

Virginia Tech
Spring 2026 VT Student Perceptions of Teaching (SPOT)

Course: CS_3704_21936_202601: Intermediate Software Design and Engineering-CS_3704_21936_202601
Instructor: Minhyuk Ko *
Response Rate: 35/94 (37.23 %)

1 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

1A - The instructor was well prepared.

Minhyuk Ko

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means								
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.56	5.33	5.23						
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%										
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%										
Somewhat agree	(4)	2	5.88%										
Agree	(5)	11	32.35%										
Strongly agree	(6)	21	61.76%										
					0	25	50	100	Question	College	Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median		
34/94 (36.17%)	5.56	0.61	6.00	24779	5.33	0.97	6.00	3394	5.23	1.02	5.00		

1 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

1B - The instructor presented the subject matter clearly.

Minhyuk Ko

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means								
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.50	5.17	5.10						
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%										
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%										
Somewhat agree	(4)	3	8.82%										
Agree	(5)	11	32.35%										
Strongly agree	(6)	20	58.82%										
					0	25	50	100	Question	College	Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median		
34/94 (36.17%)	5.50	0.66	6.00	24533	5.17	1.10	5.00	3356	5.10	1.10	5.00		

1 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

1C - The instructor provided feedback intended to improve my course performance.

Minhyuk Ko

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means								
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.47	5.12	5.05						
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%										
Somewhat disagree	(3)	1	2.94%										
Somewhat agree	(4)	2	5.88%										
Agree	(5)	11	32.35%										
Strongly agree	(6)	20	58.82%										
					0	25	50	100	Question	College	Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median		
34/94 (36.17%)	5.47	0.75	6.00	24512	5.12	1.14	5.00	3359	5.05	1.14	5.00		

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1 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:												
1D - The instructor fostered an atmosphere of mutual respect.												
Minhyuk Ko												
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means							
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.56	5.40	5.36					
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%									
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%									
Somewhat agree	(4)	3	8.82%									
Agree	(5)	9	26.47%									
Strongly agree	(6)	22	64.71%									
				0	25	50	100	Question	College	Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
34/94 (36.17%)	5.56	0.66	6.00	24504	5.40	0.94	6.00	3348	5.36	0.91	6.00	

1 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:												
1E - Overall, the instructor's teaching was effective.												
Minhyuk Ko												
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means							
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.26	5.16	5.04					
Disagree	(2)	1	2.94%									
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%									
Somewhat agree	(4)	5	14.71%									
Agree	(5)	11	32.35%									
Strongly agree	(6)	17	50.00%									
				0	25	50	100	Question	College	Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
34/94 (36.17%)	5.26	0.93	5.50	24354	5.16	1.13	5.00	3335	5.04	1.16	5.00	

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2 - 2A - What did the instructor do that most helped in your learning?

Minhyuk Ko

Response Rate 23/94 (24.47%)

- He gave funny helpful examples which helped me enhance my understanding and learning during the duration of the course.
- Embraced technology.
- Provide very detailed notes that I can view online at any time
- Very friendly and accessible
- He created a lot of interactive activities for the students during his lectures
- He gave a lot of real world examples and had us think on them with our in class assignments
- I liked the professors syllabus and the way he taught the class.
- The professor helped me about how to deploy a web application .
- Posted slides for us to follow along
- The assignments given had great detail to the point where I didn't need to contact him for more details.
- He provided interactive class activities to help understanding of the current lesson.
- he was good at giving feedback.
- Made class fun and learned a lot
- Announcements and reminders that gave more context on what needs to be done.
- explain some
- Using real world examples and demonstrations in class like with AI coding
- Was fun and engaging with his lessons and had a good sense of humor.
- I think that the homeworks were probably the pieces I learned the most from, in terms of the concepts the class focused on.
- in-class activities and project milestone. Leaving lecture slides open for at home reviewing helped.
- Gave meaningful feedback on assignments and ensured that students were prepared to succeed in the course.
- The instructor is very gentle and help me a lot in learning. He taught me the expert software engineering steps.
- Explained concepts well so that everyone could understand.
- Daily exercises.

3 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

3A - I have a deeper understanding of the subject matter as a result of this course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means							
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.41	5.23	5.10					
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%									
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%									
Somewhat agree	(4)	2	6.25%									
Agree	(5)	15	46.88%									
Strongly agree	(6)	15	46.88%									
					0	25	50	100	Question	College	Department	
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
32/94 (34.04%)	5.41	0.61	5.00	22355	5.23	0.99	5.00	3314	5.10	1.04	5.00	

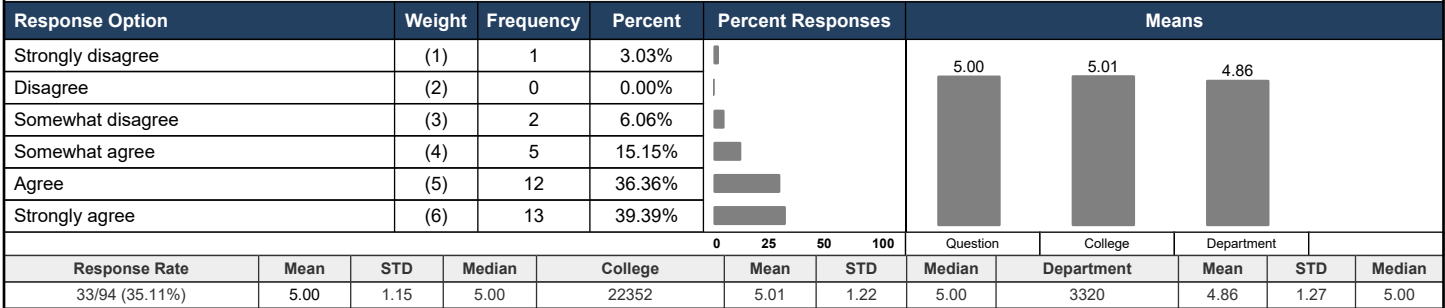
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3 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

3B - My interest in the subject matter was stimulated by this course.



4 - 4A - What could you have done to be a better learner?

Response Rate 20/94 (21.28%)

- NA
- Attended class more and spent more time on the project milestones
- Asked more questions
- Been more present/active in class.
- I could have tried to pay better attention
- I just finished all the tutorials and assignments on time.
- I could've paid more attention
- I could've opted in for attendance and went to class.
- I could have put more effort into the group project.
- I could have paid more attention in class.
- Gone over the presentations outside of class more
- I opted out of attendance and sometimes didn't read the presentations, could have done that.
- take notes
- Spent more time with my group and contributing to the group project
- Attended more lectures
- I could have explored the topics in class more on my own and chosen a more ambitious project that was in-line with those topics.
- pushing my teammates to do more than 1 scum meeting per week and not near the end of an assignment deadline.
- I could have studied more and reviewed the lecture slides independently.
- I could learn more and practice more.
- Ask more questions

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5 - 5A - Please add any additional comments regarding the course and/or instructor here:

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Response Rate 18/94 (19.15%)

- great professor. Give him tenure immediately.
- Very passionate about what he teaches and I value that a lot.
- My team used AI to write most of our code, so I feel like I didn't get as much out of the course as I expected in terms of actually learning to code. But I did learn a lot about general software engineering practices and concepts.
- He is a super kind professor and always was very prepared for class as well as graded assignments and gave feedback very quickly
- He's a very sweet instructor, my only critique is that he stutters a lot in his lectures, making them a bit hard to follow, but its obvious he's passionate and is a joy to learn from.
- it's kinda hard to understand his teaching
- N/A
- I think this is a tough subject to keep student engagement for. Students were not as engaged as they could have been in class, but I don't think that was to much, if any fault of our professor. Perhaps a series of smaller projects featuring different SE design process or steps of the overall process would have made students be more engaged in the class.
- wonderful teacher
- Was a great class and fun professor! Thank you!
- Great, humorous and kept things fair and interesting.
- good
- Very friendly and a great instructor.
- Professor Ko is very dedicated to the learning of his students and obviously has a lot of enthusiasm for the subject. I think that the exams are structured very well, and they application of learning foremost, which I think is a deeply important and often undervalued portion of exams, which tend to usually rely on a heavy dose of rote facts. When I was in class, it was great to do the Wordle and to hear his little personal anecdotes. However, I think the pace of the lectures for the amount of content in them could be at times overwhelming, particularly when I was trying to take notes on my own. Overall, it was a great elective, and I think I will take a lot of lessons from it going forward in software engineering.
- The daily wordle helped ease the vibes of the class. It was a good addition. the Opt-in and opt-out grade distributions felt fair and reasonable.
- The instructor is very kind and understanding of students. The class itself has a good structure with many options.
- The instructor is very good.
- Great teacher and very enthusiastic.

6 - 6A - How would you rate the physical environment in which you took this class based upon your ability to see, hear, concentrate, and participate?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Very Bad	(1)	0	0.00%		5.45	5.27	5.18				
Bad	(2)	0	0.00%								
Poor	(3)	0	0.00%								
Fair	(4)	2	6.45%								
Good	(5)	13	41.94%								
Very Good	(6)	16	51.61%								
					Question	College	Department				
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
31/94 (32.98%)	5.45	0.62	6.00	21874	5.27	0.88	5.00	3253	5.18	0.92	5.00

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7 - 7A - Please add any comments about the physical environment here:

Response Rate 12/94 (12.77%)

- Add more student parking for the love of god it costs so much and yet there is so little. How do we have like 4 new buildings and no new parking spots? I am graduating and if somehow this is read with anyone of any type of authority please for the love of god do not let this fall on deaf ears. For the next generation of Hokies.
- couldn't take bus there
- It was good, sadly empty a lot of the time so class discussions were a bit more awkward
- nothing
- N/A
- N/A
- A good environment everyone was helpful
- good
- It was nothing remarkable, but I felt it served the purpose of the class well.
- While it was not complicated nor difficult to pair up with people during in-class activities that involved collaboration, a room environment with designated table groupings (that is, seats naturally formed groups, preferably with 3 or more seats facing each other) could have encouraged more collaboration. The limiting factor of the room having pairs of seats, both facing the front of the room, encouraged the collaboration circle to only include two people.
- The classroom was big and easy to see the slides, test environment was also very well prepared.
- The classroom is large enough.

8 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

I improved my ability to problem solve.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means								
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.21	5.18	5.03						
Disagree	(2)	1	2.94%										
Somewhat disagree	(3)	2	5.88%										
Somewhat agree	(4)	2	5.88%										
Agree	(5)	13	38.24%										
Strongly agree	(6)	16	47.06%										
					0	25	50	100	Question	College	Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median		
34/94 (36.17%)	5.21	1.01	5.00	22340	5.18	0.97	5.00	3303	5.03	1.05	5.00		

8 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

The textbook or course readings made a valuable contribution to my learning.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means								
Strongly disagree	(1)	1	3.03%		4.97	4.73	4.78						
Disagree	(2)	1	3.03%										
Somewhat disagree	(3)	1	3.03%										
Somewhat agree	(4)	6	18.18%										
Agree	(5)	10	30.30%										
Strongly agree	(6)	14	42.42%										
					0	25	50	100	Question	College	Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median		
33/94 (35.11%)	4.97	1.24	5.00	22234	4.73	1.36	5.00	3302	4.78	1.32	5.00		

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8 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

The objectives of the course were clearly explained.

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Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.48	5.20	5.12				
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat disagree	(3)	1	3.03%								
Somewhat agree	(4)	1	3.03%								
Agree	(5)	12	36.36%								
Strongly agree	(6)	19	57.58%								
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
33/94 (35.11%)	5.48	0.71	6.00	22330	5.20	1.01	5.00	3302	5.12	1.03	5.00

8 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

The out-of-class assignments were educationally valuable.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Strongly disagree	(1)	1	3.03%		5.24	5.15	5.09				
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat disagree	(3)	1	3.03%								
Somewhat agree	(4)	3	9.09%								
Agree	(5)	11	33.33%								
Strongly agree	(6)	17	51.52%								
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
33/94 (35.11%)	5.24	1.09	6.00	22123	5.15	1.08	5.00	3278	5.09	1.08	5.00

9 - The instructor related theories and concepts to practical issues.

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Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.53	5.33	5.21				
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat agree	(4)	3	8.82%								
Agree	(5)	10	29.41%								
Strongly agree	(6)	21	61.76%								
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
34/94 (36.17%)	5.53	0.66	6.00	24067	5.33	0.94	6.00	3276	5.21	0.97	5.00

10 - I learned to apply principles from this course to new situations.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.29	5.10	5.10				
Disagree	(2)	1	2.94%								
Somewhat disagree	(3)	1	2.94%								
Somewhat agree	(4)	2	5.88%								
Agree	(5)	13	38.24%								
Strongly agree	(6)	17	50.00%								
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
34/94 (36.17%)	5.29	0.94	5.50	3313	5.10	1.02	5.00	3313	5.10	1.02	5.00