

Full Report

Evaluation for 2015 - Term 1 (Fall)

Course Code	Instructor	Response Rate (Respondants/Enrolled)
COMPSCI 4E03 (C01)	Maccio, Vincent	55.56% (10/18)

1. Overall for this course, what is your opinion of the effectiveness of the instructor?

(Scale: 1 Very Poor to 10 Excellent)

6 Students (60.00%) said: 10

2 Students (20.00%) said: 9

1 Students (10.00%) said: 7

1 Students (10.00%) said: 8

Median: 10.00	Mean: 9.30	StDev: 1.0593	Variance: 1.1222	Not Responded: 0
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2. The timing and appropriateness of feedback on your progress:

Receiving assignments back in a reasonable time frame, clear explanation of grade

(Scale: 1 Very Poor to 5 Excellent)

8 Students (80.00%) said: 5

2 Students (20.00%) said: 4

Median: 5.00	Mean: 4.80	StDev: 0.4216	Variance: 0.1778	Not Responded: 0
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3. Independent critical judgement was encouraged:

(Scale: 1 Very Poor to 5 Excellent)

6 Students (60.00%) said: 5

4 Students (40.00%) said: 4

Median: 5.00	Mean: 4.60	StDev: 0.5164	Variance: 0.2667	Not Responded: 0
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4. OVERALL, how do you rate the value of this course compared with others you have taken at McMaster?

(Scale: 1 Very Poor to 5 Excellent)

7 Students (70.00%) said: 5

2 Students (20.00%) said: 4

1 Students (10.00%) said: 3

Median: 5.00	Mean: 4.60	StDev: 0.6992	Variance: 0.4889	Not Responded: 0
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5. The organization of this course:

Progression of learning material, resource availability, professor was timely and prepared

(Scale: 1 Very Poor to 5 Excellent)

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1 Students (10.00%) said: 3

Median: 5.00	Mean: 4.60	StDev: 0.6992	Variance: 0.4889	Not Responded: 0
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6. The instructor's response to students:

Approachability, attitude, availability, well-explained answers

(Scale: 1 Very Poor to 5 Excellent)

9 Students (90.00%) said: 5

1 Students (10.00%) said: 4

Median: 5.00	Mean: 4.90	StDev: 0.3162	Variance: 0.1000	Not Responded: 0
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7. The coverage and fairness of tests:

Material coverage, mark distribution, difficulty level

(Scale: 1 Very Poor to 5 Excellent)

5 Students (50.00%) said: 4

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Median: 4.50	Mean: 4.50	StDev: 0.5270	Variance: 0.2778	Not Responded: 0
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8. Please comment on the quality of the TA's in this course:

- Very helpful and he understands the content well. Though sometimes he moves through content a little too quickly, and skips steps that aren't always clear to everyone.
- TA is friendly and helpful. He is quite patient with my questions. Especially thanks him to help me with the terminal commands and edited it for CSIM.
- Excellent job, but a bit overworked.
- TA has done a great job. Very helpful and willing to answer students' questions. The explanation of questions are very clear.
- The TA Andrew was excellent, he always went through crucial material to prepare us for the tests. His example problems and explanations were of great help.
- Great TA. Easy to follow. Very useful for assignments
- N/A
- Very useful and helped a lot.

9. Please list aspects of this course that you found valuable and should be continued:

- CSIM was interesting and should probably be integrated further.
- The teaching method is quite good and effective. Give the thm first and present one or two examples to explain it. Steps by steps formula translation is good for understanding.
- The course material is interesting and engaging. Topics covered are good and shouldn't be changed much.
- Weekly assignment helps me review and understand the course materials well. Midterm and final exam review session are super great.
- 1.The professor is responsible, vivacious and humorous 2. He covered the entire materials and

explained them in easytounderstand format 3. He is good at teaching. He is a good professor:)

- abundance of sample problems the instructor
- In class lecture style whiteboard. NO POWERPOINT
- Vincent's enthusiasm, commitment and willingness to teach. He enjoys what he teaches and you know it from his character. This trait is RARE amongst professors at McMaster and should be embraced by others.
- Tutorials were very nice.

10. Please list aspects of this course that might be improved:

- Perhaps utilize Sharknet (similar to 4F03) so that students can actually interact with a system rather than just using CSIM or studying it from a theoretical perspective. Having slides available online would be very helpful. If for some reason a student misses one lecture, they would miss a huge amount of content because the only way to get it is from attending lecture or reading the textbook (which uses different notation and covers material that isn't discussed in lecture or tested on)
- I think we need more TAs.
- Csim is utilized awkwardly.
- a better lecture room would improve the experience of this course better whiteboard markers please, sometimes the ink can't be seen at the back
- lecture length. Would be better if could reduce to 1 hour lecture 3 times a week
- More TAs, better rooms (the room we had was horrible).
- Uploading docs online. If I cannot attend a class I miss a lot that I cannot catch up on because there is no way of knowing what was covered. Also screws you over for the next few classes because you're still trying to catch up.

11. Additional comments:

- Vince did a great job for his first time as an instructor! His lectures were always interesting, though sometimes a little fast.
- Thank you for your teaching.
- Professor Vincent Maccio is a person who truly cares about us. He would take extra time to prepare us for test and confirmed that we understood a concept before moving on. He is one of the few professors that can truly communicate complicated concepts in a way we would understand it. I hope he will continue teaching here at McMaster
- Best class of the semester. Terrific prof
- Vincent is amazing and deserves to be recognized as a standout professor.