

2023-2024 Winter OTE  
James Riely  
CSC-300-511 DATA STRUCTURES I

Project Title: **2023-2024 Winter OTE Course Evaluation**

Enrollment: **15**

Responses Received: **8**

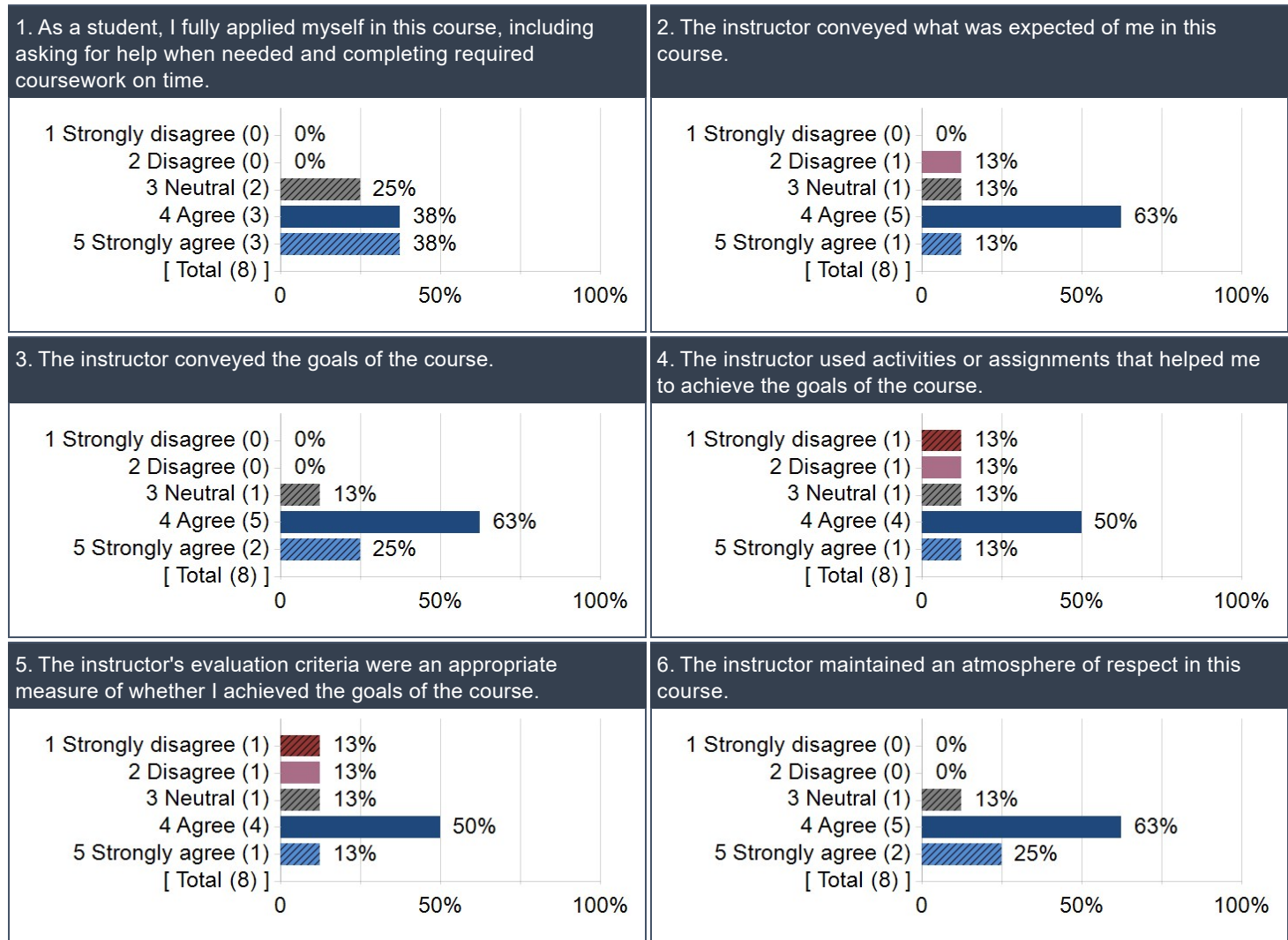
Rate of Response: **53%**

## University Questions

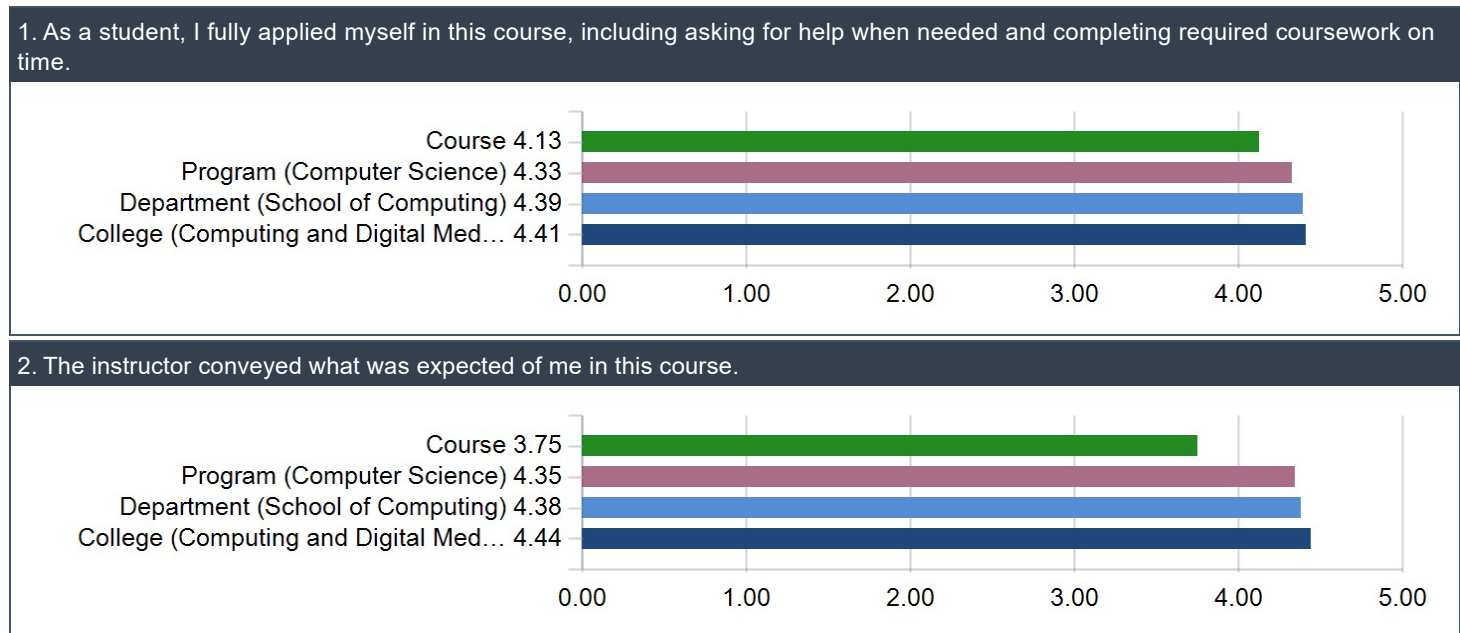
### University Questions Table

Question	Course			Department (School of Computing)			College (Computing and Digital Media)		
	Mean	Standard Deviation	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation	Median
As a student, I fully applied myself in this course, including asking for help when needed and completing required coursework on time.	4.13	0.83	4.00	4.39	0.84	5.00	4.41	0.79	5.00
The instructor conveyed what was expected of me in this course.	3.75	0.89	4.00	4.38	0.86	5.00	4.44	0.81	5.00
The instructor conveyed the goals of the course.	4.13	0.64	4.00	4.43	0.82	5.00	4.47	0.78	5.00
The instructor used activities or assignments that helped me to achieve the goals of the course.	3.38	1.30	4.00	4.35	0.91	5.00	4.42	0.85	5.00
The instructor's evaluation criteria were an appropriate measure of whether I achieved the goals of the course.	3.38	1.30	4.00	4.28	0.94	5.00	4.35	0.88	5.00
The instructor maintained an atmosphere of respect in this course.	4.13	0.64	4.00	4.51	0.80	5.00	4.56	0.75	5.00

### University Questions Frequency



### University Questions Histograms





## College Questions

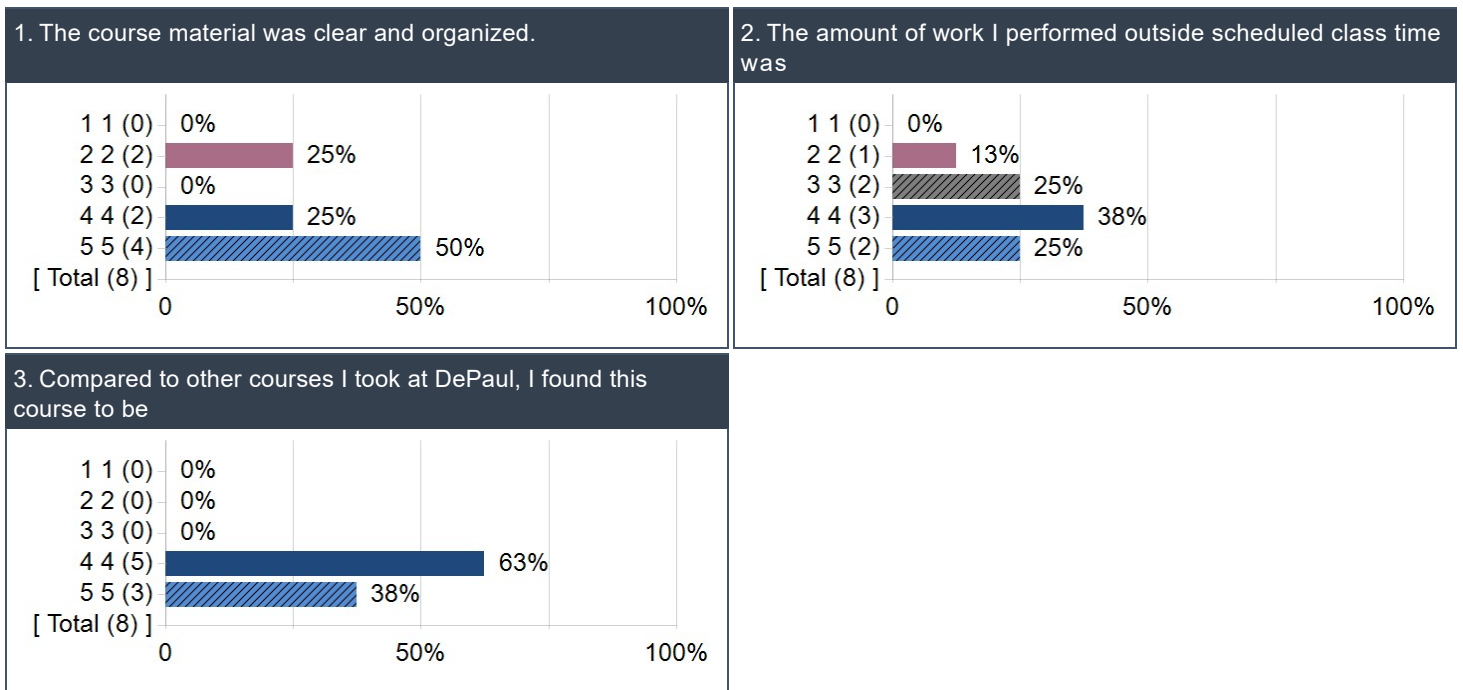
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The course material was clear and organized.	4.00	1.31	4.50	4.20	1.02	4.00	4.27	0.97	5.00
The amount of work I performed outside scheduled class time was	3.75	1.04	4.00	3.34	0.70	3.00	3.24	0.63	3.00
Compared to other courses I took at DePaul, I found this course to be	4.38	0.52	4.00	3.39	0.87	3.00	3.20	0.87	3.00

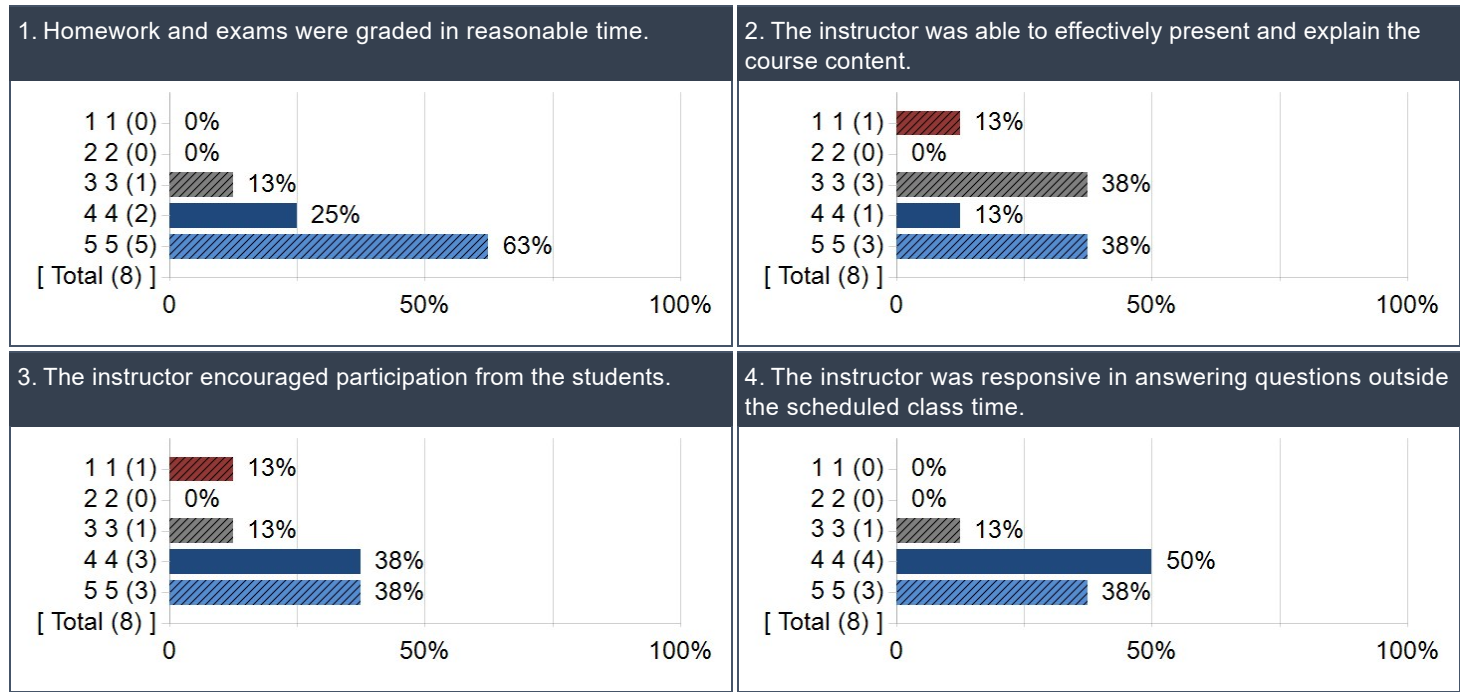
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	Mean	Standard Deviation	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation	Median
Homework and exams were graded in reasonable time.	4.50	0.76	5.00	4.10	0.98	4.00	4.16	0.94	4.00
The instructor was able to effectively present and explain the course content.	3.63	1.41	3.50	4.29	0.92	5.00	4.38	0.85	5.00
The instructor encouraged participation from the students.	3.88	1.36	4.00	4.31	0.86	5.00	4.40	0.81	5.00
The instructor was responsive in answering questions outside the scheduled class time.	4.25	0.71	4.00	4.34	0.87	5.00	4.36	0.85	5.00

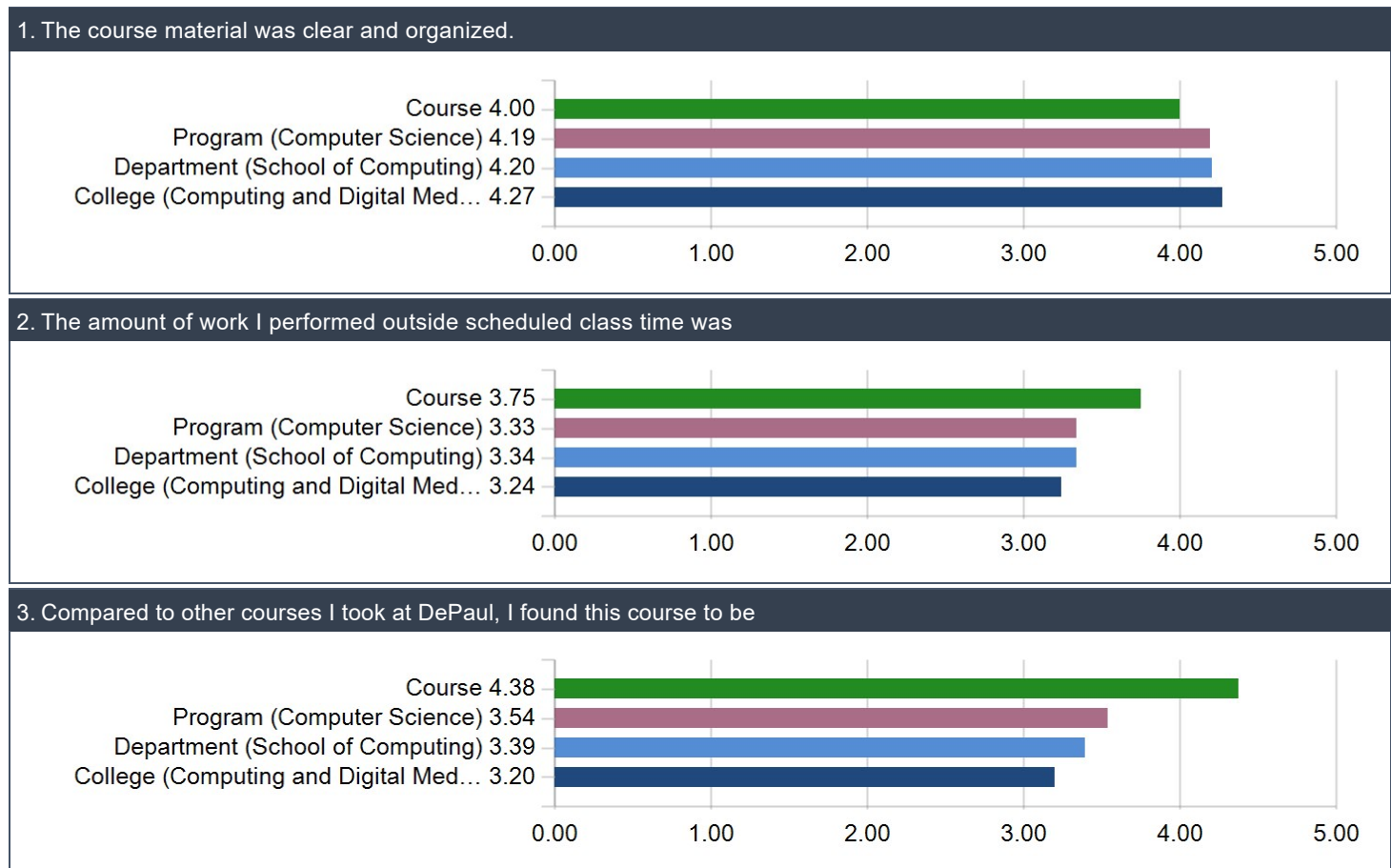
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### Open Ended Feedback By Question

What aspects of this course were most beneficial to you?

Comments
Java itself.
Nothing that stands out to me, I had to outsource a lot of my studying.
Hands on examples and evaluation during class time.
Homeworks, lecture videos
youtube videos recording and independence to use any method

**What suggestions do you have that could help improve the course?**

Comments
Teaching the class a little bit more. Majority of the class days, 3/4 of the class time was just reviewing the homework and not much information to be taught by the professor.
Having the lectures in class actually be used to teach rather than videos the night before, the lectures including the coding section rather than simply talking about theory which was very hard to apply to code. I also think that the exams are weighted way too much as it doesn't display what I actually learned.
PLEASE provide practice problems before exams.
More instruction on how the code we are learning works and can be implemented. Like in your videos on the homework do an example problem at the end (IT WOULD BE EXTERMLY HELPFUL). The videos are helpful for understanding the homework and what I'm supposed to do, but I constantly felt confused on how I was supposed to accomplish that or implement certain methods.
Practice problems before quizzes might be helpful too, because even after reviewing the videos and textbook I still felt incredibly lost when actually doing the quizzes.
Higher focus on learning the material during class time.
I think the exams shouldn't be weighed as high as they are. They should be lowered a bit, knowing the difficulty of this class, it would make it slightly less stressful.
would be more helpful if we go through some more practice problem less lecture and more code implementation

**Other comments?**

Comments
Overall great professor, I truly liked him – Its just the teaching side of things needs to be given more time. Also we were expected to watch the lecture before class started. I dont like that, I want the professors to teach the class properly as I am getting into super hard classes.
none.
None
no comments

**What are the major strengths and weaknesses of the instructor?**

Comments
Strengths – Class layout Weakness – Teaching class and utilizing time
Strengths: very available and likes the subject. Weaknesses: Not very good at teaching the subject, goes on a lot of tangents, the videos he had us watch were very old.
He gives a lot of explanation on what he wants you to do, but not enough on how to do it.
Shows great understanding over the material. Sometimes hard for them to articulate and share their understanding.
Strengths were his helping nature and wanting to help students succeed. He cared about students questions and answered every one of them. Weakness I would say is sometimes he says a lot of information all at once which could sometimes make it confusing. I think there could be a better way to explain certain things.
he really know what he is doing the only weakness is that I think he should spend more time in preparing student actually for exam and code

**Do you have comments on the grading procedures and exams?**

Comments
Grades were given on time!
Other than the fact that 2 exams determine 60% of my grade, no.
Did not enjoy taking assessments on paper.
No
no comments everything was just fine



## Open Ended Feedback by Student

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**Instructors Name: James Riely**

- 1. What aspects of this course were most beneficial to you?**
  - ◊ Nothing that stands out to me, I had to outsource a lot of my studying.
- 2. What suggestions do you have that could help improve the course?**
  - ◊ Having the lectures in class actually be used to teach rather than videos the night before, the lectures including the coding section rather than simply talking about theory which was very hard to apply to code. I also think that the exams are weighted way too much as it doesn't display what I actually learned.
- 3. Other comments?**
  - ◊ none.
- 4. What are the major strengths and weaknesses of the instructor?**
  - ◊ Strengths: very available and likes the subject.  
Weaknesses: Not very good at teaching the subject, goes on a lot of tangents, the videos he had us watch were very old.
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  - ◊ Hands on examples and evaluation during class time.
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3. **Other comments?**
  - ◊ None
4. **What are the major strengths and weaknesses of the instructor?**
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5. **Do you have comments on the grading procedures and exams?**
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