

Mathematics Faculty Teaching Evaluation
Fall Quarter 2002

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 32A, Sec. 2 - Calculus of Several Variables

	Distribution of Scores											Avg	Stdv
	Blank	NA	Failing 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Excellent 9		
Ques. 1	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	16	24	10	16	7.14	1.44
Ques. 2	0	5	0	1	0	1	8	17	12	16	11	6.95	1.48
Ques. 3	0	0	0	0	2	5	9	24	15	9	7	6.41	1.46
121 Enrolled 71 Responded(58.68%)													

Math 32A, Sec. 3 - Calculus of Several Variables

	Distribution of Scores											Avg	Stdv
	Blank	NA	Failing 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Excellent 9		
Ques. 1	0	0	0	0	4	2	6	14	39	22	16	7.06	1.42
Ques. 2	1	13	0	1	5	5	16	15	22	16	9	6.40	1.68
Ques. 3	0	0	0	2	3	6	18	21	28	14	11	6.41	1.62
157 Enrolled 103 Responded(65.61%)													

Math 170A, Sec. 1 - Probability Theory

	Distribution of Scores											Avg	Stdv
	Blank	NA	Failing 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Excellent 9		
Ques. 1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	6	6	5	7.43	1.36
Ques. 2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	6	4	6	7.43	1.33
Ques. 3	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	6	5	0	5	6.52	1.78
25 Enrolled 22 Responded(88.00%)													

Blank - Student left question blank

NA - Student marked Not Applicable

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8-0-6

I like the colored chalk and good graphical representations, helped conceptually.

9-8-6

I felt that Professor Biskup did all that was possible to make this material understandable. Still I feel that this class went by too quickly, not allowing myself, along with many of the students, to truly absorb this material. Due to the fact that this class needs a certain amount of failed students, this class was graded in many ways ineffectively. Rather than looking for understanding of concepts. TAs easily gave no credit in order to maintain the curve. This is unreasonable, and this should definitely be changed. Nevertheless, Biskup was able to make do with what was presented to him.

7-7-6

Color coordination cleared a lot of graphing up. Good explanations.

3-5-4

Rather confusing at times. Makes huge jumps in logic that is hard to follow from step to step. Questions on the midterms seem to have nothing in common with the homework problems. The test questions are rather tricky.

9-9-9

Thank you!

7-6-4

Prof. Biskup shows that he cares about his students and teaches at a moderate pace.

7-5-6

Good course.

8-8-7

Pretty well-organized. Kind of early in the morning. Those multiple choice questions are killer!

6-7-7

He explained things well and seems to be a nice, happy guy

8-8-8

Textbook is very helpful. The only concern is that harder topics were taught in depth due to time constraint and focus on easier things – making it harder to complete hw. Fast grading a plus!

9-9-7

Very clear lectures – well prepared; always available for help. Textbook poorly written; not easy to follow. Exams, application of topics ridiculous too many multiple choice problems!!

9-9-5

The teacher was very effective and made the students feel comfortable about the material. He was very approachable at office hours and always maintained a patient head. The material covering the 2nd midterm seemed a little too rushed, concepts seemed unevenly distributed.

9-8-7

it would have been nice if there were office hours at different times on some days. I had a M-F class from 1-2 and I could never make office hours.

7-6-6

The tests don't match the homework and the class discussions.

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- 3-9-7
He would not offer his class enough examples on the subject matter. He would derive concepts that are already in the book – something which is not needed to do again.
- 6-7-4
This was a tough math 32A class.
- 6-6-6
Perhaps, spend some time on difficult homework problems during class.
- 8-0-5
Good drawing and lecture was clear. Need to change review Q & A to be more effective. Too crowded for three lectures.
- 6-4-5
Overall, the class was quite reasonably easy.
- 8-8-8
Professor Biskup is a good professor. He's very well organized and knows the materials very well.
- 7-8-7
Very comprehensive lectures that helped more with homework than examinations.
- 9-8-7
HW did not reflect problems on midterms. Great Prof. Lectures were good, best I've had for any math class @ UCLA.
- 3-6-3
It would be helpful if the homework reflected problems on the test. The homework is inadequate and usually involves problems with petty transitions of variables in which defeating the purpose of the section.
- 8-8-7
It would be helpful if we did more difficult problems in class. The problems we do complete in class are very easy compared to those on the homework and midterms. Otherwise the class is excellent and Mr. Biskup a good teacher.
- 9-9-9
Good teacher!
- 7-7-7
I didn't like his tests at all w/ his all-or-none multiple choice questions. a person could get a C in the class not b/c of lack of knowledge of vector calc but b/c of some small calculation mistakes. I think he is unfair and just a lazy grader. Aside from this, he was a good instructor, always friendly and approachable.
- 6-5-5
Biskup needs to go over more examples/problems in class. He does a good job of explaining the concepts but it is hard to do problems (like for hw) when we haven't seen examples. He tries to be a good prof, it shows and is appreciated.
- 9-8-8
I thought this course was very effective. The professor lectured at a good pace and was very good at explaining what was going on.
- 8-6-6
Biskup has a cool accent. Good teacher.

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7-7-6

I like the fact that the professor is very up-to-date on everything. He's the only professor who posts the current grades on myucla and his lectures are brief as possible, yet clearly explained.

7-6-6

He let his T.A.s teach the class too much. The material could have been covered better by the T.A.s.

7-8-5

Prof. Biskup was an OK teacher. The book was still most helpful for homework. He did do good examples in class that helped.

7-7-7

I think the class should have more example problems of how or what the tests are going to consist of. Try to give more examples in class.

7-6-6

The exams are extremely difficult if you do not constantly review the homework. The lecture notes provide only beginner type examples which pale in comparison to the exam questions.

6-6-4

It took some time to get used to the Professor's slight accent/grammar. Tests are HARD.

8-9-8

Prof. Biskup made sure that we had many opportunities to ask him for help. He really seems to want his students to know the material well. The tests were challenging but fair.

9-9-8

I felt Biskup was a very good teacher and very approachable. The class has given me a good understanding of Calculus.

9-8-9

The instructor should make sure to publicize which books are okay for the class especially when the book store advertises other versions of the same book that can't be bought used. Professor Biskup is a very good teacher – he has clear explanations, effective communication skills and is very well organized. His teaching style is very pleasant and comfortable and at a very good pace. I wish the professor had longer office hours.

8-8-8

The course moved along just right; not too fast nor too slow. The only hard part was that during office hours there would be quite a few people so it could be difficult to talk with Prof. Biskup, but the Math Center sure helped. I like Prof. Biskup's teaching style.

7-6-5

Prof. Biskup was a very effective, straightforward lecturer, he answered questions effectively, and intelligently. He let TA's lecture a few times, but it never disrupted the continuity of the class, and he integrated their lectures into the rest of his material very well.

6-2-6

Difficult course was made easier by Prof. Biskup's ability to explain everything in lecture. However, he does not seem approachable. Additionally, difficulty of 2 midterms varied greatly.

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9-9-9

The teaching of the course was very well done. The grading was relatively fair. I am very satisfied & pleased with the way Mr. Biskup taught the course. Unlike some other students, I am happy he didn't spend too time going over stuff we should know by now from previous math courses, such as derivation of integration techniques, because it would have taken the time away from Mr. Biskup in lecturing us about the daily topic.

7-8-8

Professor Biskup runs lecture very well. Particularly, he is good at using visuals to supplement information. However, we did not get through all the material in the course.

7-7-6

Quite well done. His presentation is excellent. Thing had been going smooth in the first six or seven weeks, but after the 2nd mid-term progress has been hindered by classes of TAs, some of whom are much less effective than Prof. Biskup. I'll choose Prof. Biskup again if he's available in other math courses I've to take.

9-9-8

Biskup is a very organized teacher. He's also got a good sense of humor & can admit to being wrong. His office hours were helpful as well.

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9-7-6

He was very organized and explained things really well. I like that – he was very good at drawing pictures because they really helped understand problems.

7-7-5

Good Prof. overall. Sometimes he rushed through problems/topics too quickly.

7-0-7

Make tests more like homework. When I took the first (& second) test, I was like, "huh? This aint what was on the homework."

7-5-5

Please don't go over in lecture time. Very good lectures, but I didn't know what to expect on tests. 2 days w/ 2 office hours is insufficient time for regrades. 4 days would be reasonable. We need time to find out the right answer, and how we should have done the problems, to argue our cases effectively.

6-7-8

He always made sure that we were learning. He taught us in an humorous way, although not everybody understood it. The worst problem was that he often run out of time.

8-9-9

The class material wasn't phenomenal, but the prof presented it in an understandable and interesting. Both Rogawski and Biskup were great lecturers and were accommodating to student concerns. The difficulty of homework was sporadic, but overall quite manageable. All in all, good stuff.

9-0-7

I enjoyed Biskup's enthusiasm while he taught the class. He was very responsive to questions asked & wanted us to follow along w/ the material. I liked that he paused after doing a problem so we could ask questions.

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7-6-5

Tests were too hard. Explains material well, homework not like test problems.

7-5-6

Biskup was a good instructor. He was effective although his second midterm was different than what he lectured on.

9-0-9

I think too much weight is put on the homework grades, the grade for this course should just be based on midterms and the final.

8-3-5

Be more patient in office hours.

9-9-8

Biskup is an excellent professor. He is thorough in his explanations and easy to understand. I definitely recommend him to other students.

9-9-9

Great – thorough – cares about student learning – fair – good explanations.

9-9-9

Great professor, very thorough & knowledgeable – liked the class, taught very well. Thanks! ☺

8-8-6

Very good professor – seems to care about students and is always willing to help ☺

8-7-6

To my surprise, he was very organized in his lectures. He draws very good 3D structures.

7-0-8

Lectures are well organized. The diagrams and colored chalk are very helpful however I keep on falling asleep.

8-0-6

Professor Biskup is an excellent teacher. he covers all topics thoroughly. I really like his teaching style & how he outlines the chapter. Very effective!

8-0-7

The instructor was excellent but he needs to either help the TA teach better or do away with having them teach.

7-8-7

The instructor did well taking over for Prof. Rogawski.

7-6-7

Good class. Learned stuff. Had fun.

4-8-9

In a hard course like this, it would help if the professor explained concepts and examples more clearly in lecture.

7-8-5

I appreciated the depth in explanations and patience in describing exhibited by these professors during lectures.

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6-5-5

Biskup is a very enthusiastic and funny prof., but he doesn't appear very approachable. I don't like how he sets several classes to allow the TAs to teach, especially Nick! That TA can't teach if his life depended on it, and Biskup should have never brought him back twice to teach.

9-7-6

If partial credit is allowed to be given to free response, I don't see why it couldn't also be given for multiple choice, especially since I had all the correct work & correct answer. Overall: great rating of Biskup as an effective professor.

7-6-4

He's funny, I like that

7-5-6

Lectures well, points are made very clear and topics are addressed thoroughly. Colored chalk is good! Multiple choice – not good. All or nothing is a horrible, because you miss a sign and you're out 15 points.

7-8-4

Biskup can give great explanations & diagrams. His lectures are organized & he is always well prepared. His lectures prepare you for the easy HW questions but not the harder ones. The tests are somewhat impossible because of the all or nothing multiple choices.

6-3-7

This professor has no concern for his students. He is very stubborn when it comes to students voicing their opinions, and he takes it as an offense when you tell him something not in his liking.

7-5-8

Doing a good job.

6-6-6

The class was organized in presentation. Homework loads was about right. One of the TA's wasn't too helpful. Sometimes he writes too small. Hard to see on board.

8-7-8

The only minor complaint I have is the teacher goes past 11:50 (end of class) and those who have classes on the other side of campus @ 12 are a little screwed.

7-8-6

Professor Biskup does an excellent job at presenting the material. Only suggestion is that material is reviewed w/ TA's before they present lecturer. I would highly recommend Prof. Biskup.

5-7-5

More difficult problems need to be covered during lecture if they are going to be put on the test. Also, if a TA is going to teach a lecture, make sure they know what they are doing.

4-5-5

Rogawski was a more effective teacher.

7-6-7

Biskup is intimidating, but funny during lectures. He explain topics well, but hard to approach him in person.

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- 9-0-9
Great teacher with extraordinary knowledge of the material.
- 7-5-5
The lectures were very thorough and clear when given by the professor. Only 2 of the 3 TA's were good.
- 7-0-3
Brooke Feignon was an excellent TA.
- 7-8-7
Overall this course was challenging and the level of homework was adequate.
- 6-2-4
He was a good teacher overall, but he was hard to get a hold of at times for questions.
- 8-7-8
Excellent professor. Midterms are just right in difficulty (make them a little harder).
- 9-8-9
Good.
- 7-0-5
His accent is funny! Special points for: hyperboloid; hypoteneus; Pythagorean.
- 6-4-5
Midterms and tests don't reflect our homework. Too hard. Expects too much.
- 6-7-6
The exams were outrageously hard. I did not feel prepared for the exams by the lecture and homeworks. They did not test what we already knew.
- 3-3-3
His midterms were unfair. this course was horrible. Rogawski would've been better.
- 5-7-6
Biskup needs to stop when the clock says 10 'till, it is unfair to those students who need to leave in order to get to their next class on time. He has gone up to five minutes over at times.
- 6-5-5
His exams tend to be on the hard side. I think he expects too much from his students.
- 9-9-2
The test were hard, but the instructor was very good. I feel the test were constructed in such a way that it did not display the knowledge we learned.
- 9-9-9
Prof. was wonderful. Very helpful, completely fair.
- 7-6-7
Exams should be taken during class times.