

ST222 Response to Initial Module Feedback, October 2014

Many thanks to the many students who filled out the questionnaires and provided helpful information. Many thanks for coming to the lectures in the first place. Despite a lot of the class material on the web most of you do come to lectures and participate, which is great and helps navigating what we can do in this module.

I am delighted that the feedback is overall very positive both with respect to the delivery and with respect to the module itself.

I am relieved that despite the various unexpected challenges with sound & lighting, communication does seem to work, even both ways. Matching expectations regarding punctuality is also a relief.

At the same time, I will use your feedback to improve the module where possible, both for now and for later generations of students.

The weakest point is the last question: *organisation*. While 95 (out of 125) responses were happy with this, 30 were unsure/unhappy. Unfortunately, there are no more details, but I will try to guess where this should be improved. The detailed module resources page may address some open questions regarding logistics and structure as well:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/statistics/modules/st2/st222/resources>

Another weak point is holding attention and pace of the class. The module feedback was collected briefly after a series of lectures on probability that partly contained material well known to a part of the students, while less well known to others. This may have slowed down the class. I am considering, for future years, to instead assign reading instead of reviewing probability in class.

From the comments I gather there are different preferences with respect to example. Some students want more of them in the lecture, others want more of them on homework sheets and have more theory in the lectures. I will have to navigate a compromise on this one.

We will now cover games, and if IT allows, we'll do some class activities on this. Later in term, I will get back to the survey you kindly filled out in the first week about decision making. The last weeks will be a bit more experimental, as this part is being developed entirely from scratch. But I strongly hope you will enjoy this part, too, because it includes more recent and exciting topics.

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