

SP21-EVAL04

CS 364 01 SP21

Survey results

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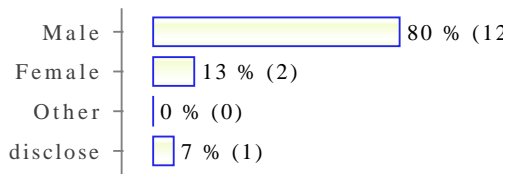
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3. Gender



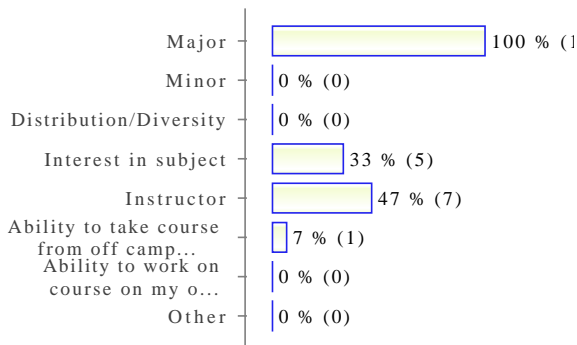
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COURSE EVALUATION

Course/Group Items:

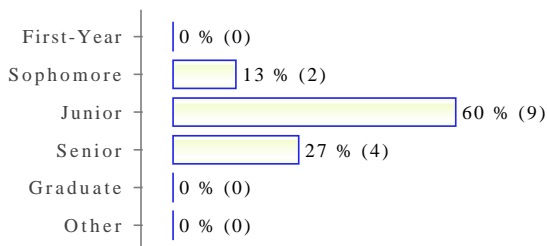
COURSE INFORMATION

1. Your primary reason(s) for enrolling in this course



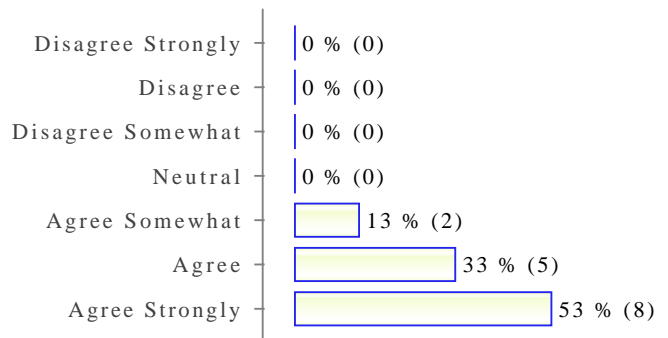
Number of answers: 28
Weighted mean: 2.71

2. Year



Number of answers: 15
Weighted mean: 3.13

4. Taking this course has been a valuable educational experience



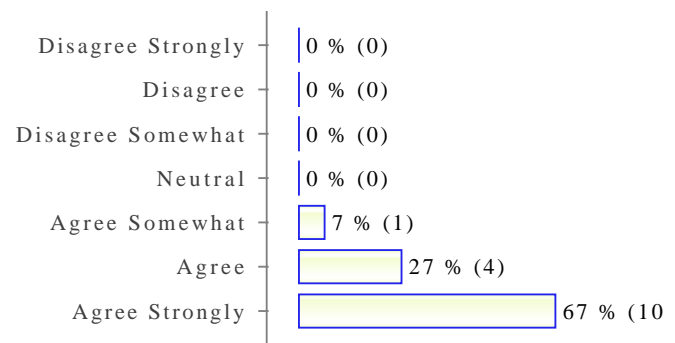
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5. Comment on ways in which this course has or has not helped your learning

- I don't think I'm likely to need this information ever this in depth in the future.
- Improved my knowledge of many programming languages
- Course really helped me understand the code I was writing on a deeper level
- The assignments are hard which forces you to step outside of your comfort zone which is really important
- This course has greatly improved my understanding of cs and how everything literally is connected. My eyes were opened wide when realizing that all of my CS classes at SLU have been merged into one.
- I was introduced to a few new languages and learned the benefits of using them.
I found it hard to code in languages that I was not yet comfortable in.
- I love this class; its content is definitely useful for any computer scientist
- Learned how to use common tools to lex, parse, and ultimately build an interpreter.
- Really showed me how pl's work. You got to see how the code goes from your fingers to execution.
- The course really taught me more than I thought I would about programming languages.
- This class exposed me to the concepts related to execute programs.
- This is one of the few times in the CS major at SLU that we get to look at how things work on the low level, and I think that's it's important to understand the tools we use!
- This has probably been my hardest class at St. Lawrence and I have felt like the course was formatted in such a way in which learning was heavily rewarded and the brainstorming and implementation process of code was fostered effectively. I feel much more comfortable not only with the course material but with other computer science skills developed parallel to the course in the desing and implementation of projects and use of resources and documentations.

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6. This course was effectively organized



Number of answers: 15

Weighted mean: 6.6

7. List positive and/or negative aspects of the structure and format of the course

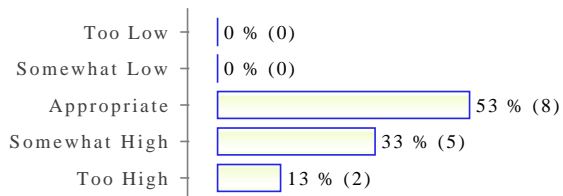
- Very helpful how organized every assignment and lecture in this course was.
- Perfect
- I enjoyed that there were no exams, only check in. Yes, I had quite a few grey hairs trying to figure out the written part but overall it was a great experience and way less pressurized. A negative thing would be just from covid and having to teach this class online.
- We jumped between different languages more often than I thought we would.
- His notes in class are concise and clear; he actually writes his notes by hand so that we can follow along.
- Would have preferred to have the after-class videos be released the class before instead of after.
- Everything was on his website and the sakai site. We didn't have to do much searching for things. Also throughout the semester the content was in order of how code is actual executed which makes it easy to follow.
- The class was very organized. I really liked the lecture and homework page, I really helped keep everything well organized.
- The course content was logically ordered.
- We always knew what was going on, especially with the help of the organized lecture overview page on Sakai/the course website.
- The flow of the course was very intuitive and easy to follow. The content was often very hard, and the PL in question that we implemented was awful but the course structure allowed for this to be bypassed to make an engaging class. By the last exam I felt like I could walk by chronologically through the course and feel like I could implement extra features to a particular programming language based on how the structure of the course allowed for this intuitive understanding. Complementary videos were ok, harder to follow sometimes.

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In this course,

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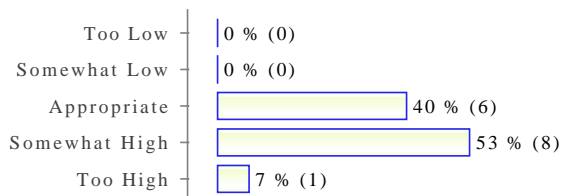
8. the workload was ...



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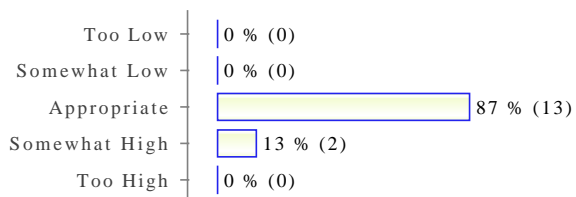
9. the level of intellectual and/or creative sophistication required was ...



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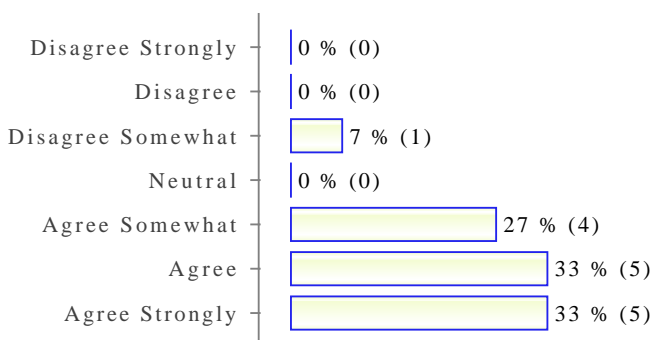
10. the grading standards were ...



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11. I would recommend this course to another student

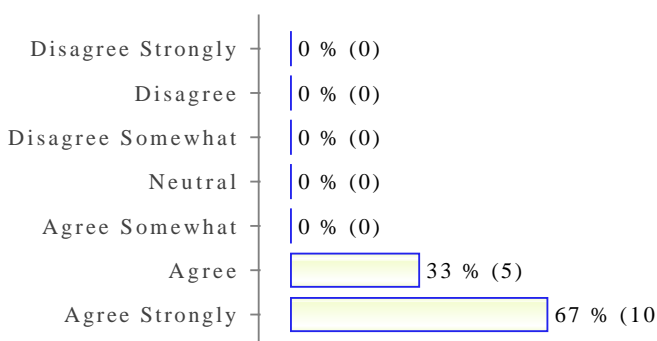


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Weighted mean: 5.87

Instructor/Evaluatee: Kevin Angstadt

12. The instructor created an atmosphere conducive to learning



Number of answers: 15

Weighted mean: 6.67

13. Discuss ways the instructor did or did not create an environment in which all students felt engaged, this course challenged, and comfortable participating and asking questions

- The professor was always willing to answer questions even if you ask the same one a hundred times and feel stupid doing it.
- Positive attitude
- By far the best prof I've had at SLU. So nice and easy-going. Don't normally talk in classes but did in this one because the environment he created was very welcoming and kind.
- keeps the class engaged during lectures with questions
- The only thing I can say for this is that maybe when you really get passionate about a complex problem you don't life up your head. However, this exact attribute of personality is exactly why you are teaching our CS classes so don't worry about not creating an environment to ask questions.
- The instructor always created a good environment for all of the students every class.
- I love his sense of humor; his notes are super organized; students are not afraid to ask him questions.
- Students were encouraged to engage/interrupt at anytime with questions; student hours were very accessible as well.
- Always made sure to ask questions to keep people engaged. Really made sure to not let zoom student feel left out. If you were on zoom he would ask question specifically for zoom people.
- Being very open for office hours is so helpful for students, and we feel comfortable to ask any questions from class.
- Provides examples with definitions and is always willing to reexplain if needed.
- Kevin is a wonderful lecturer, very conversational and clear to understand and receptive to student input, and I think everyone felt comfortable and engaged in the PL group.
- Professor implemented incentives for students to participate, utilized groups effectively on projects and created platforms such as the Piazza Forum and video guides to remain engaged during class.

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- 14. Discuss the instructor's expectations for your work in an environment in which all students felt engaged, this course challenged, and comfortable participating and asking questions**
- The projects NEEDED MORE GUIDANCE. It was EXTREMELY difficult to finish projects on time, and even harder to understand what you'd done by the time you were done.
 - Complete assignments to the best of your ability
 - Get it done, offered 4 late days per semester that you could use which I think is an amazing system.
 - fair
 - Kevin was expectant yet not-expectant. He assumed that you had a base knowledge but never made things too complicated that he'd skip over explanations. I appreciated this greatly and if things were complex we would spend more time on it with basic questions and similar example/concepts.
 - The instructor always pushed me to do my best work, and the expectations were always high but reachable.
 - If we take the time to understand the material, we'll do fine; those check-in summaries are especially useful.
 - We lex, parse, and interpret code. You complete readings every class and take a quiz on them. You also had student check ins where you meet the professor on zoom and discuss the course topics to make sure you understand them.
 - Very fair and good.
 - Complete readings before class, attend class, then watch a 30 minute video after class.
 - The expectation of work quality was very fair, and Kevin was always ready to help if we got stuck, although the pure amount of work in this course seemed on the higher side due to the complexity of the projects we needed to accomplish and the time that took.
 - Expectations were a bit high, the course definitely had a lot of content that was abstract and required significant amount of studying. However, with Video guides and other resources they gave students various tools to help in the process.

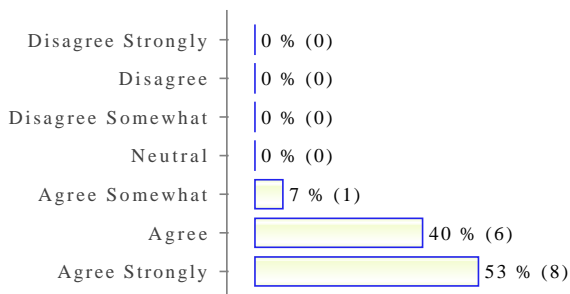
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The instructor's assessments of student work were ...

18. Discuss ways that the instructor's assessments and feedback did or did not improve your learning

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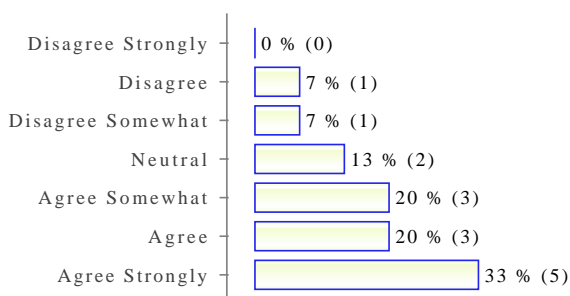
15. fair



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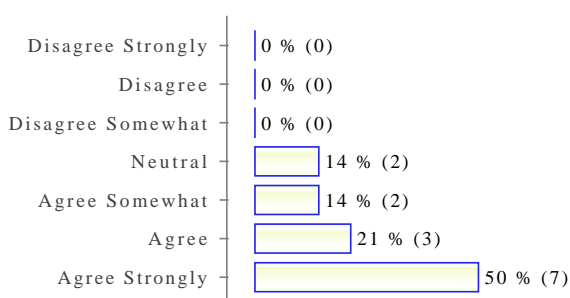
16. timely



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Weighted mean: 5.4

17. constructive



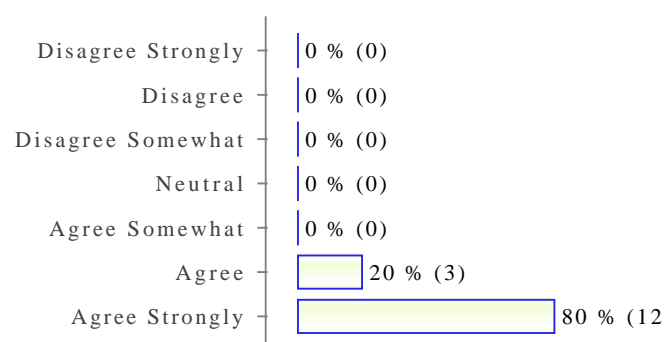
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- It would be nice to have grades for more than one of the four major projects so far. It's hard to work on the final when 300/500 points from the semester have not been graded yet
- Descriptive feedback
- Some people might say that the work took a long time to grade and such, but it is really the oopiste. Yeah, it took a while to get into sakai, but for all of our programming assignemnt (bulk of the class) we ran it through the autograder oursevles. You got 10 submits a day, and it ran your code through various test and gave back a grade instantly. It also gave feedback on the tests for what to improve. You litterally knew yourgradebeforethe assignment was due, so it was timely. Even the gradescope quizzes were graded instanly.
- Kevin spends tons of time helping whoever comes to him and will make sure you leave with a good understanding
- Kevin constantly assisted me throughout the semester with coding assignments and CS concepts. I never felt pressured to making a mistake which I greatly appreciated and helped me take more of a risk on questions.
- The instructor always gave good feedback during office hours which heavily improved my learning.
- He always gives helpful feedback for oral check-in's.
- Very fair and timely with feedback.
- Exam grades were returned fairly quickly, but some project grades took a while to come back.
- Feedback was a bit delayed for assignments but also with the autograder this was not as big of a problem since we had a general idea of where we were.

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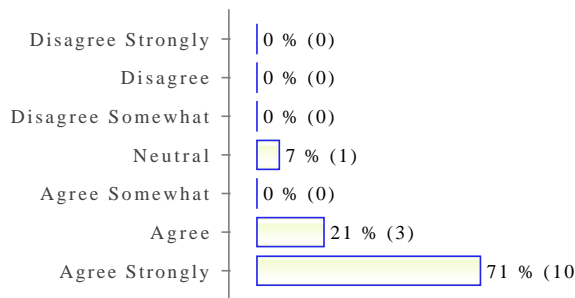
19. I would recommend this instructor to another student



Number of answers: 15

Weighted mean: 6.8

20. The instructor was an effective teacher



Number of answers: 14

Weighted mean: 6.57

21. List any characteristics or teaching techniques that have enhanced the instructor's effectiveness as a teacher

- Always willing to explain things with clarity if you ask the right questions. One on one meetings were excellent teaching moments and weren't particularly stressful.
- Positivity and ability to adapt to his students needs
- So kind, nice, and most of all helpful. Clearly cares sooooo much about students. He'll respond anytime and gives such good advice on assignments. Doesn't give anything away, but works with you in a great way. I've never had a prof that's put in half the amount of time Kevin does to his students
- Well organized notes, availability and willingness to help.
- Being approachable and easy to talk to is a blessing in a CS environment. With other CS teachers, I was constantly nervous that my question would be stupid or I'd get laughed at for giving a bad coding suggestion/explanation. With you, not so much. You are extremely helpful towards students and give them the proper time they need 1-on-1 with the professor.
- Organized, friendly, and always willing to help
- Extra panopto videos were very helpful when trying to start some of the projects.
- Loads of office hours. Was quick to answer any email questions. Also the professor was very good at deeply explaining topics.
- Very clear in his lectures, offers a lot of support, and the video supplements as well give a lot of additional support.
- Nothing short of praise for the instructor, high expectations paired with abundant resources made this class very intellectually stimulating and engaging. The professor was very knowledgeable on the material and material tangential to it which made the course more grounded via examples and practical applications in both industry and academia. Instructor was also flexible and often used student input on material (extra content in the end in particular) which made the course feel personal.

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22. List any suggestions for how the instructor's effectiveness as a teacher might be improved

- More time to allow students to get used to brand new languages.
- None, literally perfect
- Try prompting the class with more questions and visuals. Granted Programming Languages isn't the most visual class but I think involving more students is always the best way to improve teacher effectiveness.
- He's awesome!
- I might suggest maybe an extra week in-class on understanding/using reason and COOL since documentation may be initially difficult/lacking.
- Timeliness on assessments.

Number of answers : 6

23. Use this space for any additional comments about this instructor or course (if this was an online or hybrid course, please specifically address any impacts -- positive or negative -- stemming from that delivery format)

- Niuce to be in person
- Was a pleasure and will be missed!
- Great instructor!
- Fantastic class/professor.
- Everything potentially being online such as classes was a huge help. Being able to have the flexibility of being in person or on zoom was very nice. I also think recording the classes helped if you had to look up information about a certain topic.
- Due to COVID-related restrictions, we couldn't be in the classroom for over an hour. The professor's solution was to attend class for an hour and then watch a 30 minute video after. I really liked how this broke up the class content into more digestible pieces.

Number of answers : 6