



**Graduate Course Evaluation for Julian McAuley
Department of Computer Science and Engineering**

CSE 291 - Top/Computer Sci & Engineering
Section ID 915265
Section Number B00
Fall 2017

**Number of Evaluations Submitted: 17
Number of Students Enrolled: 32**

1. The Instructor displayed proficient command of the material.

14 (82.4%): Strongly Agree
3 (17.6%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

2. The Instructor was well-prepared for class.

14 (82.4%): Strongly Agree
3 (17.6%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

3. The Instructor's voice was clear and audible.

13 (76.5%): Strongly Agree
4 (23.5%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

4. The Instructor was accessible to students outside of class (office hours, e-mail, etc.).

14 (82.4%): Strongly Agree
3 (17.6%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

5. The Instructor was approachable, courteous and showed interest and concern for students' learning and understanding.

14 (82.4%): Strongly Agree
3 (17.6%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

6. The Instructor presented material in an intellectually stimulating way that gave students deeper insight into the material.

12 (70.6%): Strongly Agree
5 (29.4%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

7. The Instructor promoted and encouraged questions and discussion.

16 (94.1%): Strongly Agree
1 (5.9%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

8. The Instructor organized class activities in a way that promoted learning.

15 (88.2%): Strongly Agree
2 (11.8%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

9. The Instructor provided feedback (written/oral) in a way that promoted learning.

14 (82.4%): Strongly Agree
3 (17.6%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

10. The Instructor is actively helpful when students have difficulty with course material.

13 (76.5%): Strongly Agree
1 (5.9%): Agree
2 (11.8%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1 (5.9%): Not Applicable

11. The Instructor interacted well with students and treated them with respect and courtesy.

16 (94.1%): Strongly Agree
1 (5.9%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

12. The Instructor was clear about course expectations.

12 (70.6%): Strongly Agree
5 (29.4%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

13. The Instructor was clear about standards for evaluation.

10 (58.8%): Strongly Agree
5 (29.4%): Agree
2 (11.8%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

14. I would recommend this instructor overall.

12 (70.6%):	Strongly Agree
5 (29.4%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree

15. What is your overall rating of the Instructor?

14 (82.4%):	Excellent
3 (17.6%):	Above Average
0 (0.0%):	Average
0 (0.0%):	Below Average
0 (0.0%):	Poor

16. General comments about the Instructor's performance

Please keep your comments constructive and professional, abiding by the Principles of Community

- Clearer guidance about the project might help bring out more innovative project ideas
- Julian is one of the best professors I've seen at UCSD in terms of knowledge, conduct of classes and helpfulness. I would recommend every undergrad/grad student to take at least one of his classes. :)

17. The course material was intellectually stimulating.

16 (94.1%):	Strongly Agree
1 (5.9%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

18. The materials for the course (textbooks, handouts, etc.) were useful and well organized.

15 (88.2%):	Strongly Agree
2 (11.8%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

19. Grading was constructive and assisted learning.

10 (58.8%): Strongly Agree
2 (11.8%): Agree
3 (17.6%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
2 (11.8%): Not Applicable

20. What is your reason for taking this class?

3 (17.6%): Core Course Requirement
1 (5.9%): Subject Area Requirement
3 (17.6%): Elective
10 (58.8%): Interest

21. What were the particular strengths of this course?

- can learn a lot of things in this field.
- Good papers to read.
- Got to know a lot about current research in recommender systems area.
- Number of papers covered
- Reading and reviewing research papers

22. What suggestions do you have for making this course more effective?

- I would reduce the number of papers covered per class, along with restricting the number of students in class to 20, similar to other research classes in CSE 291. This way, we can have more in-depth discussions of papers and not rush through time covering 5-6 papers per class.
- Less students next time, maybe?
- Maybe also include some guest lectures once in a while. Sometimes the students presenting a paper became more like an exercise. Would love to see some of the authors who wrote these papers come up and tell us about what were there motivations and how they came up with these ideas.
- The TA could be more involved in guiding student projects.

23. I would recommend this course overall.

11 (64.7%): Strongly Agree
6 (35.3%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

24. What is your overall rating of this course?

14 (82.4%): Excellent
3 (17.6%): Above Average
0 (0.0%): Average
0 (0.0%): Below Average
0 (0.0%): Poor

25. What are the most important concepts that you learned in this class that you expect will be useful in the long term?

- Distinguishing between well-written and average papers
- Factorization machines, recommender systems

26. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

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[No Responses]

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