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Student Evaluation of Teaching*

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Instructor Ross

Course and Section no. 206(7)

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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The instructor sometimes takes a long time to grade our quizzes and exams, but I guess its understandable since there are different ways to approach a problem and deciding a fair curve can be difficult. He also writes a little too small on the chalkboard. I sit at the front, but I still have a hard time seeing what he's writing at times. But otherwise, I think that he is an excellent teacher. He is very organized, coming to class everyday with an agenda he writes on the board and his prepared notes. He is very thorough and gives examples in his lectures. Also, going over homework, quizzes, and exams and grading on a curve is good in this class.

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Instructor Dr. David Ross

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Dr. Ross is one of the better math professor here at UHM. He's very thorough with his explanations and dedicated ~~with~~ to his work. To my surprise, he even devotes some class time to answer questions on homework problems. My math instructors last semester did no such thing. By doing so, Dr. Ross assures himself that his students know the material before continuing his lecture. Dr Ross can, however, be more clear and spend more time on the infinite series, which proves to be the hardest topic of this course. Overall, he is an excellent teacher, who TEACHES and not lecture (there is a difference), and I would recommend anyone to take his class.

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I think he is a nice teacher for grading system, another word, he is quite fair. He did give examples in class, but however, for the last few sections he went quite fast, which makes difficult to understand. But I believe, he did try his best, but he did a great job on go over the test and quiz (which, will help me a lot in the future.) One thing, sometimes his test questions (few) is different from the material or way beyond we go over in class.

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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.

- EXCELLENT CLASS
- NEED MORE TIME FOR QUIZZES OR CUT QUIZZES DOWN (LENGTHWISE)
- INSTRUCTOR STRESSES THAT COURSE IS HARDER THAN MATH 205.
- MAYBE HAVE EXTRA HANDOUTS/PROBLEMS ON SERIES/SEQUENCES [LAST 2 CHAPTERS] SO STUDENTS CAN PREPARE THEMSELVES MORE FOR QUIZZES & EXAMS

(ie. If you do the same problems over & over in the book, it doesn't really help. Maybe have instructor recommend other study guides that provide more problems...)

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Instructor DAVID ROSS

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MR. ROSS EXPLAINED THE MATERIALS WELL. HE ANSWERS STUDENTS QUESTIONS IN A CLEAR AND UNDERSTANDABLE MANNER. TESTS AND QUIZES ARE GRADED FAIRLY. MR. ROSS KNOWS HIS MATERIAL WELL. SOMETIMES HE TENDS TO GO FAST AND HAVE HIS BACK FACING US WHILE DISCUSSING A PROBLEM. OVERALL, HE IS A FINE PROFESSOR, AND I WOULD RECOMMEND OTHER STUDENTS TO TAKE HIS CLASS IN THE FUTURE.

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The instructor offers regular quizes. This makes us keep up with our assignments. Also, we can ask questions about the assignments in class. However, sometimes the whole lesson may be used to discuss the assignments. Although this is good since we can understand more before we go any further, this may make the time insufficient to finish the course.

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The instructor's strength is his ability to make the subject matter clear. His explanations are well presented and easy to understand. He is well organized and knows the subject matter well.

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very good - should get students more involved.

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STRENGTHS – GREAT KNOWLEDGE OF MATH CONCEPTS, PROOFS, ETC.
CHALLENGING PROFESSOR – REALLY TESTS THE STUDENT

WEAKNESSES – EXPLANATIONS ARE VAGUE
SOMETIMES DOES NOT USE EXAMPLES THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO MATH HOMEWORK
"TEACHING" SKILLS NEED IMPROVEMENT
– MANY TIMES WILL COME OUT OF CLASS WONDERING WHAT WENT ON
– NEED TO GIVE TIME TO STUDENTS TO GRASP CONCEPTS & IDEAS PRESENTED ON CHALKBOARD

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I really enjoyed this semester's class. Dr. Ross made it easy for me to understand the materials and concepts. He was always available to help students and explained any questions we may have had thoroughly. Before this class I had lost interest in math, but now I can say I really like it... and at times it can be fun. I appreciate all that Dr. Ross has taught me this semester.

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Goods : Fairly good at explaining subject matter. Good examples. Makes class interesting by not always sticking to book. Often around to help with problems. Well, understanding of subject matter as well as preparation. Very organized and tries to make chapter easier by going in order of difficulty in understanding.

Bads : Writes & Talks too fast often on chalk board. Exams are often very difficult. Should assign more homework for collection to get direct feedback on homework instead of always going over in class. Takes up precious time which could be used to explain sections better. Plainly, just too fast with going over problems especially skipping a lot of steps. May think they are unnecessary, but doesn't realize it helps students recall previous material for foundation.

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The lecture is okay, but it seems that it was a rush job. The notetaking and trying to understand the lecture at the same time is very hard to do. My problem is that I really need time to think about it. The explanations on the lecture is very thorough which sometimes confuses me. The homework is reasonable and it really helped me when we are able to go over them in class. The 3"x5" note card for test is really good because there is just so much theorems and formulas I can store in my head. It really helped my test time blank flashes.

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Instructor Prof. Ross

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Has good knowledge of materials.
Knows how to solve problems with clear explanations
Fair grading.
Exams questions are fair,
Audible at times, but inaudible when surroundings become noisy

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Instructor D. Ross

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Math 206 is notorious for its difficulty. I'm pretty mediocre in math, so I'm glad Dr. Ross made the material workable for me. I'm kind of thrilled that I actually know what's going on — most of the time. Dr. Ross is motivating, in the sense that I'm definitely trying harder now than I did at the beginning of semester, though I'm not sure my grades wholly reflect it.

I feel aware of what's going on, which is — in a sense — more important to me than the grade. He works out a lot of examples and explains them clearly.

Well, I'm not a math major, & math's never been easy for me. Dr. Ross must be pretty good since he was able to teach me and not totally lose me — for the most part.

Dr. Ross is definitely fair w/ his examinations, none of the problems are ever a surprise — just as it should be. Of course, that doesn't make the exams any easier... hooray for partial credit!!

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It was very helpful that we could ask questions at the beginning of each class period.
It was also good that exams & quizzes were always explained afterwards.

One thing that bothered me just a little was that sometimes the writing on the blackboard was difficult to read because it was too small.

But other than that, I enjoyed the lectures and stories like the Rabbit & the Tortoise and how they related to a type of problem.

It was nice that you were very approachable and made time to see us. I learned a great deal of Calculus. Thank you.
Have a nice summer.

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