

TEACHING IMPROVEMENT MIDTERM SURVEY – Project Course

This survey is for you to provide your instructor feedback on a variety of course-related issues.

Instructor: _____ Semester/Year: _____

Course: _____ Section Number: _____

SPECIFIC STRENGTHS (Check all that apply)

SPECIFIC CONCERNS (Check all that apply)

OVERALL RATING (Check one for each category)

Course Content

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- appropriately challenging
- helps synthesize prior knowledge
- prepares students well for workplace
- other strengths: _____

- too difficult
- too easy
- does not relate to material learned in prior courses
- other concerns: _____

- above average
- average
- needs improvement
- not applicable

Organization

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- useful syllabus
- instructor is well prepared
- project is well planned
- class time managed well
- other strengths: _____

- seems disorganized
- insufficient help available
- important resources or tools unavailable
- other concerns: _____

- above average
- average
- needs improvement
- not applicable

Lectures/Presentations

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- excellent applications
- good use of board or other visual aids
- dynamic, engaging style
- supports project activities well
- responds well to student questions
- other strengths: _____

- speech is hard to understand
- language used is too complex
- unclear explanations
- insufficient visual aids
- other concerns: _____

- above average
- average
- needs improvement
- not applicable

SPECIFIC STRENGTHS

(Check all that apply)

Project

- well managed
 - clearly stated goals and expectations
 - right amount of independent work
 - ample opportunities to ask questions
 - thorough follow-through on questions
 - feedback given at useful check points
 - other strengths:
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Course Materials

- good variety
 - helpful
 - clear directions given
 - other strengths:
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Assignments/Testing

- appropriately challenging
 - clearly stated goals
 - useful in facilitating progress on project
 - helpful feedback
 - right amount of testing
 - other strengths:
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Feedback and Grading

- clear criteria for grading project
 - useful in facilitating progress on project
 - helpful feedback
 - right amount of testing
 - other strengths:
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SPECIFIC CONCERNS

(Check all that apply)

Project

- insufficient guidance given the complexity of the task
 - insufficient guidance about project-specific strategies and resources
 - insufficient guidance for working well with other students
 - individual attention not available when needed
 - underlying rationale for techniques not explained
 - other concerns:
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Course Materials

(e.g. readings, handouts, etc.)

- confusing
 - poor quality
 - difficult to obtain/access
 - other concerns:
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Assignments/Testing

- unclear instructions for assignments
 - not connected to course goals
 - insufficient feedback
 - did not enhance learning
 - other concerns:
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Feedback and Grading

- insufficient feedback
 - delayed feedback
 - unclear feedback
 - inequitable grading of group work
 - unclear grading criteria
 - not connected to course goals
 - other concerns:
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OVERALL RATING

(Check one for each category)

Project

- above average
- average
- needs improvement
- not applicable

Course Materials

- above average
- average
- needs improvement
- not applicable

Assignments/Testing

- above average
- average
- needs improvement
- not applicable

Feedback and Grading

- above average
- average
- needs improvement
- not applicable

SPECIFIC STRENGTHS

(Check all that apply)

Attitude towards Students

- personable and approachable
 - patient with students
 - genuine interest in individual students
 - provides helpful advice when difficulties are encountered
 - willing to provide individual attention
 - willing to discuss problems with group dynamics
 - offers support when having difficulties with group work
 - other strengths:
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SPECIFIC CONCERNS

(Check all that apply)

Attitude towards Students

- little encouragement provided
 - unresponsive to student requests
 - disinterested during equipment failures or other project difficulties
 - other concerns:
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OVERALL RATING

(Check one for each category)

Attitude towards Students

- above average
- average
- needs improvement
- not applicable

OVERALL EVALUATION

(Circle one for each question)

How heavy/light is the workload for this course compared with other courses you have taken?

Much lighter Lighter About the same Heavier Much Heavier

How is the pace in this course?

Too slow A bit slow Just right A bit too fast Too fast

How challenging do you find this course?

Too easy A bit easy Just right A bit difficult Too difficult

How much do you think you are learning in this course compared with other courses you have taken?

Almost nothing Little A fair amount Much A great deal

How well is this course meeting your expectations?

Not at all Not very well Adequately Well Very Well

What are the important features to retain the next time this course is taught?**What are the most important changes you would suggest the next time this course is taught?**

STUDENT INFORMATION

(Circle one for each question)

Main reason for taking course:

Required

Interested

Required and Interested

Other

Current student classification:

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Masters

Ph.D.

Other

Current grade in the course:

A

B+

B

C+

C

D+

D

E

Don't know

Number of classes missed:

none

1 - 3

4 - 6

7 - 9

more than 9

How many hours are you registered for this semester?

Thank you for this information. You will be asked to fill out this form again at the end of the semester for comparative purposes.