



University of Connecticut

Student Evaluation of Teaching Summer 2020

Individual Report for MATH-1131Q-H20-STORR-Calculus I

Instructor: **Sougata Dhar** (SET Secondary Instructor)

Response Table

Raters	Students
Responded	24
Invited	40
Response Ratio	60%

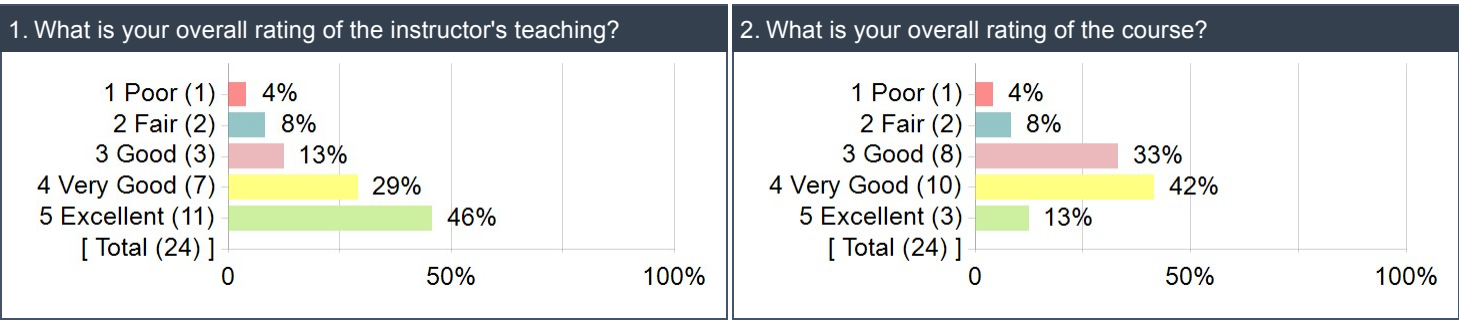
What is your overall rating of Sougata Dhar's teaching?

Question	Course		Department (MATH-Course Level 1000- FESI)		School (CLAS- Course Level 1000-FESI)		University (Course Level 1000-FESI)	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
What is your overall rating of the instructor's teaching?	4.0	4.0	4.7	5.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	5.0

What is your overall rating of the course?

Question	Course		Department (MATH-Course Level 1000- FESI)		School (CLAS- Course Level 1000-FESI)		University (Course Level 1000-FESI)	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
What is your overall rating of the course?	3.5	4.0	4.3	4.5	3.9	4.5	3.9	4.5

Overall Rating



Section 1. Summary

Please respond to the following questions about instructor Sougata Dhar:

Question	Course		Department (MATH-Course Level 1000- FESI)		School (CLAS- Course Level 1000-FESI)		University (Course Level 1000-FESI)	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
The instructor presented the course material clearly.	4.4	5.0	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4
The instructor was well prepared for class.	4.3	5.0	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.7
The instructor responded to questions adequately.	4.3	5.0	4.1	4.3	3.9	4.3	3.9	4.3
The instructor stimulated interest in the subject.	4.3	5.0	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.3
The instructor showed interest in helping students learn.	4.6	5.0	4.2	4.6	4.1	4.6	4.1	4.6
The instructor gave clear assignments.	4.4	5.0	4.1	4.4	3.7	4.4	3.7	4.4
The instructor was accessible to students.	4.5	5.0	4.2	4.5	3.9	4.5	3.9	4.5
The instructor gave useful feedback on my performance.	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
The instructor returned graded work in a reasonable amount of time.	4.4	5.0	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4
The instructor used class time effectively.	4.2	4.0	2.6	2.6	3.4	4.2	3.4	4.2
The instructor treated all students with respect.	4.4	5.0	3.5	4.4	3.9	4.4	3.9	4.4
The instructor graded fairly.	4.3	5.0	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
The instructor's teaching methods promoted student learning.	4.3	5.0	3.9	4.3	4.0	4.3	4.0	4.3

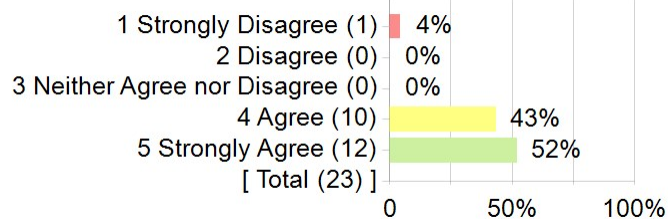
Please respond to the following questions about the course:

Question	Course		Department (MATH-Course Level 1000- FESI)		School (CLAS- Course Level 1000-FESI)		University (Course Level 1000-FESI)	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
The methods of evaluating student learning seemed appropriate.	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9
The course content was well organized.	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.2	3.5	4.2	3.5	4.2
The course objectives were clear.	4.0	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.0
The course objectives were met.	4.3	4.0	3.9	4.3	4.0	4.3	4.0	4.3
The course materials made a valuable contribution.	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
The pace of the course seemed appropriate.	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.8

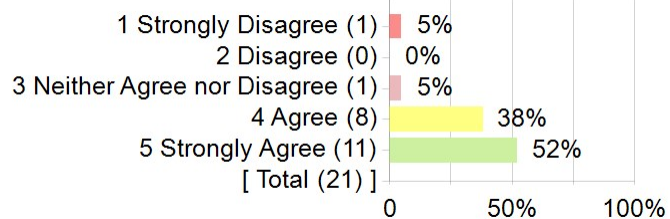
Section 2. Questions About the Instructor

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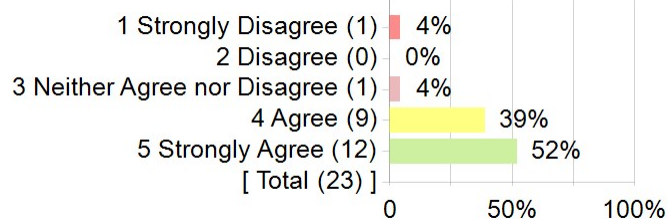
1. The instructor presented the course material clearly.



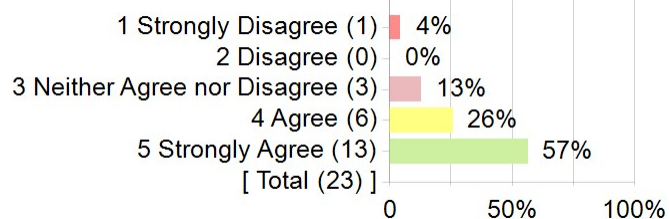
2. The instructor was well prepared for class.



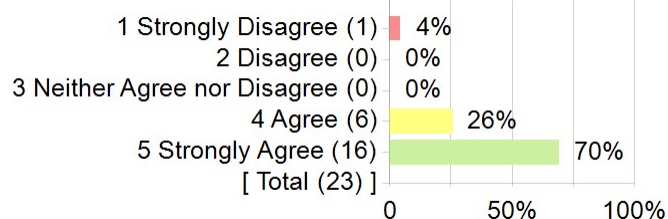
3. The instructor responded to questions adequately.



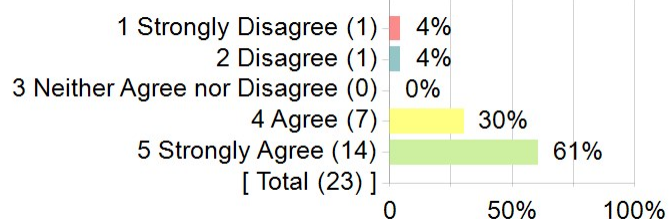
4. The instructor stimulated interest in the subject.



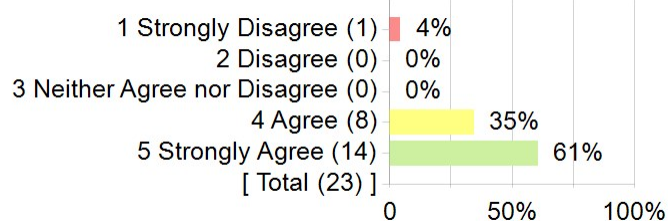
5. The instructor showed interest in helping students learn.



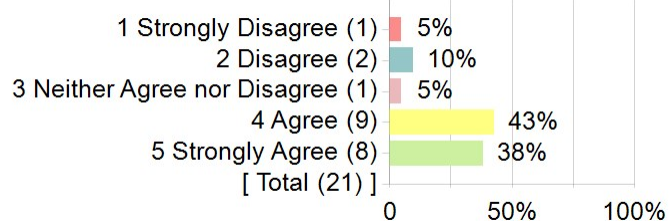
6. The instructor gave clear assignments.



7. The instructor was accessible to students.

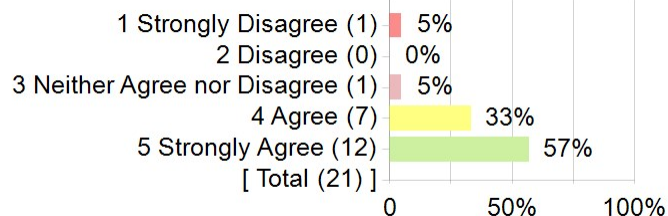


8. The instructor gave useful feedback on my performance.

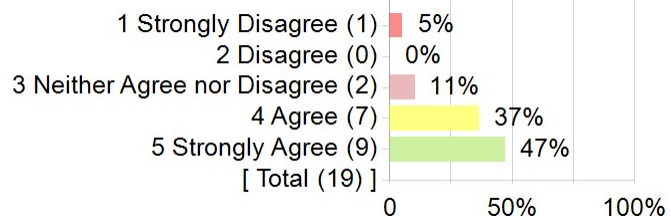


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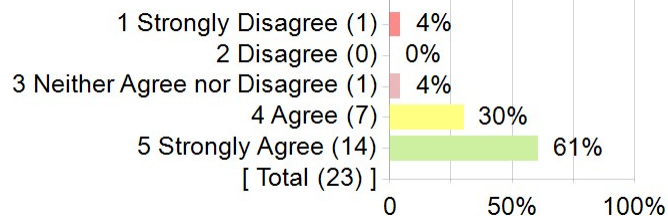
9. The instructor returned graded work in a reasonable amount of time.



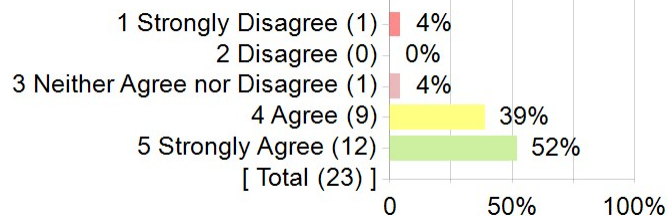
10. The instructor used class time effectively.



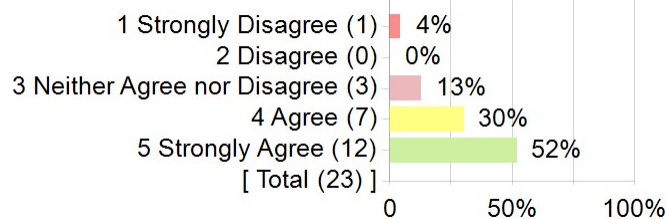
11. The instructor treated all students with respect.



12. The instructor graded fairly.



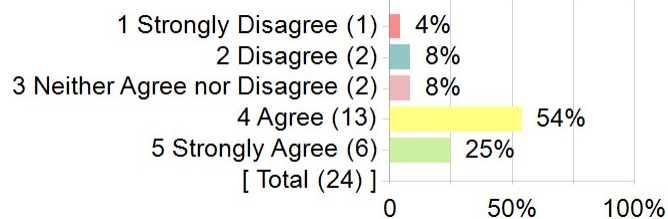
13. The instructor's teaching methods promoted student learning.



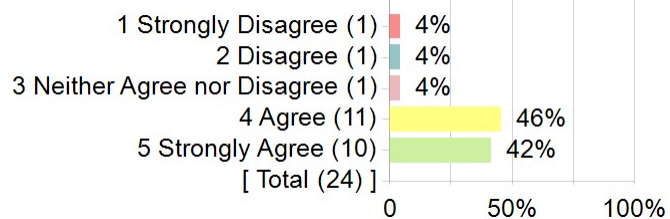
Section 3. Questions About the Course

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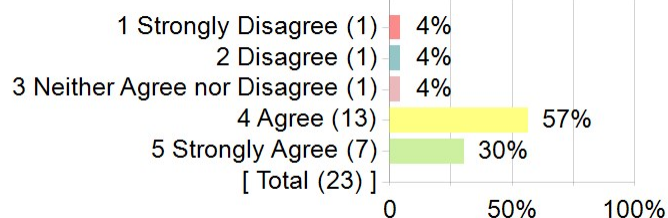
1. The methods of evaluating student learning seemed appropriate.



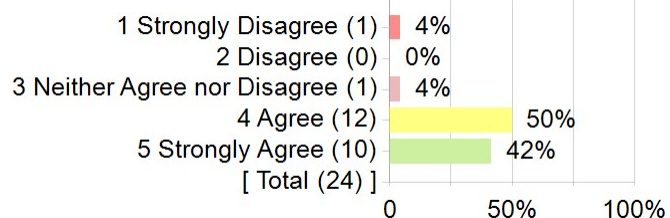
2. The course content was well organized.



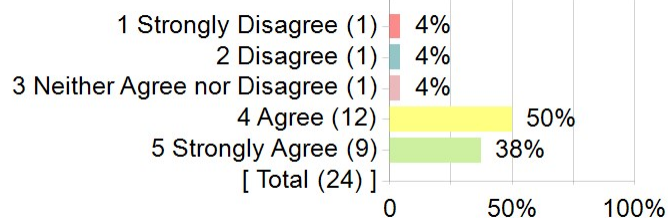
3. The course objectives were clear.



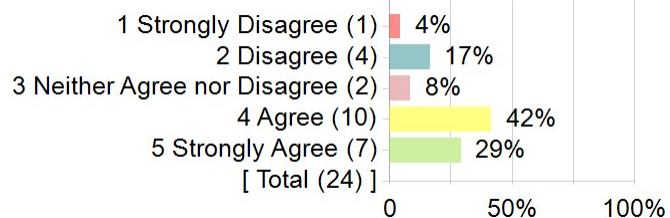
4. The course objectives were met.



5. The course materials made a valuable contribution.



6. The pace of the course seemed appropriate.



Section 4. Student Information

What is your Academic Level?

What is your academic level?		
Options	Count	Percentage
Freshman	6	25%
Sophomore	10	42%
Junior	6	25%
Senior	1	4%
Graduate	1	4%
Other	0	0%

What is your expected grade in this course?

What is your expected grade in this course?		
Options	Count	Percentage
A	9	38%
B	8	33%
C	6	25%
D	1	4%
F	0	0%
Pass	0	0%
Fail	0	0%
Other	0	0%

What is your cumulative average (GPA)?

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Options	Count	Percentage
3.5 and above	9	50%
3.0-3.4	7	39%
2.5-2.9	2	11%
2.0-2.4	0	0%
< 2.0	0	0%

How many times did you miss this class?

How many times did you miss this class?		
Options	Count	Percentage
0-2	11	100%
3-4	0	0%
5-6	0	0%
> 6	0	0%

Section 4. Student Information (continued)

On average, how many hours a week did you spend outside of class preparing for this course?

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Options	Count	Percentage
0	0	0%
1-3	0	0%
4-6	5	21%
7-9	2	8%
10-14	9	38%
15+	8	33%

Which best describes this course for you?

Which best describes this course for you?		
Options	Count	Percentage
Requirement for my major	21	88%
General Education Requirement	1	4%
Other Requirement	2	8%
Elective	0	0%
Elective for my major	0	0%

My desire to take this course was:

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Options	Count	Percentage
Much more than most courses	1	4%
More than most courses	6	25%
About the same as most courses	7	29%
Less than most courses	7	29%
Much less than most courses	3	13%

For me, the level of difficulty of the course content was:

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Options	Count	Percentage
Much more than most courses	4	17%
More than most courses	11	46%
About the same as most courses	6	25%
Less than most courses	3	13%
Much less than most courses	0	0%

Section 4. Student Information (continued)

Overall, how much do you feel you've learned in this course?

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Options	Count	Percentage
Much more than most courses	3	13%
More than most courses	9	38%
About the same as most courses	9	38%
Less than most courses	1	4%
Much less than most courses	2	8%

Section 5. Comments

What was the most positive aspect of the way in which this instructor taught this course?

Comments
Though I attended the other professor's sessions, his attention to detail was, I hear, extremely valuable
Professor Dhar was very accessible and always responded to questions and comments on the Piazza discussion board. He truly cared about his students and provided the resources for us to succeed. He was very accommodating and understanding.
The instructor did very well in helping and answering questions on the discussion boards.
Very organized
I really liked the video notes.
he was always able to help me whether on webex or on email
He was very clear in how he reached the answer and the steps he took this helped me understand both the problems and the concepts clearly.
Professor Dhar is very responsive over email! Every question or problem I ran into over the course, within minutes I got a helpful response which is very impressive considering some other professors never respond.
His problem solving office hours
Pacing
Always responded to questions in the discussion and the videos were very clear and understandable
The instructor made it a point to always answer students' questions. They were also able to answer any difficult theoretical questions that I had. They were always kind and offered support.
Office hours and going out of their way to make themselves accessible to us.
The most positive aspect of the course was the fact the instructors were not too harsh on grading.
very active and engaging with students
It was great when the instructor cleared up students doubts through office hours and the discussion board. The discussion board in particular was very helpful because you can see all the questions that were asked and you can refer back to posts when needed.

What can this instructor do to improve teaching effectiveness in the classroom?

Comments
Perhaps some leniency in regards to exams, mainly in terms of what can and can't be provided for students.
Given that this was an online summer class during a pandemic, I don't think there was much more that Professor Dhar could have done to improve teaching effectiveness.
N/A
try to encourage more people to join the office hours for future online classes they really helped
Nothing.
include conceptual explanations for the solutions to the practice exams
N/A
Upload more practice multiple choice questions
There is not much I can say to improve. Maybe give more directions on assignments to make sure that the students have a complete understanding of what they should be doing.
Partial credit opportunities for online assessments. When it's multiple choice, you either hit or miss and none of the calculations you do before get considered
The pacing of the course could have been better.
offer more extra credit opportunities
This is an online course for a reason. We should not be forced to take exams all at the same time, as we all have different time commitments during the summer due to jobs etc.
I felt that the webassign homework and quizzes problems were often times easier than the exam questions, which made it hard to study for the exams. More practice problems that are closer to the level of difficulty to the exam questions would be helpful.

Please write any comments you have about the course or course materials.

Comments
The online textbook was essential, though I didn't use the physical version as much
The course was fair and there were many resources available to us in order to succeed. It was definitely a LOT of work that took a considerable amount of time, but given that it was a summer course I understand.
I enjoyed the format that the book presented the questions.
I enjoyed this course. It was a lot of hard work but considering it's squeezing so much into five weeks it makes sense. And before I didn't really know if I would like calculus because it has been a while since high school calculus, but it was a good class!
the piazza discussion board was Extremely helpfull
Multiple choice exams where partial credit is basically a given otherwise is harsh.
Although the course was fast-paced, the grading is fair and the instructors were very helpful
Piazza was very helpful! I never thought a discussion board would be necessary for a math course but it ended up giving me lots of advice on topics I struggled with.
Hard to teach and learn calculus via an online platform in a short amount of time (I know that's what I was signing up for but I didn't realize how much of a challenge it would be)
No additional comments.
none
The video assignments and extra credit worksheets were very useful because they helped me comprehend the concepts better.

For courses with laboratory and/or discussion sections: were the laboratory/discussion sections helpful to your learning?

Comments
The problem solving sessions were extremely helpful.
N/A
Yes!
n/a
The discussion board was helpful
N/A
NA
No additional comments.
N/A
The discussion board was very helpful because people asked questions that I had and people also gave great tips!