

WMBA 509 BT Course Surveys

Management of Information Technology by Garrett, Nathan

School/Dept: Business Business

Year/Term: 2013 SUMMER

Session: 7 Week - Session 1

Adds: 11

Surveys: 10

Response Rate: 91%

<i>This Course // Dept Avg.</i>			<i>This Course // Dept Avg.</i>		
(Q.1&2) Learning Avg:	4.6	4.4	(6,7) Examinations Avg:	4.2	4.3
(5) Enthusiasm Avg:	4.6	4.6	(9) Group Interaction Avg:	4.6	4.5
(8) Organization Avg:	4.3	4.4	(11) Professor Overall:	4.4	4.4
(3&4) Individual Rapport:	4.4	4.4	(10) Course Overall:	4.4	4.4

	Disagree = 1			Agree = 5			Avg
1. I find the course intellectually challenging and stimulating	0	0	1	0	9		4.80
<p>I had no IT background so all of the course material was very challenging yet enjoyable</p> <p>Dr. Garrett has challenged my worst fears: the fear of public speaking and the fear of blogging.</p> <p>I wasn't disappointed with my first class in the MBA program. I was wary that it might be almost identical to the classes I had taken in my B.S.B.A. degree, but was proven wrong.</p> <p>Very challenging. Never had so much stress when dealing with an IT course. Prof could lighten up the coursework.</p>							
2. I learned and now understand the course materials	0	0	0	7	3		4.30
<p>I wouldn't say I am an expert but perhaps know more to hold a conversation and to form an opinion</p> <p>Some of the topics were a little over my head and I had somewhat difficulty understanding.</p> <p>Learned a lot about communications skills. I'm still not as clear about IT as I would have liked to.</p> <p>Some of the course materials such as Google Ad words need more concentration and time.</p>							
3. Instructor has a genuine interest in individual students	0	0	1	2	7		4.60
<p>Very helpful and accessible</p> <p>Dr. Garrett was willing to help each student give his/her best.</p> <p>Picked out individual students during presentations and when providing examples. Great way to individualize the experience and engage each student.</p> <p>He showed a big interest in improving our communication skills. Would have also liked more focus on improving our IT knowledge.</p>							
4. Instructor is adequately accessible to students after class or during office hours	0	0	2	3	5		4.30
<p>Respond time to students to fairly long.</p> <p>Replied to my e-mails when they were sent.</p>							
5. Instructor is enthusiastic about teaching the course	0	1	0	1	8		4.60

Dr. Garrett showed passion for each topic he discussed in class and he seemed happy to explain in more detail any topics that were not clear.

I can't really say there were many 'boring' moments.

He was more enthusiastic about teaching us communication than about IT. He spoke too fast in his lectures. He needs to make IT more fun and interesting in order to improve his engagement with students.

6. Feedback on coursework, including examinations and graded materials, is valuable	0	0	1	5	4	4.30
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I especially enjoyed the filmed feedback and the presentation feedback and practice

Dr. Garrett was always punctual with his feedback and he was very honest with his opinion of the student's work.

Feedback and graded materials took forever. I was sometimes confused as what is due, and when. Needs more clarification

Excellent method of providing feedback through video, I wish more professors did this. It communicates a lot more than simple text.

Feedback on first presentation and paper was great! Could improve his feedback on quizzes and other assignments. We never knew what exactly we did wrong or right on the quizzes.

It would be much better if we could have a copy of the tests with correct answers. Other than discussing it after the test is done in the class.

7. Methods of evaluating student work are fair and appropriate	0	0	3	4	3	4.00
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Grading rubric was presented weeks in advance for presentations. Fair.

I believe he was unfair in evaluating my first presentation. He said the content was good and that could improve my excitement. I found that other students who did worse than I got better grades. That was unfair because I just needed to make some minor adjustments.

8. The instructor is well prepared and explains material carefully	0	0	2	3	5	4.30
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Sometimes it goes over my head but eventually with plenty of questions it becomes understandable

Dr. Garrett always had good material to support his presentation. The only recommendation that I have for him is to slow down a little when he talks.

well prepared, but needs to understand not all are familiar with the subject prior to class.

Self explanatory. Changes in the grading system and assignments were communicated well.

He needs to more clear on what his expectations for assignments are. It seemed like he already had the answers for the research questions. He should tell us what he expects and have the students do the research to support the arguments.

Dr. Garrett has great knowledge in regards to the course and not sure if it is a good point or bad. Because sometimes he explained course materials according to his knowledge which for a student who is not a tech savvy is kind of hard to understand.

9. Students are encouraged to express their own ideas and/or question the instructor	0	0	0	4	6	4.60
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Dr. Garrett not only welcomed new ideas, but he encouraged them.

Frequently asked for feedback and questions. Every opportunity I took to ask a question (no matter how silly) was answered appropriately. Thank you!

It's good that he asks for feedback on how to improve his future classes.

10. Overall, this course is very good	0	0	1	4	5	4.40
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There was a lot of material to digest in a very short period of time.

Definitely appropriate course workload. I felt like it was adequate and challenging. Reading was engaging.

Too much work. Readings and note taking for quizzes took up a lot of time.

11. Overall, this instructor is very good	0	0	2	2	6	4.40
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Dr. Garrett is engaging, challenging, and fun to listen to.

Good instructor, but will have to improve on going a bit slower, and clarifying subjects.

Definitely passionate about his field, does a great job explaining concepts and relating them to current events.

Needs to make IT topics more fun and interesting. Make it easier for students to understand the content.

12 . The course workload is (1 = too easy, 3 = just right, 5 = too hard)	0	0	3	6	1	3.80
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I found the course to be a somewhat difficult for someone with limited knowledge in IT.

Good course, but some activities were pointless, did not learn anything. For example, pinning our paper to the wall, and having others read them. There was not enough time, and no useful comments.

I learned quite a bit despite already having a background in IT. Wonderful class for any student.

Needs to eliminate first paper on students' companies. More focus on blogs and preparation for research presentations.

Had a nice session with garrett.

Learned a lot & was very challenged by the course work.

In the beginning, having us start over and over for our presentations seemed horrible, but in the end we were more comfortable and efficient with out presentations.

The readings were to much, overloading all the readings doesnt teach us anything, it would be better to focus on them specifically.

Update the syllabus. Replace the initial video (Linux and open source) with something a bit more engaging.

More focus on HTML coding would be nice. Don't make it an extra assignment or project, just some in-class work for students to get hands-on experience using HTML.

More time on blogging would be good too. This was a fun assignment because I finally felt like I was doing something IT related.

Professor needs to be more considerate of students when making their presentations. He actually admitted that he liked seeing us nervous. Not nice! We were all already very stressed and nervous.

Overall, the communication skills are the biggest part I learned from this class. Definitely will apply this in future classes and work.

In my opinion other instructors should follow Dr. Garrett's video base feedback for all written requirements because that helps a lot. Another positive point in regards to this feedback is that it works like a tutor which will let you know the poor or even rich parts of your paper and how to progress it toward a good written document. Also another powerful method of this course will be the presentation part which is essential for an MBA student so it is better to continue working on that part from the first session and step by step.

MGMT 336 BT Course Surveys
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	Disagree = 1			Agree = 5			Avg
1. I find the course intellectually challenging and stimulating	0	0	1	1	10		4.75
Finally, a true business course							
Not an easy course. Work piles up fast and excellent time management skills are a must.							
2. I learned and now understand the course materials	0	0	1	3	8		4.58
Much needed information							
I have a better understanding of MS Excel & Word. I wish we would have gotten more into pivot tables. I see pivot tables in all sorts of job postings and internship positions.							
There is definitely a lot of useful material that is covered in this course, specially when working with Word and Excel. Public speaking was even covered as well.							
3. Instructor has a genuine interest in individual students	0	0	1	2	9		4.66
The professor loves teaching							
Dr. Garrett spends a lot of time giving each student tailored feedback on their presentation skills. He also makes videos if you dont understand something. He really does go above and beyond the call of duty.							
4. Instructor is adequately accessible to students after class or during office hours	0	0	0	2	10		4.83
Always available and willing to make an appointment to help/explain!							
Always encourages the class to meet him in his office hours.							
Dr. Garrett is available through email, phone calls and office hours. Rapid responses were very helpful.							
5. Instructor is enthusiastic about teaching the course	0	0	1	1	10		4.75
This motivates the students							
There is no doubt that the professor loves this course.							
6. Feedback on coursework, including examinations and graded materials, is valuable	0	0	2	2	8		4.50
Feedback on the assignments and with the Capsim rounds were extremely helpful. Detailed feedback and even videos were emailed or posted on moodle for assistance, that was extremely helpful.							
7. Methods of evaluating student work are fair and appropriate	0	1	2	1	8		4.33

I do not think that the capsim grading method is appropriate. We are all being graded on separate portions yet the CEO gets to make the final decisions and if they disagree on our part and change our numbers and we do poorly in a round it makes the other members look as if they did not do their job correctly or did not input the correct numbers when really it was not their fault. Or if the product manager makes crazy predictions and an emergency loan is taken out it makes the CFO look bad. The group should be graded as a group unless there is a more adequate way of grading each individual person; for example, feedback to the professor about other group members and the time/work that they contributed.

I recommend a revamp on the MS Excel & Word quizzes. Most of the directions are VERY vague and almost everyone needed clarification from the teacher. I felt like it really tested your ability to read slowly and carefully instead of your actual computer skills. Also, small mistakes really add up toward the end.

8. The instructor is well prepared and explains material carefully	0	0	1	2	9	4.66
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Agree, but wish capsim would have been explained more in depth IN CLASS rather than having us watch videos and read through manuals on their website.

If you have capsim questions Dr. Garrett is always able to explain it in plain english. Even if you cant articulate your questions, Dr. Garrett patiently tries to find guide you in the right direction.

9. Students are encouraged to express their own ideas and/or question the instructor	0	0	2	2	7	4.45
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10. Overall, this course is very good	0	1	1	1	9	4.50
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The course itself has a lot of material that needs to be covered. Having to be a 7 week course, there was appropriate but overwhelming work load.

11. Overall, this instructor is very good	0	0	1	2	9	4.66
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The best overall instructor at Woodbury University

Dr. Garrett is a gangsta!

12 . The course workload is (1 = too easy, 3 = just right, 5 = too hard)	0	0	2	4	6	4.33
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This course was one of my favorite. I wish I would have taken the normal versions rather than the 7 week version.

Without Capsim, this class provides crucial knowledge to get every student an entry level job anywhere. The Capsim simulation is by far, one of the most exciting assignments to date.

I think that this course should be required/offered in a student's first semester at Woodbury! The shortcuts we learn and assignments that we do in this class could have been SO useful for the rest of our classes!

I also thought that the help with public speaking such as the big auditorium speeches and microphone use was an added perk to a computer class!

Capsim is an extremely difficult program and I feel that we did not go over the "instructions" enough in class. I know there are the tutorials and video walk throughs online, but it would be a lot more effective if we had more time in class to cover this program.

Overall, I did enjoy this class and learn a lot even though it was extremely stressful throughout! :)

Capsim was very tough at first and takes a while. Overall very knowledge building course.

The administration of the quizzes needs to change. Particularly the way the directions are written. Also, grading should be more forgiving and uniform throughout the class.

Too much work for a semester. Very confused with Capsim. Instructor does not give good explanations and directions to what needs to be done.

I really enjoyed the course. I feel that I learned an enormous amount of information these past couple of weeks. The only thing I would have wished for was to take the course at the beginning of my education at Woodbury. There are a lot of useful components that would have made in affect after. For example, using excel for my accounting courses, appropriate formatting for papers done on Word. Overall the course was great!

Dr. Garrett is wonderful professor. In the past weeks of summer session, I learned so much things about business simulation, word, excel, presentation. It was challenging but worth working hard on all the works.

Dr. Garrett is one of the best professors in the business department. His courses are extremely challenging and the workloads are heavy, but this is because he has a genuine interest in his students and wants us to learn and excel. Dr. Garrett's class is definitely worth all the time and money. Everything I have learned in this class is already being utilized at work and in my personal life. Please continue teaching Excel + Word because there is so much more to it then we know. Excel plays such a huge role in the professional field and Dr. Garret's class has put us at an advantage. I've taken this course twice-the first time it was great and this time it was even better! I like how Dr. Garrett does not use a template (or one size fits all mentality) when it comes to this course. Unlike most other professors who follow the same exact curriculum for ten years or so, it is evident that Dr. Garrett makes continuous improvements and adjusts his courses to meet the needs of that specific class. I truly appreciated his patience and willingness to explain the same concept as many times as it took for the class to understand. To avoid writing a ten page paper here, I'll bullet some recommendations below for this class, seeing that Dr. Garrett takes them all into consideration.

-Teaching Capsim Foundation in this class and by Dr. Garrett is one of the best decisions Woodbury has made. I worked with Capsim in MGMT 100 my freshmen year, but I did not nearly learn or understand as much as I did in this class. I WISH DR. GARRETT WOULD ACTUALLY TEACH THE MGMT 483 CAPSTONE CLASS AS WELL!
- I know in previous classes Dr. Garrett has taught his students HTML. I think we ran out of time for that this this session, but I would highly recommend it for the future!
- I would hope to see Dr. Garrett teach other elective courses in the Information Technology field. Or perhaps a class solely dedicated to excel (like a 1 unit class or what not) and the like.

HIGHLY SATISFIED WITH THIS COURSE AND WOULD NOT MIND REPEATING AGAIN!! Thanks for a great semester.