TO: Hughes, James Alexander

FROM: Patton, Jackie

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RE: **Summer-2016 Course and Instructor Evaluations**

Please find enclosed your Course and Instructor Evaluation Data and Comments.

Any questions regarding this data can be directed to Jimmy Chien (Ext. 84536) or Jackie Patton (Ext. 83536) in the Office of Institutional Planning & Budgeting.

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Course: **Computer Science 1027B - 001**
Session: **SEVE**

COURSE and INSTRUCTOR DATA

Question		# of Responses	Distribution of Responses 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean	Std.Dev.	Median
1. Displays Enthusiasm	#	53	0	0	0	0	1	11	41	6.8	0.5	7
	%		0	0	0	0	2	21	77			
2. Well Organized	#	51	0	0	2	1	5	16	27	6.3	1.0	7
	%		0	0	4	2	10	31	53			
3. Explains Concepts Clearly	#	53	0	0	0	2	9	11	31	6.3	1.0	7
	%		0	0	0	4	17	21	58			
4. Encourages Participation	#	53	0	0	0	2	2	13	36	6.6	0.7	7
	%		0	0	0	4	4	25	68			
5. Responses Clear and Thorough	#	54	0	0	3	1	6	14	30	6.2	1.1	7
	%		0	0	6	2	11	26	56			
6. Interesting Presentation	#	54	0	0	2	2	3	15	32	6.4	1.0	7
	%		0	0	4	4	6	28	59			
7. Shows Concern	#	54	0	0	0	2	10	17	25	6.2	0.9	6
	%		0	0	0	4	19	31	46			
8. Available for Consultation	#	53	0	0	0	2	7	12	32	6.4	0.9	7
	%		0	0	0	4	13	23	60			
9. Communicates Well	#	53	0	0	0	3	8	10	32	6.3	0.9	7
	%		0	0	0	6	15	19	60			
10. Adheres to Course Objectives	#	54	0	0	1	1	10	12	30	6.3	1.0	7
	%		0	0	2	2	19	22	56			
11. Relates Topics Well	#	54	0	2	0	2	7	14	29	6.2	1.2	7
	%		0	4	0	4	13	26	54			
12. Provides Fair Evaluations	#	54	0	0	0	2	5	14	33	6.4	0.8	7
	%		0	0	0	4	9	26	61			
13. Grades Work Promptly	#	51	0	0	2	14	11	9	23	5.9	1.2	6
	%		0	0	4	14	22	18	45			
14. Good Motivator	#	54	0	0	0	1	9	16	28	6.3	0.8	7
	%		0	0	0	2	17	30	52			
AVERAGE OF 1 TO 14										6.3	1.0	
15. Overall Effectiveness	#	53	0	0	0	1	6	9	37	6.5	0.8	7
	%		0	0	0	2	11	17	70			
COURSE AS LEARNING EXPERIENCE	#	52	0	0	2	2	6	16	28	6.3	0.9	7
	%		0	0	2	2	12	31	54			

STUDENT DATA

Percentage of classes attended

	%	
>= 90%	%	90.6
70 - 89%	%	9.4
50 - 69%	%	0.0
20 - 49%	%	0.0
<20%	%	0.0
Total	#	53

Expected Grade

	%	
A	%	56.9
B	%	37.3
C	%	5.9
D	%	0.0
F	%	0.0
Total	#	51

Course Status

	%	
Required	%	83.3
Optional	%	16.7
Total	#	54

Initial Level of Enthusiasm

	%	
High	%	67.3
Medium	%	25.0
Low	%	7.7
Total	#	52

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You have been one of the most interesting and enthusiastic Profs I've had. Keep up the good work! Sometimes your examples can be excessive, but at least they're interesting.

ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING! Thank you for making a relatively dull course (for some) enjoyable and educational TO ALL.

It would be beneficial to students to have more detailed lecture notes. I was severely disappointed with how the labs were conducted in this course. The TA was almost always late and was not particularly helpful with the labs. We were also told to complete our labs before coming to the lab class, which completely defeated the purpose of having a lab class.

A great lecturer of the 4 years in Western so far, ranks as one of the best lecturers I've had. Conveys information in great detail and makes possibly confusing concepts easily understandable and natural. 10/10 would do again in another course though. All in all thanks!

Enjoyed learning from you. Know it's hard during summer, but slow down; sometimes go too fast.

Great lecture. Learned a lot given the short amount of time. I loved to participate and overall had a great time in course.

Stay on topic, going off topic is confusing. Consider all levels of students.

James PhD (c): There is a hell of a lot of ways to word this but you are a phenomenal Prof. I wish more Profs showed the clear passion you have for the subject & teaching. You've set the bar for my expectations of the quality of Western CS Profs, VERY high.

Best Professor I've ever had.

Savage teacher. Best Prof aside from Kapulkan.

Don't spend so much time on answering questions.

Very challenging course when it comes to doing well on the final. Please get rid of the must pass final in order to get 60% as it required me to retake course. Weighting and style of course is fine.

Like the enthusiastic over-the-top exaggerated examples. Very relatable lecturer. Maybe focus on more complicated topics for longer.

Literally the best Prof I've ever had. Amazing enthusiasm and obviously cares about us learning the material.

This course was so much fun. Thank you!

Excellent teaching.

Your teaching is excellent. I appreciate that you explain things so thoroughly. You answer questions so clearly and it's very apparent that you understand the students' thinking. Thanks!

Very good instructor, in-class demonstrations are pretty helpful.

Very good interaction.

James is great.

Hi James: I wonder what I would have done without Google.

James is a very enthusiastic Professor with lots of knowledge to share. He knows how to get students involved in the learning process, and does a good job at holding the class' interest.

James is good.

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Labs: Should be more clear on exactly which files are to be posted on OWL. Labs: Tasks of lab should be outlined more clearly; do questions need to be in code, etc.

Could provide more instructions in basic java syntax and functions. The shift from python to java could be taught more smoothly.

Maybe could be a little more forward that this (StackADT)... etc. isn't the usual way these things are implemented. E.g. Java's built in array utilities. Don't know if I worded this right.

The TA should be required to stay for the full lab period. I have never encountered a course before where the TA only stayed for half (or less) of the time, which was a detriment to the students.

Does very well to parse fundamental information for understanding & using Java with minimal prior knowledge.

Overall an excellent experience. Thank you.

Very full class; busy, busy. It's a lot to learn. But enjoy very much.

Office hours were better with James than they were with TA.

I would recommend you either make it mandatory or highly recommended to take code academy courses prior to beginning.

Great course!

Offer the class in Nat Sci 145 - more space.

Sick course you! Fun times.

I think the class could have gone at a faster pace and the assignments made more challenging. Hard assignments promotes better learning.

Would have been nice to get assignment marks back in a more timely manner.

The Gen Lab our labs were held in were not equipped with Eclipse at all and we all had to use our laptops. I really didn't like that. Also, our poor TA had too much work to do, I think. He was very gracious, but I feel it would have been nicer to have at least two TA's for this course.

the in-class activities should weight less in the marking scheme.

Need more explanation on codes.

More codes demonstration will be helpful.