

Fall 2016 Comment Report

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Course Sections

- A** CS 120 (01): Programming I
- B** CS 120 (02): Programming I
- C** CS 332 (01): Design & Analysis of Algorithm
- D** CS 400 (01): GS: CS Senior Seminar

Comments -

- A**
 - Cool course, 10/10 would take again, will recommend to my peers.
 - Dr Homer was an excellent instructor. He was always ready to answer questions and help students gain a better understanding of the material.
 - I appreciated how everything was put on Canvas and was organized really well. There was never any confusion on what you should be working on or doing.
 - Great class!! Really enjoyed it.
 - He frequently put me in scenarios that embarrassed me and felt like I couldn't succeed.
- B**
 - When i came to acu, i had zero backgroud about programming. However, it did not feel to me that i should have backgroud for programming. The important part to do assignment on time.
 - More tutoring sessions or tutoring sessions by appointment would be nice. On some nights, I've been busy with very important assignments from other classes.
 - Good at explaining the course material and providing guidance to do assignments.
- C**
 - I do not exaggerate when I say that Algorithms is the best class I have ever taken at ACU. Dr. Homer is an exemplary professor who not only knows his field, but is able to teach it very well. While the course is good for learning, it is also incredibly difficult. Anyone who has taken the class knows just how much work it takes to do well in the course. Regardless of the many frustrating nights, I would say that this course is excellent. Students didn't even have that much of a right to get angry, since Dr. Homer made himself available many times after class. The only qualms I have with this class are few: there were a couple of times where the problems he gave us to solve were written incorrectly.
 - Dr. Homer is an exceptional teacher. He conveys the content in a way that is both clear and engaging. It is obvious that Dr. Homer is a master of both the crafts of algorithms and teaching.
 - The quizzes were helpful and the amount of course work was a lot but it helpful in learning the content. It would have been nice to go over the proofs and designs in class after they were turned in.
 - Dr. Homer, yet again it has been a pleasure being in one of your classes. It is good that it was you teaching this class and not someone else. I regard all of the faculty highly, but this course is just a little harder than most. I remember you were looking for feedback. My comment is that assignments like the analysis sets would be nice to have open from the get-go. The proofs and designs are more rigorous (not surprisingly) but for assignments like the analysis, although they are difficult, they aren't as time consuming and would help there to be more time for proofs and designs. Other than that, I'm sorry to say, but you've almost perfected this class. Maybe change up the assignments some to mix things up. And find a way of having assignments graded that doesn't take so much of a toll on you, but all of the lessons were informative and interesting. I know 'reality' isn't your favorite topic, but it is sometimes nice to discuss real world application of writing algorithms. I would have loved to discuss that in class sometime.
 - Dr. Homer is probably the best professor I have ever had. He always pushes every student to learn more and is extremely good at helping each student to understand the material. There are also always ample opportunities to improve yourself and your grade in

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his classes, and he is always flexible within reason, often pushing back due dates if multiple students are honestly struggling with something.

What specific actions and attitudes did you notice from your instructor that demonstrated his/her Christ-like character and conduct? -

- A**
- Was always ready to help and treated everyone like a friend.
 - Always willing to help.
 - He talked about how the God and how his actions correlate to what we were doing in class.
 - Helpful and considerate of students
 - None

- B**
- Exceptionally talented and genuinely helpful.
 - He offered to remove some of our lowest quiz grades.

- C**
- The small group chapel which he hosts is always very spiritually fulfilling.
 - Dr. Homer will lead 3:16 chapel that I attend every Tuesday and his sermons are always very thought out and make you self-reflect on yourself spiritually and as a person.
 - Dr. Homer was always very warm and friendly towards his students.
 - Mercy.
 - Dr. Homer is compassionate and merciful. Many times he would push assignments back when he knew the class was having a rough week. He wouldn't push them back always, and he always has worthy standards, but he was prone to show mercy more often than not in an industry that can be quite unforgiving.
 - He cares about his students