

A Rainy-Day Fund

They say that self-praise is no recommendation, so I'll let my students do it for me.

I'll admit, compiling this document is a bit self-indulgent – a biased selection of comments from my students' course evaluations. But I see this collection as my "rainy day fund," something to lift my spirits on days when I need encouragement.

I encourage my students to celebrate their successes, big or small, to shine a light on where they excel, and to focus on the strengths that will help them to achieve their goals and overcome their challenges. Here, I attempt to do the same for myself.

To my students, thank you for these kind words – they mean the world to me.

Machine Design (MET 4501)

- Professor Ginsberg is skilled at answering every question that a student has. She knows what she's talking about and brings students closer to her level of understanding.
- Clear, supportive, experienced and explains really well.
- Professor Ginsberg is a fantastic note-taker and sketch artist. She also delivers presentations well. This makes understanding the course content much easier due to her skillful use of visual aids and diagrams. It is easy to follow her thought process and the way she presents her ideas visually is very clear. Leah Ginsberg is a real engineer, and I am fortunate to have been in her classroom to learn.
- one of the best professors I had at KSU, her notes [are] perfect, her office hours explanations are perfect and her patience when dealing with students like myself is excellent. the breakdown of any problem is excellent. the "new professor smell" is wonderful! (passion for teaching, patience with students, loving her job) I hope this professor stays and keeps that awesome vibe till i graduate :)
- Very helpful in solving problems
- My professor has been incredibly important to my learning in this course. She excels at explaining concepts clearly and has structured the class effectively, incorporating YouTube videos that enhance our understanding. She is genuinely dedicated to her students and provides support whenever we struggle. Despite my challenges with attendance due to work conflicts, she made a significant impact on my understanding of materials. Because of her, I feel less depressed and more confident to prepare better for the FE Exam and advance in my engineering career. I aspire to follow her example as I consider pursuing a PhD, especially in materials science, which I am passionate about.

- The instructor really invest time making online and in class quizzes weekly so that we get ready for examination on time. The instructor provides resources such as links and books to reinforce our knowledge on each concept done in class The instructor provides a lot of exercises to practice the course content and then give a feedback on the results and solutions.
- She has done a great job teaching the material and also just giving opportunities to do better in the class. She has done very well being her first year teaching and knows how to adapt and adjust.
- Extremely effective professor, everything needed to learn the concepts was laid out multiple ways. Professor is really clear and concise in class but lays out relevant information in D2L for those interested.
- Professor answers questions when asked, and allows collaboration situationally. Both of these things allowed me to learn any content that wasn't completely understood on initial explanations. I found this extremely helpful.
- Clearly loves teaching. Dr. Ginsberg was willing to meet with all students to improve understanding of the material.
- Professor Ginsberg took time outside of class to provide extra assistance to students, including myself.
- Provided very helpful and descriptive notes. Did not mind answering any question that was asked
- Leah was excellent as the instructor and her class is structured in a way that is conducive to my learning.
- She was very helpful with always assisting with any questions asked. And always had office hours available.
- Professor Ginsberg did an amazing job at conveying the content and making sure [we] learned, I failed the first exam due to issues outside of class but later learned the material I hadn't. this helped me to understand and later accel on the second exam.
- Very friendly and approachable.
- Always super supportive and there to help and answer questions.
- Professor Ginsberg is by far my favorite professor I have had at Kennesaw State University. She strived to achieve student engagement and interest every class period. She was able to cover all curriculum in a timely manner that didn't feel rushed.
- Professor Ginsberg was a great professor. She was very informative and taught everything step by step. I loved how she had office hours and she would compromise on the days we didn't have office hours. I loved how she brought in a person from ESI to come speak with us. She was great at giving us enough material to study from to prepare for the test. I loved how her notes and lectures slides were extremely organized and easy to read.
- She did a wonderful job of teaching us.
- Even helped with extracurricular understanding.
- She was a great teacher
- Provided very useful and relevant information throughout the course.
- Instructor created an environment that encouraged asking questions and was judgment free

- The instructor is very passionate about this course, this passion is contagious. The instructor encouraged every student to do some [research] and learn more.
- Professor Ginsberg had a very easy going class this semester. She really takes her time going over the units that we were learning especially with the limited time that we had in class. She offered office hours in our class which helped tremendously in going in depth to what we were learning at the time. She is very kind and supportive and I felt comfortable asking her questions about the material we were covering.
- She made every effort to explain the theory clearly and demonstrated a strong understanding of the material.
- excellent professor, knowledgeable in her course, real live experience, patience, and easy to approach and ask questions without feeling belittle. "if i am wrong, then teach me, don't belittle me"
- Able to explain reasoning behind different problems. Good at tying back into real world applications
- * punctual * well structured course content * open to questions in office hours and mails * Invested and passionate about her current field of study * Skilled and able to give suitable real life information on the concept done in class and related to engineering duties
- Explaining and knowing material very well.
- Engaging with energy, goes in depth with concepts, and provides helpful and meaningful example problems along with physical examples to show why this information is important. Shows clear care for students, and is very responsive for out-of-class communications as well.
- Clear and concise notes. Informative videos and demonstrations. Gave good feedback after quizzes and tests.
- She explains well and in detail w/out getting off topic. She tries to relate the material to real world concepts.
- Supportive and friendly also respectfully. Always Tried her best.
- Very knowledgeable on the topics at hand due to her experience. She was also able to bring in real examples to aid in visualizing the topics being shown. Very kind, never felt scared to ask questions.
- Leah is very understanding and knowledgeable
- Knowledgeable in the subjects and very detailed notes uploaded.
- The lecturer is excellent [at] explaining concepts in a clear and understandable way. She engages a lot with students, encouraging us to share our struggles, which allows her to provide targeted help and improve our understanding of the course material. Also, she is very organized, the class schedule is well-structured and includes helpful resources like YouTube videos and references.
- Overall, her approach makes a significant difference in our learning experience.
- Always making sure we understand what [she's] teaching on before moving on and provided amazing learning and practice material [outside] of lecture.
- provided all resources and tools to succeed[;] good pacing on course curriculum[;] effective teacher and communicator[;] excellent knowledge of curriculum[;] very approachable for additional help

- Professor Ginsberg was great at teaching math problems and other theoretical concepts on Machine Design. She taught everything step by step and she answered everyone's questions thoroughly.
- Her lectures were also very organized and straight to the point.
- ability to explain equations.
- The way she teaches is effective and she's likable as a professor. You never get the feeling that you can't ask a question, if you're genuinely confused she will explain it for you. The notes she posts for the course are also some of the best I've seen from a professor, very well written and easy to understand.
- Posts lecture notes ahead of time, takes time after class in office hours to help go over anything not understood.
- She knows the material of the class and gives extra material for students to better understand and to practice certain concepts.
- Energetic throughout the entire lecture, open availability for office hours, quick at responding to emails, fair grading, and open to questions.
- She has a good pace in reference to her ability to relay information, very patient and willing to answer questions
- The instructor has great strengths in explanation and she helped us understand real life application of all the sections studied in class.
- Professor Ginsberg had [a] very structured and organized class and she always stayed on track. She offered a retake for our test which was a great thing for the students in the class and was appreciated by the students. She writes out all the formulas that we need and explains what each variable means and how it correlates to the subject. Professor Ginsberg is also very detailed and puts in a lot of effort into her notes.
- The instructor's strengths include clear explanations, a deep understanding of the material, and a strong commitment to supporting student learning.
- I cannot think of anything that the professor did not do. Professor Ginsberg uses every strategy to teach (group quizzes, individual quizzes, exams, in class examples, homework examples, real life applications with physical examples, we even had a guest industry speaker, PowerPoint, pdf notes, videos; all of this in every single concept we cover in class)