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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA
Department of Mathematics

*Student Evaluation of Teaching**

Instructor D. ROSS

Course and Section no. MATH 241 - 004 - 005

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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Course and section no. Math 241

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Professor Ross' course was informative and intriguing. He covered all of the topics that were expected to be learned in calculus I. I enjoyed learning about theories and proofs in this class. Professor Ross definitely has a lot of knowledge and insight about mathematics and it reflects in his teaching style. I believe he is well qualified to teach this class and other classes like it. I would recommend Professor Ross to other students, especially if they want a deeper understanding of calculus concepts.

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Prof. David Ross has a lot of knowledge that he sometimes takes for granted. That is, sometimes he burns through the lecture/problem and simple people (like me) can lose him. That said, if I read the book and prepared in advance I'm sure it wouldn't be so bad. He's a good guy and a solid teacher IMV, so I can't blame him for losing me in a 50 minute lecture.

Rumors that Prof. Ross is a tough teacher seem to stem from his interest in proofs. His quizzes are fair as they covered our assigned homework. That little boost of anxiety has definitely kept me on track. He and his TA's office hours also helped me.

My only real complaints are the questions done in class that end up being wrong, complex, or both.

Overall, he's a good teacher who matches my sense of duty. This inspired me to try more math classes and hope to keep that feeling for future classes.

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Strengths - ~~None~~ ~~He is nice~~ ~~charismatic~~
~~His character is very strong~~

Weaknesses - Teaching is very unorganized
Hard to understand
Often makes mistakes

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Instructor Dr. David Ross

Course and section no. 241 + 9:30

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Interested and focused for the first half of the semester. Good Quizzes and good review problems for the exams. Interest and focus started to wane after 2nd Exam. Sometimes lectures can feel a little long and tedious. Sometimes I have difficulty following along with problems and don't understand all the steps. Good amount of homework and fair Grading. 2nd half of semester seemed more tedious than first half.

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Course and section no. Math 241 Section 4

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Weaknesses:

- Sometimes assumed that students already "knew" the math concepts confidently.
- ~~Some~~ Examples only involved variables and not real #s or values so you felt ill-prepared for the hw.
- Sometimes the book was a better teacher. Things were not explained clearly.
- The second exam wasn't totally representative of the hw.

Strengths:

- Had the enthusiasm and interest in math which was necessary.
- Although some lessons weren't taught the best, he did teach well by using mult. examples and trying to teach using other methods.

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He's a decent teacher but I think if some improvements we could be a great teacher.

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Instructor David Ross

Course and section no. Math 241 (1:30 - 2:20) Section 4

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Dr. Ross is a very reasonable professor. What I like about him is that he gives very reasonable quizzes and has appropriate expectations for our class, which I appreciate a lot. He obviously puts a lot of his time into making sure we succeed; it's up to the students to take advantage of what he's given us. Some things he could work on are the accuracy of his examples; he often makes a lot of mistakes while teaching. His teaching style isn't what ultimately is the best, but I would take a course from him again because he is a very understanding professor.

He also makes funny jokes.

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Instructor David A. Ross

Course and section no. Math 241

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The teacher has a large pool of information regarding the subject material. First time someone taught me a method formulated before the current method we use today made by highly intelligent people. I feel that there is a slight disconnect between the course material and what is in the text book for the explanation. What to cover material is more in depth from a wider perspective than covered inside the text book. Rough is what I would like to personally call this class but it does challenge us for a higher level of thinking.

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Instructor DAVID ROSS

Course and section no. MATH 241-005

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Dr. Ross had extensive knowledge about math, but I wish that he could relate it back down to the student level more clearly. The lectures were generally pretty difficult for me to follow, so I ended up learning everything on my own through the textbook.

I really appreciated the homework & quizzes that Dr. Ross assigned because they helped keep me on track for this semester. He was also very generous about grading, which I also appreciated.

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Course and section no. Math 241 Section 4

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I can tell he is very smart in the field. He will ask if there are any questions which is good, but he cannot tell when the class doesn't get it during lecture, and this hurts when taking the exam. I won't blame him though because there are times nobody asks any questions.

I recommend having the homework be GRADED so students have incentives to do it, and will have questions during class, and to help those who are just terrible at taking tests.

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Instructor Dr. Ross

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Good teacher! He knows his stuff.

Sometimes talks fast and I get lost.

Willing to help + I can tell that he wants everyone to pass

Overall he is a very interesting man who is a good teacher.

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Instructor David Ross

Course and section no. 004 Math 241

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Pros

- VERY passionate about calculus and the history / understanding why things in calc are the way they are
- Always shows proof's and ~~plenty~~ of extra credit
- Always gives time to ask questions about hw or previous quizzes

Cons

- More time to work on quizzes in class

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I really enjoyed the class, especially some of the kind of side tangents like working to figure out pollutants as corporations changed shapes or run off ditches.

Another thing I liked was multiple exams. It's stressful when a huge chunk is one midterm and the other is the final. Having 3 exams helped w/ this.

I think there was a bit too much emphasis on proofs when just extra regular problems would have been more useful.

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Instructor David Ross

Course and section no. CALC 241

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Overall, Ross is a good professor. I do wish however that he provided more examples in his lectures that had less to do about theory and more on how to solve the problems we are being tested on. Also, his grading system seems a bit subjective in my opinion. Despite these things, I appreciated the genuine care and concern he exhibited for his students.

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Instructor Dr. ROSS ~~Ward~~

Course and section no. Math 241 - 005

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Strengths: NO SURPRISES ON EXAMS

allows for a crib sheet on exams (except finals)

goes over theories and does examples.

Weaknesses: can go off on tangents, sometimes

~~is a bit~~

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Professor Ross' lectures were inspiring however his lessons can be confusing and difficult to grasp. I think he needs to explain in a less complicated way for his students to understand, as well as preparing for some of his lectures.

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Strengths

- Very nice
- Curved tests fairly
- open to students

Weaknesses

- needed to go over more HW problems as example

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Course and section no. MATH 241 SECTION 4

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I think you are a decent teacher I would just say you could improve on being careful of avoiding basic mistakes because sometimes it gets confusing when you have to go back through the entire problem

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Strengths are that he produces quizzes weekly to serve as a sort of indicator to allow students to see how prepared they are for that section of the course, and that he is easy to approach and ask questions.

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Prof. Ross did well to explain concepts ~~with~~ⁱⁿ concise detail. What truly helps in the course is his ability to guide the class through a problem and making easy to understand. Overall good teacher, but sometimes has a fast pace through lecture

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I enjoyed how he was able to connect things that we talked about in the past - in regards to math - and prove it with higher math. Sometimes it does feel like the material he goes through gets too conceptual so it's hard to keep up.

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Course and section no. Calc I → 141

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Dr. Ross was a wonderful instructor! His notes weren't always clear, and it was hard to follow at times, but overall, he taught well. I liked the ~~the~~ quizzes, and I felt the tests were fair. He is passionate about math and that was admirable.

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Course and section no. Calc I

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Very knowledgeable about work, but
sometimes needed to explain the
simpler steps of the problem.

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Strengths

- knows what he's talking about
- really informative
- replies to his emails on a timely manner

Weakness

- Scatterbrained he skips over a lot of stuff
- wasn't helpful in explaining how to do problems, felt like a machine

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