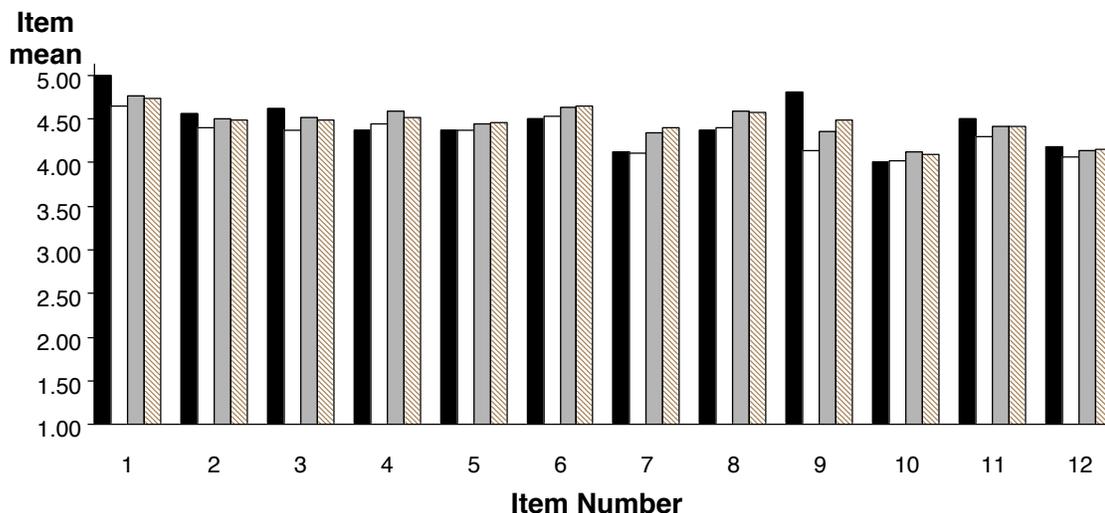
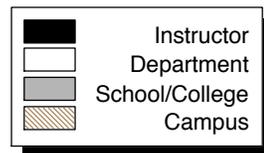


**University of Massachusetts Amherst Student Response to Instruction (SRTI)
Individual Section Report: Mean Comparisons (Within Class Size)**

Semester: FALL 2010 Instructor: FU, KEVIN
Course: CMPSCI 466 Section #: 01 Class #: 77686
Forms returned: 16
Total enrollment: 19
Response rate: 84%

				**COMPARISON GROUP: Undergraduate sections with fewer than 25 enrolled					
		Instructor		Dept: CMPSCI # Sections: 67 Resp. rate: 78%		College: CNS # Sections: 675 Resp. rate: 83%		Campus # Sections: 3,414 Resp. rate: 84%	
Item #	SRTI Item	Mean	St. Dev.	Mean	St. Dev.	Mean	St. Dev.	Mean	St. Dev.
1	The instructor was well prepared for class. (5=Almost always, 1=Almost never)	5.0	0.00	4.6	0.36	4.8	0.26	4.7	0.32
2	The instructor explained course material clearly. (5=Almost always, 1=Almost never)	4.6	0.51	4.4	0.43	4.5	0.44	4.5	0.45
3	The instructor cleared up points of confusion. (5=Almost always, 1=Almost never)	4.6	0.62	4.4	0.46	4.5	0.43	4.5	0.45
4	The instructor used class time well. (5=Almost always, 1=Almost never)	4.4	0.81	4.4	0.42	4.6	0.38	4.5	0.43
5	The instructor inspired interest in the subject matter. (5=Almost always, 1=Almost never)	4.4	0.72	4.4	0.55	4.4	0.48	4.5	0.46
6	The instructor showed an interest in helping students learn. (5=Almost always, 1=Almost never)	4.5	0.63	4.5	0.43	4.6	0.38	4.6	0.37
7	I received useful feedback on my performance. (5=Almost always, 1=Almost never)	4.1	1.02	4.1	0.66	4.3	0.51	4.4	0.51
8	The methods of evaluating my work were fair. (5=Almost always, 1=Almost never)	4.4	0.89	4.4	0.45	4.6	0.40	4.6	0.40
9	The instructor stimulated student participation. (5=Almost always, 1=Almost never)	4.8	0.40	4.1	0.67	4.4	0.51	4.5	0.47
10	Overall, how much do you feel you learned in this course? (5=Much more than most, 1=Much less than most)	4.0	0.97	4.0	0.54	4.1	0.50	4.1	0.53
11	Overall rating of this instructor's teaching. (5=Almost always effective, 1=Almost never effective)	4.5	0.52	4.3	0.55	4.4	0.48	4.4	0.49
12	Overall rating of this course. (5=One of the best, 1=One of the worst)	4.2	0.75	4.1	0.58	4.1	0.56	4.2	0.55



***Reported only for 10 or more sections. Comparison group means are calculated using combined data for academic years 2007-09. Undergraduate sections are used as the comparison group for 500-level courses. Dept = all courses from the same department; College = courses from all other departments in the school/college; Campus = all UMass courses.*

Faculty Course Evaluation Comments (SRTI)

Fall 2010

PI

Kevin Fu

CMPSCI 466
Applied Cryptography

Lect 01

77686

Enrollment (after Add/Drop)	25
SRTI Enrollment (after W Drop)	21

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What do you like most about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it?

What about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it needs change or improvement?

The problem sets were very hard. Some questions were way too hard. The programming was difficult, especially because some thing didn't work at all.

What suggestions can you offer that would have made this course a better learning experience for you?

Easier but more frequent home work.

Any additional comments?

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What do you like most about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it?

Making People Participate

What about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it needs change or improvement?

Some Confusions with hw/ Projects.

What suggestions can you offer that would have made this course a better learning experience for you?

be ready for the time commitment.

Any additional comments?

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What do you like most about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it?

The content was extremely interesting and Professor Fu is an incredible teacher. Andrea was helpful and responsive.

What about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it needs change or improvement?

The MSP430 simulator could use some work

What suggestions can you offer that would have made this course a better learning experience for you?

None

Any additional comments?

It would have been nice if the homework assignments assisted with our group project as it did for those doing the MSP430 (we did the clock)

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What do you like most about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it?

Live demos, real world applications, interesting subject matter

What about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it needs change or improvement?

I feel that the coursework was overly ambitious, and was not a very reasonable amount of work given time constraints / coursework in other classes.

What suggestions can you offer that would have made this course a better learning experience for you?

Any additional comments?

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What about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it needs change or improvement?

What suggestions can you offer that would have made this course a better learning experience for you?

The exams were very difficult & long, and we never seemed to have enough time to finish. Homework assignments were also too long & I don't know about other students but it took countless hours to complete.

Any additional comments?

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What do you like most about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it?

The course is super interesting.

What about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it needs change or improvement?

Instructor should explain the assignments and homeworks before assigning

What suggestions can you offer that would have made this course a better learning experience for you?

Spend more time on important topics.

Any additional comments?

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What do you like most about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it?

Number Theory is great, but I particularly enjoy seeing its application in the real world.

Also, I enjoy the fact that the homework is due before lecture.

What about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it needs change or improvement?

Nothing. Kevin is one of the department's finest professors. Whatever he is doing, he is doing it right.

What suggestions can you offer that would have made this course a better learning experience for you?

Don't make it at 9:05 a.m. Some of the material is too advanced to think about that early.

Any additional comments?

This class exceeds my expectations. Well done.

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What do you like most about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it?

Professor Fu truly inspires interest in an otherwise dull topic

What about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it needs change or improvement?

This course either needs a smaller project or smaller final. This course has significantly more work than some 4 credit courses and all the 3 credit courses I have taken.

What suggestions can you offer that would have made this course a better learning experience for you?

Any additional comments?

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What do you like most about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it?

The instructor clearly cares about, and has a deep interest in the subject.

What about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it needs change or improvement?

I would prefer to see a greater level of mathematical rigor and depth in the explanation of some of the cryptosystems studied.

What suggestions can you offer that would have made this course a better learning experience for you?

The textbook chosen is one of the worst I've seen for cryptography.

Any additional comments?

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What do you like most about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it?

Enthusiasm, & readiness to help.

The class was challenging, but very inspiring, thanks to professor.

What about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it needs change or improvement?

What suggestions can you offer that would have made this course a better learning experience for you?

The only thing I can note, is that it would be easier if the book was written in a more simple language and was a little less theoretically inclined.

Any additional comments?

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What do you like most about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it?

Really tried to incite participation. Always available, and open to questions after class.

What about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it needs change or improvement?

Overly pedantic. Examples too detailed.
There should be no requirements for the sake of requirements
Pop quizzes are not helpful and waste classtime.
This is a senior-level class; we know what cheating is and our time shouldn't be wasted with that.

What suggestions can you offer that would have made this course a better learning experience for you?

A better textbook.

Any additional comments?

Perhaps this class should require more prerequisites.
The TA's role in this class seemed awkward.

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What do you like most about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it?

Kevin and Andres show that they really like this topic and ~~try to~~ ^{were} able to energize ~~at~~ the student with this interest.

What about this course and/or the instructor's teaching of it needs change or improvement?

I like the fact that most of the material ~~is~~ was thought on the board, but for some things reading material beside the book and papers from the teacher would help.

Some of the lectures in the middle of the semester have been pretty boring and without much class participation.
When you start with regular test about the class material this should be continued till the end of the semester.

What suggestions can you offer that would have made this course a better learning experience for you?

Any additional comments?