ComS/HCI 575X: Computational Perception (Spring 2006)
Prof. Alexander Stoytchev

Student comments

1. All of the demos were great
   wide variety of topics + speakers
   good self-directed project good humor in class very good

2. [no comments]

3. [no comments]

4. Overall, I am very satisfied with this class. Alex is a great professor who is knowledgeable and knows how to convey that knowledge to the students. I certainly plan to continue taking Alex's classes in this field.

5. [no comments]

6. This was really a good course and it provided me with new ideas which I can apply in my research.

7. I liked the course, but wish it didn't often go past the already-late ending time of 5:30.

8. The class was great! The only suggestion that I have for improvement is to better integrate the classroom technology. Many of the classes started late and ran over time due to messing with the classroom technology.

9. I took this class simply to fulfill a requirement, and ended up really enjoying it. My only complaint is that class was late in the day and often went over time, so I was always getting out late.

10. Alex did a great job of teaching this class. I learned a lot through him and he was easy to understand. Being able to do homework & a project is so much better than tests. I have something to put on my resume.

11. I really liked the nice mixture of theoretical and practical used in this course.

12. This was a really fun class. Alex is an engaging speaker who kept me interested even during the intense math portions. I loved the demos with people "robots" like the HMM one & the location one as well.

13. Great, well taught course. Lectures were fun & informative, the homework was educational & enjoyable, though I found myself starting it the day before it was due. I don't know how that could be fixed though. Offer this course again & give Alex more money!

14. Except openCV and Matlab reference code, nothing left in my mind.

15. One recommendation would be to provide more incentive to actually read the assigned readings. Be creative but more forceful.

16. Class demos were great. Homeworks were challenging but very interesting and made you learn the class material.
Thanks.

17. The efforts made was really appreciated. Really really great job. The classes were enjoyable. Lacked depth, in some topics. Deadlines should be more strict.

18. I was pleasantly surprised by the course. I took it on a whim at the recommendation at individuals in my research group who had taken 610. Overall, Alex has been one of the most interesting instructors I have had in 6 years. Easily one of my top courses.
Thanks.

19. Dr. Stoytchev is a very handsomely brilliant Professor with a superior understanding of next generation computer technology and robotics. If you are serious about learning computer perception & robotics from a guru, Iowa State has finally found their Holy grail.

20. If possible, it might be even better to have something like a lab session to practice some of the ideas we learned in class. It's really a good and practical course.

21. Alex was a great instructor. I was very afraid to take the class. But, Alex was very patient and explained the assignments very well. I would recommend this class to other HCI/ComS Students. Great Job. Please continue to employ more instructors of this caliber.

22. The pacing seemed slow during the simpler topics at the beginning of the course and much faster during the more complex topics later on. I would have liked more time and detail on the later topics, but I understand we had a lot to cover. Overall, I really enjoyed this course. Thanks!

23. I feel some materials taught in class are not in depth enough. Sometimes the teaching is too slow for me.

24. - "Alex and the amazing tennis balls" will forever stand out in my mind as an <u>EXCELLENT</u> demonstration of knowledge transfer at its best.
- Unassuming Alex presented wonderful lectures, such that even I was able to readily grasp underlying theory present in the course.
<u>Thank You!</u>

25. The reason I did not comment on the grading is because we haven't really gotten any feedback on grades yet. Though extremely tough and involved, I enjoyed this class very much. Alex took a very challenging subject and made it enjoyable.

26. I enjoyed the course very much and was very interested and fascinated by much of the material. There are a lot of readings! I have downloaded a fair portion of them but have not read all of them in detail. I need to build up some background skills from the tutorials.
I am retiring but hope to continues interaction with HCI and to contribute ideas, assist in planning possible proposals, etc as an informed outsider. I hope to have future access to HCI materials & readings. I will not share them with other outside persons. GREAT JOB from one who has "been there"!

27. Class was interesting, stimulating, challenging, very enjoyable.

28. The class was great. I especially liked the in class demos and homework assignments. They were challenging, but with the Wiki and tutorials, they taught me a lot. I think I learned the most from the homework assignments. The project was also great. I likes being encouraged to aim high, and have the option of turning in something that was only a beginning, as opposed to a competed project. Overall, I'd strongly recommend this course.

29. I enjoyed the class very much. The subjects were all interesting & well taught.

30. Alex,

Great job! Thanks for all the work you put into being a good professor. I wish so many others would take your example.

I would like to see you teaching a class where the goal is to complete a very large project as a class. Most 'lectures' would actually consist of hands-on learning, and time could be spent to teach topics more formally if needed.

Thanks!