## MATH 304: Linear Algebra (CRN 21499)

## Survey response 1

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#### Western Course Evaluation

What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

The enthusiasm brought to class by the professor made going to class interesting. The "blind grading" was also a good aspect of the class. I appreciate the remediations, and the dropping of the lowest 2 quiz scores.

What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

I think the always, sometimes, never questions could be a little easier. They were quite difficult and always gave me the most trouble.

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#### Western Course Evaluation

#### What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

The personability of the professor and his being very open to the class and relatable to the students. I personally really enjoyed his random comments that seemed to come out of nowhere throughout the quarter, one example is "THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF TRICKS, that's what mathematics is" and it was always so funny and entertaining when these popped up. They really pulled me into the course. The fact that the content was covered in class was wonderful for me, as I have had some weird classes this past year that didn't cover the content in class and royally screwed up my comprehension.

What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

I personally think that the course was fantastically arranged and there aren't any particular improvements that I can think of.

#### Other comments:

The professor was the highlight of the class and was a joy to learn from.

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### Western Course Evaluation

What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

I really like the lecture note and the feedback on every quizzes and midterm, they were very helpful.

What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

I personally would love to see more actual examples. Feel like the class to focus on proofing and example were rarely show with the actual number.

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#### Western Course Evaluation

#### What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

The teaching was excellent! I honestly loved this class so much, despite how hard the exams were. The enthusiasm and love that Hans has for linear algebra is so so so infectious. I loved that there was a lot of time spent explaining and a fair amount of time to ask questions as well to really make sure that we all get it.

#### What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

I think when referencing theorems, page numbers could also be included. They were at the very beginning of the course, but as the course went on, the theorems slowly just became labeled theorem 1,2,3 ect. which made them hard to find in the book.

I also think that maybe slowing down when writing would be good too, since sometimes there would be some words from the lecture notes that aren't quite readable.

#### Other comments:

This was one of my favorite classes this quarter! This was actually an elective class that I chose to take, and I really learned a lot! At the very beginning I was doubting whether or not taking this class would be good or not, since I don't need it to graduate, but I learned so much in this class that I think it was time well spent. I really hope that I can take other classes with you in the future!

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#### Western Course Evaluation

#### What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

Your enthusiasm for linear algebra was noticeable and inspiring. You were extremely funny. I mean, check out these quotes: "Computing this determinant is not something you should do publicly, you should only do it with your closest loved ones." "It's all connected man.... what is 5?" "Don't threaten me with a good time, zoom. I'll leave meetings all day." Haha, and there are plenty more I can add.

Also, your explanations of the proofs were rigorous and easy to follow.

What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

The content and teaching were superb. Actually, I have one suggestion: Start loving the differential equation factory.

#### Other comments:

Some suggestions for Eigenquiz:

- 1. Add a timed mode that asks specifically definition-related questions. The timed component would prevent cheating, and I think the mode would help people's memory and understanding of the key definitions in linear algebra. Plus, didn't you say that definitions are more important than theorems?:)
- 2. Add a dark mode/theme.

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#### Western Course Evaluation

What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

Incredible Compensation for online learning. One of the few classes I have taken online that offers content that I remember and learn from, while not being stressfully hard.

What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

#### Other comments:

I am super impressed with both your 204 I took last quarter and this quarter 304. It is nice to be reminded how kool math is

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What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?

You were very relatable and engaging, and the problems that you wrote did a good job of breaking problems down into steps.

What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

I know that you have already addressed grading homework, but I think that it is very important. It may be something that will go away when classes are in person again, but I can say that I personally did not do hardly any of the homework, and was quite successful in your class. I also feel that I would have retained more of the information had I done the homeworks, but in an environment where it can be so hard to get motivated to do things, not grading "required" homework seems like a mistake.

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