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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA  
Department of Mathematics

*Student Evaluation of Teaching\**

Instructor D. ROSS

Course and Section no. Math 242 - 007 + 008

TEACHING EVALUATIONS\*:

Please return all forms to the Math Dept. in Keller 419.

If the Office is closed, please go to Keller 401A for assistance.

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- wrote a little too small sometimes
- sometimes class was a little fast

- spoke at good volume and pace
- spoke clearly
- I liked that homework wasn't graded, but was given more for learning exercise
- videos were helpful
- responded promptly to emails

- webwork was a nice alternative to the textbook problems (meaning, offered different types of problems)
- webwork problems with multiple questions on a 'page' could be more indicative about which one(s) are incorrect, since those situations can leave you stuck, and aren't ideal for asking for

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Professor Ross was an okay professor, I do like that he seems to try to organize the class so that students can get credit for their strengths and worry a little less than their weaknesses, I didn't really like when his lectures were online videos though, as I found them hard to follow.

I did not like using Webworks. There was an issue with it not giving credit for answers that were correct. I also didn't like that it didn't tell me which problem I got wrong when there was a set.

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Professor Ross manages to keep complex material engaging as well as making class a more question friendly and less intimidating environment than others.

His frank lecture style is often refreshing but if a student doesn't keep pace they will quickly and comically fall behind and lecture becomes bewildering. However this is probably more due to the nature of the course than any error in Professor Ross.

webwork was usually more frustrating than useful

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He seems to know what he is doing and is prepared.

However, there is a lot of things that needs to be worked on.

There are times where he unnecessarily rambles on useless topics or teaches something that won't be on the exams. He also claims to accept questions but he never looks at the class to even acknowledge it. When he writes, it's very hard to understand and speaks and writes too quickly. He also blocks what he has written, making it difficult to take notes.

Webwork is very helpful. It gives more help and a chance to easily improve your grade with instant results. There needs to be more.

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He is a good instructor but sometimes hard to follow.  
Sometimes he makes mistakes but is able to figure out  
what went wrong.

The Webwork is good to have but if you're stuck on  
a Problem & it has maybe like 10 questions, it's hard to tell  
which one(s) you get wrong.

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David Ross a pretty good Professor. He gives a lot of examples for notes to refer to when studying and look for the exam/homework. The multitude of examples and the student's understanding of the subject is his main goal. Only weakness would be the fast pace of the class, once your confused, your very confused.

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The Quizzes were short which was nice. The grading on the quizzes were relatively generous, often giving partial credit for problems not completely answered. However, there wasn't a lot of time to take the quiz. sometimes we would start the quiz with only 10 minutes left of class. sometimes instructor would go too fast and get sidetracked.

The workbook was nice and the problems weren't too hard. definitely would have liked more workbook.

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Professor Ross knows his material, but it is hard for me to understand what is going on in his lectures. He does many examples on the lesson, but I think it would help if he really clarified and defined what we are actually learning, methods to solve a problem, tips. It is also hard to read the board because it is chalkboard and he doesn't erase the problems well. His homework assignments, extra credit, and quizzes are helpful, but a lot of the time I need to teach myself what we were learning in class.

Webwork: Good practice tool because it gives you immediate feedback.

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The strengths of this instructor was that he thoroughly went over the content of each chapter and he focused the major parts of each chapter. Weaknesses include not reinforcing the processes to take when it comes to a specific problem.

Also what was really helpful was the website and the constant updates. The layout was out dated but it's straight-forward.

Web work

Amount of webwork given was ~~double~~able. It was difficult when the website was not functioning properly.

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I thought that Dr. Ross was a decent professor. I learned a lot from his class and did care about the students. I thought that webwork<sup>work</sup> was manageable and I wouldn't have minded if there was more of it.

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You were a great teacher. Going to your lectures was very informal compared to the notes I received last semester. You explained in more detail when we all couldn't understand. The quizzes may be a little difficult. Either way I learned a lot.

If it's possible, don't make the answers case sensitive. I would have the answer but it wouldn't come out how I typed it.

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Professor was ok. He focused too heavily on proofs, etc. too many lectures that felt like the fluff of the math book that nobody reads. I didn't like the frequent quizzes. Would have preferred homework assignments worth points instead. Professor feels too smart to teach this low level calculus class. Made me feel dumb when I was confused & he would end every example with "etc." instead of finishing the example.

DO NOT LIKE WORKSHEETS!

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- Does not teach very well
- Goes too fast when teaching material
- Needs to go over homework problems more
- Knows a lot but does not know how to explain very well
- Expects students to know as much as he does
- One good thing is that quizzes are on homework problems
- Needs to post grades
- TA is better teacher than him

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Professor  
ROSS

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Thank you Mr. Ross, I can  
see you really care for your students.  
It was tough at times and I had  
to watch a couple of videos but I  
could see you were trying and I appreciate  
it. I think you should slow  
down on some parts though when  
people have a tough time, maybe say  
"raise your hand if you understand this,  
and if no one raises their hand then  
go over it ~~again~~ again. Thanks!

I liked the network extra practice was helpful.

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I thought the prof. knew his information very well but that sometimes made it difficult for him in his explanations. He went through material a little too fast so it was difficult to keep up with his ideas and lessons. The class was organized and a lot was taught.

- I thought webwork was very helpful. It forced us to learn the information and the added pressure of being right/wrong motivated us to learn the material. I'd like more webwork.

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His voice trails off and mumbles some times when talking about problems or he is confused about his work. Needs to be a bit more organized with lesson plan like knowing how and what problems are going to be used in lecture and solved. Did go over all course material which was decently paced for the course. Webwork did help with understanding.

Webwork was ok

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Dr. Ross is very intelligent in mathematics, some classes are hard to follow. Classes can become abstract with next level math.

Webwork was helpful, the system works well. For a future class more web work would be good.

It's nice to know the answer right away when doing homework

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The design of this class was well structured as far as the amount of time spent on each section. However the professor was never well prepared for class. He would designate time in class to go over homework questions, but more times than not he was not able to complete the problems or answer our questions because he did not know how to do them. He is also not good at explaining how to do problems in different ways because he does not believe other ways (other than his own) are good ways to solve the problem.

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I think this is good lecture. I don't like Webwork. It is really confuse me. I try couple time webwork but I think it hard to use tools.

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str Incomprehensibly wise in the subject. Guaranteed in-depth knowledge in Calculus should you take him. Pretty punctual, and his HW-traffic is very fair. Quizzes, as promised, do not screw you unless one didn't do the homework.

Wk I know Ross is used to MWF schedules, T/Th lectures become painfully long and people lose interest after 50 minutes. Suggest sticking to MWF lectures. More office hours if possible.

Webwork: While useful in theory, the number of people who use online programs to solve these problems changes. Webwork's intended goals to "how do I format the answer for full points."

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It is essentially extra credit points if one found the online calculator.



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Good instructor, talks fast and writes fast.

Often hard to keep up. I find myself just copying what's on the board in my notes rather than actually learning

Webwork was good Homework but I wish it would tell you what question was wrong on some multiple part questions

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Constantly made mistakes on example problems  
often used unrelated/low-quality examples  
The TA was better at teaching the material

Online homework in a math class is useless,  
we need more physical class material so each  
step can be learned correctly, and the physical  
material shouldn't be a quiz.

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For the most part, this course was taught well. The lectures were informative and well paced. However, I felt the series and sequences were a little rushed.

web work:

I liked the web work, but I wish there was more feedback on what exactly was wrong with an answer. Having a reminder email to complete it was very helpful.

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There were times when professor ROSS was very  
confusing about the way he explained the concepts  
A good example of the concept would have been  
sufficient enough.

webwork is good for gain points.

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Goes over topics really fast. Hard to understand new concepts.  
Doesn't really review on past chapters. Doesn't check  
to see if the students understand.

Web work was great

It was a good way to practice.

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Good instructor with an interesting teaching style. Always ran the class enough to be enthusiastic. Webwork was introduced later on in the semester. So maybe if webwork were to be used in following semesters it should be introduced earlier.

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