

# University of Michigan

## Winter 2025 Instructor Preliminary Report

### CSE 590-001: Adv Prog Lang

### Westley Weimer

9 out of 17 students responded to this evaluation.

#### Responses to University-wide questions about the course:

	SA	A	N	D	SD	N/A	Your Median
This course advanced my understanding of the subject matter.(Q1631)	7	1	0	1	0	0	4.9
My interest in the subject has increased because of this course.(Q1632)	4	4	0	0	1	0	4.4
I knew what was expected of me in this course.(Q1633)	6	2	0	0	1	0	4.8
I had a strong desire to take this course.(Q4)	5	1	2	0	1	0	4.6
As compared with other courses of equal credit, the workload for this course was (SA=Much Lighter, A=Lighter, N=Typical, D=Heavier, SD=Much Heavier). (Q891)	0	2	6	1	0	0	3.1

#### Responses to University-wide questions about the instructor:

	SA	A	N	D	SD	N/A	Your Median
Westley Weimer seemed well prepared for class meetings.(Q230)	9	0	0	0	0	0	5.0
Westley Weimer explained material clearly.(Q199)	9	0	0	0	0	0	5.0
Westley Weimer treated students with respect.(Q217)	9	0	0	0	0	0	5.0

#### Responses to questions about the course:

	SA	A	N	D	SD	N/A	Your Median
Overall, this was an excellent course. (Q1)	7	1	0	0	1	0	4.9
I felt included and valued when working with other students. (Q253)	6	2	1	0	0	0	4.8

#### Responses to questions about the instructor:

	SA	A	N	D	SD	N/A	Your Median
Overall, Westley Weimer was an excellent teacher. (Q2)	9	0	0	0	0	0	5.0

## Written Comments

#### Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)

Comments
Best I've ever had.
Excellent — one of the best courses I've taken so far in grad school here. I like the energy that the professor brings to each class. He also has the habit of clearly repeating questions asked by students, which I think is an underrated habit.
Good
Wes is the best professor at the University of Michigan. I've never met an instructor who cares so much about his students and their learning. He goes above and beyond to make sure every lecture is engaging and that his students are following along.

### What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)

Comments
Professor Weimer is well-qualified to handle any student questions (to the best of their ability), and also boosts class morale through trivia breaks.
The professor was very knowledgeable, explained topics well, and worked hard to engage students. While a lot of the readings were dense, it seemed like we touched on a lot of the seminal papers in this field. I liked that there seemed to be a consistent effort to draw connections to previous course material. I also liked the in-class activities that encouraged participation, but I also think it was fair that there was alternate activities for when we couldn't make class. I thought the homework assignments had a nice balance of theory and programming, and the peer review was helpful to see the material again a few days after completing the assignments.
More about research.
The teaching.

### What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)

Comments
Some of the readings were particularly dense & lengthy. Perhaps when a reading is particularly challenging, a few minutes at the beginning or end of class explaining the high points could be helpful.
I feel this is not to be made required for masters students especially those who would not want to involve themselves in research

### How might the class climate be made more inclusive of diverse students? (Q910)

Comments
I'm not sure. I get the sense the professor Weimer made a large effort to make the class feel inclusive for all students.
May be make this upto date.