Faculty of Engineering Course Evaluation

Term: **Fall 2001**   Processed: **02Jan30**

Class: **SENG 265 - F01**
Instructor: **D. GERMAN**
Department: *CSc*
Enrollment: *96 students*

Questions	N	Class Average	-2 -1 0 +1 +2	CSc Average	Survey Average
THE COURSE	71	**0.93**	| * * * *		
grading scheme was made clear to me	71	1.03	| * * * *	1.24	1.18
objectives were made clear to me	71	1.08	| * * * *	1.08	1.02
assignments/problems helped understanding	71	1.24	| * * * * *	0.98	0.98
midterm exams/quizzes helped understanding	71	1.06	| * * * *	0.75	0.74
has an appropriate number of examples	71	1.10	| * * * *	0.72	0.70
text helped understanding	70	-0.40	* * |	0.54	0.48
material coincided with personal interest	70	1.23	| * * * * *	0.44	0.35
workload was heavy (relative to others)	71	0.85	| * * *	0.47	0.39
is such that I would recommend to others	71	1.21	| * * * * *	0.62	0.50
THE PROFESSOR	71	**1.47**	| * * * * * *		
expresses ideas with clarity	71	1.45	| * * * * * *	0.99	0.89
has a positive attitude about course material	71	1.76	| * * * * * * *	1.38	1.32
stimulates interest and thinking in the subject	71	1.61	| * * * * * *	0.97	0.87
is well organized and prepared	70	1.49	| * * * * * *	1.14	1.11
uses visual aids effectively	71	1.44	| * * * * * *	1.13	1.03
provides effective feedback on performance	71	1.25	| * * * * *	0.62	0.64
is concerned that students understand material	71	1.49	| * * * * * *	0.90	0.91
creates a climate open to asking questions	71	1.54	| * * * * * *	1.20	1.13
fairly considers students' suggestions	71	1.37	| * * * * *	1.11	1.02
displays a good understanding of the material	71	1.68	| * * * * * * *	1.38	1.34
makes sufficient office hours available	71	1.01	| * * * *	0.87	0.83
is punctual and makes up for cancelled classes	70	1.51	| * * * * * *	1.17	1.13
overall teaching ability is excellent	71	1.58	| * * * * * *	0.98	0.93
THE LABORATORY	71	**0.55**	| * *		
work is instructive and relevant	71	1.03	| * * * *	0.89	0.61
work is well timed to the lectures	71	0.30	| *	0.82	0.57
manual is useful	65	0.31	| *	0.52	0.38
instructor(s) is competent and helpful	68	0.57	| * *	0.58	0.51
THE PROJECT	25	**0.64**	| * * *		
is of appropriate length	23	0.22	| *	0.64	0.62
contributes to understanding relevant material	23	0.65	| * * *	0.83	0.82
is intellectually challenging	25	1.04	| * * * *	0.96	0.86
THE TUTORIALS	17	**0.22**	| *		
are instructive	17	0.35	| *	0.66	0.58
are well organized	17	0.12	|	0.61	0.54
instructor is competent and clear	17	0.18	| *	0.51	0.51

Class N   number of respondents to the question
Class Average   sum of individual responses to the question divided by Class N
CSc Average   sum of **Class Average** for all *CSc* classes where at least one person responded to the question, divided by the number of such classes
Survey Average   sum of **Class Average** for all classes in the survey where at least one person responded to the question, divided by the number of such classes

Please note that *CSc* and **Survey Average** are weighted per class, not per respondent

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D. GERMAN
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- There was no real text-book for the course and, the notes were to vague (not enough examples etc ...).
- The text was $90 - ouch!
- The teacher, Daniel, went beyond the call of duty for his pupils, but hit us hard with the marking.

- I love the bulliten board idea. Good way to communicate with other students as well as teacher. However, the assignments for the course are too hard and the marking is extremely unfair.
- Teacher has a positive attitude about everything always happy!!

- Overall the course, instructor, and lab instructor was excellent. The only problem I found was that we did not have enough instruction on CUS. We were told a bit on what it was, but were never shown how to properly use it. I, and many other students I talked to found CUS to be this mysterious thing that you weren't quite sure if you done it properly. If things went wrong, they really got messed up. Considering that this was how we submitted all our work, it would have been nice to have more confidence in it.

- I would like to give Dr. German my highest recommendation as a proffessor. He teaches with such effort every student feels a strong mutual respect with him.
- He makes every extra effort to use extra aids to teach the course material. Dr. German is truely a teacher of computer science. Not a lecturer, or a "professor" but a teacher. And I mean that in the best way, because we could REALLY use more people like him in computer science.

- I found the course to be very enjoyable. The webpage makes this class better than any other I've taken.
- Dr. German actually seems to care about the student which is rare.
- It shows that he is a first year instructor because he isn't old and bitter yet.
- Over all keep up the good work.

- It's too difficult for the students who doesn't have any basic knowledge about C program. Bash and so on.

- The Bulletin Board was an invaluable resource, thank-you very much for all the late-night quick responses.

- I think he expects too much in the course.
- This was very by jump from CSC 115
- The assignments were marked unfairly.
- It seems like only top 10% of the class will survive.

- Too much emphasis on C programming.
- The UNIX power tool text was a complete waste of money.
- GREAT teacher.

- Quite simply, I am very impressed by Dr. German's ability and eagerness to teach. He has gone over and above what I have come to expect from a professor.

- Assignments are graded very strictly which is sometimes very frustrating. But they are also done in a very professional manner.

- Excellent wrok! D.M.G.

- This was one of my more enjoyable courses. I almost always looked forward to lectures, and for the most part enjoyed the assignments. Great course, proff and Lab TA. Thank You.

- I was satisfied with this course and have no detailed comments. - 34 responses

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- I was very, very impressed with the amount of time and effort Daniel put in the teaching of this course
- The textbook was useless - I did not buy it, and never felt compelled to buy it. This course should not have any <u>required</u> texts.
- At times, I felt that the instruction was too ~~strongly~~ strongly geared towards students who were already familiar with UNIX and C. If I did not have previous experience with UNIX, I would have been completely lost during that part of the course.

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SENG 265 was the most useful + fun class I had this semester.
I actually want to go to lectures because Dr. German makes them interesting and he shows enthusiasm for the material.

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I have never had a more helpful, enthusiastic, available instructor. The Bulletin board was the best idea, and it saved me so many times! I'm positive that I would have learned as much as I did, if it wasn't there. I would re-arrange my schedule in any of the coming semesters if it meant that I could be in another one of Dr. German's classes.

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Most material was covered for the labs ahead of time except for lab 4 where I found it very hard to complete the lab since Daniel had been away the week before hand.

Marking for assignments was very harsh. eg taking off multiple marks for the same mistake.

eg Lab works 75% but only got minimal marks (5/20)

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The listing of 'Unix PowerTools' as a required text was inappropriate — $90 and never been opened.

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It would be helpful if he explained in detail the requirements and specifications in length, rather than going along and after the assignment is assigned.

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He is a great teacher. Not just a lecturer, he actually teaches. He knows his material very well and is always willing to assist us with assignments.
He set up a bulletin board which is really helpful and sometimes he is on with us till about 2:00am especially just before a major exam is due.
The course material is too broad though.

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Great job, I really enjoy your class even if you are getting kickbacks from O'Reilly Publishing Co. ⌣

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I Really liked the online bulletin board it was a great help. thanks for spending the time to answer our questions

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Regarding the Lab, I would have appreciated the labs being handed back. We recieved no feedback on them and had no idea how we did. (1st two especially would have been nice).

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Crazy

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Dr. German puts a great deal of effort and enthusiasm into teaching the course. He is one of the better instructors I have had. He responds very quickly to bulletin board questions and even late at night. I am not sure when he sleeps! I would look forward to taking another course with Dr. German

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Really enjoyed the course

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Should not assume that everyone already has knowledge in C and Perl

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Good course Though,
learned A Lot !! :)

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Dr. German is Definitely the best Prof I've had
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to attend his courses in the future!

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Dr. German has an excellent attitude toward Song.

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Daniel's enthusiasm and willingness to put in extra time for explanations was excellent!

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Although it is a difficult course, Daniel made it enjoyable. As well the Bulletin Board was extremely helpful

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I learned more in this course about computers than in any other CSC course I've taken. Dr. German is easily one of the top 3 teachers from my scholastic career. Uvic should be doing everything it can to keep him

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