

DEPARTMENT : CMSC  
EVALUATION TYPE : INSTRUCTOR  
COURSE : 311  
SECTION : 0101 0201  
INSTRUCTOR : Hugue M.

Number of enrollment: 56

A = <A>(4)  
B = <B>(3)  
C = <C>(2)  
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QUESTION:							This Section				Group Summary**				Department Summary			
	A(%)	B(%)	C(%)	D(%)	E(%)	F(%)	#	mean	std	cv*	#	mean	std	cv*	#	mean	std	cv*
1 The instructor's handling of the course (starting class on time, assigning work, returning graded work, etc.) was:	34	39	18	7	2	0	44	2.95	1.01	34	511	3.12	0.61	20	1026	3.22	0.55	17
2 Syllabi, homework, projects, and tests were appropriate to the course level:	61	25	9	5	0	0	44	3.43	0.85	25	509	3.04	0.54	18	1022	3.13	0.60	19
3 The instructor was approachable before or after class, and readily available through regular office hours or by appointment.	68	30	2	0	0	0	44	3.66	0.53	14	507	3.27	0.52	16	1015	3.38	0.48	14
4 The instructor was respectful towards students.	64	25	7	2	2	0	44	3.45	0.90	26	511	3.41	0.51	15	1024	3.52	0.44	12
5 Overall, I would rate the instructor as:	55	30	11	0	5	0	44	3.30	1.00	30	511	3.05	0.58	19	1022	3.18	0.58	18
6 Overall, I would rate this course as:	39	48	7	5	2	0	44	3.16	0.91	29	510	2.98	0.49	17	1024	3.04	0.58	19

\* CV=standard deviation over mean(in percent)

CV of 75% or more indicates high variability relative to the mean and therefore the summaries are insufficiently accurate and should not be given a great deal of weight.

\*\* Group: Upper Undergraduate

**QUESTION: Please supply additional comments about the course or instructor here:**

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**answer**

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The best course I've taken so far in my programming career. (This statement reflects the quality of the course and not my final grade)

Michelle Hugue clearly cares a lot about her students. In addition, her grading is extremely fair.

Huge is huge but she's a good lecturer and care much for her student

She is incredibly organized in her notes. She has a little bit of trouble understanding our background. I think she assumes we know more than we do during lectures, but then again, I probably should have read the book BEFORE the lectures that we were given the information to in.

It would be nice if the slides had the lecture number on each slide so that if you miss the first slide you can still find the lecture easily. Maybe by editing the footer. Not really a big thing just sort of helpful with the course.

Very difficult course, but Meesh is great. She's the kind of teacher you probably either love or hate. She's very outgoing and entertaining. Our TA Dave and her complimented each other very well and ran the class efficiently.

David Renie is a great TA

meesh rocks.

Meesh really cared about the students. She really wanted them to learn, most instructors don't care. So that's what made the course even better. She didn't get hung up on stupid stuff. She really tried to give you a chance to learn the material.

The instructor made the course more manageable.

The book has tons of information, but the information is scattered and sometimes doesn't relate to what is being done in class. The teacher barely teaches, and when she does it's almost non-understandable, especially if English isn't your first language. The teacher often goes on tangents about things nothing to do with the course. Although this can be a break from the typical class session, it can also disrupt the stream of thought in a student. The TA was excellent!

The course was great. I enjoyed this class tremendously, and the information it pertained. An improvement to the course would be a more serious professor. In high school I appreciated "easy" professors, now that I am financially responsible for my education, I like professors that are more serious with the material being taught.

Meesh will do whatever is necessary to ensure that her students are learning the material, and is more fair than she should be for the sake of her workload and sanity. She's easily approachable and will help where she can and defer to those who can help when she can't.

Dr. Hugue (Meesh) is one of the best professors I have ever had. The course material was difficult at times, but she pushed us through, and was fair when grading us when tested. She seems to understand what it's like to be a student in college, which is something many professors don't seem to take into account, or even care about when approached. Even though I don't have the best grade I could in this class, it has honestly been one of the best courses I have taken in my two years at UMD, and I sincerely believe that is due to Dr. Hugue (Dave is an amazing TA, as well, which further raised my opinion of the course).

Michelle Hugue was one of the best instructors I've had in my experience with the CS department here at College Park. She really tries to get her students to understand the material, not just quickly run through all the material covering more information, but leaving everyone confused.

the TA David was great

This course was interesting. It's the CS course thus far I have learned the most in, and the material is very interesting. However most of the things I have learned, have been from independent study as the in-class lectures are difficult to understand. David Renie, a T.A. taught this course but he wasn't the best in explaining things. Dr. Hugue isn't the best either, however she cares about her students and wants them all to do well.

I am very happy with Prof. Hugue's teaching style, which is unlike any I have experienced with a CS professor before. She genuinely cares about her students on an individual basis, taking the time to learn our names and interact with us and give us feedback on a very personal level. Her frankness, understanding, and honesty is refreshing. Her teaching style emphasizes that there is more to life than simply being able to memorize facts and numbers and regurgitating them when asked. She teaches that having confidence in yourself and thinking on your feet is far more valuable than a photographic memory, and that grades aren't everything because they are hardly ever an accurate reflection of a student's true potential. Prof. Hugue is by far one of the best professors I have had and it has been an honor taking her course.

I feel like the computer science department owes me a refund. My instructor has an undergraduate student teaching the class. The undergraduate student is very intelligent, however he has no teaching experience. As a result of his lack of teaching experience, he teaches the material at a very advanced level which is hard for the typical student to understand.

Meesh is AMAZING as a lecturer. She keeps everything down to earth, and I guess that's how I learn the best since I have one of the highest grades in the class currently. My TA, Dave Renie, is also a reason for my high levels of success. He knows so much and is so patient. The class is intense, and there's a lot of information, but if you pay attention and study, it works out very well. Also, I wish all my teachers used Meesh's exam style. I would learn a LOT more.

she know her students well

Meesh is a great professor, more importantly, a great person. She will spend personal time with each and every one of you.

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none.

Hugue has the right idea about what her students should be taking out of her class and how to test them on her knowledge. She doesn't take off points on her tests for stupid mistakes, only for when a student's knowledge is truly lacking. She has significant weakness in terms of her knowledge of the course material -- HOWEVER, she readily admits this, and does her best to make up for it. Her TA, Dave Renie, is extremely competent and knowledgeable, and is an excellent teacher. His presence in the class more than makes up for any teaching deficiencies Hugue may possess. And Dr. Hugue should be commended for admitting her deficiencies and hiring someone like Dave to fill in when she is unable to teach a particular segment of the course.

Had a fun time with the projects. Challenging and not overbearingly complicated unlike some other classes.

Although personable and knowledgeable of some topics, I believe this instructor is unfit to teach this course. The topics require planning and thought to convey neither of which is apparent in these 'lectures'

Most compsci profs are uptight and arrogant. Meesh is so laid back. It's nice to have CMSC course that I look forward too. No one can accuse Meesh of being unfair. One student missed an exam, and she told him that she would just count his final for double. She put that offer out to all of us as well. She can be harsh to the weak of ear, but whatever. I'm taking as many courses with her as I can for the rest of my undergrad career.

The course was very structured and it covered a lot of important aspects.

great teacher, great and very interesting class.

She definitely knows what she's talking about, once she gets around to it. The TA Dave provided invaluable help in understanding certain parts of the class. Teacher needs to relax!

Dave was really good at answering questions by either knowing them off the top of his head or googling them quickly. Meesh was very helpful in office hours in going over study methods. Meesh was very fair and respectful toward students. The instructors managed to make the class interesting and showed how what we were learning was useful. The debugging lab could be improved, but the other labs were pretty fair.

This course is handled extremely well. Somehow the professor is able to give students who need the extra help extra help while letting those who do not need any help work more freely. She is also extremely approachable as a teacher who encourages questions. As a person who does not usually ask questions, I find her style extremely encouraging to get me to ask my questions.

I hope I pass.

Mad props to Dave. Course was OK, but should use your own quizzes to go with your own material, not use CMU quizzes when you teach your own stuff.

Dr. Hugue's compassion for her students is incredible. Although she can come off a little strong at times (and who doesn't), she has a great sense of understanding and goodwill towards her students. She provides ample opportunities for the students to receive assistance and enough extra credit opportunities to make the difficult exams reasonable. Dr. Hugue's sense of humor and personality is also appreciated, as it provides a welcome level of character to a usually dry and boring course. Although this is only the first class I have taken with Dr. Hugue, she has already become my favorite computer science teacher for these reasons.

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