

Evaluation Measures

I give an anonymous paper-based course evaluation at the project presentation sessions at the end of the course. This accounts for the relatively high number of responses (36). I have read through all the written comments and present a summary of the numerical measures¹:

Category	Average (Scale 1-5)	Standard Deviation
Instructor's command of the material	3.92	.73
Value of lectures	3.75	.69
Recitation leader's command of the material	3.89	.78
Value of recitations	4.05	.89
Instructors administration of project work	3.47	.83
Value of projects	4.11	.80
Overall quality of the course	3.88	.54

Average number of hours per week including study, programming, lecture, recitation, project work, etc.: AVG 10.91 hours (STDDEV 4.34).

The course continues to improve according to the evaluation metrics. Based on written feedback, there would be value in deepening the recitations and providing them earlier. Many student want more focus on more recent developments in databases (e.g. graph databases, stream processing, NoSQL, 'Big Data', etc.). Hopefully I will have time to develop and organize additional material to bring the course more up to date next year.

¹The scale is: 1. very poor, 2. poor, 3 adequate, 4 good, 5 very good.