

**Mathematics Faculty Teaching Evaluation**  
**Spring Quarter 2003**

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**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?
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**Math 32A, Sec. 1 - Calculus of Several Variables**

	Distribution of Scores											Avg	Stdv
	Blank	NA	Failing 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Excellent 9		
Ques1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	6	12	20	14	7.53	1.31
Ques2	1	2	1	1	1	3	4	4	8	16	16	7.22	1.95
Ques3	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	9	20	10	7	6.82	1.36

86 Enrolled    57 Responded ( 66.28%)

**Math 275A, Sec. 1 - Probability Theory**

	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	0	2	1	6	8.44	0.88
Ques2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	8.50	0.93
Ques3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	5	8.22	0.97

18 Enrolled    9 Responded ( 50.00%)

Blank - Student left question blank

NA - Student marked Not Applicable

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**Math 275A, Sec. 1 - Probability Theory**

9-9-7

The Robert Sorgenfrey award is well-deserved. Thanks for the concern you show for students and the clarity of your lectures.

7-7-7

Too many hw.

9-9-9

Prof. Biskup is as good as a teacher can reasonably be expected to be. He is an excellent lecturer, friendly and very approachable, willing to spend time outside class to explain things. The homeworks were quite hard and he was lenient and let people take more time to finish them if needed. The grading had one problem: the grader took off points for not proving things that could be assumed from analysis (sometimes even undergraduate level).

8--8

This course is an interesting class. Prof. Biskup lectures very well and his lessons are very clear and well-taught.

9-9-9

I learned a lot in this course. The instructor clearly made an effort to maximize student's learning. His concern with students was amazing. I think to have weekly homeworks is very good. Just one minor point: the difficult of exercises in the homework was about right but maybe the number of exercises could be about say  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{3}{4}$  of what is was so that the student can have more time to study issues in the course that he gives more importance or has more difficulty on them. Excellent job!

9-9-9

Dr. Biskup is an amazing teacher. The lectures are extremely well organized at just the right pace. I think his background in physics also helps to provide a intuitive understanding of the subject. He is also very helpful in O.H. The exercises assigned were hard but helped me understand the subject material. It might just help if he made the class slightly more interactive. All in all I thionk this was about the best course I ever took at UCLA. The textbook has a bunch of typos and it might help if these are pointed out sufficiently in advance.

**Math 32A, Sec. 1 - Calculus of Several Variables**

9-9-9

Homeworks should have been done the week we worked out the stuff, not the following week. That way we wouldn't get far behind.

8--7

I loved the lectures a lot, but I would have liked to have seen more examples.

9-8-8

Thank you for such a good quarter. Although the material was difficult, the tests and homework were fair and the lectures were very thorough.

9-9-9

Professor Biskup is an amazing professor. He teaches course material very well. I like how he does the proofs and how he gives in depth explanations and examples to better the class' understanding. He's so good that I skip my other math class at 11:00 am to go to his 9:00 am lecture. He's a 10!

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6-7-5

You were an ok math teacher. many times you seemed kind of mean and unapproachable. Your lectures could have been more useful if more examples were implemented.

7-7-5

There is a lot of info to cover, but sometimes it seemed as if it was being crammed into an hour. Also, the last 3 weeks of the course seem rushed, maybe if the review was cut out from the beginning, the last part could have more time.

7--7

I like that he does examples, sometimes I get lost when he goes to fast.

9-9-5

Lectures are good, clear - need sample midterms, finals

8-8-7

Very precise & straightforward teaching. Concepts not so easy to learn, but professor Biskup tries to make it easier to understand.

6-4-6

Grading scale is too harsh (20 points/question, no partial credit).

8-7-6

I thought that the professor was a great lecturer, definitely better than my 31B professor. However, I did not like the grading scheme for tests. Math is all about partial credit and I thought that no receiving it was somewhat unfair. Other than that, great instructor.

8-7-7

Prof. Biskup was a really good professor. I was really glad that Prof. Biskup took over this class when Prof. Chayes wasn't able to do it. It was a good replacement.

9-9-8

This is a good professor. He is effective and really help us understand the material. I don't like the grading system however. For example how tests are graded because there is little partial credit, which really affects the grades.

8-9-7

The textbook is a very good source for explanation. Although Biskup is a good professor, much work & reading must be done outside lecture to do well in this class.

7-8-8

His lectures were organized and went into depth with the material. Good teacher.

7--5

Tests suck. Give partial credit!!!

7-5-4

A different homework system (?) - material in last three weeks was considerably harder, but was done in a short span of time. First few weeks on the other hand were really light. If you could change that, it would be great.

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9-9-7

I was very impressed by Biskup's clear & efficient way of teaching. He was very organized and very helpful. However, not giving partial credit on exams punished students who knew what they were doing but made simple errors of calculation along w/ students who did not know what they were doing.

5-5-5

Teacher is too fast, and not explicit enough. Exams are too hard because they go beyond the examples taught in class and in books. Never know what to study for exams. We need sample exam/problems, material on the exam is sometimes foreign.

9-9-9

Professor Biskup is the smartest person I have ever known in my life. Not only that, but he is also one of the best teachers I have had. As a result, he is awesome. He has become a true role model for me and I would love to live up to be just as smart as him in my journey for educational excellence. The course is perfectly taught. He is the epitome of a great college professor.

8-9-8

Perhaps make more partial credit on exams.

7-8-7

Prof. Biskup is a very good math prof. He teaches the materials and concept very well, his lectures are very well prepared. I like his lecture style and the example he gives are very helpful. Exams are a little stressful because each problem is worth 20 pt and then he has his all/nothing problem but tests are fair.

9-9-5

Prof. Biskup is extremely thorough in his classroom presentation. This helps a lot. Only problem is he doesn't prep you for exams that much.

9-7-9

Don't let TAs give lectures, they were not as good as the instructor.

7-6-7

A very competent professor.

8-8-8

I was pleased with every part of this class except the grading. The teaching method, homework, section and tests were all great and fair. However, I thought that if I had understood the topics and made simple mistakes, my grade should not have been lower. Without a doubt, I think that I deserved A's on the midterms but got lower.

5-4-7

Try to use less complex words, its math, not english. Slow down; I can't read your handwriting. I'd tgo to office hours, but I am a little intimidated. I like the colored chalk. Please solve up to down, not side-to-side. I think you care about us learning, thank you.

9-9-8

Grading was fair, lectures were straightforward and easy to follow, tests were fair.

6-5-8

Great lecture structure. Good notes.

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- 9-8-8  
Excellent and effective professor.
- 8-8-6  
Professor Biskup is a great professor. He knows his material well. He is very organized & always comes to class prepared for lecture.
- 9-9-9  
Professor Biskup was great at explaining things and making difficult concepts seem simple.
- 8-9-7  
The Do or Die tests are horrible! I think it would have been better in a semester system. The instructor was cool, but the tests ..
- 7-8-7  
No partial credit on exams does not seem reasonable for a math class. However, he is a good professor and organized during lecture and quite effective.
- 4-1-8  
This is a great class, probably because I like math, but the professor's accent was a little distracting. Grading technique was detrimental, please change it.
- 8-6-6  
Good class
- 8-8-5  
The grading of the exams was extremely discouraging. They did not test the students ability to demonstrate understanding of the concepts, but only their ability to not make computational errors. I did extremely well & extremely poorly on the first & second midterms respectively, yet I feel that my level of understanding was equal. There needs to be a focus on testing knowledge, not making gradable exams
- 9-9-7  
This guy is the BEST!
- 8-7-7  
Professor Biskup is a good lecturer, however, he sometimes goes on and on about proofs and theories which I don't find helpful. I would like to see more solving problem and less proof. I really like the way he arrange the midterms outside of class time so we have time for review. I also like the review he's going to do for the final.
- 9-9-9  
The class and the professor were excellent. The lectures were thorough and the instructor was very helpful. He made himself available for his students.
- 8-9-6  
I also had Biskup last quarter for 31B and I thought he explained the material more comprehensively then than now. It might have been b/c 32A material is harder to explain or just b/c that's the way it happened. I don't know.