

## Comments from CS 101-E, Fall 2004

Homework should be assigned in a more organized way. Lab quizzes are inconvenient.

Bloomfield is a pretty effective teacher for CS101E. I don't know (I can't say) anything about his teaching style for 101, but I am confident that he will make the class worthwhile. He understands that students do, in fact, have a limited attention span, and his attention to giving humorous asides between lectures keeps the class focused and attentive in general. Overall, he's a great teacher ... approachable, effective, and brilliant! I recommend students to take his class.

Prof Bloomfield is a god (sic) teacher, with a huge sense of humor. He always comes up with nice websites and demotivators before lecturing on the intricacies of Java. Job well done!

The instructor was very knowledgeable and most of all APPROACHABLE. He was always willing to help and explain fully the questions that I had. Many times he went out of his way to assist me. He explained problems simply and easily. The class was worth while, mostly because of him.

I think the homework was graded too "nit-pick"ely and did not focus so much on the important programming concepts. Instructor was good and tried to liven up a slightly dull subject matter.

I thought the textbook was worthless. I used a different Java textbook to help me. Our textbook was extremely unorganized and did not provide many straight-forward examples. // I wish the powerpoint presentations could be posted the day before they were presented in class. I learn better when I am able to (sic) take notes right beside the slide the prof is explaining. // There was an extreme amount of work. There should only be labs (but graded), not any Java homework. I did like the codelabs but wish they counted for more.

Professor Bloomfield is a very good teacher and is very approachable. Even though some of the material was dry he was able to make it interesting and keep us alert.

The turningscraft was a waste of time and money. I bought the book and luckily I got the copy w/o the turingscraft subscription so I had to pay extra to get the subscription. Not that it is the Instructors fault but the university shouldn't [unreadable] 2 diff. books for the same class.

Great course, very logically organized. Reinforced prior knowledge and clarified many confusions.

I suggest that you stress the test to place out of this class because it seems many of us may have placed out into at least 201.

Keep up the "a bit of humor..." in class. It keeps the class a bit funny

An incredibly well taught introductory course. Bland material at times spiced up with good humour; very good

Very humorous and effective; VERY accessible and helpful; kept attention and made it a great and worthwhile course.

Awesome professor

The “humor breaks” really helped.

Excellent teaching style for a new prof – I enjoyed it immensely. Very helpful! Kind both in and out of class. Micah Crowsey

It seems like I have highlighted many flaws with the teacher, but this is not the case. In CS101E most of the students will be bored most of the time. It's to make sure everyone is caught up. Prof. Bloomfield did a good job keeping focused a class who is mostly told things they already know

More creative/interesting programming homeworks

There should be more assignments that don't involve templates, and just require solving a problem.

I thought this course ROCKED. I learned a great deal, I was engaged in the material. I thought Bloomfield is an awesome professor that students could relate to and has a wonderful sense of humor! I wish him luck with all of his endeavors and hope to take a class with him soon.