

STUDENT COMMENTS FALL 2008

YUN GUAN

This is a collection of student comments I received on T.A. evaluations for Calculus I (Fall 2008). I would be happy to provide photocopies of the complete evaluations upon request.

(1) Please Comments on specific characteristics of the course that were most beneficial to you.

- “The calculation of derivatives & evaluating the integral of functions were most beneficial to me in that it helped me understand complex problems.”
- “After class meetings to clear up specifics; In-depth review of problems.”
- “I felt that the most beneficial aspect of this discussion was correcting our exam mistakes. It really helped me become aware of any careless errors made, and it also helped me prevent future mistakes. You were a wonderful TA, and that you were able to communicate with us in relatable terms, especially when you were clarifying any points of confusion that were raised.”
- “TA did an excellent job explaining everything.”
- “TA was very clear when she explained a lesson or mathematical computation.”
- “Going over the homework together in class and going over the section beforehand.”
- “Yun is a good teacher because she cares about her students, she wants all of them to do well.”
- “The TA was very helpful in the discussion. She went through h.w. problems in detail and overall was very helpful.”
- “Going over extra problems.”
- “I really liked how the discussions were very helpful in making sure I knew the material. Whatever question I had, the T.A. answered thoroughly. I could tell she was working hard and cared about her students. She was easy to approach and clear in her teaching. She Went step by step and made sure her students understand.”
- “Yun was very helpful to me in teaching and explaining the material so that I could understand.”
- “It was a good course. I thought it was well done. It was also nice that you taught different methods of solving one problem because that helps a lot especially when you cannot think straight during an exam, example distance formula.”
- “Instructor had excellent teaching skills, were able to explain course material clearly and detailed, was very attentive and passionate about the subject. To my opinion, Guan was superior to all other TA’s I had before.”
- “It was very helpful when you did the homework on the board that we did not understand. I also liked how you gave a mini review of the section before a quiz. Lastly, I thought making us fix the mistakes on our exams helped us understand the concepts.”
- “I learned more in discussion than I ever did in lecture. You know how to teach well.”

- “Very helpful to all students. Put all homework problems on the board and explained them well. She is very knowledgeable on the topic and is a great T.A.”
 - “I don’t think I would’ve been as successful without the T.A. Thanks so much for all the effort you put into this class!”
 - “Test corrections. Learned what I did not understand on exam. Explanation of homework problems.”
 - “Sessions at the math learning center were very helpful. Going over homework problems were informative and well explained. Grading was fair.”
 - “Concepts were explained well. Pace was easy to follow.”
 - “Guan is the best math T.A. I have had since I started college. She is calm and always seems to care about our grades. She is very helpful.”
- (2) Please comment on specific aspects of the course that need improvement.
- “Some problems/theorems should be described in a more brief way for better understanding.”
 - “Often times, the homework got a bit overwhelming. The Lectures were not very helpful, but the T.A. helped explain everything much better.”
 - “More time allowed for quizzes.”
 - “Need to practice more examples during discussion. Need more math learning center hours.”
 - “Explain alternative ways of solving the problems. Some methods were a little confusing.”
 - “Sometimes, you went through the homework too quickly or you only did part of it when I needed more explanation. Overall, I think you did a good job and I know you were just pressed for time.”

Teaching Evaluation for MSCS Teaching Assistants

TA: YUN GUAN

Faculty: FRED THULIN

Course: MATH 180

Observation Date: 2008/11/4

1. Preparedness – Comment on the TA's ability to follow the course syllabus, the TA's knowledge of course material and the skill level of the students, and the TA's ability to make effective use of class time.

Very well prepared, course syllabus followed, very good knowledge of material. Made effective use of class time. Students seemed a bit better than average for 180.

2. Communication – Comment on the TA's written and verbal communication skills, ability to explain the course material and to solicit and respond to students' questions and difficulties, and the extent to which the TA encourages student participation.

Excellent on all counts.

3. Delivery – Comment on the TA's ability to establish an appropriate pace for the course and the extent to which students are engaged and attentive.

Very well done. All students seemed attentive.

4. Overall – Comment on your overall impression and on other requirements such as quality of grading, maintaining office hours, interaction with you, etc. Include suggestions for improving teaching skills.

Excellent overall, and on grading, office hours etc. I can think of no suggestions for improvement.

Faculty Signature: *Fred Thulin* Date: 2008/12/3

TA Signature*: *Yun Guan* Date: 2008/12/3

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