

Math 119 Section 001
Spring 2013
[Optional Course Evaluation]

1) Did you enjoy taking this course? Would you recommend it to others?

Yes, yes

2) What was your favorite aspect of this course? What did you like least?

I liked the use of real world problems as examples instead of using old out-dated book examples. I found the excel hw challenging but that is most likely because I had not used it in a long time.

3) Did you find the lectures useful? (If not, why not?) What could make the lectures more useful or enjoyable?

Yes, the lectures helped me to learn the topics, and visualize them a lot better than in the book.

4) What were the strengths / weaknesses of the professor's teaching style?

Very Personable, explained things well, put lecture notes on line. Made the class a lot more interesting than I was expecting it to be.

5) Other comments

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- Yes, Indeed.

2) What was your favorite aspect of this course? What did you like least?

- Favorite aspect was the "linear regression" series. The mixed problems.

3) Did you find the lectures useful? (If not, why not?) What could make the lectures more useful or enjoyable?

- Yes, I was able to take the lectures and apply them to the HW or problems in the book. The lectures were basically a guide. The usage of outside resources such as google & youtube to express/explain problems, ex. statistics with sports.

4) What were the strengths / weaknesses of the professor's teaching style?

Strengths: ① Very Clear on what to do ② Able to take the lesson step-by-step.
③ Notes / Study Guides

Weaknesses: None

5) Other comments

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Yes and Yes. It was interesting and easy to understand. I feel like I learned a lot

2) What was your favorite aspect of this course? What did you like least?

I really like the real life examples. I feel like a lot of times students wonder how math is useful in real life and that causes them to lose interest in it. But Nick used a lot of real life examples that were really interesting and relevant to real life.

3) Did you find the lectures useful? (If not, why not?) What could make the lectures more useful or enjoyable? Yes. He reviews a lot which is helpful if you don't really get it the first time.

I feel like most teachers move really fast and assume you understand everything, but he made sure you really got it.

4) What were the strengths / weaknesses of the professor's teaching style?

- organized
 - helpful
 - explains everything well
 - color codes things so you don't get confused
 - can tell that he really cares and puts a lot of effort in
- ↑ NONE!

5) Other comments

I wish I had more things to say about how to improve the course, but I can't think of any. It was THAT good!

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Yes, it was great for me as a non-math major and I would recommend it to others.

2) What was your favorite aspect of this course? What did you like least?

I enjoyed learning about the conceptual models.

↳ could use more interaction from class, completing problems on board, or giving us a chance to solve

3) Did you find the lectures useful? (If not, why not?) What could make the lectures more useful or enjoyable?

Yes, they were very organized and had plenty of examples more enjoyable

4) What were the strengths / weaknesses of the professor's teaching style?

Strengths: organized, speaks clearly helpful when asked a question

Weakness: could be more active w/ students more class projects while in class or brainstorming about

5) Other comments

current issues and how we can model them (would have helped for group project)

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I did enjoy this class and I have already recommended it to another student.

2) What was your favorite aspect of this course? What did you like least?

The real world questions were helpful in understanding the modeling aspect. The actual "bones" of the algebra were my least favorite aspects.

3) Did you find the lectures useful? (If not, why not?) What could make the lectures more useful or enjoyable?

The lectures were a lot more fun than any other math class I've taken.

4) What were the strengths / weaknesses of the professor's teaching style?

Strengths; Nick knew his stuff about modeling.

5) Other comments

I'm glad that Nick taught as math modeling his perspective instead of using the book for this class. The book was not helpful and if anything it caused me more confusion.

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1) Did you enjoy taking this course? Would you recommend it to others?

I really enjoyed taking this course because it refreshed several basic math concepts that I had not practiced since high school. I would recommend the course for someone who wants an easier math class where you still learn.

2) What was your favorite aspect of this course? What did you like least?

I really enjoyed lecture because you made note-taking very simple because of your organization & patience. The hw assignments were ~~basically~~ short & fair.

3) Did you find the lectures useful? (If not, why not?) What could make the lectures more useful or enjoyable?

The lectures were very useful because you explained each concept so well. Anytime I was stuck on a hw problem, I could always refer back to my notes. I didn't mind lecture at all. Linking math concepts to real life examples made the learning experience more enjoyable.

4) What were the strengths / weaknesses of the professor's teaching style?

I honestly really appreciated the organization & dedication that went into each of your lectures. Examples were extremely clear, using different color chalk helped keep everything in order, etc. Your patience did not go unnoticed.

5) Other comments

wonderful professor. Really enjoyed taking your class. Best of luck with the rest of grad school!

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Of course! Nick goes slowly or at a moderate pace and he's always asking if we have any questions. When he introduces a new challenging topic he always makes sure to review the basic concepts so that we all can feel comfortable advancing. This math class has a moderate amount of work.

2) What was your favorite aspect of this course? What did you like least?

Nick's relation to real applicable problems. He cracked a joke here and there and sometimes incorporated goofy examples from the mainstream media. He's always good mannered and patient. I love that he uses multicolored chalks. He doesn't look down at people for not understanding. He responds swiftly to emails.

3) Did you find the lectures useful? (If not, why not?) What could make the lectures more useful or enjoyable?

His lectures were interactive. I just wish more people talked during class times. I mean, that people participated more. Nick could call on people and ask for people's collaboration. The silence throughout class felt awkward sometimes.

4) What were the strengths / weaknesses of the professor's teaching style?

His humor, compassion and understanding that non-science or math majors need an accessible math class where students feel comfortable asking for help.

5) Other comments

He deserves a teaching award.

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Yes, YES I enjoyed this course very much.

Yes, I would recommend this course to others.

2) What was your favorite aspect of this course? What did you like least?

My favorite aspect was that you are very organized explaining the material. Your consistency writing in your notes in SAKAI.

3) Did you find the lectures useful? (If not, why not?) What could make the lectures more useful or enjoyable?

Yes, I find the lectures very useful. Could be useful to have extra time with calculator expositions.

4) What were the strengths / weaknesses of the professor's teaching style?

The teaching style is very profesional, very organized and amazing skills for this math class, Nick - deserved a teaching award. He showed enthusiasm, creativity and alot dedication for his students.

5) Other comments

He is number 1 in the University of Chapel Hill.
Have a wonderful Summer. 😊