

University of Utah

Text Responses for DERRICK WIGGLESWORTH Teaching all types in all course levels in all NONE courses in the MATH department 2013 Summer



Text Responses

Question: Comments on course effectiveness

the derivative & area of shapes

n/a

I think that homework should have been weighted less compared to the exams.

Derrick either ran the course or constructed it very well in my opinion, there should not have been any confusion as to the syllabus, no surprises. course material organized and constructed well

The course material was organized well, so i could easily follow and study along. The content was difficult and went by fast because it was summer, maybe have class 5 days a week so we can go slower.

The concentrated math course was not well designed for my style of learning. I often felt i was rushing through homework, without understanding it just to get the assignments turned in. This led to me struggling a lot. Mr Wigglesworth also had a love for geometric formulas, and would test on them, which was a bummer, as it has been a LONG time since i learned (or failed to learn) geometry.

The book is hard to understand, but at least it's easy to get a hold of, and the department doesn't change which book they use every year. That's good.

It was good

going to class, online videos

The homework assignments were pretty long which made it harder to focus on. Students may get more out of less work.

The teacher was very relatable and had a good personality which made the learning environment more relaxed and easier to focus on.

Less homework would actually be better as everyone wont just copy it from the solution manual due to lack of time.

Online videos were available on the instructor's web page for further studying. Another useful resource for studying were the study guides made available before exams. However, although I think homework is great for practice, there was too much for this course, especially with the amount of time we had.

even if you do feel like moving faster than you had previously said, tell the students so they can plan. Also sometimes too much was covered in a class and not enough time was spend allowing students to understand the material.

Question: Comments, suggestions on instructor performance

office hours & reviews for test

Very engaged in teaching, I believe he truly wanted us to understand the material. Answered questions effectively

He was really organized and knew the math well. The course moved fast, and he did the best he could to teach us the material effectively.

Mr Wigglesworth is a nice guy; however, his teaching style was not very effective for me, he loves math proofs and definitions, but these things dont really help me resolve problems. This is less an issue with him and more an issue with me, as i feel im a simple student who does best if i can learn the quick and dirty ways to solve problems. Mr Wigglesworth also liked to test on the harder ways to do calculus, which i would not complain about if it werent a concentrated course, i feel that in two months our time would best be used ensuring we can get through the problems and less time learning the difficult ways.

For teaching a ten week calculus course, he did really well. I felt like we had to push through a lot, but he was able to convey concepts concisely and reinforce the ideas through application. He was fair and understanding about the nature of this class. That's the most you could ask for any math teacher!

Noneo

Very helpful and always willing to answer questions.

Instructor was very intelligent, and was very good at explaining everything.

He didn't teach anything he just did problems as if we already knew the material, I had to learn everything for the class online, it might as well have been an online class. Homework assignments were also outrageously long and only graded 4 questions when it would be around a 30 question assignment.

good professor

As I said before, he was relatable and approachable. He memorized many of the students names (which was impressive for the class size), and had a very fair grading method.

Hire a better grader who is fair and not marking so strictly specially on home works.

The instructor took enough time to make things as clear as possible (given that it is a condensed half-term summer course). The instructor is very knowledgeable in this subject, but perhaps his expectations for students to know certain things was too high.

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