Online Course Evaluations

2018-Fall

Chair
MATH 115 03
CalcOfFunctionsOfOneVariableII

Q:

Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor. In what ways was their teaching effective and in what ways could their teaching be improved?

(Your anonymous response to this question may be viewed only by your instructor(s) and administrators responsible for evaluating teaching.)

Responses:

Instructor: Fei Qi

Really appreciated the teaching, and he always seemed open to talk to if I needed help outside of class.

Instructor: Fei Qi

Great instructor, always keen to help and explain. Sometimes goes off topic, but nevertheless I enjoy his teaching style.

Instructor: Fei Qi

Generally a good instructor, but pace is sometimes too fast.
He explained concepts very well, he held office hours often, and responded to all of my emails almost immediately with thorough advice. He prepared us well for all of the exams.

**Instructor: Fei Qi**

Strength: Cares about students, knows the theory behind Calculus
Weakness: Goes off on tangents about the theory, thus confusing students; teaches material unrelated to the test

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He was very good and explaining mathematical proofs but sometimes strayed from the knowledge that we needed to focus on for the course.

**Instructor: Fei Qi**

Less proofs (material that will not be on the exam) would be helpful, but the instructor was always willing to help students who were struggling through office hours which was appreciated.

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If taking this class, especially with Professor Qi, be prepared to spend a substantial amount of time outside of class using the textbook, Khan Academy, and other such resources to learn the material. The material taught—not really taught, but shown—in class is at best confusing and at worst makes you question your prior knowledge. I frequently found myself looking back at notes from AP Calculus in high school to undo the confusion caused by the useless and unnecessary proofs and examples Professor Qi worked in class. I highly recommend going to peer tutor hours whenever possible, since the peer tutors are more capable of teaching than the actual professor is. Professor Qi often deviated from relevant course topics to either teach something he personally found fascinating, but that would not be covered on the exams, or to discuss his own opinions as a mathematician and how he disagreed with the textbook. I personally enjoy calculus, but the way this class is taught is an insult to the subject, discouraging students from pursuing higher math education.

**Instructor: Fei Qi**

Very open and understanding - goes out of his way to help a lot. Very supportive and knowledgable.
Instructor: Fei Qi

Fei seems to genuinely care about his students - always reminding us to get enough sleep, trying to choose a way of sending us graded exams that would be convenient for us, and fighting for points for us whenever we identified an issue with grading on an exam. He maintained a website with all of his lecture notes posted and organized for our use, which was a nice resource. Unfortunately, attending lecture never seemed to be helpful for me. I rarely left feeling like I understood a concept, and it always seemed like Fei went a little further into explanations than was necessary for us to know for the purposes of the course, which often led to further confusion. Its great that hes passionate about his subject, but its not great for the students that are just trying to get by in the course. He also seemed a little disorganized during lecture and made mistakes when working out problems often. Fei was very helpful in his office hours, however, and he was always willing to make appointments outside of his normal hours if you communicated with him. He also offered expanded hours near exams, which was nice.

Instructor: Fei Qi

Fei Qi is the smartest mathematician that I have ever been taught by, which was incredible to see him work on the problems on the board and prove the concepts; however, sometimes this became a problem because his explanation for the concept would be a little complex. He was a very understanding and caring teacher and always made sure that he was available to help his students.

Instructor: Fei Qi

Professor Qi stressed the importance of a balance between sleep and work, which truly showed that he cared for his students. His lessons though were a bit too fast to keep up with, but he was pretty much always available especially before exams to answer any questions you had. He prioritized his student's questions and concerns about previous topics before moving onto the next topic, but that was only when the students spoke up. Often, he went through proofs really quickly that no one in the class actually knew what was happening on the chalkboard.

Decline to Answer

Instructor: Fei Qi: 2
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Q:

Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor. In what ways was their teaching effective and in what ways could their teaching be improved?

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Responses:

Instructor: Fei Qi

Professor Qi, although he did not have perfect lectures, was committed to improving his lecturing skills and making sure we understood the content of the class.

Instructor: Fei Qi

If you plan on taking this class with Professor Fei Qi, I suggest you look for another professor. So many of my friends in that class and I have struggled and complained about his teaching the entire semester. He constantly makes simple mistakes that confuses the students and does proofs of formulas that, once again, confuse the students. I spent most of my time reading out of the book, doing AP Calculus BC on Khan Academy, and trying to get help from friends that have taken Calculus 2. I come from a rural public high school in which education is very poor, and I've never had a math teacher this bad. Some may say, "Why didn't you ask questions?" I respond with the concept that I didn't even know what I didn't know. I was thoroughly confused and didn't know where to start with any of my questions. Fei Qi teaches way too quickly and explains things at such an advanced level that it is very difficult to follow. Please look for another instructor that may be able to assist you because I spent a copious amount of hours of my first semester at Yale trying to catch and learn what he "taught" in class. Thank you for your time.

Instructor: Fei Qi

Fei is clearly well-intentioned and tries his hardest to facilitate learning and help students with the
material, but these good intentions are partially negated by a generally hectic and un-engaging teaching style. He works very fast, makes a lot of small mistakes, and is hard to understand.

**Instructor: Fei Qi**

He is a great teacher who spends time to answer any questions we have and showed the applications of most of the things we studied. He talks a bit too fast sometimes, but I would definitely take another course under him if I can.

**Instructor: Fei Qi**

He was very helpful and accessible. I thought he did a great job teaching.

**Instructor: Fei Qi**

The instructor was so helpful and thoughtful to the students and educating them on the actual subject. The only weakness though was that he was a little hard to understand and fast during class and it was hard to really keep up with what he was talking about.

**Instructor: Fei Qi**

strengths: goes beyond just teaching the formulas, really makes an effort to be there for the students weaknesses: sometimes we run out of time just because there is so much to cover, but again, he makes up for this by making his hours more available

**Instructor: Fei Qi**

Sometimes hard to understand as he was trying to go fast to get everything in during the time limit of the class. There were also instances that he worked through examples incorrectly then took time to go fix them which confused me when going back through my notes to study.

**Instructor: Fei Qi**

Prof. Qi always put a lot of effort into the class. It was quite easy to see he was doing his best and
Instructor: Fei Qi

I could tell Professor Qi put a lot of time and thought into the class. He was always willing to offer assistance to those in need, and would grant extensions when students were struggling. However, despite his trying, he often struggled to answer questions about the material. I would often leave class feeling more confused about a chapter than when I entered. I had to teach a great deal of the material to myself, and luckily I had peers who could assist me. Although he offered a plethora of office hours, I did not find them particularly useful. Hopefully Professor Qi will further his understanding of students' strengths and weaknesses and better address them in the future.

Instructor: Fei Qi

Great professor and kind to students! Incredibly thorough and gives a lot of care and thought to his lectures.

Instructor: Fei Qi

Lovely guy, very smart

Instructor: Fei Qi

He spent too much time on proves that were not important to the course.

Instructor: Fei Qi

Professor Qi was a patient teacher and was always willing to go over things by which people were confused/needed a secondary explanation. His office hours were very helpful, and the way he summarized units and presented material was organized and clear. A few times, he strayed from the curriculum for a class or half class and the digression wasn't very helpful and then we had to rush through material that was part of the curriculum to catch up. On the whole, he was a really good teacher and made the material accessible.

Instructor: Fei Qi

He clearly knew the material and beyond, but it seemed like he was out of practice with the material.
Instructor: Fei Qi

The professor was very helpful and worked hard to understand students concerns.
**EVALUATION SUMMARY**

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**Course Overall:** 2.7

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**Q:** Your level of engagement with the course was:

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**Instructor:** Fei Qi

Declined to Answer: 0
Average Rating: 3.1*

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**Q:** What is your overall assessment of this course?

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**Instructor:** Fei Qi

Declined to Answer: 0
Average Rating: 2.7

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**Q:** The course was well organized to facilitate student learning.

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**Instructor:** Fei Qi
Declined to Answer: 0
Average Rating: 3.6*

Q: I received clear feedback that improved my learning.

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Instructor: Fei Qi

Declined to Answer: 0
Average Rating: 3.6*

Q: Relative to other courses you have taken at Yale, the level of intellectual challenge of this course was:

(Your anonymous response to this question may be viewed by Yale College students, faculty, and advisers to aid in course selection and evaluating teaching.)

Instructor: Fei Qi

Declined to Answer: 0
Average Rating: 3.5*

Q: Relative to other courses you have taken at Yale, the workload of this course was:

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Instructor: Fei Qi

Declined to Answer: 0
Average Rating: 3.2*

Q: What is your overall assessment of the Teaching Fellow?

(Your anonymous response to this question may be viewed only by your instructor(s), your teaching assistant, and administrators responsible for evaluating teaching.)

Instructor: James Michael
Course Overall: 2.6

Q: Your level of engagement with the course was:

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Instructor: Fei Qi

Declined to Answer: 2
Average Rating: 3.3*

Q: What is your overall assessment of this course?

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Instructor: Fei Qi

Declined to Answer: 1
Average Rating: 2.6

Q: The course was well organized to facilitate student learning.

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Instructor: Fei Qi

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Q: I received clear feedback that improved my learning.

(Your anonymous response to this question may be viewed by Yale College students, faculty, and advisers to aid in course selection and evaluating teaching.)

Instructor: Fei Qi

Declined to Answer: 1
Average Rating: 3.4*

Q: Relative to other courses you have taken at Yale, the level of intellectual challenge of this course was:

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Instructor: Fei Qi

Declined to Answer: 1
Average Rating: 3.2*

Q: Relative to other courses you have taken at Yale, the workload of this course was:

(Your anonymous response to this question may be viewed by Yale College students, faculty, and advisers to aid in course selection and evaluating teaching.)

Instructor: Fei Qi

Declined to Answer: 1
Average Rating: 3.4*

Q: What is your overall assessment of the Teaching Fellow?

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Instructor: James Michael

Declined to Answer: 1
Average Rating: 3.5*
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Declined to Answer: 0
Average Rating: 5.0*

* Question is excluded from Course Overall Rating.