Dr. Michael Cotterell: Teaching Evaluation Summary

Term	Course ID	Course Title	Franklin Common Questions: Average	Instructor-Related Questions: Average
Fall 2017	CSCI 1302	Software Development	4.262	4.312
Fall 2017	CSCI 1302	Software Development	4.546	4.577
Fall 2017	CSCI 1302	Software Development	4.392	4.435
Spring 2018	CSCI 1302	Software Development	4.390	4.442
Spring 2018	CSCI 1302	Software Development	4.306	4.367
Spring 2018	CSCI 1302	Software Development	4.308	4.352
Spring 2018	CSCI 4760	Computer Networks	4.438	4.462
Summer 2018	CSCI 2610	Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science	4.380	4.390
Summer 2018	CSCI 2670	Introduction to Theory of Computing	4.691	4.696
Summer 2018	CSCI 3030	Computing, Ethics, and Society	4.578	4.538
Fall 2018	CSCI 1302	Software Development	4.387	4.449
Fall 2018	CSCI 1302	Software Development	4.186	4.254
Fall 2018	CSCI 1302	Software Development	4.213	4.322
Fall 2018	CSCI 4300	Web Programming	4.643	4.654
Spring 2019	CSCI 1302	Software Development	3.599	3.805
Spring 2019	CSCI 1302	Software Development	3.598	3.811
Spring 2019	CSCI 1302	Software Development	4.164	4.259
Spring 2019	CSCI 4730/6730	Operating Systems	4.366	4.445
Summer 2019	CSCI 2610	Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science	4.352	4.376
Summer 2019	CSCI 3030E	Computing, Ethics, and Society	4.326	4.259
Fall 2019	CSCI 1302	Software Development	3.847	3.980
Fall 2019	CSCI 1302	Software Development	3.688	3.862
Fall 2019	CSCI 3030	Computing, Ethics, and Society	4.438	4.300
Spring 2020	CSCI 1302	Software Development	4.112	4.248
Spring 2020	CSCI 1302	Software Development	4.388	4.443
Spring 2020	CSCI 3030	Computing, Ethics, and Society	4.331	4.273

Reported Total Average: Questions Pertaining to the Instructor (No. 1-13)

4.319 / 5

Dr. Michael Cotterell: Selected Student Comments

Fall 2017 – CSCI 1302:

"Mike is probably the best professor that I have ever had. I would take any course in Computer Science that he is teaching, without a doubt. He explains concepts very well, assigns projects that challenge students to think and learn the right material, and structures his exams fairly."

Fall 2017 – CSCI 1302:

"Mike is truly an excellent professor who wants his students to succeed."

Fall 2017 – CSCI 1302:

"This is an excellent course. Professor Cotterell may be one of, if not the best, lecturer in the Computer Science Department I have had so far."

Spring 2018 – CSCI 1302:

"I thought Dr. Cotterell [was] a super enthusiastic, charismatic, and knowledgeable instructor, and I would recommend him to many students."

Spring 2018 – CSCI 1302:

"I really liked how well things were explained in class and how helpful [Dr. Cotterell was] on Piazza."

Spring 2018 – CSCI 1302:

"Overall, Dr. Cotterell was a great teacher. If someone asked a question, he would stop and make sure the individual understood the material. He would also integrate old material with new material, rather than just [teaching] it and putting it off to the side solely for tests."

Spring 2018 – CSCI 4760:

"Michael only continues to improve as an instructor, and now a professor. This class was extremely well-organized, especially considering the fact that it is his first time teaching it. He is a natural-born teacher, knowing how to present and explain the information in a manner for students to understand it. Moreover, his slides are very well-written and have just enough information for us to neither have too much nor too little."

Summer 2018 – CSCI 2610:

"The professor did an amazing job of making sure his students knew exactly what was going on every step of the way. He not only made the material more relatable than just the confusing definitions of the textbook, but he was excited about what he was teaching and even let us in on how people in the regular math world viewed things. He made himself very available in office hours despite teaching 2 other courses, and he didn't stop explaining things until he was sure we got them."

Summer 2018 – CSCI 2670:

"The subject matter is very interesting, and the teacher frames it in a very easy to understand way. The notes are clear and help me keep the information organized and available."

Summer 2018 – CSCI 3030:

"Dr. Cotterell was an amazing professor who clearly showed interest in teaching the course."

Fall 2018 – CSCI 1302:

"Professor Cotterell REALLY challenged me in this course to think and really try to understand the material. [He is] one of the best professors I've had in terms of challenging the students to really think and learn. I give my utmost respect to him. Thank you for teaching this course."

Fall 2018 – CSCI 1302:

"Dr. Cotterell is a great teacher and resource, and [he] actively encourages students to not only ask questions, but also to find solutions for themselves. I definitely learned a lot about programming this semester, but the most important skill pushed by Dr. Cotterell was the ability to adapt to new situations."

Fall 2018 – CSCI 1302:

"Dr. Mike is one of the best professors that I have ever had. He explains everything clearly and is helpful during his office hours."

Fall 2018 – CSCI 4300:

"Dr. Cotterell is one of the best teachers at UGA. He cared about every student and how they were doing in the course. The way the course was structured and organized seemed like Dr. Cotterell had been teaching it for 5+ years, but it was only his first time teaching it. All the topics were relevant and up to date with current technological standards. I have been able to use all the skills learned in the class every day. This course was close to perfection. Dr. Cotterell did an amazing job teaching this course."

Spring 2019 – CSCI 1302:

"The projects [were] hard, but they helped me learn a lot, and the instructor was helpful when questions were asked."

Spring 2019 – CSCI 1302:

"I really enjoyed Dr. Cotterell's class. I thought that all of the projects were pretty hard, but they definitely helped me learn how to do things/look up things on my own and also have a better understanding on some of the fundamental principles in Java/Computer Science. I really enjoyed the class activities, and I definitely think that they played a huge role in my success in this course. It's always great to learn with others and ask questions freely."

Spring 2019 – CSCI 1302:

"The instructor was great and readily available to answer any questions that might arise in class."

Spring 2019 – CSCI 4730/6730:

"This will be the last course taught by Dr. Supa Mike that I will get to take during my time at the University of Georgia. He is, without doubt, the best professor that I have had during my time here. His course projects have, over the years, been invaluable in my progression as a programmer. I appreciate the dedication, passion, and all of the hard work he puts into teaching his courses. Dr. Supa Mike not only has a deep understanding of the subject, but also the ability to explain it in understandable terms to his students."

Summer 2019 – CSCI 2610:

"This was my second course with Dr. Cotterell, and I can see why he is considered one of the best professors in the department. His style of teaching was clear, easy to follow, covered the course material, and was structured the same as our homework assignments and tests. Rarely, if ever, did I feel confused or lost on an assignment or when reviewing a concept. I feel well prepared for Theory of Computation next semester, and look forward to taking more classes with Cotterell in the future, if possible."

Summer 2019 – CSCI 3030E:

"Dr. Cotterell is notorious for his well−organized classes and teachings, and it has been a pleasure to be in his class. The class had the right pace, and the instructions for all the assignments were clear."

Fall 2019 – CSCI 1302:

"Dr. Cotterell is an absolutely phenomenal teacher. It's obvious that he genuinely wants us to do well and master the material presented."

Fall 2019 – CSCI 1302:

"Dr. Cotterell is very well−informed and explains topics well, and I would gladly take a course with him again."

Fall 2019 – CSCI 3030:

"[Dr. Cotterell] keeps class interesting by incorporating current events into the discussion and applying relevant concepts from other CSCI courses. I think he did a good job of encouraging students to think critically with a good mix of discussions, asking questions of students, and (surprisingly interesting) lectures."

Spring 2020 – CSCI 1302:

"Professor Cotterell was an excellent professor, and taught this course extremely well. The organized curriculum did not leave much to be confused about, as all the resources to succeed with were provided to you, and there was ample class time provided to ask any questions needed.

I really liked how each class started with a brief explanation of the days exercise, as well as the reading from the previous night. This course really helped me see that I enjoy and can succeed in computer science, and I am now considering picking up a CSCI double major with my mechanical engineering."

Spring 2020 – CSCI 1302:

"Dr. Cotterell was a great professor who tried his best to help every student get a good understanding of Java programming. He is extremely helpful and pushes us to do our best because he knows that the fundamental skills that we learn in this class are important for the future."

Spring 2020 – CSCI 3030:

"The instructor is very well prepared about this topic. You can see how engaging he is. He also responds to emails very well and answers questions."