

Comments from anonymous course evaluations for Math 2260 (Calculus II)

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Please comment briefly on specific aspects of this instructor's teaching which in your opinion particularly deserve praise and criticism such as assignments, grading, testing, methods of instruction, enthusiasm, etc

Excellent professor! Really appreciated his concern and desire to inspire his students to really understand and appreciate the material as much as him. Unlike previous math courses, the professor did not focus on completing problems as much in lectures. This was a little unnerving when trying to complete the numerous problems assigned every week. The only thing I desired a bit more was to see a couple more example problems worked in class as a means of knowing that I was correctly doing the problems myself. Otherwise, I thoroughly enjoyed the course and learned a lot. Thank you.

Great guy. Tests were fair and graded quickly. Worked hard to make sure he was available to us and office hours were always helpful. I could tell he truly wanted me to succeed.

This instructor is one of the best I've had thus far for any subject here at UGA. Although Calculus II is a challenging course, you can tell he tries to make it as clear and understandable for the students. He frequently asks the students for any questions on the material. He also provides students with notes that are quite helpful. In addition, I haven't had any teacher before who dedicates that much time to office hours for students who need extra help. He goes out of his way to provide extended office hours several days of the week. He is an exceptional professor.

This instructor was the best instructor I can ever imagine having for a math course. He went well above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that each and every student was able to receive the level of instruction they needed by providing additional time outside of class for study sessions. In addition to this, he provided great inspiration to continue education in Mathematics. Even I, who already have a degree in mind, found the idea of going into Mathematics appealing from his efforts. Overall, I would say that this was a very good class, with a very professional and concerned instructor who made every effort to ensure that each of his students received a proper education.

His enthusiasm for math was infectious. Also he added a lot of history to the equations we were learning about, and that made it mean much more than some letters and numbers up on a chalkboard. My only problem was that I had a conflict on both of the office hour times, so I was not able to have my questions answered as frequently.

It is obvious that my professor was always extremely well prepared and quickly answered difficult questions presented to him by the class. This made class extremely productive and not devoted to meaningless questions. He had an amazing personality and was always very approachable throughout the lecture. The professor also started from the basics on every topic and constantly reminded the class what they were learning as he was teaching it. It helped keep the class focused and on task while keeping us interested.

It seemed that the homework he gave did not correspond to what he taught in class and what was on the tests. His grading of the tests was very fair.

Need more help sessions and time to go over homework.

Professor Lorenzini was always extremely available through email-- within about 20 minutes of my email, he had an answer. I feel like he really wants his students to learn and he gives full energy to achieve this. He grades very fairly, by curving and rewarding students who try hard. One issue is that he allows students to come into class more than 15 minutes after class has started and it's a big distraction because more than 6 students per day will come in after class has begun. I wish he would be more assertive and dominate the classroom a little more so people would quit being disrespectful to him and the other students.

Professor Lorenzini was an excellent teacher who really tried to get the class to understand the topics presented in class. He spent a lot of his time on proofs which helped to understand more of where calculus came from than simply plugging into a formula, which was very helpful. However, this made it difficult at times to do the homework because we did not practice using the derived formulas that much during class. Overall, I would recommend this professor for this class and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Professor was extremely intelligent, almost too intelligent for me. It was very hard to understand what he was teaching. Too much generalizations about the material. Seemed as if he always assumed we knew what he was talking about.

This was the most challenging math class I have ever taken. I learned a lot despite it being hard and really enjoyed having Dr. Lorenzini as a teacher. He is a really nice guy.

We focus more on theory rather than specific examples. I feel like I would have a deeper understanding of the material if we did an equal amount of both theory and specific examples. Also, going over homework problem questions in class would also help tremendously.

Dr. Lorenzini was extremely helpful in learning the material. He spoke with clarity and succinctness on the subject matter. Everything he said out loud he also wrote on the board, making it easy for us to think about what he was saying without having to worry about missing notes. His tests were challenging but fair and he returned all tests and homework the class after they were handed in. He was also a very friendly and approachable guy.

He is always enthusiastic about what he is teaching. He is always willing to help you if you are confused. He wants his students to succeed and he cares about them.

He was always on time and prepared to begin class on time using every moment of the class time. This made sure that he covered everything and he explained where the formulas came from which helped me a lot. He had great enthusiasm even when he knew most in the class were not going to be math majors. He made us understand how the principles we learned could help us down the road in our own major. The grading method I believe works very well and is very fair.

He was dedicated to helping students outside of class, and rarely was unavailable. He basically taught a second class during his office hours. Teaching often straight through from the beginning to the end of class. Several students mentioned that it was difficult to absorb that much information as well as write it all down in a 75 minute class. Students often

have the habit of writing down everything the teacher writes on the board. Perhaps briefer or more concise notes on the teacher's part could help.

His teaching style was different from any other teachers I have had. At first it was hard for me to grasp it, but now I fully appreciate his lectures. I also am glad that he holds helpful office hours consistently and enjoys helping his students. The one area I was not used to was his grading style, but it seems fair now.

I did not like how the only grades/feedback I received was on tests. My homework was not graded so I had no idea if I had truly grasped the concepts. In addition, the class went so quickly. We covered concepts in one day and moved onto something new the next. I do not feel that I fully grasped half of the material from this semester. I have never done so poorly in a Math class until this year.

I especially like his transparency with his teaching process, and how he outlines his expectations for the class so clearly. As well as that, he teaches intuitively, and appeals not only to a formulaic method to solve mathematical problems, but attempts to get across the reason behind a formula or method when he can.

I feel that his lectures were well thought out and clear. He asked often if the class was following him and always answered questions. Grading was fair, considering he curves tests, and test content was very reasonable. I felt he did a good job conveying the subject matter and did a reasonably good job at explaining the significance/importance of material to real world situations. I hated having homework due every lecture, but was grateful for it when test time came.

I truly appreciate Professor Lorenzini's enthusiasm and responsibility for his teaching. Even though he is sometimes unclear at what he tries to explain, his effort counts twice as much as his vague explanation.

I wish he would have given the class more examples of the problems from the homework. The examples he did provide in class helped, but the homework problems we were assigned were barely reviewed.

Overall the instructor was reasonable in all the work he gave us and was always available for extra help outside of class. Very reasonable in his testing and grading methods as well. I did not disagree with any of his teaching methods or any of the assignments.

Professor was very well prepared for class and had a good course schedule. Professor Lorenzini was approachable and helpful outside of the class as well. I found his lectures and office hours helpful.

Very enthusiastic about the subject. What I loved was his availability to the students. He held office hours twice a week for assistance in homework.

Very patient.