

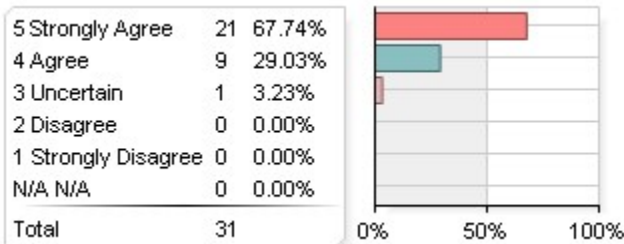
Fall 2012 Course Evaluation Report for MI15701_2013F INTRO TO PROGRAMMING/MGMT - James Gips

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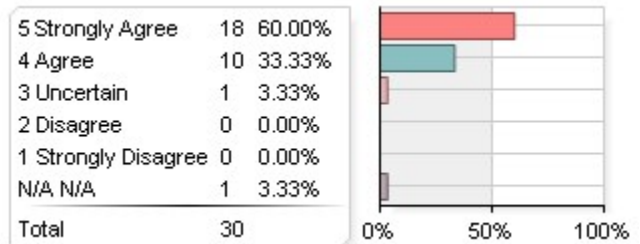
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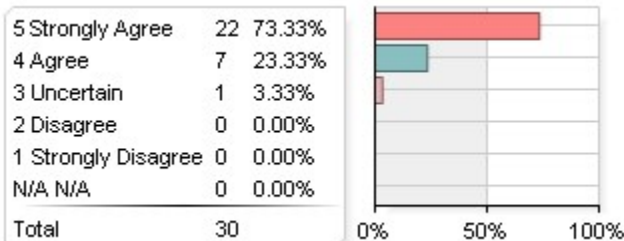
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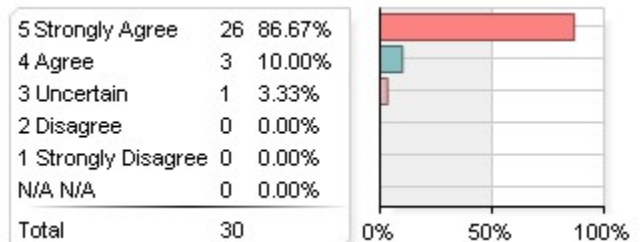
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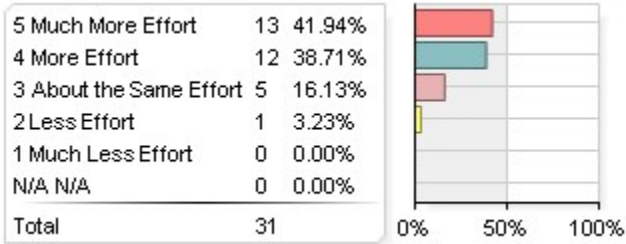


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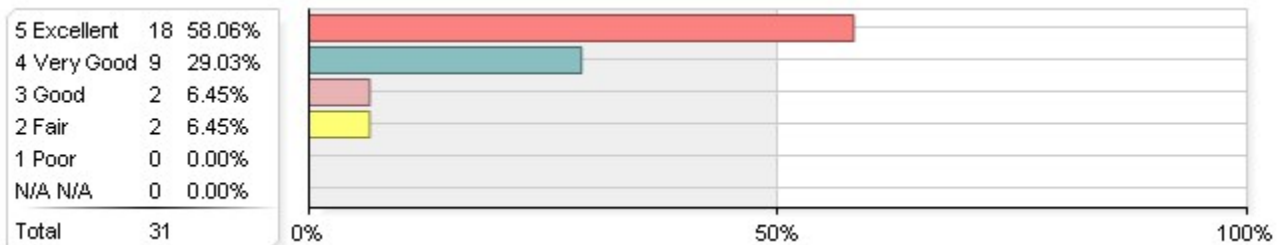
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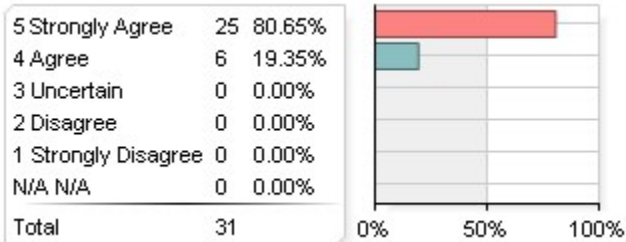
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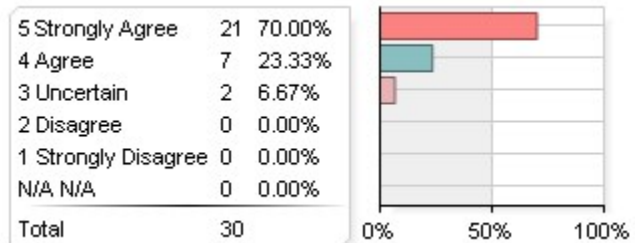
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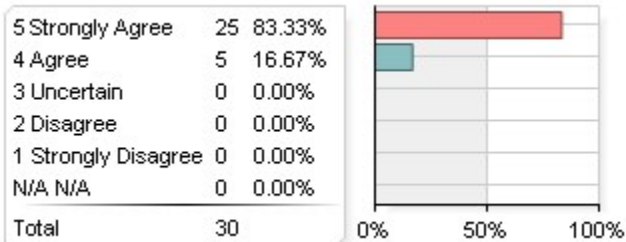
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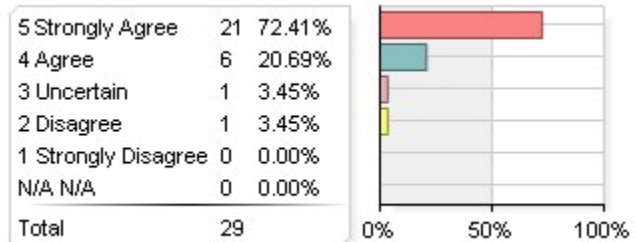
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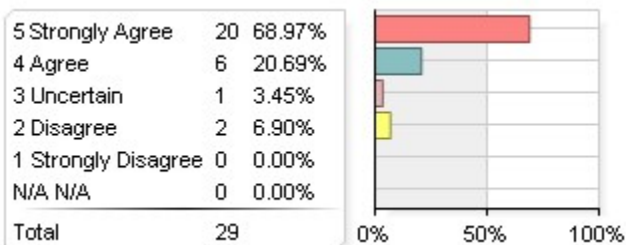
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4. The instructor showed enthusiasm about the subject matter.



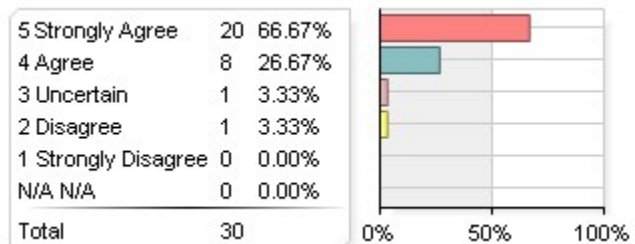
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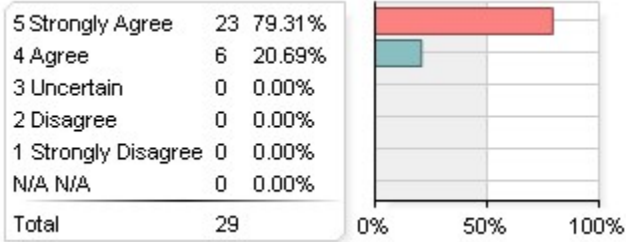
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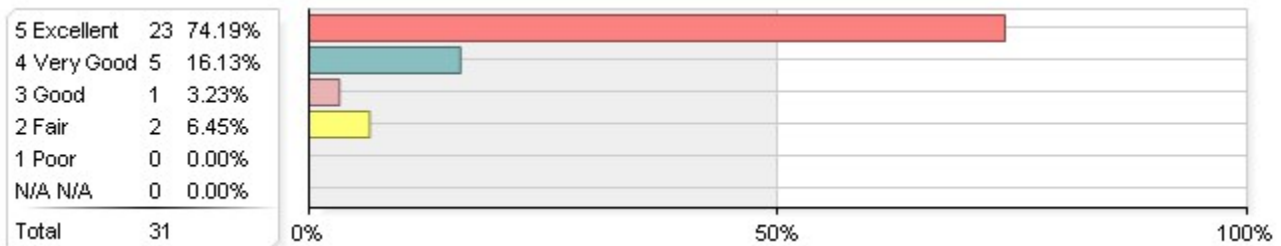
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7. The instructor treated students with respect.



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How would you rate this instructor overall as a teacher?



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Course Questions for MI15701_2013F INTRO TO PROGRAMMING/MGMT - Benchmarks

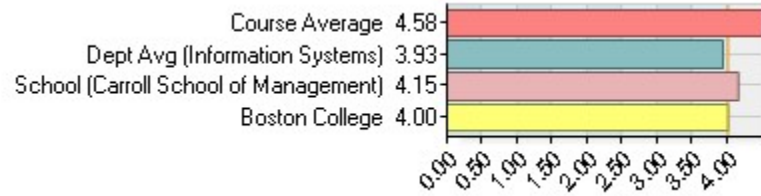
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How would you rate this instructor overall as a teacher?



Comments for MI15701_2013F INTRO TO PROGRAMMING/MGMT - James Gips

What are the strengths of this course?

Comment

1. Very interesting material, incredibly knowledgeable professor, fair grading, all problems on test and homeworks have been run through in class

2. VERY interesting subject matter...my favorite class of the semester. Although it required much more work than all my other classes, it was definitely the most rewarding work.

3. The homework assignments were difficult, but they were what really helped me learn to program. Classes were great in teaching me the basics of how to do certain tasks, and then I was able to confirm that I could do them on my own in the homeworks. That way I really felt like I was improving from week to week. Exams were also challenging but very fair.

4. Very good professor

5. Professor Gips is a great professor, and the course is extremely well organized. It gets challenging towards the end, but everything is always clearly explained.

6. This gave me technical skills in VB and it was so interesting to learn how to make our own programs that we could use in daily life

7. The course is straightforward but very engaging. Class and attendance is vital, and keeping up to date with the class is critical for success in the course.

Otherwise, Professor Gips is one of the best professors I have had in CSOM. He paces the class perfectly for most students willing to work and learn. He is witty and keeps the class engaged. He's able to make the most basic programs fun, and gives an excellent foundation for future Information Systems majors.

8. The skills that are taught are very important.

9. The handouts are very helpful.

10. Professor Gips is excellent. The course load for me was wildly challenging but I definitely gained so much knowledge and insight from the class. As I put it its one of those classes where you throw away your grade and just recognize the value of the skill you are gaining. It was such a new way of learning for me but I loved it. I think the homeworks were extremely tough but really helped me to learn so much and really get hands on with programming.

11. Through practice and application, I felt that I learned so much in this class. We had 17 homework assignments and at some parts during the semester they were overwhelming, but the vast majority were beneficial and were not busy work. Through Professor Gips teaching and the homework assignments, I feel that I know have adequate knowledge of Visual Basic and the class has made me more interested for the other IS classes and programming in general.

12. Very interesting material, good explanations, very helpful--though sometimes excessive--handouts.

13. Professor Gips did an excellent job of explaining the material. Grading was fair and he gave students an opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of the material.

14. If you go to class and pay attention and get the handouts, it isn't too bad. The material is very interesting and useful if you are on a programming track.

15. addresses the students critical thinking abilities

16. It was taught at a good pace, there was plenty of time to complete homework.

17. the course helps students be familiar with visual basic programming, thus push us to be critical and logical in thinking

18. Course content and the challenging nature of the course are definitely strengths. The learn-on-your-own aspect of the course is very nice as well, through weekly assignments students are really forced and able to get a feel for the material. Professor Gips is also a strength of this course. Extremely approachable guy with his class's best interests in mind. Sense of humor is awesome if your a computer person. He writes pretty challenging exams, especially the final, which is nice if you want the challenge. He definitely is an expert in the field and is awesome at converting that expertise into good teaching skills, which is rare among many professors. Also, I LOVED how Professor Gips vows to get exams back so quickly. That really is admirable and very appreciated.

19. Professor Gips is very interesting and his work experience is impressive. Homework assignments really help you learn the material

How could the instructor improve the course?

Comment
1. Not sure
2. I didn't really agree with the exams...when would you ever have to write out programs by hand? Grading should be weighted more on homeworks
3. Syllabus that explains the progression of learning different aspects of the programming language
4. If possible, if the class could somehow be recorded on echo so that absent students can watch his lectures.
5. Give clearer explanations and more structured definitions of functions that are used. Also give better preparation for tests. Course is very much simply trying to go off of what you see in class and inferring more things that somehow assumes some kind of prior knowledge.
6. Give practice exams.
7. He could provide just a little more structure and practice problems for the test. its hard going in completely blind to a test. I know that the experience of moving from the computer to paper can be tough and we never really had any sample problems or many materials to work with to prepare for the test. That was the only thing sometimes I felt a little lost with studying because its not conventional that you could just memorize you need the practice of writing things out. But this was a minor issue I still really enjoyed it and Gips is a tremendous man.
8. Let students know more about what he expects on tests.
9. none
10. Nothing
11. n/a
12. everything is GREAT
13. A bit more structure would be nice. Maybe a better idea of what the tests would be like as well. In studying for exams, I felt somewhat lost and would have liked a practice problem or two to assess my ability to understand the material.
14. Better test preparation, maybe practice tests

Would you recommend this course to other students, majors, etc.? Why or why not?

Comment
1. ABSOLUTELY!!!
2. Yes, Prof Gips is a genius and I liked his sense of humor
3. I would definitely recommend it to anyone with some interest in programming. I came in without much knowledge of programming or even computers in general outside of Excel, and now I feel very comfortable with Visual Basic. This seems like a really useful skill that I was able to learn in a fun way with this class.
4. Yes, it is a great introductory course for Info Systems majors or students who want to see if they might like programming
5. Yes, because the class offers a very clear introduction to Visual Basic and programming in general, and because Professor Gips is an excellent professor.
6. Yes, it was extremely interesting and challenging yet fun. I always enjoyed doing the hard homework because it was like a puzzle
7. I would recommend this class to very CSOM student, because it is one of the most valuable courses and professors I have taken.
8. Yes, if an IS major. No, if you are just looking for a class to take.
9. Yes, I really enjoyed learning how to use Visual Basic. It is a fun class.
10. Definitely.
11. Regardless of your major, this is a great class. It teaches you to think in a very logical way and this skill can be applied to other disciplines besides programming. Also, Professor Gips is one of the best professors I've had at BC.
12. Yes. Great, flexible, helpful professor. Difficult material but taught well.

13. Yes, great course, great professor
14. Yes, absolutely. This was one of my favorite classes and it wasn't too challenging if you do your work.
15. Yes
16. Yes, VB is a good skill to learn
17. yes i would
the course is practical and helpful and FUN
18. Definitely. Extremely awesome course, especially if it piques your interest. Above all else, Professor Gips is great. Really nice guy who is on your side and will help you when you need it.
19. Yes. The material is very interesting and fun to learn

Additional Comments:

Comment

1. Again, very good teacher and very interesting class
2. Loved the class would recommend to any csom student interested in the field
3. i love this course
4. Why was the final so hard?! I felt that a curve was needed and that it was considerably more difficult than the previous 2 mid terms.

Responses to Customized Questions for MI15701_2013F INTRO TO PROGRAMMING/MGMT - James Gips