful.

Shen is a very nice person. Visit him often (during office hours) with questions. You're paying for it!

Good Luck to all those that embark on this course! Don't get my message wrong... you can learn alot, but it can be a bit of a struggle.
Anonymous Response:

the course is been very helpful and gave a good hands on experience on various topics ,of which i had only thoritical knowledge before. the material provided was also pretty clear by the instructor. i have learned a lot from this course.

Anonymous Response:
There are some definite advantages to internet- based courses. The lack of standardized meeting times makes the class more easily adapted into someone?s schedule. I feel these classes require more student activity in the learning process because not every facet involved in the completion of an assignment is covered in the notes. I think there are some areas that should have been covered in more detail such as Oracle web package.

Perhaps you could ask students to submit links to sites that contain pertinent information to course material, grouped by subjects, and post it as additional student submitted resources.

There were some technical problems involving MySQL server and Oracle accounts, but that is beyond the control of the instructor. And I felt the extension of the due dates was an equitable remedy to the problem.

A recommendation that I would suggest in future offerings would be to abridge the time spent on module 1(HTML) and spend more time on Oracle and perhaps touch on Java integration. Maybe a prerequisite minimum working knowledge of HTML could be amended to the course description to warn prospective students of the minimal time allowed for learning HTML under my suggested course alterations.

Anonymous Response:
The course content is good and it provides a good insight into the latest technologies. The laboratory support and the instructor support have been excellent.

Anonymous Response:
This course has been designed in a really very good way.I feel that,when compared to class room courses , this is much better, beacuse the information included is vast,there is no time constraint and has emphasis on creativity.