

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.

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

- If you're into android development, go for it, but only using android studio.
- Try get used to android studio early and stick to a schedule
- Try to start soon and go to every lecture they are very helpful.
- The practical is interesting and I think it is worth taking it. However it is challenging and demanding, it requires many hours of work.

Comments Report

What did you find most valuable about the course?

- Learning the google API, and discovering new libraries to aid in your app development. Also, Unit tests.
- Really liked this course, the assignment was interesting and enjoyable, and allowed me to enhance my java skills and gain an insight into android development. Dr Gilmore was very helpful, well organised and always on hand to answer any questions quickly on piazza.
- The lecturer is very helpful in solving our queries in lecture and on Piazza.
- The lectures were informative and gave useful code or examples on how to approach some tasks.

Comments Report

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

- I would have some labs where students could improve their apps or solve bugs in the code.
- Labs would be really useful.
- Other than lectures, provide labs and tutorials to aid in this coursework.
- Some labs early in the semester to give a rough guide to android studio would be helpful.

Comments Report

Please add any other comments you have about workshops and tutors

- No tutorials, workshops or labs for this course.