Informatics Student Course Feedback 2020/21
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This report contains feedback from students about a course taught in the School of Informatics during the 2020/21 academic year, in response to the following questions:

- What advice would you give to a student taking this course in future?
- 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, tutorials or labs on this course
- Please add any other comments you have about the presentation of course materials online and their accessibility
- Reflecting on your experience of hybrid teaching and learning on this course, what has worked well for you?
- Is there anything else you’d like to tell us about your experience of hybrid teaching and learning on this course that would help us improve our approach?

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

1. Introduction to Practical Programming with Objects [INF11001_20-21_SS1_SEM1_ONLINE_CACORE19]

1.7) What did you find most valuable about the course?

- It challenges you to tackle a real problem from scratch.
- The course gives a good overview of the topic.
1.6) What improvements, if any, would you make to the course?

- Don't rely as much on the book to do the teaching. It's disheartening when you pay for the module and realise following the book would be enough. Some tutors quite often give an answer, to a specific question, which can be really confusing and not really answer the issue. Quite often after exchanging emails I gave up out of frustration. This means I tried to avoid asking questions when I have a problem.

- I think it would be good in the first couple of weeks to offer an online get to know each other session. Not knowing who you're asking questions of on Piazza or knowing your fellow students can be intimidating.
2. Introduction to Practical Programming with Objects -

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

- Buy the book rather than the module.
- This course will give back as much as you put into it. Personally, I have developed skills that are already applicable in my professional life.
3.1) Please add any other comments you have about the presentation of course materials online and their accessibility.

- Good amount of resources in various formats.
- The course website has not been the most reliable at times.
6. Introduction to Practical Programming with Objects

6.1) Reflecting on your experience of hybrid teaching and learning on this course, what has worked well for you?

- I am a full-time online student. This class seemed to lack the engagement that can be found in my other class at the same time.
- The distance learning works fine for me. I don't think an on campus version would really make sense with the current format.

6.2. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about your experience of hybrid teaching and learning on this course that would help us improve our approach?

No responses
Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your response and comments will be fully considered.

Please provide any additional comments you may have about the course, the teaching on the course or the resources that support it in the box below.

No responses