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COURSE-INSTRUCTOR SURVEY
 INTRO TO EMBEDDED SYSTEMS

Fall 2011 DEPARTMENT COPY
 Enrollment = 96
 Surveys Returned = 54

	NUMBER CHOOSING EACH RESPONSE					NO. REPLIES THIS ITEM	AVG.
	Str Disag	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str Agree		
1 COURSE WELL-ORGANIZED	2	2	3	19	28	54	4.3
2 COMMUNICATED INFORMATION EFFECTIVELY	2	0	1	19	32	54	4.5
3 SHOWED INTEREST IN STUDENT PROGRESS	0	1	6	11	36	54	4.5
4 ASSIGNMENTS AND TESTS RETURNED PROMPTLY	1	0	4	24	25	54	4.3
5 STUDENT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION	0	0	5	12	37	54	4.6
6 COURSE OF VALUE TO DATE	1	1	9	15	28	54	4.3
	Vry Unsat	Unsat	Satisfact	Very Good	Excellent		
7 OVERALL INSTRUCTOR RATING	1	1	3	11	37	53	4.5
8 OVERALL COURSE RATING	1	1	15	16	21	54	4.0
	Excessive	High	Average	Light	Insuffic		
9 STUDENT RATING OF COURSE WORKLOAD	19	23	10	1	1	54	
	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	6	15	12	20	54	
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>		
11 PROBABLE COURSE GRADE	23	19	12	0	0	54	

 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.

COMMENTS:

Total Number of Comments: 30

1. Great professor!

2. This is a difficult class with tons of work but I think it is necessary for upcoming EE's and BME's.

3. The second test which included a lab is the worst way of testing students.

4. Honestly, I was thinking of switching out of EE until I took this class, and realized I still do enjoy it, just not the hardware. You are easily the best EE teacher I've had.

5. Great instructor. Professor Y makes you feel comfortable and teaches things in a very logical, easy to understand way. Though some labs took excessive amounts of time, I still enjoyed this class.

6. Great

7. Great professor overall, he uses clear examples and encourages class participation , I really enjoy this class and it's highly because how dynamic dr. Yerraballi made it

8. Felt the class was taught well. Only recommendation is to have more organized notes written on the board. Sometimes the notes on the board were difficult to follow. Otherwise, the course was well taught and organized.

9. Very approachable and explained everything very nicely. Maybe a little less labs? I did learn a lot through labs though

10. One of the best, if not, the best professor I've had during my 3 years here. Extremely smart, really eager to help, and understanding of the difference between each student's background knowledge. Not everyone went into that class knowing as much as an EE did and he was very helpful to those who were BME. Really great speaker and presented every possible angle of code. Really helpful with labs. I hope to take more classes with this professor. I really feel I have learned a lot and I can apply my knowledge to other things, something I rarely feel with other EE classes.

11. The coding test was great simple for those who had done the labs but too hard to reasonably finish for those who hadn't. I would suggest giving away less of the lab in class as between what you said in class and what is written in the lab manual most of the labs were trivial. My partner and I actually stopped reading the manual after the lab overview in order to learn more of how to code, which provided a relatively good challenge. Also, because of the very light workload it was hard to prepare for the first test. I would ask for more homework specifically covering the topics most likely to be tested. Overall this was a very good class. Thank you for all the work you have put into it.

12. One of the best professors I've had and probably will still be considered one of the best professors in my college career. He is very passionate about the subject and about his students. He has encouraged me to work harder and be a better person in different ways. He has my respect and admiration for the way he shows his passion and smile as he teaches.

13. While it is a valuable course, the amount of time which needs to be devoted to it is excessive even in comparison with other programming classes. Maybe of labs were due on Fridays instead of in the middle of the week the course wouldn't seem to drain the all the energy required to get through each week.

14. Dr. Yerraballi is an excellent professor and is always willing to help even when office hours conflicts with the students'

schedule. He makes sure we understand the material and I like how he asks the class if we have any questions whenever he changes a certain specific topic. 319K is by far my favorite class. It is a very challenging class but thanks to Dr.Yerraballi, I have a better understanding of what the course is about. Another thing I like about Dr.Yerraballi, is that I realize that he has a great passion in teaching and working with students. I really admire that and it's also one of the reasons why Dr.Yerraballi is one of my favorite professors.

15. Prof Y is a great instructor who not only knows 319K back and forth, but is also very interested in the progress of students. He's polite, encourages questions, and makes helpful slides. I personally had a hard time taking meaningful notes, as he's always changing the ideas he puts up on the board, e.g. he'll stuff a line of code between 2 lines where you weren't expecting and keeping up with that type of stuff on your own notebook generally results in a mess. As a side-note, I personally hated Exam 2 it tripped up my grade despite hours of studying and solving practice exams, and it hardly reflected how much I understood. In the end, doing well on exam 2 seems like a coin toss. Prof Y was pretty cool about it, though.

16. I felt overwhelmed when C was introduced at the beginning of the course. The instructor made it seem as if C was something everyone should be familiar with, but I had never seen it before. This discouraged me, and learning C on my own time apart from learning for this course was not easy. I think it would help future students if there was more emphasis on learning C, not just translating from assembly to C. It would also be great if a TA was able to give a few C sessions outside of class. Other than that, I believe the instructor has done a very good job.

17. I would like to see more focus on C programming in the future. Maybe having the last labs completely in C. Thank you for helping us through that transition from assembly to C!

18. This man is a liar. I took this course last year and after failing both tests I decided to drop the course. The reason I failed the second test was because it was a programming test and you only had 50 mins to complete it and if it didn't work, you got a zero. He said there would be no partial credit and the grade you got is what you had to stay with. Apparently not, i hardcoded for a 2 hoping not to get a zero and he ended up giving partial code. I retook the class and he was the only teacher to choose from. I did well on the first test and received a grade of 10 on the second one instead of my displayed 40. I did the same strategy a last year but he decided that he wanted to lie and give me a bad grade even though the computer said 40.

19. Even though I probably won't earn the grade I hope I would get in this class, I appreciate the subject of programming and the great teaching that Dr. Yerraballi does.

20. Dr Yerraballi is an excellent professor who truly cares about his students and the material in the course. He is always patient and helpful reexplaining concepts and answering questions which may arise. His office hours are rather helpful as well as he is a down-to-earth professor who wants to see his students succeed. Sometimes the lecture material came too late in regard to some of the lab assignments. This generally made completing the labs a rather arduous task week in and week out. On the whole, the course was by no means a particular favorite of mine, but i am glad Dr. Y was there to guide us along the world of embedded systems.

21. Dr. Yerraballi is one of the few instructors that actually care about students' understanding of the subject matter. The class was time-consuming but interesting. The C primer was helpful. I would have appreciated more TA office hours and longer hours for which the 319K lab in ACA would be open.

22. You could be more friendly during your office hours. You don't seem to be very enthusiastic about helping students out. Overall, you're a great lecturer

23. This Professor is fantastic. He explains concepts clearly and tries hard to help out students. He can not only explain concepts well in class but in office hours and outside office hours the professor will help out students. He is very good at describing the machinery of the 9S12 which is a huge help to students since initially much of the material appears to abstract and hard to grasp. The Prof presents material clearly and concisely but does not waste time. He can cover a great amount of material quickly

because he makes concepts clear to students. Keep up the good work!

24. Dr. Yerraballi was incredibly helpful in getting his students to do well in this course- he was always available for office hours and expressed a really genuine interest in his students' progress.

25. This was an excellent course and I learned a lot especially during the labs. Dr. Yerraballi is an excellent professor who is knowledgeable about the course material.

26. EE 319K was easily my funnest class. It was great seeing software integration into hardware! Dr. Y has inspired me!

27. The Instructor was outstanding. I really enjoyed the labs. I understand that we were required to learn C, but with the work load and trying to learn the new software of TeXas and metrowork Codewarrior it made it a little difficult. I suggest that Dr. Y mention at the very first day of class for students to start reading on learning how to program in C. Also I would like to suggest the instructor mention about making sure all the status of the codewarrior is checked when switching from run mode to simulation. I had trouble learning Codewarrior at first. Overall the instructor was an excellent source of help, was always available to answer any problem during office hours and was always extremely friendly.

28. Professor Y is an amazing professor. His lectures were easy to comprehend and he is very helpful during office hours. One time he stayed back two hours after his OH ended just to help me with my lab assignment. Lab assignments were well organized. They gradually went from easy to difficult and did not jump around in difficulty level. I have no problems with Professor Y. If anything, I would just tell him to keep teaching like he has this semester. I have learned a lot about low-level programming and how software functions on hardware in this class. I would recommend Professor Y to my friends.

29. It makes me sad that you cut your hair...

30. Great teacher just really hard class
