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COURSE-INSTRUCTOR SURVEY
 INTRO TO EMBEDDED SYSTEMS

Spring 2013 DEPARTMENT COPY
 Enrollment = 82
 Surveys Returned = 55

	NUMBER CHOOSING EACH RESPONSE					NO. REPLIES THIS ITEM	AVG.
	Str Disag	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str Agree		
1 COURSE WELL-ORGANIZED	1	1	1	22	30	55	4.4
2 COMMUNICATED INFORMATION EFFECTIVELY	1	0	2	15	37	55	4.6
3 SHOWED INTEREST IN STUDENT PROGRESS	2	0	2	7	44	55	4.7
4 ASSIGNMENTS AND TESTS RETURNED PROMPTLY	0	0	6	8	41	55	4.6
5 STUDENT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION	0	1	4	12	38	55	4.6
6 COURSE OF VALUE TO DATE	0	0	3	11	41	55	4.7
	Vry Unsat	Unsat	Satisfact	Very Good	Excellent		
7 OVERALL INSTRUCTOR RATING	1	0	3	11	39	54	4.6
8 OVERALL COURSE RATING	1	1	4	15	34	55	4.5
	Excessive	High	Average	Light	Insuffic		
9 STUDENT RATING OF COURSE WORKLOAD	6	39	10	0	0	55	
	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	2	4	4	14	31	55	
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>		
11 PROBABLE COURSE GRADE	34	16	5	0	0	55	

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: 26

1. Dr. Y is one of the best professors at the University of Texas. He is always willing to try and explain concepts from a multitude of different angles so that each person will completely understand the information. I would take Dr. Y for all of my programming classes if I could.

2. I had Dr. Yerraballi for a class last semester as well and he was and still is a very good professor. He shows that he is genuinely interested in what he's teaching and conveys it in a way that is understandable for us. He goes over the powerpoints and also writes on the board, and I feel that it's very effective. He also brings in his board to demonstrate with and it shows us what we have to do and what we should strive for.

3. Dr. Yerraballi delivers a good course again, as he did in EE 306. While the course as a whole is probably extremely over-intensive, I suppose it is quite necessary. The course is a lot of work, but the knowledge is extremely useful. My only comment about Yerraballi is that he doesn't seem to remember students very well, nor does he care, but I suppose that comes with being a distinguished lecturer and meeting many faces everyday. Overall though, he is very good at conveying information, and canbe entertaining at most times, while still delivering good teaching.

4. Horrible course with mediocre professor. The "lab manual" is poorly written often the instructions in the lab manual obfuscate with that in the PowerPoint or the book. Confusion led to hours of time wasted each week. Lab checkout adds to the terrible experience because TAs give arbitrary grades that does not reflect my effort TA Sparsh took 17 points off for a perfectly functional lab done differently from "lab manual". Professor did not plan for situations like students dropping the class around April 1, resulting in loss of lab partner not fixed until a week later. Professor claimed to grade programming Exam 2 himself, but never did so. His laziness allowed hard-coded answers to get by, while honest responses never received partial cred

5. Dr. Y is a very clear lecturer, one of the best lecturers for this course. He makes the effort to help, IF YOU SEEK IT. The class is miserable going through it, but I've learned a lot. Lab sections were often crowded for a class this large, and forthe way labs are graded, I think there may need to be more TAs and a stricter grading policy for check-outs. I wish homework was actually graded, not just for completion. I also wish I knew more about this course when I signed up for it. I hope EE professors discuss this with EE 306 students in the future. I would advise EE 306 students to prepare for this class prepare to spend a lot of time and effort for this course, FIND A GOOD PARTNER AND REGISTER IN THE SAME SECTION AS YOUR PARTNER, etc.

6. Dr. Yerraballi does an excellent job communicating the material to students and getting students excited about continuing in the field of Electrical Engineering, specifically in embedded systems.

7. Too much material is "handed" to the students in the lab manual. Some of the basic logic that should be determined by the students writing the code are actually provided, simplifying each assignment to a code-writing exercise which has its merits,for sure . The h w initialization processes are laid out well in the book, and then code is GIVEN right after that. The ability to take the book info and apply it to one's own setup is higely important. Many of my peers merely copy and paste the sample code and then use trial and error until it works for their project. Though copy paste is encouraged, it should be reserved until one demonstrates the ability to work through the process on their own.

8. Great professor and TAs as well

9. I loved having you as a teacher for both 306 and 319k, you do such a great job every day and I really appreciate all the hard work you put into this class.

10. Great professor. Conveyed his lecture really well.

11. Professor Yerraballi is incredibly knowledgeable and helpful. Unfortunately, he caters his content to the lower denomination of students in his class. While this is very kind of him, it can lead to rather drab lectures for students who would prefer a quickened pace of learning. Even then, I would highly recommend him to anyone wishing to take the class.

12. The transition to C seemed very sudden, but I suppose I and most other students had little problems with it. Some assignment in rewriting assembly code in C might be helpful, but the change over was decently handled with the zyante materials.

13. I keep trying to come up with things to say, but the compliments are so strong and the criticisms so trivial that I feel embarrassed typing them in. The exception C is not an impossible language far from it. But the course packs in enough material that there is little time in class for teaching the language that the second half of the course's projects are written in. The online textbook is passable, but without prior programming experience, I doubt I would have been able to learn the material well enough through that source to succeed in the class. This professor is extremely good at teaching, and when he found time to teach C in class, he did an excellent job. But the class would be better if that was the rule, not the exception.

14. Professor Yeraballi was a great professor. I loved his style of teaching where he wouldnt just read off of a powerpoint but would actually engage the class and have his own unique examples. He always made us feel open to approach him and ask question and meet him in office hours. Overall, a great experience.

15. Professor Yerrabali is very good, but I did not enjoy this course as much as EE306. 319K is much harder to follow in terms of structure than 306. While 306 had a clear narrative, 319K felt like a random assortment of information. For me, this made it more difficult to know how to succeed.

16. Lectures chalkboard messy and confusing. Tablet much easier to follow and understand. Lab manual Confusing and needs rewording. This would save time for TAs during lab lectures and question answering during TA office hours. Labs Assignments difficult to do in pairs because coding in partners on one computer doesn't make much sense. Individual labs more effective in ensuring each person knows the material. Lab Make TA Office Hours dependent on student density at each hour. Sometimes TAs are overwhelmed with questions. Other times, they have no one to help. Keep the lab open longer. Blackboard poor user interface. Canvas much more efficient and the layout is much more intuitive is easier to use. Port sheets not wide enough.

17. Dr. Yerraballi is the best instructor I met in UT, his class is well organized and he is a enthusiastic person who knows how to help his students.

18. Dr. Yerraballi is one of the best, if not the best, professors in the EECE dept. This course demands a lot of time and Dr. Y goes out of his way to make himself available for all of his students. Whatever budget is not being spent to keep the dept. facilities up to date, please funnel to Dr. Y for a merit increase.

19. Dr. Yerraballi is one of the best professors I have had at UT. He cares very much about his students learning the material, and explains concepts in a simple manner. I really enjoyed this class and can see that it has already been beneficial to me!

20. He's a great lecturer, I took him for ee306 and I'm glad I did the same for this class

21. Very good at conveying information. The programming test seemed daunting at first because I was very weak at Assembly at the start of the semester. However, in the week leading up to the test, Yerraballi essentially taught the class how to program the types of problems that would be asked on the test. Very good teacher, although the labs took a good chunk out of my free time.

22. Dr. Y is an excellent professor. He really cares about his students and wants to make sure that each student succeeds. I really wish he taught courses beyond the scope of EE319K.

23. Yerraballi is simply the best teacher I have ever had at the university. This is my second time taking a class of his, and I'm disappointed that I probably won't have him again. He is extremely knowledgeable and wise. He goes above and beyond to make sure everyone understands the material. He was always available for office hours, and he made it a point to try to help with any question brought to him. He actually gave me Linux material to look at in order to prepare for a summer internship, despite that topic not being relevant to the class at all. He always made lectures fun and enjoyable. He is not out to make you fail. In fact, he often mentions he would do away with exams if he had his way. Yerraballi equals UTStaff plus plus.

24. Amazing teacher! Mr. Yerraballi is probably the best teacher I've had so far. I had to drag myself to classes all of last semester, but I just rushed to EE 319K all of this semester. I loved the class, I loved the teacher, and I loved every single one of the projects we did. Although, I feel that Mr. Yerraballi could publish more comprehensively on blackboard. It would be nice if he could publish notes that he created during class online, so that we can access it anytime. Aside from that, Mr. Yerraballi was perfect in his teaching style. I feel like I only missed one class in the whole semester mainly due to how much I learned effectively every class day.

25. I really enjoyed every part of this class. That being said I was slightly disappointed with the way lab 10 competition went down. Students were supposed to be ranked based on their type of project. Instead students who did pipe dreams automatically scored higher due to the perception that "this was harder". Had I known that at the last minute we would be grading them all on an equal playing field I would have changed my project. Although many students may not say out loud, they felt robbed especially connect four students because we were ranked so low compared to pipe dream projects. On the other hand, this was my favorite class!

26. Professor Yerraballi is outstanding I feel like I have learned quite a lot over the past 2 semesters since I had him for EE 306 as well.
