

**North Carolina State University - ClassEval Report**

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CSC 116 051 Courses surveyed - CSC 116 051

**Question**

**Response**

Please comment on the strengths of the course and instructor.

The course itself is very approachable. It is a steady build up of knowledge that gets you to where you need to be. The course is handled very well and Mr. Brown does a great job at explaining and providing examples of the things he is teaching. Mr. Brown also is nice enough to essentially record 2 lectures on one topic, so we can have plenty of information about the subject we are learning. The homework that is assigned is appropriate for what we are learning. For how short the class has to unfortunately be, it is handled very well. Information that is given is tested in a fair way. The resources we receive are very useful, and the office hours are so helpful.

Please comment on the weaknesses of the course and instructor.

For me, I believe slides do not really do a great job of teaching information like Java. Maybe going through examples on how to use concepts all the time, like programming alongside all the time, would be a more effective way of teaching the class. For terms, they can easily be explained in code. I think understand a programming language comes down to actually doing what you are being told, while being told. He does this with some examples, but there are a lot of things, like test cases, arrays, that did not get explained that well because it would be better to have visual examples, rather than pictures of code. I also think that having textbook examples provided would help with understanding material, rather than it really not being used outside of homework and some labs.

To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course?

I think a better environment can easily fix the problems of this course. Online anything is hard to manage because you do not have that one on one interaction with people. Also online assessments can be pretty dull and non-helpful because of the nature of how it is. If there are going to be more online classes however. I believe there should always be guided extra practice, rather than random problems to solve that seem overwhelming on an external site. Also, this is just a personal gripe, the organization of the material of the course is a little strange. Some things are one way, while others are a different way, and things are put in ways that don't make sense, like putting the class resources randomly in the middle, and the extra credit spread throughout the daily exercises, rather than homework.

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Please comment on the strengths of the course and instructor.

Very flexible, lectures are great, lots of time to absorb material, plenty of resources for help, explains things very thoroughly

Please comment on the weaknesses of the course and instructor.

We definitely had more stuff due at the end of the semester that I wish had been spaced out better at the beginning.

To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course?

Not much honestly. The instructor and TAs are all very knowledgeable and helpful.

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| Please comment on the strengths of the course and instructor.   | Great at switching the course to online and providing lots of resources, recording lecture videos, and answering questions.  |
| Please comment on the weaknesses of the course and instructor.  | The course itself seems to be slower at the beginning and toward the end the information feels a little rushed. Could focus on distributing the information out a bit more evenly.   |
| To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course? | Providing more test cases for projects to make sure project is working correctly.  |
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| Please comment on the strengths of the course and instructor.   | He was very knowledgeable about the topic of csc 116. He was also very prepared for class each day.  |
| Please comment on the weaknesses of the course and instructor.  | At some points in the class it felt like the teaching was a bit slow or maybe there were days where he was not very intriguing to watch.   |
| To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course? | Improvement that could be made to the course online, i would say that overall i would make office hours more readily available to students.  |
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| Please comment on the strengths of the course and instructor.   | I think Chris did a phenomenal job teaching the course considering the current circumstances we're in. Anytime I had questions posted to piazza or emailed to him he always responded quickly. Overall he's a fantastic instructor and I had a great experience. |
| Please comment on the weaknesses of the course and instructor.  | The only thing I can think of is he can be a little monotone. And in class it felt weird having to ask questions during class because I would be holding up everyone. Would've been a better experience if in person.  |
| To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course? | Have the course in person and deal with COVID appropriately.   |
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| Please comment on the strengths of the course and instructor.   | Great! Answers questions well  |
| Please comment on the weaknesses of the course and instructor.  | Could make things more clear   |
| To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course? | Make labs more in depth like the projects  |
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| Please comment on the strengths of the course and instructor.   | Interactive classes, rapid response to messages, a passion for teaching and improving the class, and some flexibility in adapting to the class unexpectedly being online. I learned a lot in this class you made it interesting. Thank you!                      |
| Please comment on the weaknesses of the course and instructor.  | Group work was difficult online and the small 24 hour windows for most labs with a no late lab policy was often challenging even when working alone. The grading for projects often did not have feedback.   |

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| To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course? | Posting the lab assignments ahead of time, clear rubrics and feedback for grades, fixing Zoom issues(which I know is a problem for everyone), and groupwork needs a large window to complete so people have time to communicate, plan, schedule, complete, and polish assignments.  |
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| Please comment on the strengths of the course and instructor.   | Willing to help students  |
| Please comment on the weaknesses of the course and instructor.  | The gradings are really slow so students do not get to go over the previous labs or projects to get feedback. Also the instructor get confused often when giving out the lectures.  |
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| Please comment on the strengths of the course and instructor.   | I thought Mr. Brown did a great job throughout the course with being prepared and being approachable to help work with students. I also liked that he brought some real world examples into concepts we learning from his experience in the computer science field. I thought the course provided a lot of opportunity for growth and practice. |
| Please comment on the weaknesses of the course and instructor.  | The last couple weeks feel overwhelming. This is due to the shortened Summer course length and what feels like cramming with two projects being assigned and due at the same time (and a final exam on top of this).  |
| To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course? | I think it would be helpful to have a small section on how to break down and think about solving complex problems. We talked about this to some degree, but I think going into more specifics with examples would be helpful.   |
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| Please comment on the strengths of the course and instructor.   | Very helpful and understanding, explains concepts thoroughly and answers questions well when asked  |
| Please comment on the weaknesses of the course and instructor.  | Group work  |
| To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course? | Don't force students into group work at the beginning, at least not for the online section of the course (I greatly appreciate the switch from group work).   |
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| Please comment on the strengths of the course and instructor.   | The instructor was able to provide meaningful examples for the material and offer great responses to questions asked by the students.   |
| To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course? | Making the due date for the labs 48 hours instead of 24 hours.  |
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| Please comment on the strengths of the course and instructor.   | he is really willing to help me solved all the questions I faced, I can reach him easily with email.  |
| Please comment on the weaknesses of the course and instructor.  | Sometimes he has bugs during teaching and can not solving in that certain class but we need to finish homework before next class, sometimes it make me really confuse   |
| To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course? | Don't choose summer session if you are 100% new in this area  |

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| Please comment on the strengths of the course and instructor.   | CSC116 was very orgnized in structure, i felt like it was fair and there were plenty of opprutunities to get help from the instructor. |
| Please comment on the weaknesses of the course and instructor.  | None, maybe clearer guidelines and faster grading for the projects.  |
| To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course? | Nothing it was a well developed and fair course.   |
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| Please comment on the strengths of the course and instructor.   | Good at teaching us in class and answering questions   |
| Please comment on the weaknesses of the course and instructor.  | It went by quick   |
| To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course? | It feels rushed at the end so maybe like an extra half a week would be good  |