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Re: Evaluation of DM534 in 2013–14:

I taught the course, DM534, Introduction to Computer Science, in the fall semester (quarters 1 and 2) of 2013 and the beginning of 2014 (quarter 3). This is a first-year course, so a course evaluation was performed, and 18 of the students filled out evaluation forms. This is not many.

One of the students wrote that he/she did not attend class much. Unfortunately, this student did not write why. It would have been nice to know, but when making out the questionnaire, I guessed that those students who did not attend class would not take the time to fill out the form, so there were no questions about that. Next year the students will be required to attend 80% of the lectures and discussion sections to pass the course.

Overall the evaluation of DM526 is positive and gives no indication that there should be major changes to the course. It would be nice if one could find a better textbook, but I have not found anything better yet. I plan to use slides less next year and the blackboard more.

Sincerely,

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