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*Student Evaluation of Teaching**

Instructor Dr. Ross
Course and Section no. 242 (1 & 2)

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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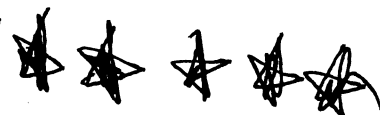
Instructor DAVID ROSS

Course and Section no. MATH 242 section 1/2

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To whom it may concern,

David Ross is a great professor. He spends his time going into the material of every chapter very well. He has set plans for class, and always gives a preview of what we will do. He explains the mathematical theory and proofs of concepts, and he gives useful examples for the exams. He shows us various techniques to go over different problems, and his study sessions are very helpful.



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Course and Section no. 242 - 02

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Good instructor. Lectures paced much more useful than text, went through course material very well with examples and explanations. Used historic information in lectures, seemed very well educated in math, overall very experienced in teaching. Grade scaling helped a lot, quizzes / exam hard but fair.

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Instructor David Ross

Course and Section no. Math 242 - 02

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

Prof. Ross is an overall good teacher. Comes prepared to class and is always enthusiastic. He does a good job at explaining and breaking down topics and examples.

Tests can be difficult but he has a decent curve. Would recommend a classmate to take him for 242.

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Instructor DAVID ROSS

Course and Section no. MATH 242 Section 1

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- one thing I found helpful in Dr. Ross' class is that he worked a lot of examples, so although I would not catch on to the lesson the first time around, I could always go back through my notes and rework examples.
- I also liked that the amount of homework was not overwhelming, but at the same time, when I completed the hwk, I felt that it was varied enough so that I understood the methods involved
- cheat sheet was great on tests so I didn't waste time memorizing equations and could focus on understanding lessons
- wish hwk were posted earlier or even prior to class

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Course and Section no. Math 242 Sec 2

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I thought that Professor Ross is a good teacher. He really knows the material very well. However, sometimes he would drift off from a proof or overload people with proofs. I feel that I understood most of the material thanks to him and his TA. Sometimes he would skip steps or skip examples and I think that he should write out the problems in the way he grades them as well as show all the steps.

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Instructor David Ross

Course and Section no. Math 292 section 2

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

- + Instructor was fairly easy to hear and understand, gave decent examples and worked through them
- + Fair grading policy
- Exams seem overly hard, it's like he doesn't expect most people to do well
- Lecture slides are somewhat confusing and hard to grasp
- + Made videos of the exam solutions and gave a decent way to review for exams
- + Weekly quizzes are a decent way to check the material

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Course and Section no. MATH 242

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It took me awhile to get used to your teaching style, but once I got it, my grades/test scores jumped up. You can tell you have a passion for what you do. Sometimes you went a little deep into the concepts of what you were teaching and I think you'd easily lose the class when you did. Your study sessions before exams were a HUGE help. Thank you for doing that.

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Instructor DAVID ROSS

Course and Section no. MATH 242 SECTION 1 & 2

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OVERALL AMAZING TEACHER- GOES THRU MATERIAL THOROUGHLY
VERY EASY TO UNDERSTAND, AND DOES HIS BEST TO
MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE FOR HELP. SOME OF THE MATERIAL
I THOUGHT WE SPED THRU, BUT GAVE AMBLE TIME FOR
HELP IN UNDERSTANDING.

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Course and Section no. Math 242 Sec 02

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

This instructor showed great knowledge in this course and ~~was~~ was a ~~big help~~ able to write many examples. I think the only weakness was that I had a hard time understanding when he used words such as "stuff" and using "etc." a lot. But overall a good teacher.

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Course and Section no. MATH 242-2

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

Overall, Ross is a good professor. His examples are good for an overall view of the material being covered. However, the one thing I did hate was the notes on the projection screen. Often they were hard to read and he had the tendency to explain too quickly when using them. Yes, they were also posted online afterwards, so that does make up for it, but often I'd much prefer when examples were done on the board because the step-by-step was easier to follow. Overall, a good semester.

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Instructor Dr. Ross

Course and Section no. Math 242 - 1

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 very educated and has a unique way of teaching. Following him in lecture needs total focus and he is open to questions. I like how we are able to use a crib sheet to better ourselves on the exams. An improvement is he should let us know his terminology first before using it because it's kinda difficult to understand some things he talks about.

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Course and Section no. Math 242 section 1

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The teaching is fast paced and he is good at teaching its just the chalk makes it harder to read whats on the board, Maybe could slow it down a little.

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Course and Section no. Math 242 Section 2

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

Great instructor, knows his stuff, but at times doesn't get message across very well.

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Instructor Ross

Course and Section no. math 242 / 2

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

strengths : Professor seemed to really know his stuff
Lots of proofing ; however... not always
intuitive

weaknesses : some things just weren't clear ;
ie. text explained things simpler

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Instructor David Ross

Course and Section no. Math 242, Section 001

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I think he is a very knowledgeable person in the field of mathematics. He seems to have the class all planned out too, which is very good since it's organized. However, I felt he taught things too quickly. This class was very fast-paced and it was very hard to understand all the concepts he went over. For most of the class, I had to teach myself and get help, so in order to improve this would be to go more slowly. I thought the quizzes were good but they were a little bit too hard, but it would be better if we had more work and more problems, especially if we'll be having a quiz on them soon so that we have more time to work on them. For the exam practice problems and stuff too, it would be better if we had more problems for us to work on. I think it would be better if we had more problems for us to work on, so that we can be better prepared for the exam.

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Instructor Professor Ross

Course and Section no. Math 242 sect. 01 & 02

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 was not as bad as the 'Rate My Prof.' indicated. This course was a difficult course in itself, but Prof. Ross has given the resources and information in order to pass. He is very knowledgeable, and does a lot of examples (which was good) in order to solidify the material.

weaknesses: He's pretty intimidating and it takes a lot for me to ask questions.

- The HW shouldn't have been graded, it wouldn't have helped my grade.
- He goes through the material kinda quick and it just passes my brain.

Other than that, I'm going to pass, so it's good enough for me.

+ the cheat sheet helps a ton!

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Instructor D. Ross

Course and Section no. MATH 242 02

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

STRENGTH

- knows the material completely
-

WEAKNESSES:

- long winded explanations + talks too fast.

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Instructor David Ross

Course and Section no. Math 242 sec 1

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

Lectures can be somewhat boring
but I don't blame the professor.
The way he explains things can
be confusing at times. The way
he grades I think is really fair.
He curves all his exams as well
as drops your lowest test score and
quiz score. Review session were lead
through students asking questions but
it would be more helpful if he lead
it by choosing examples to review.

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Instructor Ross

Course and Section no. Math 242 Section 1 and 2

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 would be knowing his context and all about what he is teaching. However, like a human being we all have flaws and weaknesses. Professor Ross would be too vague on what he is teaching at the time. More examples need to be used.

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Instructor D. Ross

Course and Section no. 242 Section 2

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

Overall, Ross is alright. His tests are nothing out of the ordinary, he does expect his students to know a lot though. On the second exam, there was not 1 A in the class. He didn't even curve it to give any students A's. The test was just too long.

Ross skips steps during class as well. There are usually algebraic steps or definitions that we are expected to memorize. I would prefer it if he reiterated these steps and definitions, maybe he is just too smart for all that.

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Instructor Ross

Course and Section no. Math 242 section

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- I like the way he teaches
- I like the mixed grading scale
- ⇒ Needs to do more examples and less emphasis on theory

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Instructor Ross

Course and Section no. Math 242 Section 2

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Explains concepts very well, there are some areas where explanations don't seem clear. It feels as though sometimes instructor would go over materials too fast for me to catch up b/c while I'm writing notes down, the instructor will already be explaining while ~~I'm unable to listen at the same time~~ different materials.

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Instructor Ross

Course and Section no. MATH 242: Section 01

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I don't like it when the instructor uses the projector because it is difficult to see. I also think the instructor could speak a little louder during lectures. Overall, instructor did an okay job.

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Course and Section no. 1-2

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- Passionate about math
- could improve on clarity, I watched a lot of great youtube videos that had more of step by step instruction.
- Visual learner so I would get confused looking at your work on the board.
- You assume we know a lot, too much. I know you teach a lot of 600 classes ~~by~~ but please remember who you are teaching to and not quickly go over material like we should know.
- maybe talk about real world applications to the math as many of us aren't math majors and want to know how to apply it
- thank you!

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Course and Section no. Math 242 Section 2

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It is obvious that the professor is passionate about Calc 2 which makes the course less dry. However, expectations are set very high and some topics are explained too theoretically which don't aid in a testing situation. The overhead made it difficult to review notes, I would prefer another source of lecture notes posted somewhere that is accessible. I appreciate the homework, it was a good study tool w/o being a burden.

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Instructor Dr. David Ross

Course and Section no. Math 742

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

More often than not I found his lectures rather useless. He's obviously very Proficient and knowledgeable about the subject but when it comes to conveying the material I feel he struggles a bit. I would occasionally sit through class taking tedious notes while understanding little, then go home and read the book which in particular made clear the concept. Sometimes (often) I feel Ross's lectures lacked grounding, and it seemed we were crunching numbers in circles just for the sake of it. I would have to associate this teaching style with another theory class rather than Applied Calc II. I enjoyed his personality and grading rubric and overall the discussion classes helped.

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Instructor David Ross

Course and Section no. Section 001 - Math 242

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Professor Ross is very knowledgeable and enthusiastic but I found it hard to learn from him. He mostly went over proofs and theorems and rarely went over examples or how to actually do a problem. I would go home with all these notes and when I'm presented with a problem, I don't know how to do it because he didn't go over a problem and how to solve it. My friend learns from him so I think it's just preference of how I learn the best, which is through examples. If I know what the professor is thinking as he does a problem, then I will know how too.

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HE IS NOT THAT GREAT OF A PROFESSOR. I UNDERSTAND
THAT HE IS TEACHING US THEORY, BUT IT IS NOT ENGAGING.
THE TA FOR OUR CLASS IS MUCH MORE ENGAGING THAN
HE IS. THIS IS PROBABLY THE REASON WHY NOT SO MANY SHOW
UP TO CLASS

HOWEVER, HE IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE COURSE.

HE UPDATES HIS SITE FREQUENTLY AND GIVES FAIR CURVES.

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Course and Section no. MATH 242 section 2

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Honestly, I hate Evaluations I never know what to say That is the case once again, I apologize, but I have no critical feedback to provide at this moment.

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