Instructor

The professor explains things well and my favorite thing about her is that she stays on topic. Other professors love to go on tangents.

Knows the material and uses good analogies. Somehow makes the course a little more interesting than the material actually is.

Interesting, speaks clearly. Knows the material well.

Too bad it was a summer course, didn't have enough time to see how you would have taught in a normal quarter.

Her method of forcing participation is a drag at first, but it does keep you on your toes and paying attention throughout lecture, which I do appreciate. I'm sure some other students might not recognize that it's better for us to be engaging in the course material during lectures than to be trying to learn all of the content on our own via the slides, but I think it's good that Professor Taylor has us constantly answering/asking questions. Overall, I'd recommend Professor Taylor to other CSE majors since her presentation of the material is relatively straightforward, logical, and clear, which is actually pretty difficult to find sometimes in the CSE department's courses. Her hair takes some getting used to but I think it's pretty cool now haha

Very good teacher. Relies on class participation a bit too much.

Great professor. Cared a lot about the subject

Easy to understand, in class questions to students help to keep people thinking.

She is a very good instructor, explains the material well and is creative about encouraging class participation. The interactive teaching style is effective, because it holds students attention and encourages thinking and understanding material during the lecture. Also the notes are posted before class, this really helps with note taking and studying. Homework assignments are given out as soon as the next one is due, allowing students to start as soon as possible. She walks around while lecturing and is passionate about the topic, and gives funny and interesting examples, so this also makes the lecture more interesting and helps to boost focus and comprehension.

She is a very organized and enthusiastic teacher. I was very happy to have a teacher who cared about her students as well as the material so much. This was a great class! The programming assignments were a bit of a challenge because of the time restraints, but I was able to learn so much from this class. Thank you.

Very dedicated, enthusiastic.

Course

The course changed the way I look at computers. Finally learned what a kernel is.

No opinion.

Interesting course, I enjoyed the challenge.

Stimulating

It is a very interesting course. I really enjoy the material, and it is useful for understanding the way computer systems operate.
This is the second time I took this class. Compared to the last time (we used Nachos OS written in Java) I liked the programming assignments using Umix in C. The assignments required students to take some steps before getting started on programming. It really helped us to understand the code that we needed to modify for the assignment. I highly recommend this approach for teaching students.

Exams
Fair. Programming assignments are challenging (but not impossible)

Daily quizzes not very fun, but does force you to retain lecture information.

Daily quizzes are ok but the book was a waste of money.

Fair

Daily quizzes are helpful. Participation/quizzes are only 5% of the grade, so it is less stressful, but also good encouragement to study every day. The Exams are reasonable, and reflect the course material.

Reading
Honestly I probably did not need to buy the book...

Not a very interesting book, would rather just listen to lecture.

Way too much money for how helpful it was.

Ok

Haven't really studied the book much, the lecture notes are more useful. I learned this from other students who had taken the course, and it's true, especially during the fast paced summer session.

TA
No comment.

Very good.

Good

TA is helpful and friendly. Discussion notes are also very helpful.

Vineet: I don't think he is very on top of his job. He does not show up on time for his office hour. I don't think he is helpful.