



Boston College

Course Evaluation Summary Report - MI03101-2008F-tx1 COMPUTERS IN MGMT-HONORS Gips, James

	Total Surveys	Surveys Submitted	Response Rate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6
2007 Fall Term - BC2008F	61,596	54,551	88.56%	3.90	4.02	4.18	4.22	4.05	3.35
Carroll School of Management	7,656	7,006	91.51%	3.96	4.07	4.25	4.32	4.08	3.35
Information Systems	455	412	90.55%	4.37	4.33	4.50	4.47	4.05	3.29
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	Response 1	Response 2	Response 3	Response 4	Response 5	N/A	No Response	Mean	STD
1. What rating does this instructor deserve as a teacher? Poor = 1/Acceptable = 2/Good = 3/Very Good = 4/Excellent = 5	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	1 3.13%	10 31.25%	21 65.63%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	4.63	0.55
2. Regular class attendance was necessary for learning the required content. Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0 0.00%	2 6.25%	5 15.63%	19 59.38%	6 18.75%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	3.91	0.78
3. The course helped me to acquire factual information. Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	7 21.88%	25 78.13%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	4.78	0.42
4. The course helped me to understand principles and concepts. Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	9 28.13%	23 71.88%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	4.72	0.46
5. The instructor was available for help outside of class. Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0 0.00%	1 3.13%	7 21.88%	16 50.00%	5 15.63%	3 9.38%	0 0.00%	3.86	0.74
6. Compared to other courses having the same credits and hours, the time required for this course was: Much Less = 1/Less = 2/The Same = 3/More = 4/Much More = 5	0 0.00%	3 9.38%	17 53.13%	12 37.50%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	3.28	0.63

7. What are the strengths of this instructor?

- * Entertaining, extremely knowledgeable, great professor
- * Professor Gips is able to communicate concepts clearly and keep the class interesting.
- * Very knowledgeable on the subject. Very easy to listen to, very much like "listening to the ocean" as he described and his dry humor made the class fun.
- * Very nice and reasonable/flexible. Seems to care about what he is teaching.
- * He explained the material well. He also assigned enough but not overwhelming amounts of homework. He also has a great sense of humor that kept me listening during class.
- * Professor Gips makes the material interesting. This subject matter could easily be dry and boring, but he finds creative ways to avoid this problem.
- * Awesome teacher, nice guy, invited us to his house for thanksgiving. Great at communicating material, great to talk to in class and out of class.
- * very enjoyable class, interesting material, very nice and good sense of humor, makes sure students understand everything, willing to take all questions
- * Very knowledgeable Good at explaining complicated concepts in terms students can understand
- * Knows an amazing amount about technology
- * Real world experience, good at keeping attention.
- * Good sense of humor, engaged students
- * Vast and impressive knowledge of subject matter. Funny, interesting, cares about students.
- * Knows how to deliver information in a simple easy to understand manner
- * Very knowledgeable and his classes are very informative.
- * Professor Gips is an extremely knowledgeable man and used that to his advantage by making his lectures fun and interactive so that we would better understand the information. The first half of the semester with Excel was quite tedious but he went slow enough that we would not get overwhelmed because for many people it was their first time using the program.
- * Knowledge of the subject, funny, kept lectures interesting, good teacher
- * Professor Gips had a sense of humor that made class much more enjoyable. The information he taught was interesting and very relevant for a student seeking a degree in business. He wrote the book, so if you missed something in class, you could easily look it up, plus he gave Excel homework from the book and the examples he did in class were very similar - going to class is helpful. I would strongly recommend taking Computers and Management from Professor Gips.

- * Professor Gips is witty and makes the class, which can be dull during the excel portion, interesting. Further, he is incredibly knowledgeable about everything that could possibly come up during class, and is incredibly friendly and cares a great deal of concern for the well-being of this students.
- * He is very knowledgable about the subject and a very entertaining. While some other professors can get boring at times, he has a great sense of humor and is able to keep the students' attention throughout the class. He is a great guy all around and I think I was privelaged to have him as my professor.
- * very knowledgable about computers and excel.
- * Professor Gips is a very reasonable man who interacts quite well with his students. He certainly knows everything that he teaches. His teaching style is conversational, which is helpful. I liked the fact that the students guided the discussion in the class just as much as he did. I think that Professor Gips did a great job illustrating broad concepts. The readings were also cleverly chosen. The excel assignments were very fair, in both length and content, while at the same time challenging. Thanks for a great semester Professor!
- * He has a complete understanding of the subject matter. He has a passion for what he teaches. He is engaging and makes his class very interesting.
- * He was such a nice guy. he made class interesting and really informative. in the excel portion, he made it pretty easy to understand and the second module was applicable and made us think about everyday businesses.
- * Very knowledgeable of the subject and finds a way to relate the material to the students.
- * Very nice guy. Very easy to talk to and approach.
- * He was funny, and he graded the work fairly while teaching us what we needed to know.
- * He was funny and made the class enjoyable.

8. How could this instructor improve the course?

* Shorter Excel Assignments

- * It was hard to take notes about the Excel examples in a notebook. It would be helpful if he either handed out a print-out of the examples with the formulas or recommended that students bring their computers to class.
- * I thought the first half of the course was done perfectly, and the second half was done very well also. My only problem was that, because of the lack of graded assignments in the second half, I fell behind really easily. Perhaps it would be beneficial to students to have required assignments that force them to keep up with the readings, etc.
- * The second half of the course was a little less interesting than the first in my opinion, but that's not his fault.
- * The final was a bit tough. Maybe the group presentations should have been more integrated into the overall continuum of the class. Otherwise, not much else to say.
- * Give graded homeworks for the second module of the calss.
- * Perhaps offer more homework assignments which mirror the written portion of the midterm concerning excel.

- * He could improve the course possibly by having more group activities with Excel because sometimes doing it on your own is not the most effective and can get very frustrating. If you have someone to work with you can bounce ideas off of each other without simply copying from someone else
- * more activities or interactive things. Presentations and the EO video stick out as interesting ways to present information.
- * Homeworks in excel are particularly tedious and time consuming.
- * None.
- * Midterm was a little difficult due to lack of prep. Spend more time on Module 2 than excel. Change up daily class routine.
- * Dry sense of humor - but you get used to it and learn to enjoy it
- * Making the midterm on a computer. Also, smart watch was easily the most uninteresting reading and we spent the most time on it.
- * Some of the material was kind of boring and I feel like we talked about some stuff that was irrelevant.
- * Get the class more involved

9. Additional comments:

- * I really enjoyed this class!
- * None.
- * I overall really enjoyed this class and would love to have Professor Gips as my professor again in the future.
- * As a side note, Jessica Schugel was a really great person to go to for help. I had lots of questions about excel, which she answered very thoroughly and promptly. She also graded our homeworks within a short time span. She was an excellent asset to the course. Hire her again next year!
- * Best course this semester.
- * Overall I really enjoyed the course, I expected to dislike it but I didn't at all. Excel really intimidated me but Professor Gips is a patient, comprehensive teacher who made sure everyone understood it well.
- * Professor Gips might be the best professor at Boston College.
- * This was my favorite class this semester. Both the material and the classes were very interesting, and I cannot wait to study this material more in future classes.
- * None.
- * Professor Gips was a great teacher and I learned a great deal about Excel and information technology. There is so much that I did not know about numerous companies that I truly think will be useful in the future.
- * Awesome teacher.
- * He has a great sense of humor and was my favorite professor this semester.

* Very interesting, fascinating ideas regarding technology in business. Good background prep for remainder of CSOM.