



UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Laboratory Courses - Spring 2021

Course: CS 152 Section: 022 - COMPILER DESIGN
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Question # 20: YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS ON YOUR GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR'S TEACHING SKILLS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE TEXTBOX BELOW. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 2000 CHARACTERS.

- You are a Perfect TA. Thank you.
- Mahbod is a really great TA in CS152. He is the first TA that given us so many detailed about what we should do during lab session. I am super clear about what I should do in each part of my lab. I like his ppt of each phase of the lab. He will explained to me of everything that I am confused about even if he mentioned it before. He is so patient and care about every student to learn how to code and help them ti understand each contents. I really appreciate he teach us CS152 lab! :D
- Sometimes Mahbod seemed a little lost/confused as to what we were doing next - but he always managed to get through it and I learned a lot. He's also very nice and answers questions. Best TA I had this quarter.
- Some practice for the exams would be helpful. I know lab is intended for the project, but this made the class feel very disjoint. Maybe that was the intent but it is not great from a learning standpoint.
- Mahbod explained the labs well and was very helpful with any questions. He was very responsive to emailed questions about the lab and scheduling office hours.
- It's probably just because of how the labs were, but for the actual lab part of the labs (I forgot what they were called), when we were supposed to work on one persons system, it was difficult to do without feeling like 1 person was doing all the work. Another problem was when we split the thing into 2 labs and we had a different group where all of us weren't the ones with the lab on out computer so we had to redo it from scratch.
- Mahbod was very helpful with the labs and was always very responsive when my partner or I asked for help. His accent is a bit hard to understand at times, but I don't think that detracted too much from the overall experience.
- One of the most helpful and patient TAs I've had in the 2 years I've been attending UCR. He is proactive in checking with students if they need help or have questions, and he isn't bothered by having to go over material multiple times, nor does he mind having to explain concepts in different ways. He is very fair with his expectations and grading of the project students had to do throughout the quarter. He is timely and responsive with his replies to questions students have. His lab sessions have been helpful in teaching how to do a good amount of the material/topics students are expected to do or know. There is only one critique I have of Mahbod, which is that I wish he provided more documentation or instructions for the lab sessions later into the quarter (around Week 7 and after) when the course started Phase 3 of the project. While he was super helpful in explaining what we needed to do and showed or provided plenty of examples to help get us started, it was difficult to understand certain aspects of the code and concepts in terms of what they actually did - or how they worked. Having more documentation or material to provide more explanations and insight regarding Phase 3 of the project would alleviate this issue. This is the only critique I really have - if this were addressed in the future, there wouldn't really be anything else to improve upon.
- Really helpful for accomplishing what we needed to do in labs. Was understanding of students completing the labs.
- Mahbod is knowledgeable and helpful.
- The instructor is an alright teacher. The way lab was presented was very confusing. I felt as though I did not really grasp the concepts during his presentation and it was only until after I had done the lab myself did I fully understand what the presentation was trying to convey.
- Was a good TA. A bit of hand holding until we got the grasp of the topic, then would let us work independently and ask for help when needed. Tasks assigned in lab were achievable and were not too hard to complete within the time of the lab.
- Mahbood is an excellent TA and I am glad I had him this quarter!

