

\*\*\* PROVISIONAL REPORT \*\*\*

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
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 B000 Basic  
 SURVEYED WITH: 14185 14190 14195 14200

COURSE-INSTRUCTOR SURVEY  
 INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTING

Fall 2012    DEPARTMENT COPY  
 Enrollment = 134  
 Surveys Returned = 83

	NUMBER CHOOSING EACH RESPONSE					NO. REPLIES THIS ITEM	AVG.
	Str Disag	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str Agree		
1 COURSE WELL-ORGANIZED	1	0	3	35	44	83	4.5
2 COMMUNICATED INFORMATION EFFECTIVELY	2	2	5	27	47	83	4.4
3 SHOWED INTEREST IN STUDENT PROGRESS	1	0	2	10	70	83	4.8
4 ASSIGNMENTS AND TESTS RETURNED PROMPTLY	1	2	11	47	22	83	4.0
5 STUDENT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION	0	1	6	25	51	83	4.5
6 COURSE OF VALUE TO DATE	0	0	13	33	36	82	4.3
	Vry Unsat	Unsat	Satisfact	Very Good	Excellent		
7 OVERALL INSTRUCTOR RATING	0	1	4	15	63	83	4.7
8 OVERALL COURSE RATING	1	3	16	38	25	83	4.0
	Excessive	High	Average	Light	Insuffic		
9 STUDENT RATING OF COURSE WORKLOAD	1	34	44	2	2	83	
	Less 2.00	2.00-2.49	2.50-2.99	3.00-3.49	3.50-4.00		
10 OVERALL UT GRADE POINT AVERAGE	1	2	3	22	48	76	
	<u>  A  </u>	<u>  B  </u>	<u>  C  </u>	<u>  D  </u>	<u>  F  </u>		
11 PROBABLE COURSE GRADE	33	31	13	1	1	79	

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 For the computation of averages, values were assigned on a 5-point scale so that the most favorable response was assigned a value of 5 and the least favorable response was assigned a value of 1.  
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COMMENTS:

Total Number of Comments: 36

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1. Dr. Y is one of my favorite professors. Computing is definitely not my forte, and Dr. Y made this course as interesting as possible. He was very helpful and did everything possible to help me succeed in his class.

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2. Dr. Yerraballi is always willing to explain concepts and answer questions during his office hours and after class. However, some of the homework assignments were not returned in time for me to study for the imminent tests. Though Dr. Yerraballi is a great instructor, I sometimes found it hard to pay attention due to the 5 00-6 30 pm time slot for the class, when I'm naturally quite weary.

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3. Professor Yerraballi was one of my best professors. He truly wanted everyone in the class to do well and was willing to help us as much as we needed to make that happen. He really encouraged us to speak up when we did not understand something. I definitely plan to take other courses taught by him.

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4. One of the best professors at this institution.

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5. Very friendly and approachable Great teacher for a difficult course Great lecturer Seems extremely intelligent regarding subject It is difficult to find something negative to say about this guy

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6. Dr. Y did a great job making this course understandable. This being my first programming class, I was worried about taking it. However, Dr. Y relayed the information in such a way that it was easy to keep with the course and understand what was going on.

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7. Yerraballi made a confusing and hard subject so much easier to understand. He really cared about us as students and how we were doing. If he's a professor of a class I take in the future, I will definitely take his class.

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8. Dr. Yerraballi was very motivational in his enthusiastic teaching method, as well as his dedication to his students.

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9. Dr. Y is a great teacher. He is one of the best teachers I've had in a while. He really cares about his students and invests time into them. His teaching abilities are very good. Although the programming assignments are hard at first, if you don't understand the material Dr. Y will help you! He knows each student by name and makes an effort to connect with them. I strongly recommend him as a teacher.

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10. The tests were ridiculously hard. Thanks.

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11. Good professor overall. Very good at reviewing the class for exams and going over difficult material more than once. If you pay very good attention in class, you should do well. Excellent at explaining confusing topics well and makes sure class understands before moving onto new topics

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12. Out of all my professors, you were by far the most accessible and comforting to deal with. Your office hours were extremely beneficial and patience noted and appreciated. I can tell that you honestly enjoy teaching and doing what you do, which makes learning so much easier. I feel like my recent performances do not reflect my knowledge of LC-3 and what you have taught me, but I'm highly motivated to put in the work to get an A on the final. I feel like I owe to myself and then to you, just because of how much I can tell you care about our progress as students.

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13. I had barely any computer science background before coming into this class, but Dr. Yerraballi is an excellent teacher you just have to stay awake in class. He explains things step by step and his office hours are extremely helpful. He sincerely shows his

passion for teaching and for students. His homeworks and programming assignments are all doable, but be sure you have an extreme thorough understanding on the subjects - his tests can be a little tricky.

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14. The material was difficult for me and the class moved a little too fast so it took time for me to adjust, but Yerraballi is a very good teacher.

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15. He tries to get to know the students and actually attempts to keep track of how well you are doing. He is super nice and receptive to questions, so his office hours are generally full but helpful.

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16. For people that has never program anything before in their life, this course exam was tricky.

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17. Professor Yerraballi genuinely cares about our progress in the class. He is always available to provide extra help to anybody who needs it.

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18. I really enjoyed your class and your teaching style! I'm glad I'll get to have you as my professor again later on.

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19. Dr. Y you were a great professor! The time and length of the lecture made it somewhat difficult to stay completely engaged, but I definitely tried. Tests were fair although usually had a tricky problem or two. I probably could have done better on the exams if I had more time, but hopefully I can make up for that with the final. I never thought I would make it through this class, but it really hasn't been too terrible. I hope I can take you for 319! Thank you!

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20. Office were invaluable to me in helping me learn the material for this course. I also appreciated how you would briefly review what was gone over last lecture, and then gave an overview of the present lecture it made it easier to keep notes organized and keep track of the big picture. The programming assignments were well-coordinated with the material. I'm not sure exactly how effective this would be, but I think making some of the homework problems slightly more challenging or giving more optional practice problems throughout the unit might help in preparing for the midterms and learning the material. I sometimes felt that I did not have access to enough practice problems to prepare for the midterms.

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21. Great professor! Office hours were very helpful, and exams cover everything discussed in lectures.

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22. Dr. Y made computing very interesting by using real world examples. He's also a funny guy!

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23. Yerraballi is the best computing teacher I've had. His lectures flow logically and he addresses every question asked by the students very satisfactorily. I look forward to any more classes I will take with him.

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24. The class was pretty difficult for me but Dr. Yerraballi is very interested in his students' progress and is really helpful during office hours and open to questions.

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25. I feel as though once I got behind it was impossible to catch up. This kind of course material does not come natural to me at all so I had to put in a lot of extra work. Even then I continued to perform poorly on the tests. The course just moved too quickly for me without time to ask questions for comprehension.

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26. Although I feel the course material was difficult, the main responsibility lies on the student to actually reach out for aid when needed. I can say that after taking this course Dr. Yerraballi is perhaps the most helpful and understanding instructor I have met to date and I feel that having such an excellent instructor makes the class easier to get through.

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27. Although this class was very difficult for me, not having any background in computing, Dr. Yerraballi was a wonderful teacher. His grading is fair and done in such a way that although the material is very difficult, an A in the class is very possible. Dr. Y had the best office hours and was always so approachable and great at explaining any concepts and fixing all misconceptions. This class wasn't my favorite because of the material but the professor was great and made this class bearable and even

interesting.

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28. I really enjoyed this class and learning basic programming. I look forward to having you as a professor in the future! The first programming assignment seemed a little difficult to me at the time because it was my first time programming in general, though what we had to do was fairly simple. Getting us more in that sort of thought process ahead of time might be more beneficial.

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29. I really liked Dr. Yerraballi's teaching style. He was very nice, patient, and helpful. I hope I get him in the future for other classes

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30. The instructor knows his stuff and is very good at teaching. However, sometimes I felt like individual classes would move too quickly through the material. On most days the pacing was fine but during a few lectures the material would build too quickly off of a concept taught at the beginning of the class and it was hard to understand what was going on at the end of the lecture. I found the programming assignments and homework to be generally reasonable and interesting. When signing up for the followup class I can say that I would pick this instructor again.

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31. Yerraballi seemed to truly care about the progress of his students and their understanding of the subject matter. The tests were a little too difficult at times as shown by the low averages and I think it would have been beneficial to curve the tests by the points necessary to have an overall B average.

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32. Dr. Yerraballi is the best teacher I have ever had. He cares so much about his students understanding the material and will stay after office hours to help you even though he has longer office hours than any other teacher. That being said, this is the hardest class I have ever taken. If Yerraballi was not my teacher, I surely would have Q-dropped. The course material is simply very different from anything I have ever done and so I had to dedicate about three times as much time to this class than any other class, and I will still get a lower grade. Still, I think this course was worth the effort because I have learned so much. The only thing I would change is having the tests be a little bit longer, because there is a lot of time pressure.

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33. Dr. Yerraballi is a funny, smart, and passionate professor. He really knows how to teach using all sorts of examples and was always available for questions. I think the way the class is graded is really even and I like that because that way no one grade can hurt you too much. If I had one thing I didn't like was the fact that taking notes in the class was a bit difficult at times because Dr. Y used a whiteboard and so he could easily erase and navigate between boards while we are stuck with limited space on notebook paper. Overall Dr. Y is a great professor though and I really think taking his class will greatly help me in my future classes and my career.

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34. I felt like you communicated well with us and look forward to having you next year.

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35. Amazing teacher

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36. Overall this class was helpful and Dr. Yerraballi endeavors to help every student understand the material. The lab sessions for this class could have been more helpful if they were more organized, and coincided with the lectures and homework better.

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