

CRN: 10890

CS 558, Programming Languages

2008 Fall Evaluation Comments

Instructor: Sergio Antoy

A. What do you like most about this class?

Opportunity to learn new PL

Learning the material and the professor's folksy demeanor.

Great topic, extremely useful

Nothing

(1) Instructor's command on the subject reflects in his teaching. (2) Excellent assignments.

Understand programming language's components.

Class teaches functional programming & it shows different perspective to programming

The way the topics are organized and the pattern of teaching. The practical approach given through live code in class and homework is very very useful in understanding the subject.

The programming language we learned

Lectures

Instructor command of subject matter

The instructor is knowledgeable and enthusiastic. Her interactively goes through examples in class.

Innovative

Prof. Antoy is very knowledgeable and enjoyable. I like solving problems with a new set of tools. This was a nice review of old material while introducing some new concepts.

B. What do you like least about this class?

The exams. I struggled w/the midterm

Book is filled with bugs. Some serious.

Everything

The book doesn't help much.

Class is only once a week. Twice a week would have been better.

It is really tough

Therum of ??? we learned

Nothing

Instructor sometimes spends too much time in class addressing students' issues with the difficulty of the class.

Homework assignments; would suggest more problems, easy ones as warmup building up to the few objective problems currently assigned.

Tough

The amount of work required by the HW is far from sufficient. The homework assignments took hardly any time. The HW needs to be more challenging and the requirements more stringent. This felt more like a lower level CS course from that perspective.

C. Additional Comments:

Professor is a valuable asset to the dept.

May be shorter HW, to help understand more rather than complex problems

May be it should be ???clear about the class expectations ??? and ???

Help was readily available

Many students struggled with very trivial issues. These students would often use valuable class time to discuss those problems. They either need to get help from

the TA or not be in this program to begin with. This was extremely discouraging to me.