



COURSE ANALYSIS

- summary and reflections of the course leader

Course code: DD2476	Course name: Search Engines and information Retrieval Systems	
Academic year: 2019-20	Period: 3 and 4	
Credits: 9	Number of students: 58	Answer rate: 0.20
Examination rate: 0.82	Learning activities: 6 lectures, 3 guest lectures via Zoom, 3*30h computer assignment presentations, 6 h project presentations	
Course modules and credits: Computer assignments 6hp, consisting of 3 programming assignments which are done individually. Group project: 3hp		
Teachers: Johan Boye		
Examiner: Johan Boye		
Course responsible: Johan Boye		

Changes from previous years

The corona pandemic struck this year in the middle of the semester. Luckily, all the ordinary lectures (but not the guest lectures) had already been given at that point. We could re-arrange the remainder of the course to online teaching without any disruptions. The 3 guest lectures were given live via Zoom instead of in class, by Bob Sturm, Hossein Azizpour, and Amelia Andersson from Findwise AB, respectively. The students had to collaborate on their projects virtually rather seeing one another in person, but that seemed to have worked well, even though some of the foreign students had to leave for their homelands in the middle of the semester. The project presentation poster session was replaced by project presentations via Zoom.

65 students signed up for the course this year, but only 58 actually registered, and 48 completed the course.

Course questionnaire

[Answers can be found here \(link\).](#)



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Strong points of the course

The students appreciate the practical, implementation-oriented design of the course. The Canvas discussion forum seems to work very well as a place of information exchange: students are asking questions, and Dmytro and I were answering them (in some cases, also other students were answering questions, which is very nice to see). The guest lectures were well attended. The throughput of the course is good.

Weak points of the course

For students aiming for a lower grade, the course is quite generous as concerns credits.

Changes for next year's edition

For next year, I will record video lectures in advance, to make the course more corona resistant. We will also introduce some help sessions, where students can connect online to a Zoom meeting and get help with their programming assignments.

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