

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?

- Do the stuff early. Like real early. It's going to be gruelling at first..
- Start early
- Very useful to know how to write an android app. Also a not very difficult course but interesting

Comments Report

What did you find most valuable about the course?

- Ability to make a fully-fledged application from the beginning till the end may be very useful skill for the future.
- The lectures were very well thought out and clear
Good lecturer
- Writing a full project on my own was very exciting. Presenting code snippets on the class was helpful. Learning a new language.

Comments Report

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

- Labs on Android development or more checks to keep up
- More interesting project, different from Software Engineering Large Practical!
- There's no point having CSLP and SELP being 95% similar. Last year, when one was an android project and the other was an algorithm based project was more helpful. Also, letting students know what is the coursework before the first week of classes, so they can choose appropriately which of the 2 to select.
- We get dropped in the deep end at the start of this course, it can be quite overwhelming and I think more support, in the form of a tutorial or lab should definitely provided. 7 lectures for the whole course is not good enough.

Comments Report

Please add any other comments you have about workshops and tutors

- No tutorials, workshops or labs for this course.