

Evaluation report Product Design

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The evaluation committee has evaluated the course Product Design by sending an online questionnaire to 99 students. 19 students filled in the questionnaire, which gives a response of 19%.

The course Product Design scores an average mark of 3.5 which is sufficient for a master course. Nearly all marks are sufficient to good, only the marks regarding provided information scores insufficient. This includes the marks given for the requirements for the final project and for the assignments being clear, a 2.8 and 2.9. 'The information about the course was adequate' scores a 3.1, in the comments it becomes clear that this can be related to the fact that the course is stated as a quartile one course while it continues in quartile two. Some students mention they did not know this until during the quartile. The only other mark that is insufficient is the mark for the quality of the study material (3.1). Students mention they miss a red line in this.

However, as said before, the other marks score sufficient to good. The highest marks are given to the relevance of the course for academic development, how interesting the course was and the availability of the teachers. When looking back to the previous recommendations it can be seen that the problem of the course needing more depth is solved, but the assignments are still not fully clear.

The teacher had some questions of his own which were added to the standard questionnaire. The mark for the interactive lecture was a 3.5, in the comments two students complain about the lecture missing a clear red line because of the presentation by students. The students do not really seem to be bothered by the big amount of students following the course (3.8). Furthermore, 'I appreciated the fact that the lectures were mostly co-taught' scores a 3.9.

These are the main conclusions of the evaluation. The interpretation is based on the remarks of the respondents. For an overview of the results, see the graph at the end of this report.

Recommendations of previous evaluation

The last evaluation was in 2012/2013

- Some respondents noted that the assignments were not clear. So this could be an improvement.
- More depth in the provided lectures would be appreciated; some respondents say that the course is too easy.

Recommendations by the committee

The quality of the course can be improved. Based on the results of the questionnaire, some recommendations for improvement are provided. The most important recommendations are:

- Provide better information. The main complains can all be fixed by giving students better information about the course, assignments and final project.
- Introduce a red line in the study material. Students mention they find the course very interesting and relevant, but would like a better structure in the study material.

Overview

- All marks are given on a Likert-scale from 1-5. For master courses, a mark of 3.5 or higher is sufficient.
- The height of the bars in the graph represents the mark. The thin line at the top of the bars gives the standard deviation.

