

New School
FA14 NSPE MEDIA STUDIES Grad

Course: MediaDesign.F.Fa14 : Media Design.F.Fa14

Instructor: Virgil Wong *

1 - Overall, my learning experience in this course was positive.												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means		
Strongly Agree		(5)	11	73.33%						4.73		
Agree		(4)	4	26.67%								
Neither Agree nor Disagree		(3)	0	0%								
Disagree		(2)	0	0%								
Strongly Disagree		(1)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median								
15/15 (100%)		4.73	0.46	5.00								

2 - What is your overall rating of this instructor's teaching effectiveness? Virgil Wong												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses				Means			
Very effective		(5)	13	86.67%					4.80			
Effective		(4)	1	6.67%								
Neither Effective or Ineffective		(3)	1	6.67%								
Ineffective		(2)	0	0%								
Very ineffective		(1)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median								
15/15 (100%)		4.80	0.56	5.00								

3 - What is your overall rating of this course?												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means		
Excellent		(5)	11	78.57%						4.71		
Good		(4)	2	14.29%								
Neither good nor poor		(3)	1	7.14%								
Poor		(2)	0	0%								
Very poor		(1)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median								
14/15 (93.33%)		4.71	0.61	5.00								

4 - Did you receive a syllabus (on paper or digital) at the beginning of the semester?												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means		
Yes		(1)	15	100%						1.00		
No		(2)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median								
15/15 (100%)		1.00	0.00	1.00								

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5 - The syllabus clearly explained course objectives, timeline, and policies.												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means		
Strongly Agree		(5)	11	73.33%						4.73		
Agree		(4)	4	26.67%								
Neither Agree nor Disagree		(3)	0	0%								
Disagree		(2)	0	0%								
Strongly Disagree		(1)	0	0%								
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median								
15/15 (100%)		4.73	0.46	5.00								

6 - The course was well organized.												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means		
Strongly Agree		(5)	13	86.67%						4.87		
Agree		(4)	2	13.33%								
Neither Agree nor Disagree		(3)	0	0%								
Disagree		(2)	0	0%								
Strongly Disagree		(1)	0	0%								
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median								
15/15 (100%)		4.87	0.35	5.00								

7 - The course was academically and/or creatively challenging.												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means		
Strongly Agree		(5)	11	73.33%						4.73		
Agree		(4)	4	26.67%								
Neither Agree nor Disagree		(3)	0	0%								
Disagree		(2)	0	0%								
Strongly Disagree		(1)	0	0%								
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median								
15/15 (100%)		4.73	0.46	5.00								

8 - Assignments were appropriate and increased my understanding of the course content.												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means		
Strongly Agree		(5)	10	66.67%						4.60		
Agree		(4)	4	26.67%								
Neither Agree nor Disagree		(3)	1	6.67%								
Disagree		(2)	0	0%								
Strongly Disagree		(1)	0	0%								
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median								
15/15 (100%)		4.60	0.63	5.00								

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9 - The instructor was well prepared. Virgil Wong												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means		
Strongly Agree		(5)	13	86.67%						4.87		
Agree		(4)	2	13.33%								
Neither Agree nor Disagree		(3)	0	0%								
Disagree		(2)	0	0%								
Strongly Disagree		(1)	0	0%								
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median									
15/15 (100%)	4.87	0.35	5.00									

10 - The instructor used class time effectively. Virgil Wong											
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means	
Strongly Agree		(5)	13	86.67%						4.87	
Agree		(4)	2	13.33%							
Neither Agree nor Disagree		(3)	0	0%							
Disagree		(2)	0	0%							
Strongly Disagree		(1)	0	0%							
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0%							
					0	25	50	75	100	Question	
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median							
15/15 (100%)		4.87	0.35	5.00							

11 - The instructor's feedback was helpful. Virgil Wong												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means		
Strongly Agree		(5)	10	66.67%						4.53		
Agree		(4)	3	20%								
Neither Agree nor Disagree		(3)	2	13.33%								
Disagree		(2)	0	0%								
Strongly Disagree		(1)	0	0%								
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median								
15/15 (100%)		4.53	0.74	5.00								

12 - The instructor was able to communicate the subject matter well.												
Virgil Wong												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means		
Strongly Agree		(5)	12	80%						4.80		
Agree		(4)	3	20%								
Neither Agree nor Disagree		(3)	0	0%								
Disagree		(2)	0	0%								
Strongly Disagree		(1)	0	0%								
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median								
15/15 (100%)		4.80	0.41	5.00								

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13 - The instructor's interactions with students were helpful and respectful.												
Virgil Wong												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means		
Strongly Agree		(5)	13	86.67%						4.87		
Agree		(4)	2	13.33%								
Neither Agree nor Disagree		(3)	0	0%								
Disagree		(2)	0	0%								
Strongly Disagree		(1)	0	0%								
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median									
15/15 (100%)	4.87	0.35	5.00									

14 - The instructor motivated me to do my best work.											
Virgil Wong											
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means	
Strongly Agree		(5)	10	66.67%						4.53	
Agree		(4)	3	20%							
Neither Agree nor Disagree		(3)	2	13.33%							
Disagree		(2)	0	0%							
Strongly Disagree		(1)	0	0%							
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0%							
					0	25	50	75	100	Question	
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median							
15/15 (100%)		4.53	0.74	5.00							

15 - The instructor was respectful of ethnic and cultural differences and diverse points of view.												
Virgil Wong												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means		
Strongly Agree		(5)	13	92.86%						4.93		
Agree		(4)	1	7.14%								
Neither Agree nor Disagree		(3)	0	0%								
Disagree		(2)	0	0%								
Strongly Disagree		(1)	0	0%								
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median								
14/15 (93.33%)		4.93	0.27	5.00								

16 - The instructor taught with enthusiasm.												
Virgil Wong												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means		
Strongly Agree		(5)	14	93.33%						4.93		
Agree		(4)	1	6.67%								
Neither Agree nor Disagree		(3)	0	0%								
Disagree		(2)	0	0%								
Strongly Disagree		(1)	0	0%								
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median								
15/15 (100%)		4.93	0.26	5.00								

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17 - The facilities and equipment provided were adequate for the course. Please describe any inadequacies in the Other comments? section below.												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means		
Strongly Agree		(5)	11	73.33%						4.27		
Agree		(4)	0	0%								
Neither Agree nor Disagree		(3)	2	13.33%								
Disagree		(2)	1	6.67%								
Strongly Disagree		(1)	1	6.67%								
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median									
15/15 (100%)	4.27	1.33	5.00									

18 - What were the most effective aspects of this course?	
Return Rate	12/15 (80%)
- For me it was learning how to constructively critique other people's work and to focus on positive instead of negative. Working with prof. Virgil has been a rewarding experience - I don't know how he does it, but he can hold our attention for a couple of hours during Saturday mornings (ok it was a noon actually, but still, for most of us it was a morning). - I felt that I learned the most from the photography section (what a great conversation, in the wake of Sontag's book!), photoshop, web design. I didn't feel as enriched by audio/video section, which is likely just a function of my having much previous experience with these time-based media. - It give me some basic ideas and knowledge of technical aspect of media skills. It force me to learn something I am not good at, not interested but may be necessary to know. - It was challenging, but not stressful. Every assignment was built in a smart way, that was easy to follow - Learning at a clip pace every aspect of the media design world. - Professor Wong has a wealth of information and knowledge that he enthusiastically shares with the class. - That we were primarily graded on our concept rather than the final outcome. This enabled and pushed me to think outside of the box to create something more. Although I wanted to produce my best work, I felt a sense of relief knowing that I wouldn't be judged heavily on the perfection of the project. It also allowed me to think more about my concept and put more thought and effort into that. - The assignment of this course really help me develop my technical skills. I also think that the structure of the class contribute to the students' understanding of its content, since it starts with the medium most of us know and keeps getting more complex at a pace we can all keep up with. - The professor is excellent. He explained extremely well. The assignments were well distributed over the semester. - The real hands on experience with the equipment and software. - The support and advices from Prof. Wong were always pretty good. His ability to make you interested in the subject matter is one of his strong suits. - The way Virgil taught the class in a way where each new skill we learned complimented the next skill we were to learn. Very effective in helping us to learn everything very detailed yet rapid. I think the examples he showed were also great ways to stir the creative mind.	

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19 - What, if any, suggestions do you have for the course?	
Return Rate	13/15 (86.67%)
- I think we should use popular books on filming and photography instead of a text book. I have many books from the past few years that make the more technical aspects easier to apply. - I would include more video's/ films/ any materials that can be an inspiration for your own ideas. Like Chris Marker's film has been used as an example - I would recommend to focus more on explaining some of the tools we use along the course. - It'd be great if we got more feedback one-on-one - electronically, probably - so that Virgil could maybe feel freer to really get super honest without (rightly) worrying about putting us on the spot in front of our peers. But I imagine that would be pretty labor intensive, so... if you were going to do something like that, I hope you'd also end up compensating Virgil commensurate with his expenditure of time and effort. - Maybe it would be good to be more critical but then again - this is an introductory course to Media Design so I suppose this approach works. - More time on how to use programs, perhaps in a session outside of class, as this was only briefly covered. - N/A. The class was well organized and effective for me. - None, Virgil and the course are just perfect. - None. - Only critique I can possible think of is maybe less time on Powerpoint lessons and more time on the interactive space lessons. - This is a suggestion for the school not for the professor. There were many students in my class and myself in particular who have had no previous knowledge of photoshop or premiere. This made it extremely difficult for me to complete tasks. I ended up having to spend a tremendous amount of time on my own, outside of class watching tutorials in order to teach myself how to complete tasks and projects. This to me wasn't the most effective means to learn how to work in either of these applications. Being that both photoshop and premiere are technical applications its difficult to figures things out on your own when you are stuck. Professor Wong was always available via email and always responds promptly to all of my questions, but as you can imagine trying to troubleshoot a technical issue via email isn't ideal. I very much appreciate the fact that the university offers a writing lab but it would also be extremely beneficial for the university to also offer sometime of techincal lab as well. I think this would be beneficial all around. I hope this is something you will offer in the future. - This was one of my favorite classes! I was able to learn the basics of certain programs that I would've never learned without this class. Thank you Virgil! - three hours for a class is too long, cannot concentrate on last hour of the class, so in some degrees, long time class will lower the effectiveness of study.	

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20 - Please comment on your instructor's teaching effectiveness:

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- Brilliant. Insightful, compact, and direct.
 - Excellent attitude towards teaching and students.
 - Excellent. Well versed and passionate about every aspect of the course.
 - He went above and beyond by showing us examples that were relate-able. He knew and was very familiar with the topics discussed in the class. He encouraged us to talk amongst ourselves during critiques and we were able to help each other out. Because everyone in the class had different backgrounds, it really was a creative thinking environment, since we constantly bounced ideas off of each other.
 - Professor Wong create a very comfortable and productive atmosphere. He was truly enjoying the subject he is teaching, so he is easily involve me to the process.
 - Professor Wong is extremely passionate and engaged. This leaves the student wanting to learn more and always feeling excited about the next class and assignment. He is also very professional which I appreciate and always helpful with any questions I have ever had. I would love to take another class with him.
 - This was an course that was put together professionally. Virgil was extremely knowledgeable on all topics and surrounding topics. He was able to answer all questions with ease and clarity. I would personally like to see Virgil teach more courses at the New School. Amazing class and instruction.
 - Virgil has a great attitude and he makes the content of the class very approachable. However, I would have loved to have more feedback on my assignments. I sometimes felt that he wasn't critical enough.
 - Virgil is an amazing instructor, the most positive person I've ever met and also one of the most creative ones.
 - Virgil was great. Its rare to be able to learn from someone who's passionate about what they do while being able to teach effectively. I would personally recommend other students to take his class.
 - Virgil Wong is an excellent instructor, and basically a genius. When you mention an idea, not only does he immediately understand it (maybe better than you do!), he has the ability to very fluidly focus on what works best about it, emphasize that, and then show you a way to pursue that idea with maximum effectiveness.
- Virgil's feedback was excellent.
- I appreciated the way Virgil really made it our class -- he very easily could have told us what to do and how to do it but he seemed much more interested in encouraging us to engage these technologies on our own terms, in service of our own desires and needs -- which made me, personally, far more interested in what we were doing in class.

21 - Other Comments?

Return Rate	7/15 (46.67%)
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- Amazing class.
- Excellent teacher...
- I learned so much in the course and it exceeded my expectations.
- None.
- the classroom of this course always been super cold, the building manager should check about every room's temperature based on weather changes. The school's premier editing software is not updated to the newest version, but the free adobe software from school's web is their newest version, so I am unable to edit video project at school's computer and home computer both, the software version is not compatible and cannot be transferred.
- The computers of the lab we worked at didn't have all the programs we needed, and we had many issues with projection and sound during the course.
- The equipment was often wonky, which led to wasted class time and us getting to see/cover/learn/engage with less than we'd begun thinking we'd engage with. Projector problems mostly; the fact that the version of Premiere in all the labs is LESS UPDATED than the version which we have at home courtesy of the New School makes it /impossible/ to work on projects from home at school; this is indescribably annoying.