DR CHRISTIAN URBAN

Compilers and Formal Languages (6CCS3CFL 2020/1 SEM1 000001) (6CCS3CFL-2020/1-SEM1-000001)
No. of responses = 24

Survey Results

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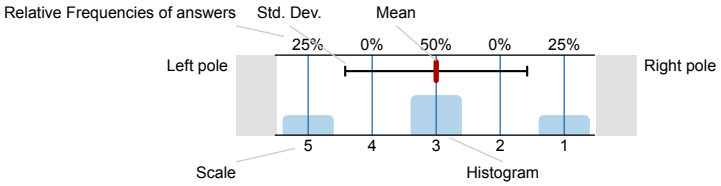

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1. CHRISTIAN URBAN - Lecturer Questions

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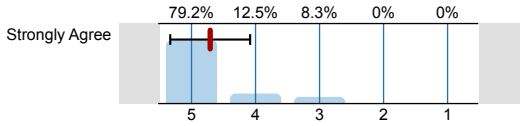

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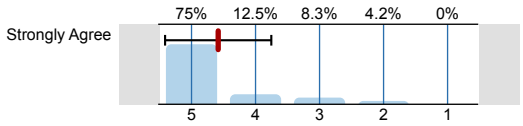

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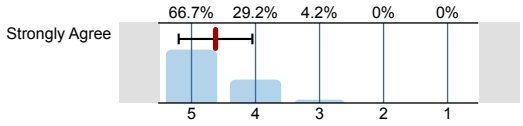
1.3) The lecturer has been well prepared for their classes



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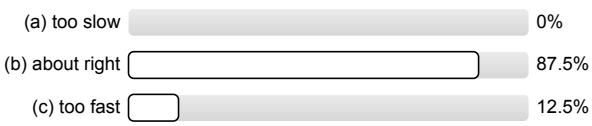
1.4) The pace of the lectures/seminars was



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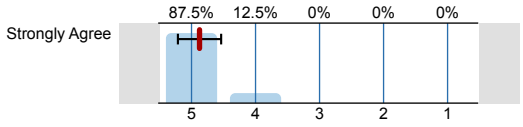
2. Compilers and Formal Languages (CORE) - Module Questions

2.1) This module was intellectually stimulating



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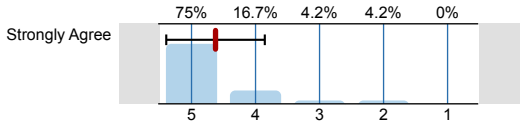
2.2) This module has provided me with opportunities to explore ideas or concepts in depth



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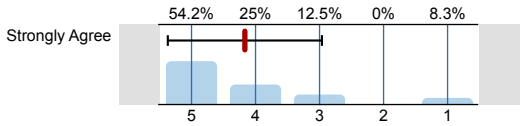
2.3) The criteria used in marking for this module have been made clear in advance



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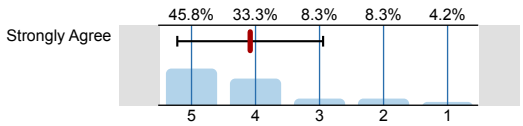
2.4) Feedback on my work for this module so far has been received within the published timeframe



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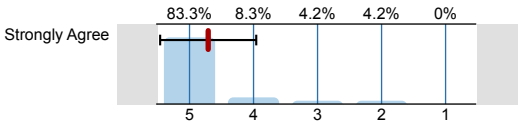
2.5) I have received helpful and informative feedback on my work within this module so far



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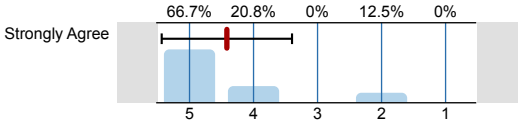
2.6) This module has been well organised



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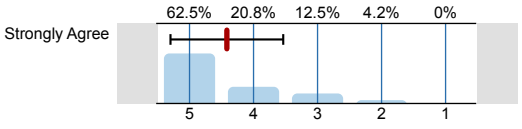
2.7) Learning materials (e.g. handbooks, study guides, teaching materials and online content) for this module have effectively supported my learning



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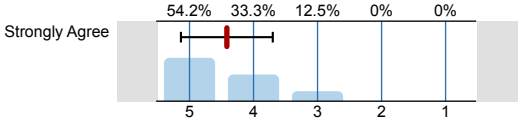
2.8) I have received good study advice and support when I have needed it



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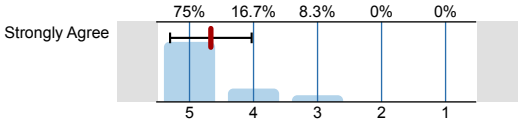
2.9) I have felt included in this module through having been encouraged to ask questions and participate in discussions



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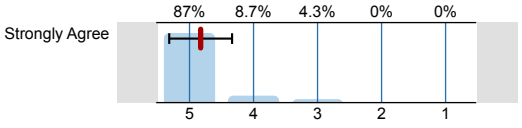
2.10) Staff value students' views and opinions about this module



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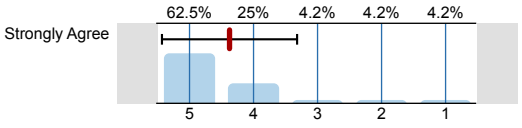
2.11) This module has helped me develop knowledge and skills which will be of use to me in the future



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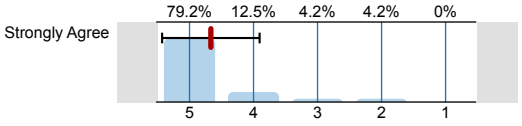
2.12) Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of this module



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Profile

Subunit: Informatics
Responsible for modules: DR CHRISTIAN URBAN
Name of the course: (Name of the survey) Compilers and Formal Languages (6CCS3CFL 2020/1 SEM1 000001)

Values used in the profile line: Mean

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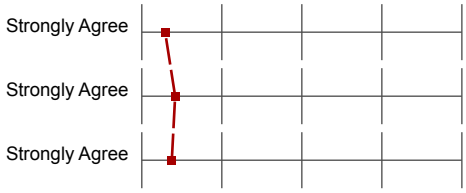

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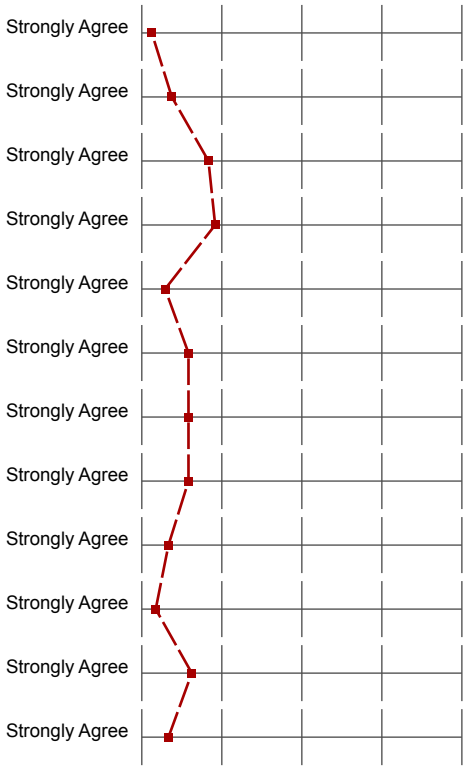

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Comments Report

2. Compilers and Formal Languages (CORE) - Module Questions

2.13) What has been the most positive aspect of this module for you, and if you could recommend one improvement to the Module Organiser what would it be?

- Coming from a background of solely object orientated programming, the sudden jump to functional code written in Scala was jarring. However, Dr Urban did a great job of explaining the code line-by-line in the lectures and was always available to answer questions in the tutorial sessions. One thing I would recommend is to have example code available on Keats that is written in other languages too, as this would greatly help students such as myself with the coursework.

  Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed this module. In particular the courseworks which allowed me to put into practice the theory I had learned through the lectures.

- I really enjoyed the fact that the lecturer did not use a script for the lectures. Well maybe he did, I don't know. But the point is that the explanations felt very natural and live, instead of being pre-written and just read when recording. It felt like teaching instead of just reading. Very interesting content too. Maybe the coursework feedback could come back quicker, it would be nice to have the feedback for previous coursework before beginning next.

- I think professor Christian is very responsible. Whenever I encounter a problem, he always tries his best to help me answer it. Since the beginning of class, he always cares about students' learning and provides relevant help. I am very grateful that I can accept his guidance

- I thought there was a big disconnect between the classes and the coursework. I was able to understand the lectures but when it came to the CW, I found the requirements quite vague and wasn't able to translate what I had learned in class into actual practice.
  The most positive aspect has been Dr. Urban's very clear enthusiasm in the subject. He obviously takes great pleasure in teaching and in the subject matter and it comes across in his lectures. In addition, his lectures are full of information and most of the time I thought it was very well explained.

- I've really enjoyed all of the topics, and being able to interact with the lecturer directly during sessions & recieve personalised feedback has improved by learning experience and encouraged me to engage more with the content.

  My only suggestion for feedback might be that we aren't always certain when we will recieve our marking for a given homework or coursework.
  It does seems like a lot of work for one person to do, and it is greatly appreciated! - perhaps for the optional items such as homework you could delegate some of the marking to TAs.

- I've really enjoyed the module so far. There is a lot covered and I find it quite challenging but Dr Urban makes it fun. I do think the workload is a bit much for both the students and the professor. Perhaps we could go without a midterm exam and have coursework weigh more heavily. I also think that while the homeworks are described as "optional," they are not entirely optional because they have an impact on the participation grade. Perhaps more clarity around this would be helpful but overall I feel like I'm learning a lot.

- Likely the best module this semester overall. On occasion, feedback took some time, however, this is not usually an issue.

- The coursework was delivered in manageable chunks and didn't expect too much at once. Improvement could be made in module organisation, providing all materials ready at the beginning of the week (or even before) with clear objectives laid out. I would also have appreciated the homework answers to be released (perhaps weeks 1-5 after reading week and the rest in December) as it was hard to gauge progress and correct answers.

- The most positive aspect of CFL for me was definitely the lecturer, Christian Urban. Christian is brilliant at making the subject engaging, and even though I often feel like I struggle and get left behind by the pace of lectures, Christian's teaching was the perfect pace. He explained all the concepts brilliantly, and took the time to even explain things that might appear simple but some students might struggle to understand such a concept. I would say an improvement would be to increase the rate that feedback is given out for things like homeworks and courseworks, however I do understand that it is a large undertaking for Christian to reply to all of the submissions in a relatively short time frame.

- The most positive aspect of this module is having Dr. Urban as the module lead. Always open to providing his support and feedback throughout the course, he has been my favorite lecturer thus far in my degree.

- This module has the perfect balance of theory and practice. The marking system for the coursework could be made clearer but that is only a minor issue.