



Direct Instructor Feedback Form Report - CMSC 478 02 Intro to Machine Learning, KMA Solaiman

Project Title: **Spring 2024 Student Course Evaluation**

Courses Audience: **9**

Responses Received: **7**

Response Ratio: **78%**

Report Comments

Results of the open-ended Direct Instructor Feedback Form (DIFF's) are included below. These can only be viewed by the instructor teaching the course. Please download and save a copy for your records. DIFF's are only available in BLUE and are removed by the end of the next Fall or Spring semester's evaluation period. For example:

- Spring, prior Fall and Winter semester DIFF's will be removed.
- Fall, prior Spring and Summer semester DIFF's will be removed.

Creation Date: **Friday, May 31, 2024**

Student Responses (continued)

Courses Name: CMSC 478 02 Intro to Machine Learning

Instructors Name: KMA Solaiman

1. **What was the best part of the course and why?**
 - ◊ Lots of content that is relevant in the field of Machine Learning. He taught the basics of it really well.
2. **What changes would you recommend in the course and why?**
 - ◊ Maybe more in class walkthrough examples or guided examples so we understand the concept better
3. **What classroom approaches or actions make this instructor an effective teacher?**
 - ◊ Very enthusiastic and makes sure each student understands what he's teaching.
4. **Were there any classroom approaches or actions that hinder this instructor from being an effective teacher? If so, what?**
 - ◊ None
5. **If this course had an online component, please provide feedback to the instructor about what you feel was effective as well as suggestions for future improvements.**
 - ◊ N/A
6. **Other Comments.**
 - ◊ N/A

Student Responses (continued)

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Instructors Name: KMA Solaiman

1. What was the best part of the course and why?

- ◊ The lecture notes were very helpful in understanding the material.

2. What changes would you recommend in the course and why?

- ◊ Maybe using Blackboard instead of Gradescope and Campuswire. The current set up is also nice.

3. What classroom approaches or actions make this instructor an effective teacher?

- ◊ Provided us with lecture notes taken during classes.

4. Were there any classroom approaches or actions that hinder this instructor from being an effective teacher? If so, what?

- ◊ N/A

5. If this course had an online component, please provide feedback to the instructor about what you feel was effective as well as suggestions for future improvements.

- ◊ N/A

6. Other Comments.

- ◊ N/A

Student Responses (continued)

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Instructors Name: KMA Solaiman

1. **What was the best part of the course and why?**
 - ◊ The Humor
2. **What changes would you recommend in the course and why?**
 - ◊ I would recommend that the topics were covered with more examples and taken a bit longer to properly digest. It feels like we were constantly bouncing through theories without much room to grasp what we were doing.
3. **What classroom approaches or actions make this instructor an effective teacher?**
 - ◊ Slowing down a bit and giving more homework or going over homework
4. **Were there any classroom approaches or actions that hinder this instructor from being an effective teacher? If so, what?**
 - ◊ There were times where we went over examples for extended period of time so more of that would be good.
5. **If this course had an online component, please provide feedback to the instructor about what you feel was effective as well as suggestions for future improvements.**
 - ◊ I do not think this course works well at all online
6. **Other Comments.**
 - ◊ Not as bad as reviews say

Student Responses (continued)

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Instructors Name: KMA Solaiman

1. What was the best part of the course and why?

- ◊ The instructor was clearly enthusiastic about the material which made lectures engaging.

2. What changes would you recommend in the course and why?

- ◊ Some of the homeworks could have been a bit more clear on what to actually do and I think they varied in difficulty a bit too much at times.

3. What classroom approaches or actions make this instructor an effective teacher?

- ◊ Proposing questions and having us answer them often was a good way to check for understanding and for keeping engaged.

4. Were there any classroom approaches or actions that hinder this instructor from being an effective teacher? If so, what?

- ◊ Explanations on certain topics were a bit vague/unclear at times.

5. If this course had an online component, please provide feedback to the instructor about what you feel was effective as well as suggestions for future improvements.

- ◊ Campuswire was fine enough for seeing announcements and asking questions to the instructor/TA.

6. Other Comments.

- ◊ [No Response]