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Quality of Teaching Evaluation

The Vrije Universiteit offers inspiring educational surroundings, in which both Dutch and international students expand their horizons substantially. The university has a leading international position in a number of areas. The Vrije Universiteit is working hard to ensure that all of its courses rank among the best in the country. The university also stands for high quality, fundamental, innovative and socially oriented research. The university has several leading research groups, all of which enjoy international recognition.

The AI Department offers a 3-years BSc degree and a 2-years MSc degree in Artificial Intelligence. For the MSc degree, one can choose from 5 different programs in the areas of knowledge management, organisation dynamics and self-organisation, intelligent Internet applications, cognitive science and law and linguistics.

Artificial Intelligence contributes heavily to the development of methods to support the use of the Internet. Examples of such contributions are knowledge-based advisory systems that are integrated within intelligent web-sites, intelligent agents that are active on the Internet, and the advancements of the Semantic Web. The two-year Master programme Intelligent Internet Applications has a balanced curriculum to enable the student to master all knowledge and techniques necessary for the development of intelligent Internet applications. Main characteristic subjects are: Intelligent Internet Applications, User Interface Design, Intelligent Interactive Distributed Systems, Applications of Agent Technologies and other.

Prof. Vagan Terziyan have been teaching the following courses within the Master Program:

Intelligent Information Agents II ("Information Agent Technology for the Internet"), Fall 2001.

The main objective the course is the design of agent-based software applications aimed to adapt huge data and service facilities of the Internet to the needs of a concrete customer.

Intelligent Web Applications, Fall 2002, Fall 2003.

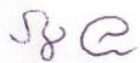
The main objective the course is the design of Intelligent Web Applications aimed to intelligently utilise huge, rich and shared web resources and services taking into account heterogeneity of sources, user preferences and mobility.

Prof. Vagan Terziyan have been selected as an instructor (teacher) for these courses because of his highly acknowledged expertise in the areas of Web applications, intelligent systems and decision making. He has a broad view on the matters including fundamental aspects and applicational aspects.

Faculty staff members who have inspected provided lecture notes and who visited some of his lectures admitted that they were of a very high quality. The scientific value of the content is very high without losing the students that are a bit less skillful. His teaching abilities are very well-developed.

Also the Department has practise to question students anonymously about their evaluation of the quality of the course and teaching at the end of each course. Analysis of questionnaire forms returned by students after Vagan Terziyan's courses shows that his course is evaluated as among the best 10% of our courses. Particularly, his strongly motivating way of teaching, and the application-orientedness while still having attention to fundamental aspects are considered of high value.

Summarising we can admit that Vagan Terziyan is among the best lecturers of our department, and is of high value for any lecturers position in his areas.



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