

Virginia Tech
Spring 2026 VT Student Perceptions of Teaching (SPOT)

Course: ME_4824_21189_202601: Intro Human-Robot Interaction-ME_4824_21189_202601
 Instructor: Dylan Patrick Losey *
 Response Rate: 15/20 (75.00%)

1 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

1A - The instructor was well prepared.

Dylan Patrick Losey

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means								
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.67	5.33	5.35	Question	College	Department	Mean	STD	Median
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%										
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%										
Somewhat agree	(4)	1	6.67%										
Agree	(5)	3	20.00%										
Strongly agree	(6)	11	73.33%										
					0	25	50	100					
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median		
15/20 (75.00%)	5.67	0.62	6.00	24779	5.33	0.97	6.00	3346	5.35	0.97	6.00		

1 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

1B - The instructor presented the subject matter clearly.

Dylan Patrick Losey

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means								
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.60	5.17	5.15	Question	College	Department	Mean	STD	Median
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%										
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%										
Somewhat agree	(4)	1	6.67%										
Agree	(5)	4	26.67%										
Strongly agree	(6)	10	66.67%										
					0	25	50	100					
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median		
15/20 (75.00%)	5.60	0.63	6.00	24533	5.17	1.10	5.00	3316	5.15	1.15	6.00		

1 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

1C - The instructor provided feedback intended to improve my course performance.

Dylan Patrick Losey

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means								
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.40	5.12	5.04	Question	College	Department	Mean	STD	Median
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%										
Somewhat disagree	(3)	1	6.67%										
Somewhat agree	(4)	2	13.33%										
Agree	(5)	2	13.33%										
Strongly agree	(6)	10	66.67%										
					0	25	50	100					
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median		
15/20 (75.00%)	5.40	0.99	6.00	24512	5.12	1.14	5.00	3314	5.04	1.20	5.00		

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1 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:												
1D - The instructor fostered an atmosphere of mutual respect.												
Dylan Patrick Losey												
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means							
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.93	5.40	5.39					
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%									
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%									
Somewhat agree	(4)	0	0.00%									
Agree	(5)	1	6.67%									
Strongly agree	(6)	14	93.33%									
					0	25	50	100	Question	College	Department	
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
15/20 (75.00%)	5.93	0.26	6.00	24504	5.40	0.94	6.00	3312	5.39	0.96	6.00	

1 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:												
1E - Overall, the instructor's teaching was effective.												
Dylan Patrick Losey												
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means							
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.67	5.16	5.13					
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%									
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%									
Somewhat agree	(4)	1	6.67%									
Agree	(5)	3	20.00%									
Strongly agree	(6)	11	73.33%									
					0	25	50	100	Question	College	Department	
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
15/20 (75.00%)	5.67	0.62	6.00	24354	5.16	1.13	5.00	3302	5.13	1.19	5.00	

2 - 2A - What did the instructor do that most helped in your learning?	
Dylan Patrick Losey	
Response Rate	12/20 (60%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> went over real world examples and applications Prof. Losey did his best to turn high-level topics into easily digestible lectures with both undergrads and grad school students and also made relevant assignments based on the topics. The powerpoint slides were very easy to follow and he did a wonderful job of explaining. Every question asked he had an answer and he is clearly well educated on the subject matter. I liked how he structured his lectures. Monday was the informational lecture and Wednesday we would put what we learned into practice. I really appreciated all the videos that highlight your points. Especially in a bigger lecture room, those are pretty helpful. Very thankful for the dedicated coding time in class as well. the split lecture and discussion format helped me better understand the subject matter Worked through homeworks in class and had us do it first. The videos between slides to help reiterate concepts In-class workshop sessions were always helpful. Applied class concepts in class by using Wednesday's to work on our homework together provide starter codes for the homework Weekly HWs that test the material taught in class. 	

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3 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

3A - I have a deeper understanding of the subject matter as a result of this course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%			5.73	5.23	5.24			
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat agree	(4)	0	0.00%								
Agree	(5)	4	26.67%								
Strongly agree	(6)	11	73.33%								
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
15/20 (75.00%)	5.73	0.46	6.00	22355	5.23	0.99	5.00	3198	5.24	1.00	5.00

3 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

3B - My interest in the subject matter was stimulated by this course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%			5.53	5.01	4.97			
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat agree	(4)	2	13.33%								
Agree	(5)	3	20.00%								
Strongly agree	(6)	10	66.67%								
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
15/20 (75.00%)	5.53	0.74	6.00	22352	5.01	1.22	5.00	3205	4.97	1.24	5.00

4 - 4A - What could you have done to be a better learner?

Response Rate 10/20 (50%)

- gone above and beyond and explored more when completing homework instead of doing the minimum
- The biggest problem I had was the senior capstone project taking up a bunch of my time.
- I could have attended more of the Monday lectures and attended office hours when I was having difficulty on the homeworks.
- Gone to office hours more.
- I could have taken notes. I found his slides were so comprehensive, there was never anything I was writing, but I think if I made sure to write things down I would learn it faster.
- More studying of numpy and pybullet
- Pushed assignments further
- Been on time to class and not skip any class
- gone to office hours or ask about issues with homework sooner
- Attend more office hours

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5 - 5A - Please add any additional comments regarding the course and/or instructor here:

Dylan Patrick Losey

Response Rate 9/20 (45%)

- Do an assignment every other week instead of every week. When combined with the demands of senior design the weekly assignment pace was brutal. Not that the assignments were impossible to complete, but the pace prevented deeper research on topics to be able to complete the assignments more skillfully. The topics were good. Some assignments seemed to be ill planned, maybe they were rushed.
- I enjoyed the class but would be interested in seeing a similar course geared to undergrad students that, while may not be "cutting edge topics" are in a similar idea to these advanced topics. I felt like I grasped the core ideas of each topic, but was missing parts that would have come from other classes. I also wouldn't have minded fewer topics overall, but spending more time on the ones that were taught!
- I learned a lot about coding during this class which was a plus.
- I was genuinely disheartened and unmotivated when Dr. Losey made a comment about my accommodations in a request of mine to use said accommodations. I still think Dr. Losey is a good professor, but I hope he doesn't make another comment about accommodations like that again because I really struggled to keep doing coursework after that.
- I really enjoyed the way this course was taught, where it focused on us learning together because the topic is so new.
- N/A
- The standalone slides aren't to the level I would've expected after taking Intro to Robotics. Some more detail would be great, or even recorded lectures. Some assignments didn't get released until after the week started, which made doing homework a little inconsistent. It'd be great if they either all came out at once or every Sunday. Also, there was one assignment that was much more compute-heavy compared to the others, with image processing: There has got to be a way to offload that compute, or do something so that we don't have to wait a long time training models. I also think a 50% weight on the project is a bit much. Personally, it'd make sense if it were 25-30%. Overall, this was a cool class, though. I really enjoyed it.
- Great guy overall
- something saying that getting the exact right solution in the code wasn't the main point of the homework, the questions and theory are, would have been helpful for reducing stress about coding exactly right

6 - 6A - How would you rate the physical environment in which you took this class based upon your ability to see, hear, concentrate, and participate?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means								
Very Bad	(1)	0	0.00%		4.67	5.27	5.24						
Bad	(2)	0	0.00%										
Poor	(3)	3	20.00%										
Fair	(4)	3	20.00%										
Good	(5)	5	33.33%										
Very Good	(6)	4	26.67%										
					0	25	50	100	Question	College	Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median		
15/20 (75.00%)	4.67	1.11	5.00	21874	5.27	0.88	5.00	3153	5.24	0.88	5.00		

7 - 7A - Please add any comments about the physical environment here:

Response Rate 8/20 (40%)

- Very few outlets to plug computer charger into.
- surge is not so fun, classroom is weird shape
- Very comfortable
- Room is huge, and it can be hard to hear professor in the back. Also, there's too few outlets for a coding class.
- I could see and hear very well, but the lack of outlets in the room made it hard to make it through a whole class of simulation with no charger.
- N/A
- The specific classroom we were in was pretty bad and also only had wall outlets at the very back of the classroom
- the room had very few outlets and this was a class where all the assignments were coding on our computers

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8 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

I improved my ability to problem solve.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%								
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat agree	(4)	1	6.67%								
Agree	(5)	6	40.00%								
Strongly agree	(6)	8	53.33%								
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
15/20 (75.00%)	5.47	0.64	6.00	22340	5.18	0.97	5.00	3212	5.21	0.95	5.00

8 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

The textbook or course readings made a valuable contribution to my learning.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Strongly disagree	(1)	1	7.69%								
Disagree	(2)	1	7.69%								
Somewhat disagree	(3)	2	15.38%								
Somewhat agree	(4)	2	15.38%								
Agree	(5)	2	15.38%								
Strongly agree	(6)	5	38.46%								
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
13/20 (65.00%)	4.38	1.71	5.00	22234	4.73	1.36	5.00	3200	4.60	1.40	5.00

8 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

The objectives of the course were clearly explained.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%								
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat agree	(4)	2	14.29%								
Agree	(5)	4	28.57%								
Strongly agree	(6)	8	57.14%								
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
14/20 (70.00%)	5.43	0.76	6.00	22330	5.20	1.01	5.00	3214	5.17	1.04	5.00

8 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

The out-of-class assignments were educationally valuable.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%								
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat agree	(4)	1	6.67%								
Agree	(5)	5	33.33%								
Strongly agree	(6)	9	60.00%								
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
15/20 (75.00%)	5.53	0.64	6.00	22123	5.15	1.08	5.00	3190	5.16	1.08	5.00

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9 - The instructor related theories and concepts to practical issues.												
Dylan Patrick Losey												
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Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%			5.73	5.33	5.35	Question	College	Department	
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%									
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%									
Somewhat agree	(4)	1	6.67%	█								
Agree	(5)	2	13.33%	█								
Strongly agree	(6)	12	80.00%	█								
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Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
15/20 (75.00%)	5.73	0.59	6.00	24067	5.33	0.94	6.00	3290	5.35	0.95	6.00	