

University at Buffalo

Fall 2023, CSE 535LEC Information Retrieval Section A

Instructor: Pal, Sayantan (Primary)



There were: 58 possible respondents.

	Question Text	N	RR	Top Two	Avg	SD	535LEC F23	CSE F23	Div F23	Sch F23	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
2	Overall course rating	28	48%	89% (25)	4.4	0.7				4.2	0% (0)	0% (0)	11% (3)	43% (12)	46% (13)	
											Str Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str Agree	
3	Course was well organized	28	48%	96% (27)	4.5	0.6				4.3	0% (0)	0% (0)	4% (1)	46% (13)	50% (14)	
4	Course was intellectually challenging	28	48%	93% (26)	4.5	0.6				4.3	0% (0)	0% (0)	7% (2)	36% (10)	57% (16)	
5	Work load was reasonable	28	48%	93% (26)	4.2	0.8				4.2	0% (0)	7% (2)	0% (0)	61% (17)	32% (9)	
											Str Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str Agree	N/A
6	Fair methods of evaluation	28	48%	81% (22)	4.3	0.9				4.4	0% (0)	7% (2)	11% (3)	29% (8)	50% (14)	4% (1)
											Str Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str Agree	
7	Course content helped learning	28	48%	86% (24)	4.3	0.7				4.2	0% (0)	0% (0)	14% (4)	46% (13)	39% (11)	
	Follow up --										V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	N/A
10	Overall instructor rating	28	48%	93% (26)	4.6	0.6				4.4	0% (0)	0% (0)	7% (2)	29% (8)	64% (18)	0% (0)
	Follow up --										Str Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str Agree	N/A
11	Instructor clearly presented learning expectations	28	48%	96% (27)	4.6	0.6				4.4	0% (0)	0% (0)	4% (1)	32% (9)	64% (18)	0% (0)
12	Instructor enthusiastic about course	28	48%	93% (26)	4.7	0.6				4.5	0% (0)	0% (0)	7% (2)	18% (5)	75% (21)	0% (0)

13	Instructor welcomed students to seek help	28	48%	89% (25)	4.5	0.8				4.5	0% (0)	4% (1)	7% (2)	25% (7)	64% (18)	0% (0)
14	Instructor presented material clearly	28	48%	96% (27)	4.6	0.6				4.4	0% (0)	0% (0)	4% (1)	32% (9)	64% (18)	0% (0)

Instructor	Text Responses
	Question: Comments on most effective elements
	(CSE 535LEC) The programming assignments and the final project helped me grasp a firm understanding of the course.
	(CSE 535LEC) Projects
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	(CSE 535LEC) Good assignments. Lengthy but very useful
	(CSE 535LEC) It helped me learn about Latest technologies used in the industry. The projects were designed in such a way that i could learn the theoretical as well as the practical parts of the subject. Overall experience has been excellent for this course.
	(CSE 535LEC) NO comment.
	(CSE 535LEC) Course project were well designed.
	(CSE 535LEC) I found projects to be more effective for me in this course.
	(CSE 535LEC) Discussions in the class and OH of professor
	Question: Suggestions to improve course
	(CSE 535LEC) - The exams were way too difficult; the questions were often pulled from very specific parts of the lecture (e.g., there was a question on midterm 2 about parameters of okapi bm matching which I personally found to be a very odd question choice). Exam grades were generally really low and even now we have no idea how grades will be curved. - Project 3 was pretty difficult, which I wouldnt normally mind, but there was very little direction given and the assignment writeup was often very unclear.
	(CSE 535LEC) Piazza replies were a bit slow. Though all the concerns were addressed in the class.
	(CSE 535LEC) Mid terms
	(CSE 535LEC) Need more help from instructors and TAs on projects. No help given to find mistakes in my project implementations after grading.
	(CSE 535LEC) More efficient project structure
	(CSE 535LEC) The examination duration was a bit less as compared to the number of questions. Extending the exam duration slightly would provide students with a more comfortable environment to showcase their understanding. Apart from it, the course has been a great learning experience
	(CSE 535LEC) NO comment.
	(CSE 535LEC) I would like to have research paper-based discussions.

	(CSE 535LEC) Course structure and information is quite designed well.
	(CSE 535LEC) If possible include discussions in recording else amazing experience
Question: Comments on teaching effectiveness	
Pal, Sayantan	(CSE 535LEC) Very good communication
Pal, Sayantan	(CSE 535LEC) Professor Sayantan Pal did a great job teaching this course. He took time to clarify concepts, explained the maths behind everything as well as brushed up different concepts from Computer Science to explain the concepts related to IR. I really liked this course.
Pal, Sayantan	(CSE 535LEC) Sayantan was very welcoming in his office hours. Clearly explained all the topics. Good job
Pal, Sayantan	(CSE 535LEC) The course and project were impeccably designed, providing a blend of theoretical understanding and practical skills. The dynamic classroom environment, coupled with Professors commitment to staying current with industry advancements, ensured a highly enriching experience, making me feel industry-ready.
Pal, Sayantan	(CSE 535LEC) NO comment.
Pal, Sayantan	(CSE 535LEC) Highly effective
Pal, Sayantan	(CSE 535LEC) Very great seems like he knows how do we feel while completing assignments and giving exams

Distribution of Scores

