

Fall 2017 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

Comments -

- A**
 - I learned a lot in this class and I believe that it will help me very much in the near future.
 - This was a good class.
 - Amauzing class!! More people should take P1
 - good teacher
 - Excellent Professor
- B**
 - Really is a great teacher, just wish there was more interaction outside the classroom.
 - He is a very good teacher I was just not prepared for this course.
 - Felt intimidating to approach
- C**
 - The assignments would be better if they were graded on a 5 point scale instead of a 4 point scale. This way, there is a larger difference between a 100 or perfect score, or a C on an assignment which may only have a minor mistake. This would allow the assignment that had a C before to be a B.
 - I am just going to say this outright: this class didn't seem to be just about Design & Analysis of Algorithms. In fact, it would be more accurate to call this class "Design, Correctness & Analysis of Algorithms" because that is what we were doing most of the time (proofs). By the time we hit dynamic programming I was already confused on what I needed to focus on and sometimes that led to not understanding a subject very clearly. I felt the format for designs were fine, but sometimes the difficulty of some designs led to me completing them at the 11th hour with no time to actually test my implementation and fix any mistakes in my code. Speaking of which, there needs to be some sort of documentation of LaTeX. I desperately searched for documentation on LaTeX and came up with nothing, so my pseudo-code never was able to be compiled into a PDF because I couldn't find any sources to accurately tell me how it worked. Another thing, let us be able to choose a language for implementation. At least give us the option to choose between Python and PHP, because PHP can be downright terrible to implement an algorithm in some cases.
 - Overall a very difficult course especially if enough time is not put into it. Despite that, Dr. Homer did his best to ensure we understood the course materials as much as possible.
 - Really, really enjoyed this class. It was difficult, but worth the effort. A few notes on how I think the class might be improved (although it's excellent) 1) The question sets are graded too easily. And the questions were often too easy. Either make them harder and worth less or make them graded harder and worth the same 2) More example proofs and designs might be helpful, especially at the beginning 3) Book is excellent. Making 5% of the grade reading quizzes might force students to read it Overall, excellent course. I learned a ton and worked very hard, so I am satisfied with the course
 - Definitely one of the best professors I've had, really enjoy the classes he teaches and how he teaches them, even though this class is by far one of the hardest I've taken.
 - Dr. Homer know's his material. Something something child slavery...peasants...burglary...snow globes...

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

- A**
- good laughs
 - Professionalism.
 - He was always kind and willing to help. He also talked about his family alot.
 - His humility and patience in answering questions
 - He never judged - even when people's code was definitely worth judging.

- B**
- Light heartedness
 - He was always willing to help.
 - He was very helpful to the students and he didn't make us feel bad for not knowing something but helped us fix it.
 - Dr. Homer exemplified Christ-like character in that he set specific goals for us throughout the semester, if we didn't reach that goal, he didn't hold it against us as a person. If we needed help in a specific area he would do his best to help explain the material. He was supportive of us no matter what, but instilled a desire to do the best we could. I think this relates to Christ in that he loves us no matter what we do, we can make mistakes and he will be sad about the mistake but will still be there for us in our downfalls.
 - He was very kind, but I don't think God was mentioned once the entire semester.

- C**
- This course is not necessarily a "Christian" centered course to begin with, however, Dr. Homer encouraged honesty and integrity while handling our assignments or exams which in itself is a Christ-like character and conduct.
 - Dr. Homer is one of my favorite professors. He deserves a huge pay raise. He cares about students, gives helpful advice, and is really awesome. I'm super sad I won't get the chance to have him again as a professor. He's one of the best on ACU's campus