

Informatics Student Course Feedback 2017/18

<http://www.inf.ed.ac.uk/teaching/surveys/2017-18>

This report contains feedback from students about a course taught in the School of Informatics during the 2017/18 academic year, in response to the following questions:

- What would you say to students interested in taking this course?
- What did you find most valuable about the course?
- What improvements, if any, would you make to the course?
- Please add any other comments you have about workshops and tutors

Each course organiser receives this report as well as statistics on multiple-choice responses. All these reports, together with student feedback about individual members of teaching staff, are collected and sent to the Director of Learning and Teaching.

Please note that these are personal responses from individual students: some courses only have a few responses and a small sample can be unrepresentative.

Stereotyping and bias, especially unconscious bias, is a serious concern in any survey gathering personal responses. All students received the rubric below before completing the surveys, and you can read a brief introduction to issues of unconscious bias on the university web pages at <http://edin.ac/2iypZBv>

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Rubric given to all students taking the end-of-course feedback survey

We value your opinions on the courses you take here at the University, as they allow us to shape future delivery and development. We welcome constructive comments about your courses, whether positive or negative, and ask you to give details about any issues in order to help the course organiser to understand and address them.

We encourage you to be aware of the potential for bias in the completion of these questionnaires, so we have developed resources which may be helpful to you:

- Equality, Diversity and Unconscious Bias (<http://edin.ac/2iypZBv>)

You also have a responsibility to provide feedback in a manner which does not breach the University's Dignity and Respect Policy:

- University of Edinburgh Dignity and Respect Policy (<http://edin.ac/1Cq0VZY>)

The results of the questionnaires will never be analysed in a way that seeks to identify individual students from their responses. However, should you wish to remain anonymous, please do not identify yourself in your answers to the survey questionnaire implicitly or explicitly.

Comments Report

What advice would you give to a student taking this course in future?

- Expect no constructive feedback which can help you mitigate your future mistakes or to learn the correct way to do things. It's the way it is, that's what I was told anyways.

Comments Report

What did you find most valuable about the course?

- The content that was taught in the course was good.

Comments Report

What improvements, if any, would you make to the course?

- Better feedback for the coursework, detailing where the errors were and how it could be solved. Courseworks should be organised and maintained by the lecturers not some PHD student. Provide full specifications on what is required to do and what is needed like a template or a practice homework that reflects the coursework as a warm up. Better assignments that are engaging to tackle, something that reflects the exam and is informative. Follow some reference or a book, something to refer to if the lecture isn't informative enough. Currently the referenced book doesn't reflect stuff thought in the lectures, and the slides are not enough.

Comments Report

Please add any other comments you have about workshops and tutors

- I did not feel welcomed in the tutorials and the lecturer made me feel alienated. I didn't learn anything in the tutorials