

DI2018 (IT Essentials, HT 2025, Halmstad, P3010, P3090, X3010)

Number of possible respondents: 31

Answers: 14

Response rate: 45,16 %

Study pace: 50 %

Examiner's course analysis

Based on the course evaluation result - which are the strengths of the course?

The course shows several clear strengths. Overall satisfaction is high, and many students report that they felt they could effectively demonstrate their learning in the exams and that the study environment was conducive to their needs.

The lectures are often highlighted as one of the best parts of the course. Students describe them as clear, engaging, and helpful for understanding a broad subject. They also appreciate that the teachers are supportive, easy to talk to, and quick to respond.

The combination of theory and practice appears to be effective. Students like that the course combines lectures with labs, the practical exam, and the project, since this helps them understand how things work in real IT environments.

NetAcad is also viewed as a helpful tool, even if the amount of reading can feel heavy. Many students still feel it supports the rest of the course in a good way.

Based on the course evaluation result - which are the weaknesses of the course?

Several weaknesses become clear when combining the ambassador feedback, the course evaluation, and other comments. Many students feel that the course tries to cover too much for a 7.5-credit course, especially those who are completely new to IT. The amount of NetAcad reading can be overwhelming for beginners, creating significant stress.

The labs were also mentioned as challenging. Some students felt that the workload was too high for the available time, and others wished for more guidance or clearer preparation before the sessions.

Another recurring issue was uncertainty about what was actually required. Students were sometimes unsure which parts of the material were mandatory, including whether NetAcad tests were part of the course. This lack of clarity caused unnecessary pressure, since some tried to complete everything on the platform even though it wasn't needed.

A few students also noted that parts of the NetAcad material feel outdated, especially in sections focusing on older hardware that might be considered legacy.

Comments about the collaboration with the course ambassadors

The collaboration with the course ambassadors has worked very well. We were able to hold two meetings during the course, and in both, the ambassadors provided thoughtful and detailed input on everything from lectures and labs to workload and scheduling. They also helped shape several of the questions that were later included in the course evaluation, providing us with more useful insights from the whole class. Overall, the dialogue was open and constructive, and their feedback has been valuable for understanding how students experience the course.

Conclusion and suggestions for course development or already made decisions

A key conclusion is that much of the stress students experienced can be reduced through clearer communication early in the course. If we explain more explicitly how NetAcad should be used, what parts are essential, and how the labs are structured, we can help especially the less experienced students focus on the right things and avoid unnecessary worry.

There are also some areas where adjusting the workload would make the course run more smoothly. One idea is to start the project earlier so that it does not collide with exam preparation. Another approach is to review the format of the practical exam to ensure it aligns with the available time and the students' progression. These changes are designed to distribute the workload more evenly and make the course more manageable for students.

Other comments

I would like to thank the course ambassadors and my colleagues for a very good and constructive collaboration throughout the course.

I am overall satisfied with the course.

	Number of responses	Distribution (%)	Index (%) I am overall satisfied with the course	81
0 = I definitely do not agree	0	0%		
1	0	0%		
2	0	0%		
3	2	14%		
4	9	64%		
5 = I definitely agree	3	21%		
No opinion	0	0%		
Total	14	100%		

How much time have you spent on the course in relation to the course's study pace?

	Number of responses	Distribution (%)
Less time than the course study pace	5	36%
Corresponding to the course study pace	5	36%
More time than the course study pace	4	29%
Total	14	100%

The design of the course (teaching methods, literature, pedagogy, etc.) has been well adjusted to help me achieve the learning outcomes in the syllabus.

	Number of responses	Distribution (%)
0 = I definitely do not agree	0	0%
1	0	0%
2	2	14%
3	1	7%
4	6	43%
5 = I definitely agree	4	29%
No opinion	1	7%
Total	14	100%

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During the course examinations, I have had the opportunity to show that I have achieved the learning outcomes in the syllabus.

	Number of responses	Distribution (%)
0 = I definitely do not agree	0	0%
1	0	0%
2	0	0%
3	3	21%
4	4	29%
5 = I definitely agree	7	50%
No opinion	0	0%
Total	14	100%

Index (%) During the course examinations, I have had the opportunity to show that I have achieved the learning outcomes in the syllabus.

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I have experienced the social study environment as good during the course.

	Number of responses	Distribution (%)	Index (%) I have experienced the social study environment as good during the course.	
0 = I definitely do not agree	0	0%	87	
1	0	0%		
2	0	0%		
3	3	21%		
4	3	21%		
5 = I definitely agree	8	57%		
No opinion	0	0%		
Total	14	100%		

Course satisfaction index

Satisfaction index % (summary of all statements)	83
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Did you have any prior IT experience before this course?

Did you have any prior IT experience before this course?	Number of responses	Distribution (%)
Yes	6	43%
No	8	57%
Total	14	100%

Which part of the course did you spend the most time on?

The course prepared you me any future IT courses you will have?

The course prepared you me any future IT courses you will have?	Number of responses	Distribution (%)
0 = I definitely do not agree	0	0%
	0	0%
	1	7%
	3	21%
	3	21%
5 = I definitely agree	7	50%
No opinion	0	0%
Total	14	100%