

Edu 4252 (Spring 2016)

Students' feedback

Based on the feedback collected in class during the course, the students generally said that they enjoyed the course and found it very useful. Most of them thought they made major progress in their thesis project development. They were very positive about the discussion of previous students' proposals (as examples), the 'guideline' given to them and the instructor's hand-on individual help and the group work—these are the main methods used. However, a very small number of them thought that the course was a bit too intensive for them. They would like to have the course spread out more during the semester so they would have more time to do reading and think about their topics.

Responses and conclusions

I feel that generally the course went very well and achieved the intended objectives. Personally, I believe that there will always be students who do not find a certain course as useful to them as the instructor has intended. To what extent one benefits from a course also depends on one's own motivation and his/her cooperation with the instructor and the other students. In this sense, I do not see much need to make major revision of the course. However, I am also open to stretching out the course over a longer period in the semester. I am trying to work out a new teaching plan based on the latter option (even though I may not go for it in the end).