

Parallel Programming Languages and Systems (PPLS)

Response to student feedback in 2017/18 course survey

Thanks for the feedback everyone, my response is as follows:

- The scheduling of lectures is out of my control, but if you think 9am is bad, you should see what happens in some countries!
- The suggestions around more/harder coursework are interesting and noted. As a school we have been trying to reduce the amount of coursework expected of students over the past couple of years, and so I am not really keen to reverse this unilaterally. However, as I point out during the course, I do really encourage you to play with the languages/libraries for your own fun and education. You can run Pthreads, Java and MPI programs on DICE, and since many lab DICE machines now have four cores, you can try to get some real speed-up, on simple problems.

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