

Student Comments from Course Evaluations Fall 2008

Course: MATH 2339 001

Instructor: Reynolds, Daniel R

Evaluation Questions: (The scoring values are from 0-4)

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6	3.368	19	0.864	2.677	1513	1.021
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Question 8 responses:

the course is very broad and integrates many concepts and requires effort to understand the material

Professor Reynolds made this Calculus 3 class easier than I was intending. I think he was a major reason that I have been doing well in this class.

The course was all right. The material was good.

The Simplicity of Calc. II material brought to life through the new ideas of the material in Calc. III impressed me the most.

Challenging yet manageable and interesting. This is by far the best math class that I have taken in all my academic career.

I thought that Calculus III would be difficult, but it seemed relatively easy to me.

I enjoyed the real world applications that were presented.

I felt like the overall course was not as difficult as I was expecting. Before beginning the course, I thought it would be harder than Calc II.

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Calc3 really helped wrap up my understanding of applications to math. It may have taken 3 math courses to understand the relevance of some techniques, but it was well worth it.

N/A

The balance of coursework (quizzes, tests, etc.)

The course itself provided a basis for a strong impression, it was very intellectually challenging.

I just thought doing everything in 3d, or should I say R^3 , was cool.

Question 9 responses:

Dr. Reynolds always does his best to stress the importance of learning concepts, not just methods. Grading is more than fair and honestly, it probably takes effort to do poorly in the class when the professor is more than willing to help.

He was great and he was very dynamic with his teaching. He was always open for questions and suggestions, I really enjoyed his class.

The instructor was great. He really cared about his students and was available when needed.

He always seemed engaging and present even if the material was tedious to teach or repeat several times.

Professor was very willing to help students and was always available for questions. Seems to honestly care if his students learn, he is excited about the subject;

The instructor presented the material extremely well. I went into all the tests having a clear understanding of the material

I expect college Math Professors to be boring, but Dr. Reynolds was very interesting and lively. He taught all the material very well, and I always understood everything that he was explaining. His tests were very fair, and he always made himself available to help the students.

Professor Reynolds was very personable and was always helpful outside of class.

The instructor was very helpful throughout the semester. He was very approachable if you had a problem, and had excellent office hours, especially prior to exams. During class, he made sure that there were no questions before moving on to another example, which helped out a lot.

Knowledge of applications of subject exceeded my expectations. You expect teachers to have a certain level of applicable knowledge, and his exceeded mine by far.

N/A

His leniency, yet firmness, about the coursework

The professors ability to make his point across in such a way that was very comprehensive.

Very knowledgeable, and actually made the class enjoyable, which is rare.

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Question 10 responses:

wonderful teacher!

I suggest everyone to take a class with Professor Reynolds, he is great at what he does and a good person in general.

Great class!

Dr. Reynolds is a great professor, he did a great job.

I really enjoyed this class!

Reynolds has been the best math professor I have had in my 5 math courses. He is upbeat and seems to be able to speak/connect to/with students in a way that most other professors are unable to do. In his first classes at SMU, he has really shown that he is an asset to the math dept., as well as SMU. He was able to cite several applications to every technique or section in the book that put everything into perspective. In the beginning of the semester, I was thrown off by his fast pace of teaching, but then I realized that he was helping us understand the whole picture instead of focusing on small things that would waste valuable course time. It felt like every section got the same amount of class time exposure, which is so important for a student's sanity because some professors will emphasize so much on certain aspects of a subject and it could ruin your 'fun' in a subject. While doing this, he still made time to stop and answer thoroughly questions that students have and I felt like every student felt free and open to ask questions like I did. A great close to my collegiate math learning and I wish Prof. Reynolds the best with his teaching career, for which he is off to a great start, and his time spent positively effecting SMU and it's students. Thanks Dr. Dan! ;)

N/A

No comments

None

Sweet course, excellent prof.

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Question 8 responses:

The course was much better overall than Calculus II, and the material was much easier to grasp than some of the concepts presented in Calculus II.

The application of the material to different fields.

I hate calculus

Preperation (quizes and homeworks) leading up to the exam provide more than adequate study material for the exams.

This course has not been the most challenging but it does stimulate your mind. Calculus 3 did require some studying time to be succesful in it but nothing out of the ordinary. Overall, and enjoyable course.

Nothing

I enjoyed the fact that the course did not dwell on little tricks in integration and focused more on the methods of integrating with three dimensions. Unlike my previous calculus class, this course seemed to be very organized and logical, and allowed me to really visually what I was integrating.

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It didnt cover too much material...just enough.

The course was more interesting than previous calculus classes because I could actually apply it to stuff i was doing in other classes

The structure of the class worked really well for my learning style!

The professor and his passionate take on the course.

Very enthusiastic teacher and a very friendly person as well.

It was one of my favorite math courses

Question 9 responses:

Professor Reynolds did a great job in making the course interesting by relating the material we were studying to real world applications.

Dr. Reynolds is one of the nicest teachers I have had at SMU, and he really does what he can to prepare his students for his exams. His quizzes can be a little tricky on some weeks, but his test reviews actually help you reinforce what you have learned, and are a great way to prepare for the examinations. I wish more math teachers took the time and preparation like Dr. Reynolds does for his class. Also, he seems like a really nice guy and you don't feel intimidated talking with him.

How passionate he is about what he teaches and his willingness to help.

BEST mathematics instructor I've had thus far!!! He is willing to offer extra office hours for us to ask questions and has a genuine interest in his students learning the material. He is also flexible in the way he teaches in order to allow everyone a fair opportunity in learning and benefiting from his lectures.

He's awesome

Overall just a good teacher.

Dr. Reynolds is probably the most helpful professor I've had so far. His class is enjoyable to sit through because he gives a sense of comfort in the class. He always answers questions and goes over the top to help the student. His goal is not to make a good impression, but to help the student be succesful, and he showed that throughout the semester as he posted solutions to help our studying, and even attended test study sessions to make sure we understood everthing.

he knew the material very well

The professor explained everything thoroughly and made it easy to learn.

The instructor impressed me most with his teaching style. He was very good at explaining material in easy to understand ways. The instructor did a great job preparing us for tests and quizzes and went over any material we didn't understand. The instructor did a great job at emphasizing important points and ensuring we didn't make those mistakes a second time. Overall the instructor did a great job and in my opinion did as much as he could to make sure we received help with any problems we had.

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The professor was very available and presented the material in a clear manner.

Great lecturer. Kept everything interesting while still keeping the course challenging

The instructor was amazing! He was always very helpful and his notes were logical and easy to read. He did everything to help us succeed and had lots of office hours.

Not only was the instructor extremely knowledgeable in the subject matter, but he presented the material with such enthusiasm and poise, that the class didn't ever seem uninteresting, but only fun. I truly enjoyed coming to class every single day. It was my honor to have a class with a professor of such caliber and I hope that if I decide to take any higher mathematics classes in the future that I may be able to have Professor Reynolds as my professor again.

I was most impressed with his friendliness

he is able to relate the material to the real world and his teaching method keeps you interested in the class.

Question 10 responses:

I would highly recommend this course to anyone taking Calc III.

It would be nice if more instructors were like Dr. Reynolds in the sense of loving what they teach.

Great instructor, very approachable and professional. Wish I could take him for all my mathematics courses.

I wish more math and engineering professors were like this one.

None

None.

This course was one of the best calculus math classes I took. It was easier to comprehend and the instructor was great at preparing us for the test. The combination of review and comprehensive class lectures made the course very enjoyable and organized.

Great instructor. Course is challenging yet still interesting

No complaints whatsoever

I loved this class.