

Mathematics Faculty Teaching Evaluation
Winter Quarter 2011

BISKUP, M.

The questions were:

1. How would you rate your instructor as an effective teacher?
2. How would you rate the availability and helpfulness of your instructor outside of the classroom?
3. What is your rating of this course independent of the effectiveness of the instructor?

Math 31B, Sec. 1 - Integration and Infinite Series

	Distribution of Scores											Avg	Stdv
	Blank	NA	Failing 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Excellent 9		
Ques1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	19	26	36	8.00	1.06
Ques2	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	3	17	16	46	8.05	1.32
Ques3	0	0	0	1	0	4	10	11	20	23	19	7.15	1.55

110 Enrolled 88 Responded (80.00%)

Math 285K, Sec. 1 - Seminar: Probability

	Distribution of Scores											Avg	Stdv
	Blank	NA	Failing 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Excellent 9		
Ques1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	8.00	1.41
Ques2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	8.00	1.00
Ques3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	7.25	1.50

5 Enrolled 4 Responded (80.00%)

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Math 285K, sec. 1 – Seminar: Probability

8-8-6

Would have opened more discussions.

9-N/A-8

Good material. Good presentation.

9-9-9

Great course. You should publish the lecture notes.

Math 31B, sec. 1 – Integration and Infinite Series

6-7-6

Prof. Biskup is knowledgeable about course topic and challenges students with very difficult problems. However, his class is really hard, which puts a lot of stress on students.

8-9-8

Prof. Biskup is a very good leader. His availability, especially in his office hours, is very helpful. However there are rare people that cannot attend O.H. due to schedule, and they are really affected. If possible, set O.H. to different times. Also, in some cases exam problems can be solved by just “memorizing” (in some sense) HW problems. I’d like to see more application problems that require more reasoning (more heavy modif. on HW problems in tests).

9-9-8

The first challenging course I have taken at UCLA. Refreshing to have a professor who usually cares that we learn something, requires skills and a way of thinking which can be applied outside of the content of this classroom, rather than rote memorization, which seems to be the reigning method of teaching here at UCLA.

9-6-8

I would like the class to focus on the proofs and basis of the materials learned. I don’t want midterms/exams to be based on homework problems.

9-9-9

An excellent professor!

BISKUP, Marek

4-5-4

Biskup is a very knowledgeable teacher teaching a very difficult course. I took this course last semester and this class is much more challenging than the last. For the most part I had to teach myself all the *métier*. Even my tutor who has a PhD from UCLA cannot solve half of Professor Biskup's midterms and homeworks. His teaching style was extremely ineffective.

8-9-6

The lectures in 31B seemed less structured as opposed to 31A. Please try to make 32A more structured & by structured I mean that the lecture can be a little more organized. Thank you for having plenty of office hours. Please, I would prefer more HW of the 8 problems than fewer hw of 12 problems. Dkuji!

7-8-6

Professor Biskup is a very difficult professor for beginning calculus. Granted, he is a very caring and considerate professor who likes to challenge his students, the workload is overwhelming and often interferes with studying for other classes. Biskup cares very much about the success of his students in his class and has office hours as often as he can. Although I will not be taking him next quarter, I know that he will continue to be a great professor.

6-6-4

Professor Biskup is incredibly intelligent & personable. However, his teaching style was extremely difficult to follow and I had to rely totally on the textbook to understand concepts. Because of this, I have warned everyone I know to avoid Biskup as a professor.

7-8-7

The problems in the homework are very complicated but rewarding when you understand them. The course is hard, but you truly learn the concepts.

7-7-5

Biskup's teaching style is very intense. The homework is very difficult and tedious but you will learn the stuff if you find a study group and focus. Tests are based entirely on the homework with a few concepts added. Next time put midterms not on "traditional" midterm weeks if possible i.e. week 8.

9-9-6

I have never understood nay topic in any class more than I now comprehend integration and infinite series. Biskup is never satisfied with reduction formulas or shortcuts and demands that the students fully understand what he is doing. Yes his class is hard, but it if you do the work and go to office hours it is nothing a UCLA student can't handle. The class is not for the faint of heart, but if you survive the course, you are far better prepared for future math courses than everyone else.

BISKUP, Marek

9-9-9

Professor was very concerned about student learning and very invested in providing the best education possible.

7-9-5

I think hw should count for more because it takes quite a long time. Some of your strengths are that you are always available for your students, and you have good communication skills. A weakness would be that you tend to give very hard HW problems. But even though people say your class is extremely difficult it is do-able if they ATTEND office hours and actually take time to know how to do the HW.

7-9-7

The material is taught well, but the homework is too difficult to be solved without the help of office hours. Some easier preliminary problems would help before progressing to the more difficult problems.

9-9-9

I really enjoyed the class and feel that Professor Biskup is an outstanding individual who is very good at explaining the concepts in a different form than in the book. I do, however, feel that it would be useful to do more actual examples during class of the concepts explained.

8-7-7

Homework is tough but the fact that exams are basically just homework questions make it easy to study for. Biskup is a solid professor and presents everything effectively.

8-7-7

Prof. Biskup is genuinely concerned for his students learning and made time to help them with their studies. However, the homework he assigns makes it hard to devote adequate amounts of time to it based on the difficulty.

8-8-5

He is an excellent teacher. Challenging and too difficult at times, but very caring.

7-9-7

Only comment would be to cover material on homework in class before the homework is due.

9-9-5

You're an awesome professor! The lectures this quarter were a definite improvement from last quarter's since you were able to incorporate things that would be on the homework. I like the new way the test is graded and that we are now allowed to take notes during office hours. It's been very helpful.

BISKUP, Marek

9-9-8

The professor is very good. The workload was high, but it was worth it because I learned a lot. Professor Biskup was concerned about our learning and dedicated a lot of time to office hours to help.

9-9-9

You are extremely helpful. Amazing professor!! Thank you for having so many office hours.

7-8-7

Biskup is a very good teacher. He teaches very well, but his homework is a little too challenging. He could tone it down a bit.

7-6-4

3 midterms are good, but your homework is too difficult.

7-8-7

Biskup's office hours are critical to succeed in the class, it shouldn't necessarily be like this.

7-9-6

Seems like there is little chance a student can succeed in this class unless they attend 80% of the office hours and spend countless hours on each HW assignment. I really enjoy having you as a professor because you are a great person, but I know that many people, including myself, believe that your class is too hard. Maybe if you had a course reader that would explain some of the hw problems step-by-step the homework wouldn't be as extremely difficult.

8-9-8

Improved in terms of homework and exams, since his quarter, compared to 31A Fall 2010, is much more doable, more appropriate. Very good teaching, knows what he's doing and shows the insights and creativity related to math that few professors teach. I think exams should not be based on homework, they eliminate the creativity for solving problems, and one only has to study the homework to do well, not know where to apply concepts.

8-9-5

The class was far too difficult and nearly impossible for the less experienced students and those who are unable to attend almost every office hour. However Prof. Biskup was very available and caring, devoting a lot of time to students, as well as a very effective teacher. I learned a lot, just not enough to do well in his extremely hard class.

7-7-7

This is a hard class and Biskup is a good teacher, however, I find that he tends to only teach harder problems and sometimes doesn't cover enough of the basics to understand some of the topics.

BISKUP, Marek

9-9-9

He is a great professor, who cares about students and tries his best to help students.

8-8-5

Some homework problems are so difficult it is almost impossible for people who can not make it to office hours to solve. Even the TAs have trouble with the problems. Solutions to the HW problems should be provided to help the students understand what they previously missed.

8-7-5

Extremely fast paced. Also very difficult when compared to other teachers in terms of grading. I have definitely felt challenged & at the end of the day feel like I've learned the material thoroughly.

7-8-7

Biskup is a very good teacher. However, I feel that the homework is almost impossible to do without the help in office hours. I feel that it is too challenging for a student to be able to fully understand concepts of 31B with so many challenges in the way.

8-9-8

The office hours were extremely helpful!

9-9-6

You were a great professor. Well-organized lectures, humorous, and concerned. Possibly discuss difficult homework problems and problems similar to them in class. Thank you for everything.

6-5-7

I need to stop doing the homework then shit before/morning of the due date. Material is kind of dense. Maybe give us a lot more "monkey work" to help us with basic understanding.

9-9-9

Keep the 3 midterms and 1 final. There was a good amount of homework given throughout the quarter. The idea of sequences and convergence/divergence was confusing and I felt wasn't taught effectively enough for full understanding of the concepts.

9-9-4

Professor Biskup cares a lot about his students and he has helped me cultivate an understanding of math. This class is definitely a lot of work but I have learned a lot. I like how we have 3 tests because I did poorly on one but the other two help make up for it.

BISKUP, Marek

8-7-8

Biskup is a very knowledgeable professor. He is excellent although very hard.

8-N/A-8

I wish more time could have been spent on sequences and infinite series.

9-9-9

Should give us answers of homework.

5-5-5

He is making this so freaking hard! Jesus...

9-8-8

I would request more office hours, but I think Prof. Biskup prefers to have his sanity intact. Otherwise, he's the most effective teacher I have and my favorite.

9-7-7

It's exhausting to deal with the most difficult parts in the last few weeks.

7-7-7

Useful office hours, but if a student wanted to ask general, individual questions, it was more difficult to do so.

9-9-8

Professor Biskup is a great teacher! The class was very difficult but I liked how he challenged us and made us really think. He was very helpful outside of class and he cares about his students.

7-9-5

Professor Biskup is kind of awesome and hilarious and a great lecturer. But sometimes, a lot of the time, he lectures about a topic and then the homework is an absurdly harder version of what was in class.

9-9-7

Professor is really good, hard class. Maintains standards.

5-9-2

Very knowledgeable teacher and cares a lot about his students learning. He does expect students to know more than they do at times and is very demanding, but a good teacher.

8-7-8

Good teacher, gets concepts across. Very difficult but good to try to figure out!

9-9-8

Great professor, taught many concepts, gave helpful advice in office hours; thank you☺.

BISKUP, Marek

7-7-6

Good teacher. I felt it was hard to go from basic to really complex problems in the homework on what we just learned in class, and then have to immediately move on to a new subject shortly after.

8-9-7

The professor has very good office hours and is very organized in lecture. Material presentation is clear and with good examples.

9-9-9

Good.

8-8-7

Great teacher.

9-9-9

Does an excellent job of facilitating understanding of concepts rather than teaching drills and memorization. Straight up player.

9-9-9

You're a boss.

9-9-9

Thanks ☺

8-8-8

Please do not give extremely hard and long homework due on the day of a midterm.

9-9-9

I appreciate Prof. Biskup's willingness to go over topics once more to clear confusion. The professor is frequently available for questions in office hours or e-mail, which greatly helps with difficult concepts. The homework is challenging, so when he says one assignment is particularly challenging, it turns out to be quite difficult.

8-9-8

Professor Biskup is a tough professor but he teaches well and is very concerned about his students.

9-9-8

Professor Biskup has easily become my favorite professor thus far. He's excellent at making difficult problems easy to digest. It's no secret that you need to work extra hard in his class but he appreciates it. He's concerned if we learn or not and is willing to make time for us after class. This is my second time taking him and I'm looking forward to taking his class next quarter.

9-9-9

The best professor in my life. Thanks.

BISKUP, Marek

9-9-8

The course is intense but worth learning. Biskup is a really responsible and effective professor. His office hour is especially helpful.

9-9-9

I've enjoyed this course very much. Your lectures and office hours are always interesting. Going through these painful homework problems help me appreciate math much more. Thank you so much!

8-9-7

Homework was a bit harder than expected, and solutions were not provided by the person who graded the homework. Taking notes of homework problems during office hours is unfair to those who can't make it to the available times. Prof. Biskup makes you love mathematics again.

8-9-6

Amazing teacher; spends lots of time with students. Struggle to cover all material but this is inevitable...

8-7-8

Please get a bigger room for office hours! No tutors @ SMC could help very much, & privately paid tutors I tried also were not very helpful. Could use more recommendations for outside help like potential private paid tutors recommended by professor for 1 on 1 help. Could use sample/practice midterms on class website to practice with. Studying the homework problems over & over. Again doesn't help if you've looked at the problems so much you couldn't help but memorize them.

8-9-7

I feel like you really care about your students' understanding of the concepts and I have enjoyed your class a lot. Your office hours were the first ones that I ever went to (because they really are essential for your class) and I realized that they are very helpful and not something to be intimidated by. Thank you for a good quarter. I feel like I learned a lot.

9-9-8

Biskup is a good professor and really makes you learn the material, but his class should be about 15 units, not 4. It seems like he doesn't realize that we are taking more classes than just this. I did enjoy doing the homework, but my other classes are suffering because of how much time I have to spend on it. The worst part was that he assigned very difficult assignments the night before each midterm. As a result, I had to stay up until crazy hours of the morning just trying to finish it, leaving no time to actually study for the midterm the next day. I did learn a lot of math though.