



myExperience Report

Term 2, 2026

Faculty: Faculty of Engineering

School: School of Computer Sci & Eng

Course: COMP3891 Ext Operating Systems

Evaluation period: Jul 27 2026 12:00AM - Aug 13 2026 12:00AM

Teacher Report: Gernot Heiser

Response Data for Gernot Heiser

Overall I was satisfied with the quality of this person's teaching

Statistics	Value
Response Count	25

Comparison of results for "Overall I was satisfied with the quality of this person's teaching"

This teacher: Gernot Heiser

Overall I was satisfied with the quality of this person's teaching

Options	Count	Percentage	Statistics	Value
Strongly disagree	1	4.0%	Mean	5.36
Disagree	0	0.0%	Median	6.00
Moderately disagree	1	4.0%	Standard Deviation	1.15
Moderately agree	0	0.0%	% Agree broad	92.0%
Agree	8	32.0%		
Strongly agree	15	60.0%		

The table below shows the percentage of 'Agree' and 'Strongly agree' responses to the question 'Overall I was satisfied with the quality of this person's teaching'

Overall I was satisfied with the quality of this person's teaching

Statistics	Value
% Agree	92.0%

SCHOOL: School of Computer Sci & Eng

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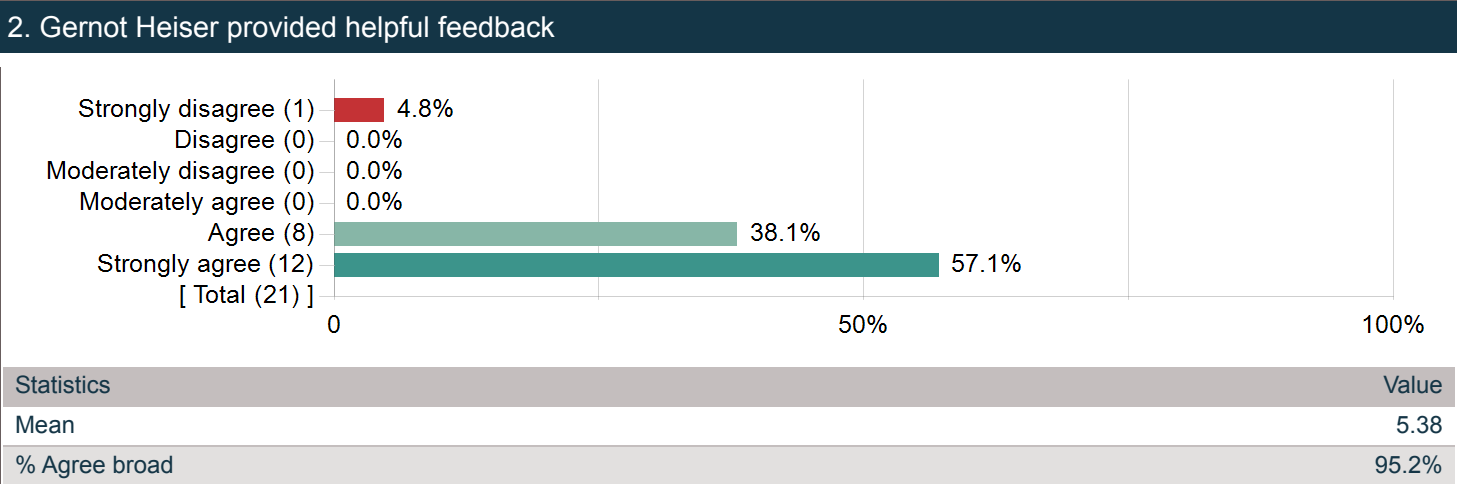
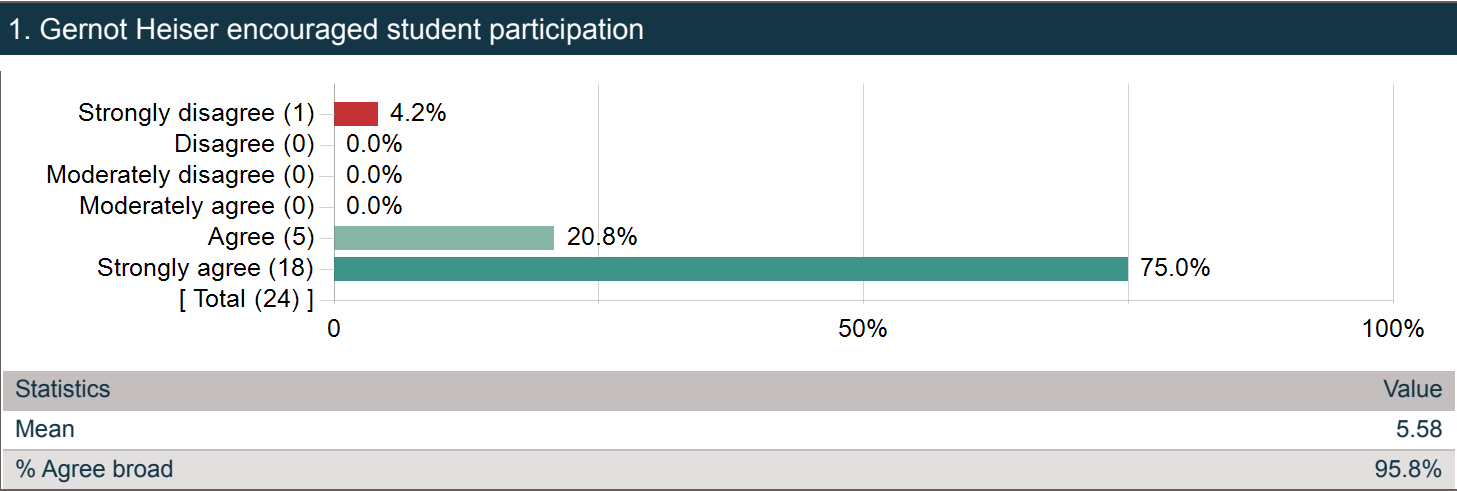
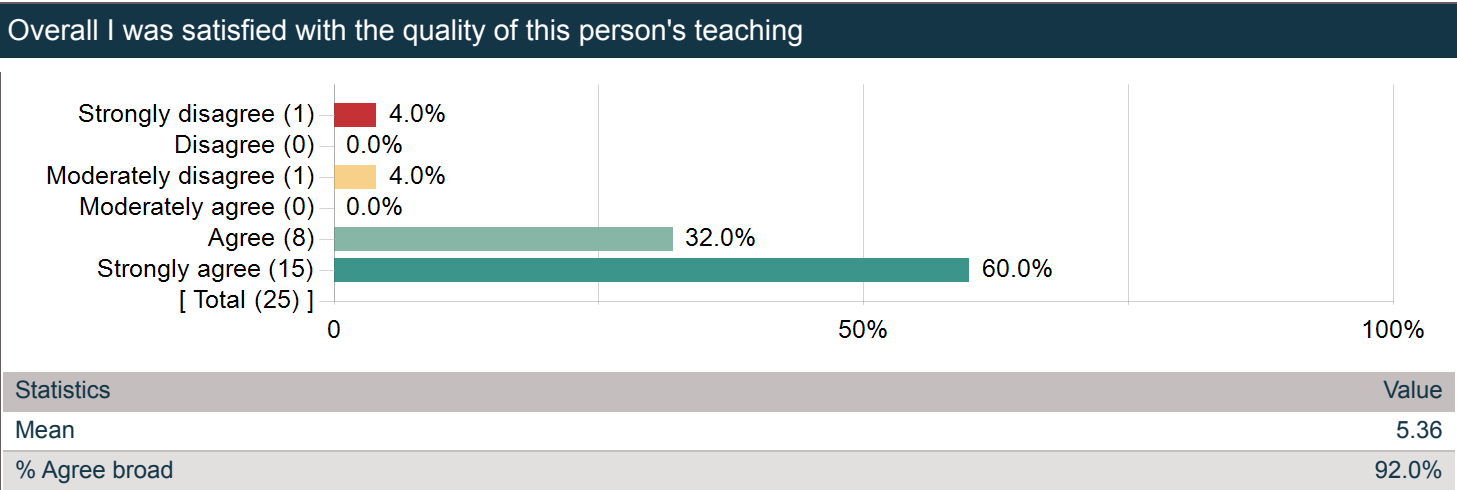
Options	Percentage	Statistics	Value
Strongly disagree	0.9%	Mean	5.45
Disagree	1.0%	Median	6.00
Moderately disagree	1.7%	Standard Deviation	0.88
Moderately agree	7.0%	% Agree broad	96.5%
Agree	27.8%		
Strongly agree	61.6%		

FACULTY: Faculty of Engineering

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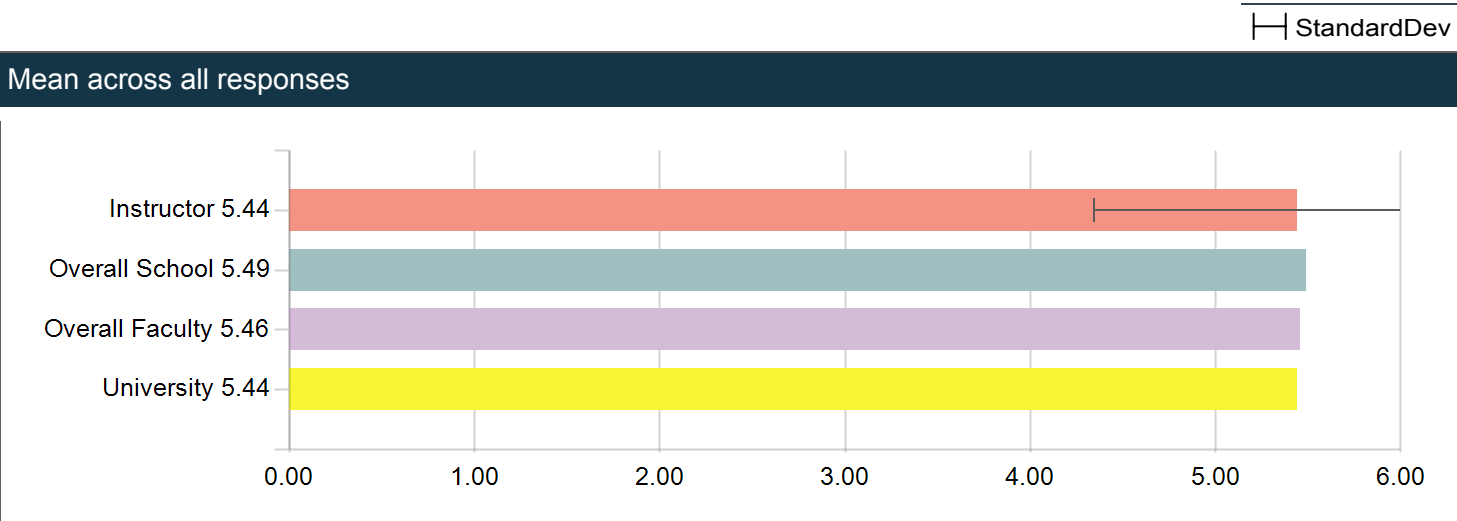
Options	Percentage	Statistics	Value
Strongly disagree	1.1%	Mean	5.41
Disagree	1.1%	Median	6.00
Moderately disagree	2.0%	Standard Deviation	0.93
Moderately agree	7.7%	Standard Error (based on SD)	0.01
Agree	27.4%	% Agree broad	95.7%
Strongly agree	60.7%		

Overall I was satisfied with the quality of Gernot Heiser's teaching



Comparison Statistics

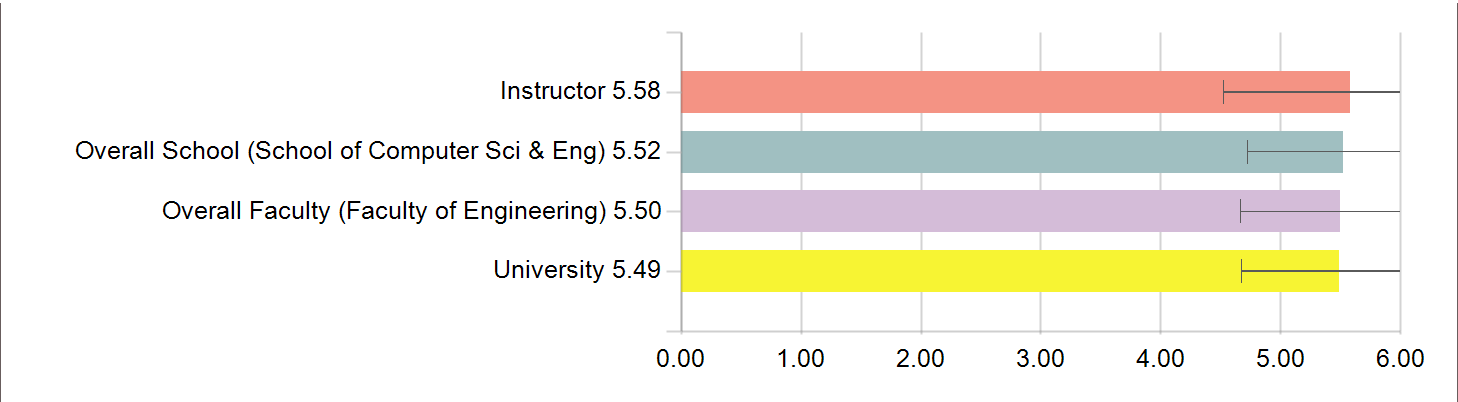
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Comparison Statistics (continued)

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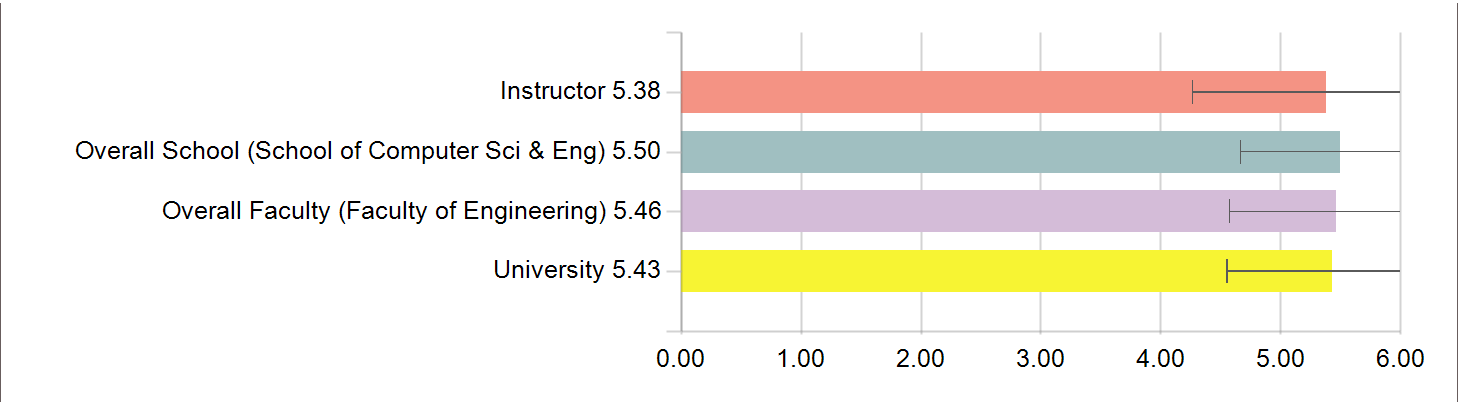
1. encouraged student participation



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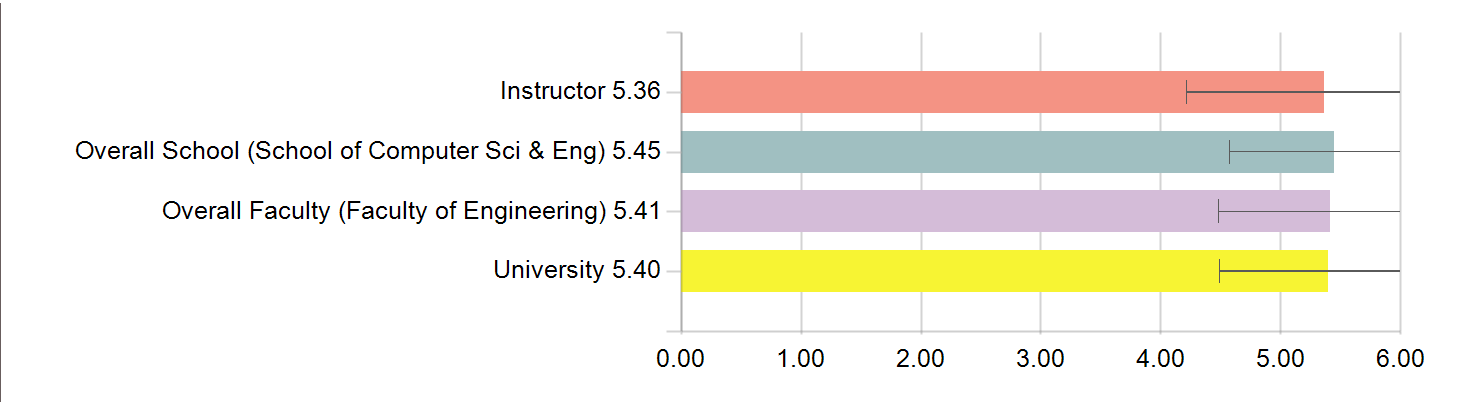
2. provided helpful feedback



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3. Overall I was satisfied with the quality of this person's teaching



Raw comment data

The best features of Gernot Heiser's teaching were

Comments
Good at explaining, likes to talk about adjacent topics to provide context, regularly poses questions to audience, talks about real world situations. Prioritises in person lecture experience.
The question asking and historical dives that justify why a thing is how it is.
Great knowledge of OS history and nice delivery.
Able to communicate concepts not in textbooks and other materials in an interesting and engaging manner.
Class length was also good, not so long that it was taxing to take the extended stream while also delivering a good amount of content in the smaller timeframe
A shame I don't have space in my degree for Advanced OS (double degree so only get 5 electives)
The lectures themselves probably would've been quite good if i was able to attend them in person, based on what i could tell from the recording.
No good feature at all.
The lectures were so good, very engaging, interesting topics, a clear focus on building up the ideas from where we were to where we are and the use of research and papers to reference to the system were invaluable within the lectures. I really enjoyed attending each week and the 1 hour was a good time frame to extend on the course content. All the topics felt relevant but different to course content in the basic OS and the use of a guest lecture to end was really helpful to understand OS beyond the scope of the course to the field and research itself throughout the term.
Lecture materials are written well and handled well. Glad to be taking a course from a good presenter. Cracking a few jokes also helps a lot with not feeling bored.

Gernot Heiser's teaching could be improved by

Comments
Maybe could talk more about how benchmarks are actually conducted? I found those parts of the course super interesting and would have liked to see some benchmark code etc.
Condensing animations into a single slide and using the animations feature (instead of multiple slides) so that revision is easier.
The slides were very abstract, and there was limited effort in making the recordings watchable. At the end of each lecture I never really felt like I took away much, the content was too abstract.
Too arrogant and disrespectful to students. Feels terrible.
I think with the time frame of lectures and the way Gernot teaches it really works for his style. I think the only thing I noticed was at times Gernot struggled to understand a question asked by a student or understood only parts of the question and not the whole question, answering a similar question but not the question that was asked. This was definitely not because of any lack of knowledge or ability to answer the question, so I do not know how to help that small misunderstanding a lecture environment but it might be something to focus on moving forward.
Try to say less "I don't know." Sorry if it sounded too strong, I don't know much words.