

Analysis and evaluation of the course MNXG03 – VT2024

Overview:

Although only a limited number of students (2) responded to the survey, those who did were generally happy with the course and pleased with the learning outcomes. All respondents felt the course met or exceeded their expectations (4.5/5) and likewise, the teachers involved with the course were satisfied with it. At the end of this document it is possible to find the full results of the evaluation which have not been edited, so as to truly reflect student experience.

Areas for improvement:

In order to continue to improve this course and cater it to the needs of students, the course lecturers have reflected on received feedback and made the following changes to the course for VT2025:

Concern	Proposed solution
Clearer information during introductory session	We will spend more time on the introductory session so that all students are aware of what is required of them and have the opportunity to ask questions. Any errors in the time plan will be corrected prior to course start.
Seminar structure and content	Owing to the difficulties surrounding seminar attendance and perceived complexity of assigned papers, going forward the seminar component will be significantly changed for the course.
Group project	The problems with organising group work remotely was observed by students and lecturers alike. In response to this group work will be replaced with individually assigned assessments.
Lab/field visit not well-timed for some students in full-time work	While the lecturers can understand the difficulty of attending the now-compulsory lab/field day for students who are also in full-time work, it is impossible for this to be organised over a weekend for a variety of reasons. We therefore encourage prospective students to consider this travel and timing requirement prior to registering for the course. However, in response to concerns of accessibility for students in full-time work we have removed the group work and changed the seminar components to ensure ease of attendance and completion of required tasks for all interested prospective participants.

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