2024S Instructor Report for CS 8395 07 - Special Topics (Kevin Leach)

Project Title: **Vanderbilt University Course and Teaching Evaluations**

Course Audience: **13**
Responses Received: **4**
Response Ratio: **30.77%**

Report Comments

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Questions about the Instructor (Kevin Leach):

Question	This Class Section		Department (CS)		School (ENGIN)	
	Mean	Standard Deviation	Mean	Standard Deviation	Mean	Standard Deviation
The instructor helped me understand the core ideas and issues in this subject.	5.00	0.00	4.31	0.98	4.36	0.90
The instructor explained what was expected of me in the assignments and assessments for this course.	5.00	0.00	4.40	0.91	4.41	0.87
The instructor encouraged critical, original, or creative thinking.	4.75	0.50	4.35	0.94	4.39	0.89
The instructor demonstrated interest in students' learning.	5.00	0.00	4.44	0.89	4.49	0.84
The instructor used class time productively.	4.75	0.50	4.39	0.94	4.37	0.94
The instructor created a welcoming and inclusive classroom environment.	5.00	0.00	4.46	0.89	4.51	0.84
Overall, the instructor (**Kevin Leach**) was:	5.00	0.00	4.21	1.04	4.26	0.97

Questions about this Course (CS 8395 07):

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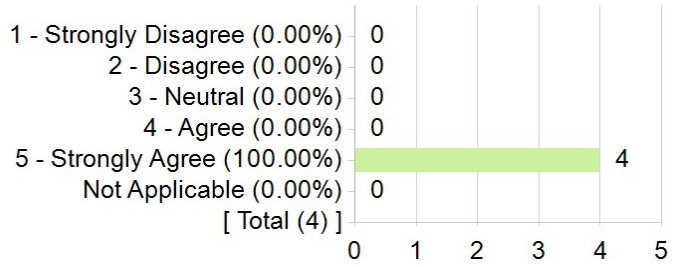
This course helped me appreciate the significance of the subject matter.	5.00	0.00	4.28	0.99	4.31	0.95
The components of the course, such as class activities, assessments, and assignments, were consistent with the course goals.	5.00	0.00	4.37	0.95	4.42	0.86
The feedback I received during the course was helpful.	5.00	0.00	4.12	1.09	4.18	1.03
I felt comfortable asking questions in this course.	5.00	0.00	4.30	1.01	4.38	0.93
This course helped me consider connections between course material and other areas of my personal, academic, or professional life.	5.00	0.00	4.21	1.06	4.29	0.99
Overall, the course (**CS 8395 07**) was:	5.00	0.00	3.94	1.07	3.96	1.03
Compared to other classes, the amount I learned in this course was:	3.75	0.96	3.74	1.02	3.65	1.02
Compared to requirements in other classes, the workload assigned in this class was:	3.00	0.00	3.60	0.96	3.46	0.99

Please respond to the following questions about the instructor (Kevin Leach).

1. The instructor helped me understand the core ideas and issues in this subject.



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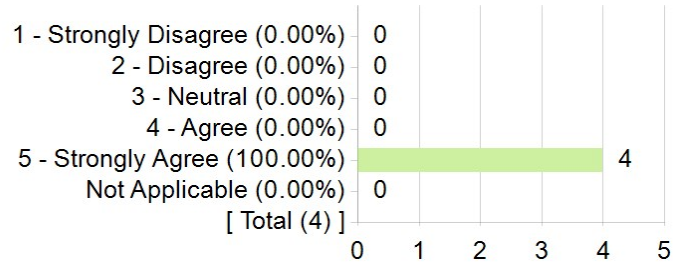
2. The instructor explained what was expected of me in the assignments and assessments for this course.



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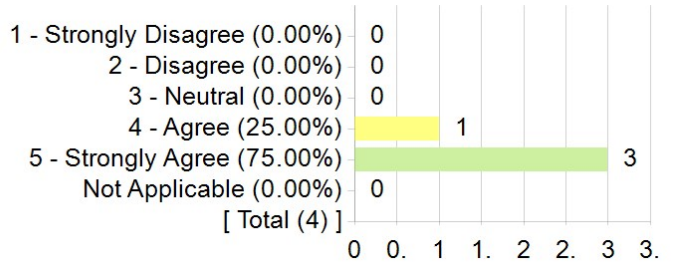
3. The instructor encouraged critical, original, or creative thinking.



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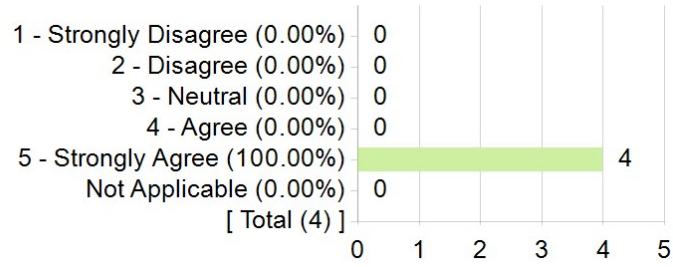
4. The instructor demonstrated interest in students' learning.



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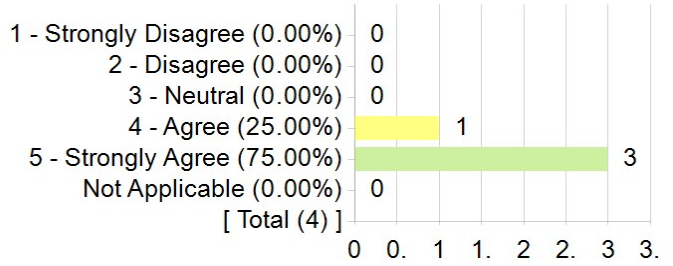
5. The instructor used class time productively.



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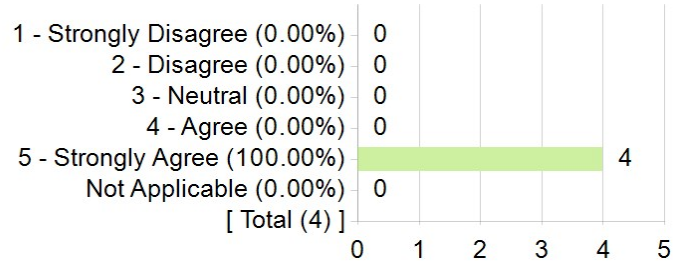
6. The instructor created a welcoming and inclusive classroom environment.



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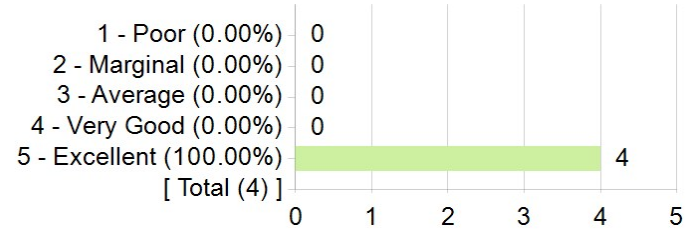

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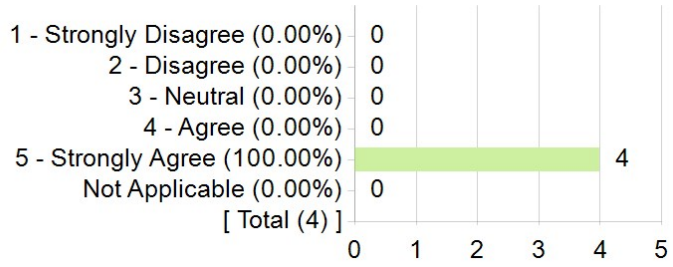

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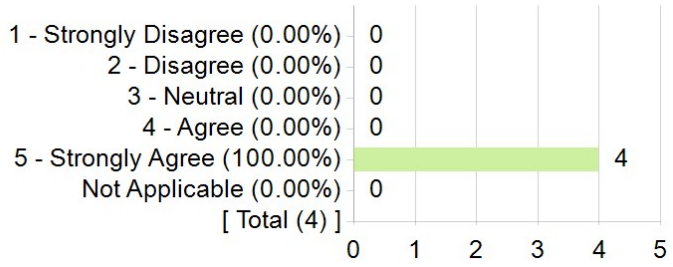

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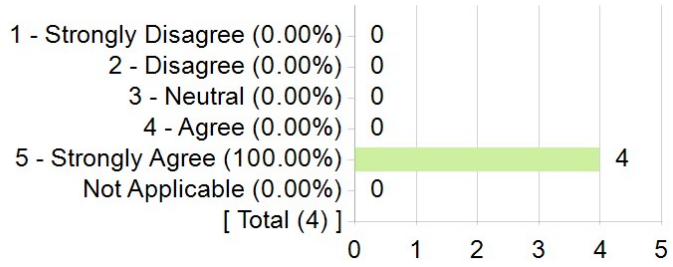
3. The feedback I received during the course was helpful.



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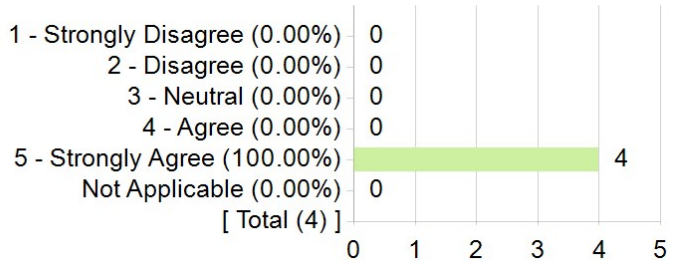
4. I felt comfortable asking questions in this course.



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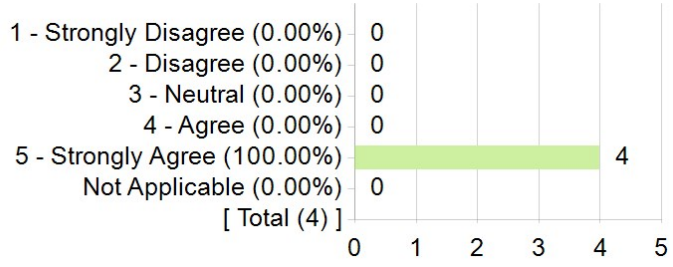

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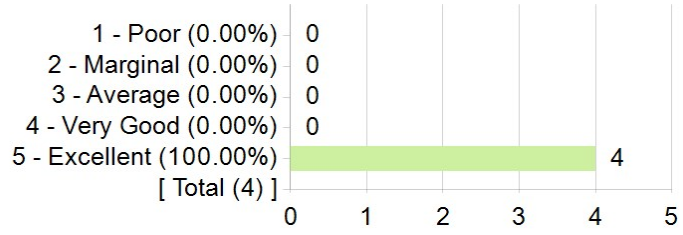

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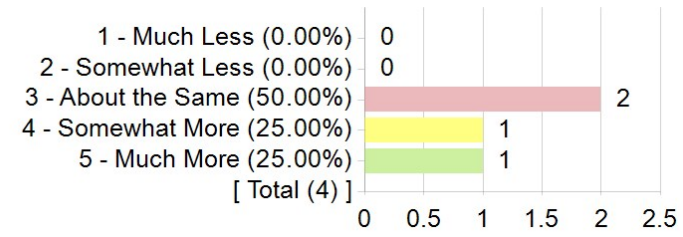

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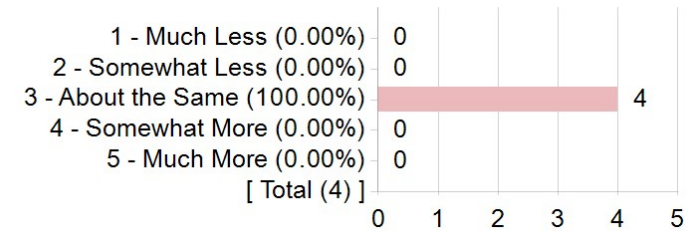
Standard Deviation	0.96

2. Compared to requirements in other classes, the workload assigned in this class was:



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What elements of the course (CS 8395 07) most contributed to your learning?

Comments
Many useful reading papers.
The selection of papers we read was overall very informative and helped me better internalize what constitutes good research. I definitely appreciated that they covered a variety of security topics because I had never studied it before and so studying it within different contexts was useful.
I think that the paper review discussions most contributed to my learning. In this course, I learned about so many cybersecurity topics that I have and have not heard of before. I have gained a greater appreciation for cybersecurity and overcame my fear of reading and analyzing papers.

What improvements to the course (CS 8395 07) would you recommend?

Comments
The papers can be more recent.
My only real criticism is that many of the lectures spent a long time on background that was unnecessary to discuss in depth under the assumption that we actually read the paper of the day. It would have been nice to spend more time getting into the details of the papers.
Overall I think that the course structure is great! The only thing that I would recommend is to give back feedback on assignments and presentations sooner.

Do you have any other comments?

Comments
No.
Overall this was a great course, I had never taken a seminar that required so much reading of research papers and I think it was very beneficial.