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## Student Feedback (Spring 2014)

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**ISIN 300: Link and Visual Analysis**  
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## Survey Overview

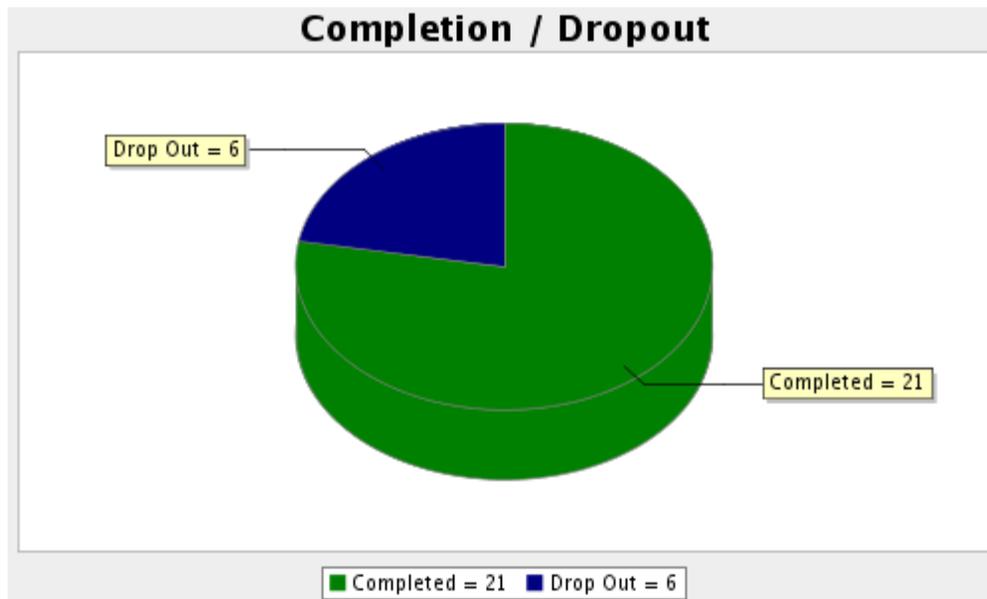


Figure 1. Twenty-one students completed the online Small Group Instructional Diagnosis survey.

**List what you like best about the course and Ms. Kam's teaching.**

- A lot of videos that are updated for current date and time. (Not recycled videos from last semester, last year or even longer ago.) She is very excited about the subject she is teaching and this helps to keep my interest.
- What I like best about this course is being able to dive right into real life scenarios and being able to work step-by-step along with Ms. Kam using the videos she makes, but also having the freedom to work the problems out completely on my own. The material in this class is very interesting and is a great example of the practical uses of programs like IBM i2 Analyst's Notebook.
- Very detailed
- Dr. Kam provides all of the necessary links for required programs, as well as keeping the cost of books low. She is very quick to respond to emails, and goes out of her way to ensure the students are understanding of the material. I particularly like the lecture videos because, as an online class, it helps summarize important information for each chapter.
- She's very thorough and helps you understand the material well.
- Attention to detail and emphasizing the real-life cases that relate to the topic at-hand.
- Very hands-on, using software to analyze terrorist links, etc.
- I really enjoy the fact that the class is taught online, but in lecture format; the way the video lectures are structured allows for the class to be taken on my busy schedule.

**List what you would like Ms. Kam to change that may improve the course, her teaching, and your learning.**

- This is a 3rd year college course and many times I felt like she was talking to 4th graders. She went far too in-detail explaining things like how to copy and paste, what is a database, how to navigate your Windows file system etc. Sometimes it made it hard to sit through 15 minutes worth of video telling me how to copy and paste in Windows.
- Sometimes there are discrepancies between the videos and what is actually written in the assignments. It doesn't add any confusion for me personally, but I can see it possibly causing someone else to be confused.
- Being more concise
- It is a good course; I don't see any necessary improvements that I can think of.
- The course is very robust. Possibly explain other computer software similar to this which is used by businesses.
- More labs and discussions for online courses.
- I can't think of anything that should be changed other than possibly the lectures get a bit off track once in a while, but I understand the difficulty in trying to record a lecture mistake-free.
- I wish I was able to play the class lecture videos on my iPad. I had some difficulty trying to do the assignment and flipping back and forth to the lecture. If I was able to have the video on one device while I completed the assignment on the other, it would have been much easier. The due dates being in the middle of the week were a bit awkward for me as well.
- The class may have a more direct impact on students if one assignment had to do with the creation on some sort of chart built to represent some real life application that was chosen by the students (ex., Facebook social network map of friends).

**List what you (as student) could do to make the course better for you and Ms. Kam.**

- As a student, I could give better posts in the discussion board.
- Perhaps more feedback (student to teacher) throughout the course. I really had no communication with Ms. Kam during this course.
- It would probably be better for me to submit my assignments earlier in the week instead of at the last minute to allow for me to ask any questions that arise. This would allow me to learn even more and allow Ms. Kam to have more interaction with me.
- I do not know.
- I prefer face-to-face courses. Ideally, I would have preferred this type of course. In my current situation, however, I need to be taking online classes.
- No changes.
- I'm not really sure. It is a pretty straight-forward class about analyzing links of various criminal elements using a particular type of software. Perhaps spend more time reading up on some of the cases we used for assignments.

Using the scale below, please indicate how much you have learned in this course thus far in the semester.

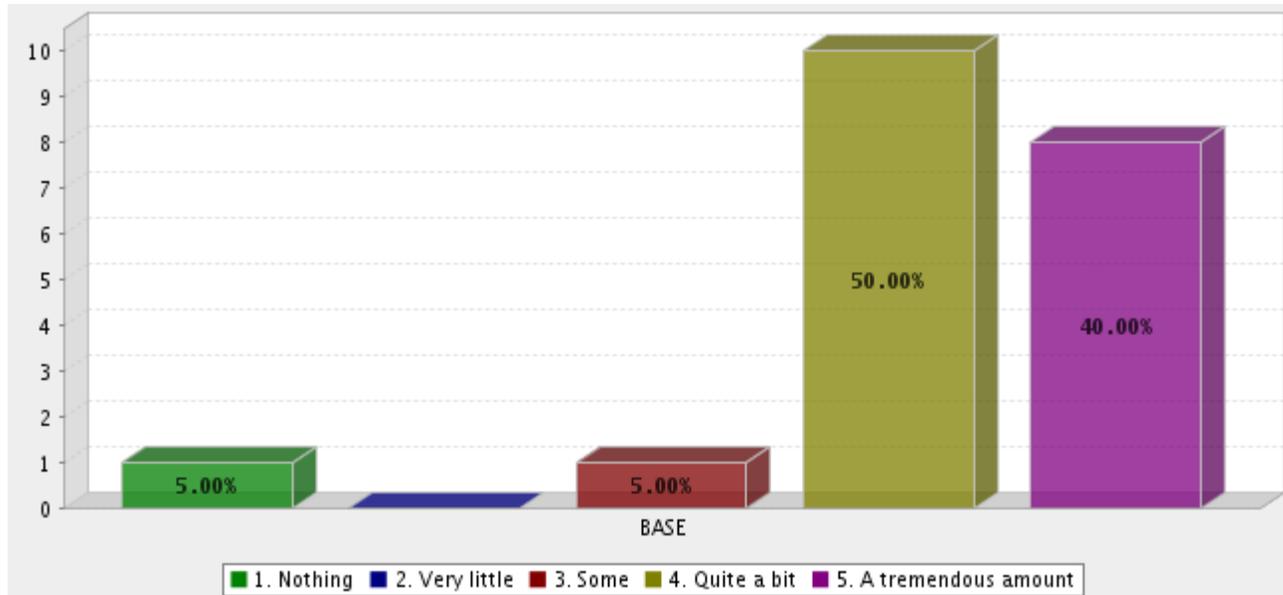


Table 2. Students' self-report amount of learning in the course to date.