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Department of Mathematics

*Student Evaluation of Teaching\**

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Instructor Ross

Course and Section no. 252A-1

Please comment below on special strengths and weaknesses of the instructor and the instructor's conduct of the course. Constructive criticism is solicited.

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Instructor PROFESSOR ROSS

Course and Section no. MATH 252A

Please comment below on special strengths and weaknesses of the instructor and the instructor's conduct of the course. Constructive criticism is solicited.

Professor ROSS is an excellent teacher. He is easy to understand and follow. I like how he uses technology in class such as posting videos on his website and providing lecture notes online that we can take a look at prior to coming to class.

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Instructor David Ross

Course and Section no. MATH 252A Section 1

Please comment below on special strengths and weaknesses of the instructor and the instructor's conduct of the course. Constructive criticism is solicited.

Special Strengths - Thorough and insightful explanations. If you can understand it all on the first go, that's great but if not you must review a lot to understand it all. Professor is more than willing to help students and asks for questions. Review sessions give students opportunity to relearn something they may have missed. Grades are curved in a very fair manner. Additional exercises and material are usually very helpful.

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Instructor Dr. Ross

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Please comment below on special strengths and weaknesses of the instructor and the instructor's conduct of the course. Constructive criticism is solicited.

Dr. Ross is a great professor. He will answer all my questions clearly and accurately. His teaching style is extraordinary. He is very well prepared for class. Sometimes, he did make some mistake in class during lecture. But he can always figure out the problem and make it right. I would love to have him again next semester.

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Instructor David Ross

Course and Section no. 252 A

Please comment below on special strengths and weaknesses of the instructor and the instructor's conduct of the course. Constructive criticism is solicited.

Strengths

- takes responsibility for material given to us, corrects himself
- good command of complex material; I feel like I am in good hands
- clear explanations of administrative/schedule stuff makes the class go smoother
- good balance of mechanics + theory

Weaknesses

- this is the first time we are hearing some of this material - I would like a chance to read ahead, so advance notice on which sections to read up on ahead of time would be helpful
- framing the material e.g. "this is used for --- in real life, in physics," etc. would help

Conduct

very professional, ~~is~~ approachable  
efficient

~~the~~ my time in this class was put to good use ☺

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Instructor Ross

Course and Section no. 252a

Please comment below on special strengths and weaknesses of the instructor and the instructor's conduct of the course. Constructive criticism is solicited.

- + knowledgeable in topic
- + excellent resources on webpage
- + clear and willing to reiterate if students are unclear
- + tests fairly & regularly
- occasionally jumps steps in problems

It has been an enjoyable course and you are one of the best professors I have had. If I were to continue in math I would like you as my professor. (unfortunately I am not).

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Instructor D. ROSS

Course and Section no. 252A-1

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Professor ROSS is very knowledgeable about the subject that he teaches. His ~~website~~ website which lists homework, and also lecture notes is very helpful. I also liked how he posted videos of the exam solutions, and kept them posted so that we could refer to them outside of class. My only criticism is that the grading system is very unclear. I know that he is very willing to base grades on students' strengths and not their weaknesses, but the lack of structure always left me wondering what I needed on a test to get a certain grade. Also, I did not know how badly a certain ~~grade~~ score would hurt my overall grade, which was a source of anxiety. But Professor ROSS was always approachable outside of class and willing to discuss grades.

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Instructor David Ross

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I think that Prof. Ross is really smart but sometimes he has a hard time translating the material to us. Most of the time he does a good job of explaining but sometimes, when I've read the book and am confused, his explanation doesn't really make it any clearer. I also wish that sometimes there was some homework enforcement, because I hate homework, and unless there is a quiz, I'm not inclined to do it so I need more initiative. Otherwise, I think he is a great teacher.

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Instructor David Pass.

Course and Section no. Math 252

Please comment below on special strengths and weaknesses of the instructor and the instructor's conduct of the course. Constructive criticism is solicited.

He knows a lot about the topic and explains relatively well.

Sometimes when a new topic is introduced, he goes a bit fast and the only thing I can understand is the basic algebra that is being done, so maybe from time to time, he could say why he is doing a certain step just to remind us of how that relates to what we are currently learning.

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Instructor David Ross

Course and Section no. 252a

Please comment below on special strengths and weaknesses of the instructor and the instructor's conduct of the course. Constructive criticism is solicited.

The instructor is very nice and approachable. Although the course's content is difficult, he does a good job of explaining, and makes himself available for help.

The only piece of criticism I have is with his tests and quizzes. At times, the tests are very long and the given time period is not enough. I would suggest either extending the time spent in class, or maybe offering the tests in 2 parts. Maybe even during lab hours.

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Instructor ROGS

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Please comment below on special strengths and weaknesses of the instructor and the instructor's conduct of the course. Constructive criticism is solicited.

He does a great job integrating the computer with his class, which makes it easy to review for tests, because of the online notes and getting assignments. I feel that he is very knowledgeable, but I think that he gets too interested in the topic and excited that he talks too quickly and loses the students. He is a very helpful professor, willing to help his students to succeed in anyway. However I feel that he should provide more review problems that is equal in difficulty to that of the exam.

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Class was well-organized and appropriate speed

However, letters on blackboard were often too small  
to see.

Sometimes, the professor used a computer to show notes  
it was better.

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I would like it better if you say things in simpler terms (because I sometimes find it hard to understand you).

Overall, I do enjoy the class, and I think that you have a warm personality.

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Please comment below on special strengths and weaknesses of the instructor and the instructor's conduct of the course. Constructive criticism is solicited.

- Very intelligent teacher, almost never had problems explaining the material
- Issues with exams: difficulty level was certainly appropriate, but we never had enough time to finish.
- Not many problems with this class: lectures were efficient and work was handed back fairly quickly (unlike other classes)
- He does tend to leave us behind in lectures, usually stacks mountains of information for us to process.
- Overall though a good teacher, things could have potentially been much worse with teachers who didn't understand the nuances of the material as he did.

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