

Form A: Course Evaluation - Student Comments

Faculty	: Engineering	Session	: 2015 Teaching Period - T2
School	: School of Computer Science	Enrolled	: 16
Course	: COMP9242-Advanced Operating Systems	Repondents	: 10
Survey Description	: Evaluate the Course COMP9242	Survey Type	: ONLINE (23 Oct 2015 - 06 Nov 2015)
Survey Alternative	: Evaluate the Course COMP9242	Administration Date	: 07 Nov 2015

The best features of this course were

- Fantastic project-based course. Used cutting-edge kernel for development. Groups of 2 worked well. Having specific lab was good. Daily consultations were nice.
- The project is fairly challenging and the lectures are great.
 - Experience working with a real codebase to produce a sizeable project
 - with the freedom to screw up and recover
 - Learning about the cutting edge/hear future in kernel design
- Challenging, excellent lecturers
- The content and the project
- Difficult, with the right amount of work
- Very interesting and hands on.
- Getting a chance to enjoy the night life and restaurant ecosystem around uni by virtue of being there 24/7.
- Good tutors, interesting content, sufficiently challenging
- Challenging, chance to work on a largish code base
- Implementing an entire operating system from scratch was super fun and taught me a lot about system design.

This course could be improved by

- Clearer objectives
- A lot of the discussion about constructing solutions concerned tradeoffs between costs and benefits, but it was never really clear what costs to minimize or benefits to maximize.
 - Being worth more UoC
- Having more than 1 week without penalty for milestones
 - make the assessment of milestones more consistent. A few groups were able to get away with a few things whilst others were penalised. It really depended on who was marking.
- Also update the website. A lot of the things on it were vague and very confusing and old.
 - More consultation hours? 1.5 hours on some popular days like fridays would have been very helpful.
- More guidance on how to approach the final theory-related-paper-criticism exam.
- Better specification of the weekly tasks
- Make it worth 12 UoC if possible. Better specs for assignments.
- Clearer information about what is expected from us for each milestone. Some requirements felt somewhat arbitrary.