

CRN: 11056

CS 558

2011 Fall Evaluation Comments

Instructor: Antoy

A. What do you like most about this class?

- **Learning new paradigms” Prolog & Haskell**
- **-Precisely structured –recorded lectures**
- **Learning about Prolog and Haskell**
- **Learning various languages, video recordings**
- **Understanding about all different types of languages OOP, functional, etc.**
- **Slides. Hugs.**
- **The professor’s way of showing how to solve the problems, solving each problem methodically.**
- **The instructor is very kind and very welcome to answer any questions related to learning contents.**
- **Homework assignments.**
- **Well taught, interesting subject. Class was recorded, made it easy to review/make up a missed class.**
- **Homework discussion. I really look forward to the new challenges in the homework.**
- **The subject is most relevant to a career in computer science. Exposure to logical, functional and object oriented languages. Understanding of various programming [illegible]**
- **Instructor draws attention to important things.**
- **Introduction of concepts on commonalities of programming languages. Basic building blocks of any language along with how key differences significantly affect a language usage.**
- **The instructor is a delight.**
- **I liked learning about the different programming paradigms. The occasional additional material given to the class. Also, learning a bit of Haskell was cool.**
- **I like the instructor, he’s smart and personable. I think he’s a good teacher as well.**
- **The [variousity???] of language.**

B. What do you like least about this class?

- **Long [illegible maybe hours?] in a day.**
- **Exams expected far greater proficiency in languages (prolog, scheme, Haskell) not required for the course.**

- Too much course, audio & video recordings do not match sometimes.
- Closed book exams.
- Slides not [illegible] provided. More stress should be laid on SCHEME. Lectures recorded should be of better quality.
- Classroom is held too far from downtown.
- It doesn't cover everything in detail.
- Tracked book exactly, more examples outside of materials would have been helpful.
- Maybe the reference textbook can be changed.
- The topic is very broad. It would be nice if there was a clear indication for which were key topics to be tested against as opposed to know everything as means of preparation.
- This class should be a fair comparison between different paradigms and approaches to programming. At times, it felt more like a sales pitch for the instructor's preferred approach. Like any sales pitch, facts are embellished, omitted or distorted to meet the end goal.
- Meeting once a week makes the lectures a little dense, complicating the ability to absorb knowledge.
- I think the topics were more undergraduate topics. I wish we could have gone more in-depth. The HWs were too easy. Exams were a bit easy as well.
- The exams were heavily weighted (45% of points on midterm) were assigned to writing code in unfamiliar syntax without a compiler or debugger. I specifically learn and code by trial and error. This method I suspect doesn't evaluate actual skill and unfairly targets specific learning talents.
- The jumbling of language [illegible] on the functionality.

C. Additional Comments:

- All homework are same as last term.
- Hi, Tek. Professor.
- Overall good class and I would not hesitate at taking a class from this instructor again.
- Initially I took too long to figure out what compilers and versions to install. It would be good to put the compiler packages on class site.
- Prof. Antoy was helpful in showing additional material. I wish it was on campus.
- The book is next to useless. I revisits everything from 321/322 without going any further. Also, I would like to know how to incent my own language from taking this course and I am no closer than when I started. A waste of time and money.

