

Summer 2017 Comment Report

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Course Sections

A CS 440 (S1): Sp Top:History of Computer Sci

B ITC 440 (S1): Sp. Top: Security & Usability

Comments -

- A**
- Dr. Homer is absolutely wonderful! This class had the propensity to be difficult to understand, simply because the subject material spanned hundreds of years and it was a compressed course. I think Dr. Homer introduced the information perfectly; I couldn't imagine the class being taught by anyone but him. I loved every minute of his teaching!
 - The class was well structured. The assignments in class helped get students out of their comfort zone and speak in front of the class. This would be an excellent class for the semester, if there were more assignments similar to the presentations as well as papers and more readings. It seemed that many students did not know a whole lot about the history of their field other than what was discussed in ITC 110.
 - I thoroughly enjoyed the class. I think that it was a good format to have while abroad in Oxford. The lower amount of course work helped to encourage us to spend time together and grow closer as a group. The course work that we did have felt average for what was expected of us at this point in our college careers.
 - This was an excellent class and I had a great time in Oxford. Thanks for a great class, Dr. Homer!
 - I did not like this class due to how difficult it was to retain any information. There are exceptions however because we would talk about Bechley and then actually go there to see it. The expectation of remember dates seemed crucial and each invention we discussed only had a minute or two before moving to the next one.
 - Really enjoyed the course.

- B**
- This class was very intriguing. The mix between security and usability is fascinating. The classroom discussions were great other than the few students that would monopolize the conversation not leaving room for other to talk. The final project was very eye opening because we got to talk with professionals that handle security and usability on a daily basis. It was very interesting to be able to contribute and understand the discussions and answers to questions during the interview which is something that this class prepared me for well.
 - An amazing professor, mentor, and expert in more things than I thought possible. Dr. Homer was of course thoroughly knowledgeable in all that he taught us, but is also a wonderful person to go to with questions about the subject material or other things we were dealing with. He's wise, fun to be around, and cares deeply about his students. This was my first time taking a class with Dr. Homer and it is my sincerest wish that I'll get to take more classes with him in the future.
 - I thoroughly enjoyed this class while taking it in Oxford. I feel like the class was well structured and lent itself to being discussion based very well. The amount of reading was a bit of a shock at first, as most of our classes to this point have been very light on reading, and have had long turn around times to get the readings done. Once I was used to the amount though, I feel like it was a good amount of reading to be able to cover what we needed to in class and understand it well given the time we had. I enjoyed each of the readings that were assigned and I think they were good for prepping us for the next day of class. I think the class could easily be brought over into a semester long class, as it would give more time to discuss each of the topics more thoroughly. I feel like the writing assignments were fair and were good to test our understanding of the material, but with the original deadlines, I feel like they would have been very rushed. With the extensions to the assignments though, I think we were able to accurately show what we had learned.
 - Had a great time on study abroad and greatly enjoyed the course.

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

- A**
- Dr. Homer is always ready to answer questions for students and lend a helping hand.
 - Dr. Homer is happy as a sheep in a tree stump.

- B**
- Dr Homer and Mr Prather were both really helpful to their students. They were always ready to lend a helping hand to the students that came to them.