SMU

## Student Feedback (End-Term) (Provisional)

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| Course | COMPUTATIONAL THINKING | Code | COR-IS1702 |
| Academic Term | $2022-23$ Term 2 | Print Date | 15 May 2023 09:24 hrs |
| No. of Respondents | 22 | No. of Students | 28 |

## SECTION I

## Summary

|  | Question | My Score | Std <br> Dev | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sch } \\ \text { Ave } \\ \text { (COMP) } \end{gathered}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Sch } \\ \text { \%tile } \\ \text { (COMP) } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Sch Ave (ALL) | Sch \%tile (ALL) | SMU CORE Ave (NONCOMP) | SMU CORE \%tile (NONCOMP) | SMU Ave (ALL) | SMU \%tile (ALL) | Sch Ave (NONCOMP) | SMU CORE Ave (COMP) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Instructor's preparation and organisation | 6.150 | 0.875 | 6.307 | 30.189 | 6.261 | 38.372 | 6.273 | 30.488 | 6.330 | 30.561 | 6.118 | 6.363 |
| 2 | Instructor's clarity and understandability | 5.950 | 0.945 | 6.160 | 28.302 | 6.105 | 33.721 | 6.173 | 25.610 | 6.205 | 26.692 | 5.939 | 6.303 |
| 3 | Instructor's stimulation of interest in content | 5.950 | 0.999 | 6.119 | 33.962 | 6.092 | 36.047 | 6.172 | 25.610 | 6.209 | 27.273 | 6.009 | 6.296 |
| 4 | Instructor's encouragement and openness | 6.300 | 0.923 | 6.328 | 41.509 | 6.294 | 52.326 | 6.322 | 36.585 | 6.369 | 36.944 | 6.189 | 6.454 |
| 5 | Instructor's availability and helpfulness | 6.300 | 0.801 | 6.345 | 37.736 | 6.312 | 47.674 | 6.324 | 36.585 | 6.369 | 37.524 | 6.211 | 6.409 |
| 6 | Instructor's presentation and speaking skills | 6.050 | 1.050 | 6.197 | 30.189 | 6.151 | 37.209 | 6.268 | 24.390 | 6.292 | 27.660 | 6.008 | 6.444 |
| 7 | Instructor's enthusiasm for the subject | 6.250 | 0.786 | 6.365 | 35.849 | 6.349 | 36.047 | 6.454 | 23.171 | 6.481 | 23.211 | 6.299 | 6.530 |
| 8 | Instructor's fairness | 6.350 | 0.813 | 6.348 | 47.170 | 6.324 | 52.326 | 6.300 | 47.561 | 6.364 | 44.681 | 6.249 | 6.342 |
| 9 | Instructor's concern for students | 6.100 | 0.912 | 6.269 | 32.075 | 6.233 | 33.721 | 6.250 | 29.268 | 6.294 | 27.079 | 6.125 | 6.335 |
| 10 | The learning experience in this course | 5.750 | 1.251 | 5.957 | 30.189 | 5.947 | 27.907 | 6.035 | 19.512 | 6.086 | 21.857 | 5.920 | 6.078 |
| 11 | The clarity of objectives and requirements | 5.900 | 1.071 | 5.983 | 41.509 | 5.962 | 38.372 | 6.047 | 26.829 | 6.092 | 30.368 | 5.899 | 6.061 |
| 12 | Quality and frequency of feedback | 5.500 | 1.192 | 6.011 | 16.981 | 5.982 | 16.279 | 6.060 | 10.976 | 6.070 | 11.605 | 5.894 | 6.058 |
| 13 | Quality and value of the course material | 5.650 | 1.137 | 6.011 | 20.755 | 5.990 | 19.767 | 6.079 | 13.415 | 6.132 | 13.926 | 5.927 | 6.064 |
| 14 | Quality and usefulness of course assignments/projects | 5.800 | 1.056 | 6.024 | 28.302 | 6.014 | 25.581 | 6.108 | 19.512 | 6.136 | 19.729 | 5.983 | 6.048 |
| 15 | Degree to which the course was participative and interactive | 5.900 | 1.021 | 6.097 | 32.075 | 6.061 | 37.209 | 6.233 | 19.512 | 6.206 | 21.277 | 5.952 | 6.294 |
| 16 | Overall rating of the instructor | 6.000 | 1.170 | 6.244 | 24.528 | 6.207 | 29.070 | 6.243 | 20.732 | 6.299 | 22.824 | 6.092 | 6.357 |
| 17 | Overall rating of the course | 5.800 | 1.005 | 5.933 | 33.962 | 5.927 | 32.558 | 6.033 | 20.732 | 6.078 | 23.404 | 5.908 | 6.012 |

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## Overall Rating Distribution

The horizontal axis of the charts displays the FACETS scores for a specified question, while the vertical axis represents the percentage of course sections in the School or SMU with that average FACETS score. Each summary curve shows the empirical distribution of the instructor-course average scores for the specified question. The red and blue vertical dotted lines indicate the mean of instructor-course average scores for "all" and "compulsory/non-compulsory" courses, respectively.

|  |  |  | Compulsory | Non-Compulsory |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total |  |  |  |  |
|  | School | 54 | 33 | 87 |
|  | SMU Core Curriculum | 55 | 138 |  |
|  | SMU | - | 83 | 518 |




## Score Breakdown

|  |  |  |  | 7-POINT SCALE - SCORE \& FREQUENCY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Question | My Score | Standard Deviation | NA | 1 <br> Extremely Poor | $\begin{array}{\|c} 2 \\ \text { Very } \\ \text { Poor } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c\|} 3 \\ \text { Poor } \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 5 \\ \text { Good } \end{gathered}$ | 6 Very Good | 7 <br> Excellent |
| 1 | Instructor's preparation and organisation | 6.150 | 0.875 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 10 |
| 2 | Instructor's clarity and understandability | 5.950 | 0.945 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 7 |
| 3 | Instructor's stimulation of interest in content | 5.950 | 0.999 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 8 |
| 4 | Instructor's encouragement and openness | 6.300 | 0.923 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 12 |
| 5 | Instructor's availability and helpfulness | 6.300 | 0.801 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 11 |
| 6 | Instructor's presentation and speaking skills | 6.050 | 1.050 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 10 |
| 7 | Instructor's enthusiasm for the subject | 6.250 | 0.786 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 10 |
| 8 | Instructor's fairness | 6.350 | 0.813 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 12 |
| 9 | Instructor's concern for students | 6.100 | 0.912 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 9 |
| 10 | The learning experience in this course | 5.750 | 1.251 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| 11 | The clarity of objectives and requirements | 5.900 | 1.071 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 9 |
| 12 | Quality and frequency of feedback | 5.500 | 1.192 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 7 |
| 13 | Quality and value of the course material | 5.650 | 1.137 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| 14 | Quality and usefulness of course assignments/projects | 5.800 | 1.056 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 8 |
| 15 | Degree to which the course was participative and interactive | 5.900 | 1.021 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 8 |
| 16 | Overall rating of the instructor | 6.000 | 1.170 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 11 |
| 17 | Overall rating of the course | 5.800 | 1.005 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 7 |
|  |  |  | otal Count | 0 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 37 | 79 | 91 | 155 |
|  |  |  | Percentage | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 10\% | 21\% | 24\% | 41\% |

[^1]
## Other Questions

20. For this course, how many hours per week on average did you spend on coursework outside of class?

| Average Hours Spent Outside of Class | 0-1 | 2-3 | 4-5 | 6-7 | 8-9 | 10-11 | 12-13 | $\geq 14$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency Count | 0 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 |

20. For this course, how many hours per week on average did you spend on coursework outside of class?

|  | Median | Sch Median <br> (COMP) | Sch Median <br> (ALL) | SMU CORE <br> Median <br> (NON-COMP) | SMU Median <br> (ALL) |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Average Hours Spent Outside of Class | 5 | 5 | 5 |  | 3 |


| 21. This course challenged me intellectually. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| My <br> Score | Std <br> Dev | Sch <br> Ave <br> (COMP) | Sch <br> \%tile <br> (COMP) | Sch <br> Ave <br> (ALL) | Sch <br> \%tile <br> (ALL) | SMU CORE <br> Ave <br> (NON-COMP) | SMU CORE <br> \%tile <br> (NON-COMP) | SMU <br> Ave <br> (ALL) | SMU <br> \%tile <br> (ALL) | Sch <br> Ave <br> (NON-COMP) | SMU CORE <br> Ave <br> (COMP) |
| 6.700 | 0.470 | 6.331 | 81.132 | 6.331 | 83.721 | 6.280 | 92.683 | 6.329 | 86.267 |  | 6.329 |

21. This course challenged me intellectually.

|  |  | 7-POINT SCALE - SCORE \& FREQUENCY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| My Score | Standard Deviation | NA | 1 <br> Strongly Disagree | $2$ <br> Disagree | 3 <br> Slightly Disagree | 4 Neutral | 5 Slightly Agree | $\begin{gathered} 6 \\ \text { Agree } \end{gathered}$ | 7 <br> Strongly Agree |
| 6.700 | 0.470 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 15 |
|  | Percentage | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 5\% | 27\% | 68\% |

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## SECTION II

## Question(s) from the Instructor

Nil.

## Question(s) from the School

1. I clearly understand the learning outcomes and related competencies for this course.

|  |  | 7-POINT SCALE - SCORE \& FREQUENCY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| My Score | Standard <br> Deviation | NA | 1 <br> Strongly <br> Disagree | $2$ <br> Disagree | 3 <br> Slightly <br> Disagree | 4 Neutral |  | 6 Agree | 7 <br> Strongly Agree |
| 5.762 | 1.480 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
|  | Percentage | 0\% | 9\% | 0\% | 0\% | 9\% | 18\% | 27\% | 36\% |

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2. I was able to develop and demonstrate the competencies that are specified for this course.

|  |  | 7-POINT SCALE - SCORE \& FREQUENCY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| My Score | Standard Deviation | NA | 1 <br> Strongly Disagree | $2$ <br> Disagree | 3 <br> Slightly Disagree | 4 <br> Neutral | 5 Slightly Agree | $\begin{gathered} 6 \\ \text { Agree } \end{gathered}$ | 7 <br> Strongly Agree |
| 5.143 | 1.905 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|  | Percentage | 0\% | 14\% | 5\% | 0\% | 14\% | 18\% | 23\% | 27\% |

[^2]
## Profile of Respondents

Number of students: 28
Number of respondents: 22

## Percentage of respondents by academic level

| Academic Level | Number of Respondents | Percentage |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Intake Year 2022-23 | 1 | 5 |
| Intake Year 2021-22 | 4 | 18 |
| Intake Year 2020-21 | 5 | 23 |
| Intake Year 2019-20 | 11 | 50 |
| Exchange | 0 | 0 |
| Graduate | 0 | 0 |
| Others | 1 | 5 |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 2}$ |  |

The intake year is applicable only to matriculated students in undergraduate programmes.

## Percentage of respondents by gender

| Gender | Number of Respondents | Percentage |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{M}$ | 13 | 59 |
| F | 9 | 41 |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 2}$ |  |

## Percentage of respondents from each school

| School | Number of Respondents | Percentage |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| LKCSB | 13 | 59 |
| SOA | 1 | 5 |
| SIS | 1 | 5 |
| SOE | 6 | 27 |
| SOL | 0 | 0 |
| SOSS | 0 | 0 |
| Exchange | 0 | 0 |
| Graduate | 0 | 0 |
| Others | 1 | 5 |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 2}$ |  |

## Student Comments

## Question 18. Please give responsible feedback regarding the instructor: a. What are the strengths of the instructor's teaching?

## CLASS G22

1. Prof Sharma is very receptive to providing extra help after class, and repeating concepts whenever students are unclear. He can explain problems in a logical and sequential manner and tries his best to engage the class.
2. -approachable, very willing to help students and re-explain concepts if we dont understand. -i like that he would do a step-by-step working with us in real time
3. Instructor was a very qualified person for the course. He has real work experience.
4. Clear in going through examples and always never failed to spend extra time explaining basic principles to us to build a stronger foundation
5. The professor is very patient and clear to show us the workings. He does not hesitate to explain to us how things work, no matter how small the question is. He constantly emphasise certain concept to reinforce our understanding, and always check in on us to see whether we are still following in class. Overall, he is an excellent professor with abundance of knowledge. He is willing to explore our suggestion even though it may not be the most optimal. Such open minded professors are hard to find nowadays!
6. Lots of examples
7. Very patient and willing to explain again for certain concepts
8. clarity in explanation
9. Patience
10. Instructor was clear and concise
11. Knowledgeable in his field
12. The instructor is very patient in helping students
13. Prof is clear in his teachings and is enthusiastic about the module and trying to help us learn.
14. The instructor is extremely intelligent and knows what he is talking about. He is also organised and his pace of teaching is at a comfortable pace that allows students to understand.
15. Knowledgable of the course and able to explain in depth if needed
16. Very clear explanation of concepts and was able to simplify the concept even further with each additional explanation he gave. He also replies readily to the questions I send on telegram, and I think it has really improved my learning experience
17. Clear
18. He is open to after class consultations
19. He really knows his stuff and will always break down the course questions to its simplest form so that we as students will be able to understand no matter how much time it takes.
20. He will give a lot of examples and tries his best to break things down for us to understand
21. very friendly and approachable and explains well
22. Reply our questions very fast after class

Question 18. Please give responsible feedback regarding the instructor:
b. What suggestions do you have to improve the instructor's teaching?

## CLASS G22

1. Emphasizing more on the importance of certain steps when going through the chapter respectively.
2. Maybe have more fun activities for us to do in class.
3. Teach in a way that people with no coding experience can understand with much ease
4. can slow bit, if the lesson cannot finished on time, still need to have a break for students in the meanwhile
5. I think he asks too many simple questions and waits for us to respond
6. explain concepts more clearly by going through step by step and the thought process
7. Handwriting on the board can be bigger

| 8. | nil |
| :---: | :---: |
| 9. | Please write larger and make sure everyone is on track once a while. |
| 10. | no |
| 11. | Give more questions/practices that are close to the difficulty of the exam questions |
| 12. | provide outside study material like youtube tutorials and conceptuals |
| 13. | nil |
| 14. | Not really. Really enjoyed. |
| 15. | As this class is a non-computing class, perhaps prof can push a little more by showing what he is looking for when asking the class certain questions. Some questions may be too tough or vague for non computing students to understand, making it hard for people to answer. |
| 16. | Focus more on the code than the algorithm as most of us do not have coding experience and stumble over the codes |
| 17. | It would be great if we were able to observe implementations of concepts in real life projects. |
| 18. | NIL |
| 19. | Could explain the topic more before going into tutorial questions |
| 20. | He could probably give more notes and examples for the various topics and exercises as this module is not an easy module to understand the content. |
| 21. | NA |
|  | More practice questions out of class if possible |
| Question 19. Please give responsible feedback regarding the course: <br> a. What elements of the course most contributed to your learning? |  |
| CLASS G22 |  |
| 1. | THinking about data structures |
| 2. | Labs and tutorials |
| 3. | The content was interesting. |
| 4. | The class lectures and tutorial questions. |
| 5. | The practising of tutorial in class |
| 6. | NA |
| 7. | None, i don't think any of this will be applicable to my other Data Science modules or at work. |
| 8. | lab and tutorial |
| 9. | practices, tutorials and lesson videos |
| 10. | prof method of teaching |
| 11. | Practice exercises, and consultations with Prof. |
| 12. | mock midterms |
| 13. | The fact that he takes the time to break down the questions |
| 14. | Tutorials |
| 15. | The topics helped me to understand how to tackle problems involving data. |
| 16. | Extra exercises provided and videos |
| 17. | tutorials and in class examples |
| 18. | Teacher's clarity |
| 19. | pre-read youtube videos are useful |
| 20. | The pre-class videos were very helpful, and also the practice questions outside class/ |
| 21. | critical thinking |
| 22. | The practices |

Question 19. Please give responsible feedback regarding the course: b. What suggestions do you have to improve the course?

## CLASS G22

| 1. | NA |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2. | More notes on python and the various exercises could be helpful as it is difficult to understand especially for students like myself who are not in <br> the School of Information Systems. |
| 3. | This course is extremely difficult for students with no prior programming knowledge, especially students from other schools that enroll in <br> analytics tracks. It might be useful to have programming as a pre-requesite for this class. In addition to that, the sound quality of the recorded <br> lectures are quite poor, as there is a lot of background noise. It would be nice if there can be updated ones recorded in a quiet environment. |
| 4. | NA |
| 5. | speed of learning could be slower, as it is difficult to retain information at the speed of how deep the topic is |
| 6. | less bellcurve focused, Non-IS students can enjoy the class materials instead of worrying about grading |
| 7. | Give practice questions are similar to the exam questions in terms of the difficulty |
| 8. | This course is too intense... it feels more math than actual thinking |
| 9. | Pre-reading video audio can be louder, and slides can go into further detail. |
| 10. | nil |
| 11. | its good |
| 12. | Use blended approach rather than pure flipped classroom, as in-class teaching helps to reinforce concepts as well. |
| 13. | Consider if this is compulsory for DSA 2nd majors. It is a struggle for me as I had no python knowledge as we only used $R$ and analysing of <br> data. This course feeels more tailored towards software engineer. Because of CT, I had many friends dropping their 2nd major or even taking it <br> to the last semester for the fear of doing badly. I do not believe that one should have this mentality going into a course. |
| 14. | NIL |
| 15. | Wish that more techniques to solve common questions in class are taught, like sliding window, etc |
| 16. | None, perhaps more algorithm exposure and data structures |
| 17. | More help for coding beginners or testing less on codes but more on concepts |
| 18. | make it easier PLEASE |
| 19. | Having a decent understanding of python is crucial in this course |
| 20. | Please rethink if this module if even necessary for DSA majors that do not have IS background. So many of my batchmates actually drop the <br> major in their final semester just to avoid this course. I could certainly understand why after taking it. |
| 21. | can have a tutorial for lab |
| 22. | provide more practices |

## Online TeachingQuestions

Nil.


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