

University of Central Florida's Student Perception of Instruction, Fall 2013 (1490)

Computer Science, College of Engineering Computer Science

CIS3362.0001 - CRYPTOGRAPHY AND INFO SECURITY

Arup Guha

Number of Students Enrolled: 48

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

the DES homework and crypto challenge were really fun

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

(No response.)

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Great teacher, passionate about the material

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I liked how on tests you would put down how many points each question was worth. It would have been helpful for assignments to be done the same way.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

This class, and how the instructor taught it, really increased my interest in the field of cryptography. All ideas were explained pretty well, even though some of the material was really challenging. I really enjoyed the test reviews. Making a game out of it was really motivating.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Nothing comes to mind. Great work!

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

What I liked best about the course were the program-orientated homework assignments.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I do not have any suggestions for improving the course, I enjoyed the way that it was handled overall.

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There was a lot of information to learn.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Less group work, it was annoying to have to rely on other group members.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Very interested in the material.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Stop being such a dick.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

He's Great!

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

(No response.)

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Interesting material taught by one of the best professors in the department.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

(No response.)

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COP3223.0R04 - INTRO TO PROGRAMMING WITH C

Arup Guha

Number of Students Enrolled: 184

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Nothing, this was a horrible horrible course to take

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I understand that you are a programming teacher who teaches higher level programming classes. But you need to understand that this is an introductory class for people who have never programmed before. Your explanations were extremely confusing, your materials were all over the place and hard to get to. Your homework assignments and tests were impossible and your book did not help in the least. To put it simply, if the average score of your introductory classes for the last 5 years have been C and D then you're doing something wrong and you need to fix it. NOW.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

This class is a very good start to programming. I feel like I am properly prepared for the harder programming classes I will be taking in the future. The course is challenging enough to make you learn the material without being unfair. Professor Guha also provides many resources that we can use to make sure we're understanding the material.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Have the weekly schedule updated for a few weeks in advance so that we can plan ahead in the course.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Although the course subject matter was very challenging, Professor Guha provided many useful practice problems and examples. Homework assignments were carefully chosen to give students opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge of a given topic.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I felt as though some test questions were too difficult to complete within the amount of time given. Perhaps in the future, test questions can be more carefully selected so that the amount of time allocated to students for test completion matches the test's difficulty.

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1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Hard work led to gaining a skill.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Unorganized at times, I wish assignments opened up as soon as they were announced. That way I (the student) can coordinate work from other classes more effectively.

Sometimes notes/assignments weren't uploaded until a few days after they were announced leaving time I had allocated to be useless.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Nothing

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Do not treat the class like they already have expert programming skills. Do not grade the programs like we are Computer Science major seniors. Allow us to have a chance to learn the information before giving us insanely lengthy assignments. Please do not use your own textbook because it was not helpful in the least and was written poorly.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

He's extremely nice and is willing to help in office hours.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

The programs are a lot of work for the amount of time given for them.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Excellent teacher very helpful

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

none maybe some extra credit

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1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

There were many resources available that Professor Guha had compiled for the course available online. His videos were very thorough, and I liked how he coded through each example he gave us. I thought the tests were well written and definitely evaluated what we had learned.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Sometimes assignments and grades were not posted in a timely manner, and sometimes it was difficult to know what assignment or video we were expected to complete/watch. This was mostly an issue in the beginning of the course.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I like the fact that this COP 3223 course was online. I think more Intro to Programming classes are online. I also truly believe that Arup Guha is one of the most knowledgeable Computer Science teachers, if not the most, but I don't think he shows it as well as he should. I am sure I feel that way because I have very little, if any, personal time actually talking to Guha, and the fact that online courses naturally limit teacher-to-student interaction.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I just wish that I had more face to face time with Guha. But that's my fault for taking an online course that doesn't require face to face time except for exams. I used to covet Guha's video lecture's, using them as my main studying tool. Then I found that using the textbook was much quicker, and there were more examples to look at than Guha's examples. I began to use Guha's video lectures as a supplementary learning tool, instead of the primary tool. His lectures were pretty cool, though. He made them interesting, in his own way. His examples with Pez candies were funny, too. He made his lectures as interesting as any Computer Science educator can. But that difficulty to make lectures interesting comes with the territory of Computer Science, so I understand that not all lectures can be as interesting as COM 1000 lectures with Christine Hanlon.

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(No response.)

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Anytime I went to see the professor for help, he sent me straight to the textbook. I already read the text and did not find it helpful which is why I was going to him for help. I struggled through the class because I could not get help and then started to fall behind. I did not feel like his videos taught examples that actually helped me with my homework or the exam.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I really liked how even though the class was online through video lecture I still was able to learn so much from his lectures. He usually answered most of the questions I would have about a topic in his lectures without me even being able to ask. He always had a great way of explaining things and how the computer interprets the syntax. My only complaint was that near the end the lectures seemed very fast paced and it usually took me a while to completely understand the subject.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I would say the instructor did a very great job with the class, and I do not have any suggestions.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Given all info needed to complete the course. It was online/video so I could learn when I had time to.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Easier tests.

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1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Plenty of examples and assignments given to help reinforce the material.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Get the schedule set up earlier if not before the class begins. Plenty of students like to get ahead especially when the material is pretty easy/straightforward as it's been. The first week or so we didn't have anything to do due to lack of material being ready. A few weeks we were delayed a bit due to the schedule not being set up yet.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I did not like it at all to be honest. Very unorganized and randomly would cut off videos in the middle of lecture at times.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Be more organized and know when the semester starts.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

The course was an example of effective online instruction.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

N/A

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1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

The professor was very knowledgeable and was very helpful. He almost always answered emails and would take time out of his busy day to help. I also learned more in this class that I have ever in any other.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Even though the professor was great, the coursework was far too difficult.... almost impossible. I have never worked harder on anything in my life and still will probably only receive a C. Which I hardly even get Bs. In order to excel in the class, you must already have experience in programming. The tests are the hardest tests I have ever taken in my life.. and are nearly impassable. This is just not a good situation for a beginning programmers like myself... even though this class is "supposed" to be for beginners. If the expectations were lowered a couple notches, this class would be enjoyable and passable. This class just does not need to be this hard. Professor Guha is a great professor, he just needs to lower the difficulty because it is just an intro class. Even though I learned more from this class than any other class I have ever taken (which is great!), I also will probably get my first C (which will hurt my gpa).

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Arup was there to talk to, he would take the time, listen to your problems and then help you solve them.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Nothing to suggest, this has been my favorite course in my life. Thank you.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

(No response.)

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Less advanced arithmetic, and more explanation of the actual coding language. This is supposed to be an introductory course for a programming language, not an exercise in how to perform complicated mathematical functions using a computer program. More focus on syntax, and less focus on integers and numbers, please.

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It was an online course, and the videos Professor Guha posted were very clear and understandable.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

More week to week consistency.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

This course was taught well.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

This course was taught well.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

It was an interesting course.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Explain EVERY minuet detail and needs much better organziation skills

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I thought the assignments were challenging and showed practical applications of what we were learning.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

It seemed like the prof had a lot of other things going on this semester and didn't have a lot of time for us. The initial course info wasn't posted until several days after classes started, and the assignments were posted late and on a somewhat erratic schedule. It made it really difficult to try to make time to work on things.

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1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

online

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

more time on exams, or make them shorter. I felt like I could have aced them all, even without a cheat sheet, if i only had more time

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

The programs were amusing and it made the work more enjoyable.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

none.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Not much to say here. I was a little dismayed that we started with python initially, as I was worried we wouldn't cover as much C as other courses. Happily, we were able to finish the book, and based on what I've heard, did as much as the engineering intro to c class at least.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Most of the programs just felt like glorified math problem solvers (very specific math problems...), but I guess at this level it can't be helped. I also wasn't happy with the programs that needed a "skeleton" in order for us to complete. I wound up coding them on my own from scratch anyways, but I don't think we should be given programs that we can't be expected to do on our own. When doing these from scratch, however, they wound up being the most fun, and I would have liked to see more of them.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Tough course, but you learn more because Arup makes it tough.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

N/A

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1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I struggle to say anything nice here.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Set your schedule in advance, notify students of possible tutoring opportunities, be far more concise in your videos but most of all.... STOP LETTING THIS MAN USE HIS OWN BOOK TO TEACH THE COURSE! STOP! WE PAY GOOD MONEY TO BE EDUCATED AND THIS DO IT YOURSELF NONSENSE IS EXACTLY THAT, NONSENSE.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

The online videos were good, and very informative. The book was a very good supplement to the course, as well as a basic syntax reference.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Not much I can say; it was fine.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I hated it. He made things so difficult and I would change majors before taking a class with him again.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

He needs to change on his syllabus where it says "this class is for people who have no experience in programming". That is definitely NOT the case. People who have no experience in programming should not take this class, ever.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

not a recording of a class but rather a personal lecture.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

well done

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1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

The videos were great in explaining the subjects

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Be more exact with the dates that projects are revealed and due

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I like that the class started off with a simpler programming language to help show the concepts of programming.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I was very dissatisfied with this professor. The three major things he needs to improve on are explanations, organization, and preparation. In the book (which he wrote), his notes, and his videos the professor would simply solve a problem without really explaining why he was using those specific steps to solve the problem. In addition, several times in his notes he would ask, Why am I doing it this way without ever answering his own question. His notes were very disorganized and he often did not define the procedure we were learning until after showing the procedure in use over multiple pages. Especially for an intro class, it is much easier to convey an idea by starting at the definition before showing multiple examples. Lastly, in each of his videos it was clear he had not prepared for the solution to the problems he was supposed to be reviewing and he would spend so much time figuring out how to solve the problem and typing the problem that he never explained why he was solving the problem in that fashion. While I believe the professor is quite capable of doing the work, I am not sure that he understands that he is supposed to be teaching others how to do the work. I would also suggest that the professor publish the grading rubric for each program before it is graded. Since there are many different ways to code a solution it felt unfair to lose points without knowing exactly what the individual criteria per program was ahead of the grading.

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COP3223H.0201 - HONORS INTRO PROG WITH C

Arup Guha

Number of Students Enrolled: 20

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I felt like it was easy to succeed because the material was taught well and if I had a question I could easily ask for clarification.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Return graded projects quicker.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

He explained things well and was there to help.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I don't like the group work; I like to work alone

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

He was very engaging. He gave relatable examples to help us understand concepts better.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I feel as though there's a bit missing in the way he teaches, and the "gaps" in our learning has to be either self-taught or asked about later. It simply happens notably often.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I enjoy programming and Arup makes it very interesting and engaging

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

None, Arup is a great professor

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Arup Guha

Number of Students Enrolled: 20

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

His ability to present was captivating, almost. Very effective in class.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

No real suggestions.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Encouraged participation and plenty of practice problems

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Nothing

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

The instructor provided detailed lessons on the board which were very beneficial.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

The grading criteria for assignments could be more clear.

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COP3502C.0001 - COMPUTER SCIENCE I

Arup Guha

Number of Students Enrolled: 299

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

that he involved the students

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

easier homework

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Arup is probably the best teacher I've ever had, and I've been in school for a long, long time. He truly wants to see his students learn, and will force them to if they want to have a chance at a decent grade. I'm very glad I got this teacher for a core class like Comp Sci I.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I didnt like mandatory lab, because I was stuck with a 5:30PM lab due to having to sign up late from a summer internship. Honestly a lot of us just showed up, signed the attendance and left. No real point in sticking around.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I really liked the way the professor explained concepts in depth and provided excellent models and examples.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I feel the homework assignments are a little harshly graded and that they should be graded a bit more fairly.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I enjoyed the organization of the content and the challenging assignments.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Pick up the pace a bit. There were many topics in the beginning that all students in the class should have already covered in COP 3223. Never use Amanda Dale as an SI.

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COP3502C.0001 - COMPUTER SCIENCE I

Arup Guha

Number of Students Enrolled: 299

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

everything

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

none

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Very interesting professor as well as his lecture. Live example, run code, note were all helpful. Extra story, real live experiences, and field expertise advice are all useful and most appreciated.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Please let your student know if your due time is different from normal due time (you got me once)

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

programing is intertesting

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

what professor think easy is equivalent hard for the student

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

hands on examples in class

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

none keep up the good work

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1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Everything he teaches is available on his website.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Assignment grades could be graded a little better considering the difficulty of the class.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

His visual representations of each topic (such as the binary tree and sorting methods) were fantastic. Excellent teaching style.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Just try to be in class on time

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Clear, concise. Great instructor! Best professor I have ever had. Always willing to help and goes out of his way to do so.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Programming assignments can be very difficult and hard to complete. Grading is very tough on these assignments as well.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

He is fantastic at explaining concepts.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

(No response.)

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1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

The concept was explained well in lecture.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

50 minutes per lecture is not enough time to absorb the concept and show implementation. Not enough time to code the program in class together. Also, I believe that student questions should wait until the end of lecture instead of pausing the lecture in the middle of a complex explanation to answer it; even though they may be good questions, this tends to break focus and make attention divert, and in the process, forget what was partially explained up to that point. Students have all the resources to ask questions outside of lecture. A class of 200+ students is not a place to be taking questions. Prof. Cazalas lecture slides were critical to my understanding of this course. Perhaps using the projector and tablet pc for handwritten notes will allow students to access the files online; no student should have a reason to not do well in course despite the fact they may or may not attend lecture because all the resources would be available on the web.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Mr. Guha is very good at explaining the conceptual design of code, and walking students through the process of implementation. However, on numerous occasions, if a student did not understand, and asked a question, Mr. Guha's reaction was mocking disbelief, and his explanation was condescending and certainly encouraged the student to not have any further questions.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Don't be a dickhead.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I liked working in groups and feeding off ideas of other students

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

You did not make yourself accessible for students to ask you questions, and the TA's you had really did not assist us, and they seemed to not care at all about helping us, to the point where they would leave early from the hours posted online, with students still visibly there working on assignments.

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1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Arup is one of the professor I have encounter. Although his course is very challenging, he does encourage the student to work to achieve the best. I would take his courses any day, It does teach you a lot, and you actually learn the material, instead of just learning for a test.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

None.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Making class interactive is awesome. Teachers that can make students laugh (i.e. make class fun) are the best. I wish recitation was better. I didn't learn from my lab TA how to use the command terminal until later, we never gone over WinMerge. Honestly I only kept up with this stuff because I went to every single SI session and Amanda Dale rocks!

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Those killer tests are demoralizing! I still think it was a good experience. However, while I do enjoy Guha rants (they're pretty enlightening), I didn't appreciate the one about students being concerned about their GPA for no reason. Well if your GPA is on the line and determines whether or not you will lose your job and scholarships, I think a grade concern is warranted. Other than that, I wish it was a smaller class, but that was outside the instructor's control.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Very interesting and knowledgeable. Curves

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I know many IT majors in the class are struggling with it a lot, but it's not really Arup's fault, so much as it is that IT majors are required to take a class that is tailored to CS/CpE majors and it is really hard.

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Arup Guha

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1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Challenges he provided

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Provide a clearer idea of students what their grades are throughout the semester

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

The professor challenged us to think for ourselves, rather than him give us everything we need to know.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Was very condescending during office hours. There was a misunderstanding between us and he was very insulting.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Arup is good at programming.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Don't teach one thing and test another. When a student asks a question or has a concern don't go on a ten minute rant about how they are dumb or the question isn't worth your time; just answer it or help them and move on. More help on the programming assignments would be nice; like actually teaching the skills necessary for completing those assignments. The TAs are awful. Screen someone before allowing them to become a TA. My lab TA was disinterested and rude during every lab session and the one time I tried to meet with a TA to get help with an assignment I was given rude comments and was treated like I was dumb when I didn't get the material. Don't blur through course material. Half of the time I don't even know what you're saying you talk so fast.

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1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

He is a great teacher

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

He needs to be more respectful of his students, he is pretentious, arrogant and assumes our problems are less than his.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Arup is very engaging and I feel is the best professor at UCF. I didn't even have to take this time intensive, "GPA Killer" class, but I chose to because Arup taught one of my classes before and he is just that damn good.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Be at office hours on time? Nothing.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

nothing...

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I know it is a professor's preference but If volunteer work can get you a 100 on a program, then I think it should be for at least half of the programs assigned. This will give student at least a fighting chance to pass the class.

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I liked the visual explanations he does using giant flash cards and student cooperation, it takes a different path to learning which helps students understand the concepts visually and captures their attention

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Features Arup Has: Passion, Creativity, Enthusiasm, Organization, Entertaining Features Arup is Missing: Translation from complex ideas to understandable concept*****

Maintaining lecture subject while lecturing

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

He is fair teacher that really help the students learn.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Nothing.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Examples for everything plus code posted on his website. Also, consistently challenging assignments that taught me many concepts with fair and transparent grading policies.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

n/a

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Professor knew his stuff, had alot of TA's that were available to help

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I feel that CS is just not a course that can be taught in huge lecture halls. Lectures felt distant at times and the difficulty level of program assignments were ridiculous at times.

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His level of excitement was great!

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Stop teaching CS2 class material. The topics were too advanced for a CS1 class. It felt more like a math class. There are more than just CS students in this class. Calendar and grades on webcourses need better attention and proved to be unreliable. Also TA grading was random. Some would grade lightly and others graded with parameters that weren't on the grading rubric

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I like that some code is done in-class, as it helps with understanding some of the material we cover. Teacher was in office and would help out during office hours. The teacher did slightly adjust the class's objectives based on the learning level- that was nice. The redo opportunity for the assignments were nice- although I do sometimes wish those were not all or nothing, and that we could get at least some partial credit on the programs we turn in for those. I like that the teacher is attempting actively to try to find ways to better improve the class's ability to pick up material taught.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I have never been a fan of the idea that if a final score doesn't pass a certain benchmark, one automatically has to retake a class regardless of whatever grade they have in it currently- The assignments are hard, so I am surprised to have heard that some students have had assignments refused because of run-times. Twice, the grading criteria mentioned things not covered in the assignment PDF's- that caught a few by surprise. I feel some of the requirements for the programs are strict regarding the other conditions that can get points knocked off aside from output and input. For the next to last program I had great difficulty communicating with the TA's by email, I feel the TA's are badly understaffed(when their hours are taken into consideration)- we need more TA's plain and simple. The tests were indeed brutal(including the 3rd one, although that format with the no notes and easier level was actually highly preferred, as the prior format for tests including 1 sheet for notes tended to cover FAR too many concepts on one test, many of which were not covered the best. Some of the examples on the website are awfully complex- for the notes , if possible, add more programs with more dumbed down versions of the programs, so we can see some of the simpler ways to achieve some of the things we're trying to learn and achieve with code. I've taken this class 3 times now, twice with other teachers, and I am familiar with a LOT taught in the class- and some of the concepts, i felt were rushed through- especially ones that self-study would not easily help with. There is no problem with challenging students- at the same time, there is no doubt there is a disconnect between what students do learn, and how far it carries them with the all or nothing grading approach taken at times. I feel like that hurts the class greatly ,especially for students who are learning a lot, from the perspective of someone who's seen CS1 taught before multiple times.

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His enthusiasm really helps understand what's going on when learning new material.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Some things can seem unknown in his class, like whether or not your grade is actually the grade you'll have in the end. But in a sense, that's a bonus. Guha rewards those who try rather than those who don't.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

A lot of background information and sample programs given. Lecture is very interesting and informative.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Personally, the assignments as they are now are so extremely difficult. Even if the class grade is curved, seeing a 50% on Webcourses is extremely demoralizing and creates a lot of apprehension, even if it could be a passing grade.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I like his teaching style.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

More clearer about what needs to be done in the course.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

He is very clear and really knows what he is talking about. Goes through examples with you in class and has a great way of explaining things

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

A better way to help students prepare for tests that seemed impossible to do well on would be nice.

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1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Very good teaching methods

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

make the assignments due at normal time.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

The assignments although hard were very informative and strengthen our understanding of the material

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

if the test could be shorter. 50 minutes is not enough time.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

The professor has very good way of teaching the class.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

None.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Professor Guha taught the course in such a way as to encourage not rote memorization, but rather problem solving skills that will be applicable to a broad range situations.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

There were times when Professor Guha got a little off track on a subject that had a dubious connection to the lecture of the day. These discussions were often entertaining and enjoyable. However, class time is short and should be used wisely. Also, I believe the time spent on foundation exam preparation was unnecessary. For one, not everyone in the class must take the exam. Secondly, the exam is easy.

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1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

The ease of access to the materials and the ability to see multiple solutions for each problem, each tackling the problem in a different way.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Having a more concrete plan of the course schedule as sometimes certain lessons were swapped around. Not much else.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

N/A

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

N/A

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I like that you are passionate about programming which makes the class more interesting. I like that you draw a lot of pictures and visuals when explaining new concepts; it helps me understand what exactly is going on inside the computer when our program is being ran.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Do more coding in class. I mean to physically write out some of the code when explaining new concepts to us in class because it helps me to better understand the material, and it allows you to go at a slower pace when explaining things. Its sometimes hard to understand whats going on when you explain each line of code to us from the computer. Also you should be more thorough on concepts, it would make writing the programs much easier. Also the programming assignments should be based more closely on the concepts taught in class. Make the tests and assignments a little easier. I appreciate that you curve the class but it doesn't feel good to consistently get back 50s and 60s on assignments and tests when I've put so much time and effort into studying and doing the assignments.

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1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

He did a good job explaining difficult concepts.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

His work was exceptional in all regards.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

He really tried his best to teach when he knows its such a difficult concept to grasp at our level, it being of the hardest courses in our major overall

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

None at all

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

The professor, I think he is the best professor I've ever had.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Maybe give the teaching assistants some more example problems to go over in lab.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

The tests were challenging but there were ways to help the student pass the tests. Homework was also really good

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

This course should have more time for students whom does not take intro to C but instead they took Engineering analysis and computation and teach them what structures are.

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1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

(No response.)

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Maybe the instructor should look up the definition of respect. When someone asks a question in class it would be helpful to answer the question instead of ridiculing him. He is condescending and not too willing to help. Please get a different professor to teach this important class

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COT3960.0001 - CS FOUNDATION EXAM

Arup Guha

Number of Students Enrolled: 71

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

We took a test, and I passed.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Warn students that the room can get cold and that they should bring a jacket.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

There was no actual teaching, but results for the Foundation Exam were computed quite quickly and accessible. The actual statistics and explanation of one's score was immediately apparent. The review session was very informative. The mandatory advisor meeting after the exam is greatly appreciated.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

More review sessions. An idea would be creating an actual UCF "club" whose sole purpose is to study for the Foundation Exam (i.e. maybe connect people who passed the Exam recently with those who are going to take it).

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Its a test

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Its a test

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

I feel like it accurately assessed my understanding of relevant topics

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

N/A

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Arup Guha

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1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

This wasn't a course. It's the foundation exam. Take it off of the evaluation list.

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Seriously. Get it together UCF.

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

There was no actual course

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

Make the foundation exam easier

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

n/a

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

n/a

1. What did you like best about the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

N/A

2. What suggestions do you have for improving the course and/or how the instructor taught it?

N/A