Course Summary for 'GISN21 – GIS and Statistical Analysis' (VT/ HT 2020)

Course coordinator: Vaughan Phillips

Teacher in the course: Vaughan Phillips

Number of students: about 15 students completed the course in VT/HT 2020 during the period of the survey (January 2020 – September 2020)

Grade distribution: Pass marks for 100% of students who finished

Evaluation

Summary of the course evaluation
Number of survey responses: 12, which is about 80% of the students who completed the course during the period of the survey.
Short summary of the evaluation responses: Most of the students who responded were satisfied that the course achieved its aims (overall score of 4.4, on a scale of 1-5). Most thought that the actual workload corresponded to the course credits, as intended (overall score of 3.7 out of 5, signifying it is about right).   Students thought that there was a good amount of feedback on their submissions (overall score of 3.8 out of 5), which is a significant improvement on the previous year.

Comments from the teaching team
The teacher believes that the course went quite well.

Evaluation of changes implemented since the last time the course was given Efforts to highlight the importance of basic techniques (e.g. how to form the null hypothesis, articulate rationale of tests when answering) in messages to students have been successful with more satisfaction expressed this year about the feedback.

Suggestions for changes to implement before the course is given the next time A problem inevitably with such courses as this is that the teacher never meets the students. So in response to the slightly less high score about whether the teacher is inspiring the students (score of 3.3 out of 5) and that about feedback noted above, the teacher will strive to communicate more with all students by occasional global emails in future. This will create a more communal atmosphere in what can be otherwise quite an impersonal "virtual online classroom", and will also clarify about some of the basic techniques in statistics to follow.

On 15 October 2020, this summary was done by Vaughan Phillips.