

Clemson University Student Evaluation of Teaching

Evaluation Report for Tony Thanh Nguyen teaching MATH 1020 001 during Spring Semester 2017
Respondents = 13; Enrolled = 44; Response rate = 30%

University Questions(3686)

G18. Please comment on the strengths of the instructor and the course.

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - none
- #2 - He really knows his stuff. He communicates very well, and he cares for the success of his students.
- #3 - Tony was very clear in his teaching. If I ever had a problem with material, it was never because I didn't understand the fundamentals of it or how it worked. I always knew what was expected of me on tests, and if something was not understood, Tony was always available to give an explanation.
- #4 - offered review sessions, posted worksheets
- #5 - Very hands on, and makes sure you understand the material before moving on.
- #7 - Took very difficult material and made it somewhat easier to understand. He actually took time on the material and cared if students understood the concepts. He always made himself available for help outside of class as well. Went out of his way to help students understand the material and achieve maximum success.
- #8 - Tony was always available to help after class and if he wasn't for some reason, he made time to meet with students. He went through as many practice problems as possible in class and held review sessions before tests.
- #10 - We did a lot of class work and the PAL sessions were really helpful in learning and practicing the material we had to know.
- #11 - goes through book and works out examples
- #12 - Tony's a great teacher! He makes difficult concepts easy to understand and is always available outside of class if you have any questions.
- #13 - He was very laid back and always willing to go above and beyond to help students who were behind

G19. Please comment on the weaknesses of the instructor and the course.

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - none
- #2 - He tries to interact with the class; however, the connection just isn't there.
- #3 - I do not feel Tony had any obvious weaknesses pertaining to this course.
- #4 - not good at teaching information in an effective way. I felt I had to teach myself all the material
- #5 - None
- #7 - None
- #8 - Not a great quantity of practice in class, but enough.
- #10 - The way the course is structured with a common exam is hard since you have to wait a week for your grade.
- #11 - n/a
- #12 - None.
- #13 - There could be a better method for taking notes that could be shared online instead of the copywrited instruction manual

G20. Please comment on any teaching methods you found particularly helpful, and suggest alternative methods that you feel would improve the course.

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - none

- #2 - More group work and more classwork assignments.
- #3 - I like the way that the material was taught for this class. It was easy to follow along with what Tony was writing on the screen, and it was never too fast that I couldn't keep up.
- #4 - going through the lecture guide.alternative methods: do more examples in the lecture guide, instead of going through the lecture notes all at once, have the students try the problem first and then go over it.
- #5 - The examples he does, are very helpful.
- #7 - I loved when he typed up notes that were not in the lecture guide, this is the second time I've take this class and he was by far the better professor
- #8 - Group quizzes
- #11 - going through problems with the class
- #12 - I enjoy working in groups because peers sometimes understand a topic better than you do. They can help you understand it better.
- #13 - Doing example problems was helpful

G21. I would recommend this instructor to a friend. Yes or no? Why?

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - none
- #2 - Yes. Tony is a great teacher with few flaws.
- #3 - Yes! I think Tony was an excellent instructor. He clearly explained concepts and where they came from, and explained them in every day terms that were understandable. He was also always available and gave feedback on worksheets or homework to know what to improve on.
- #4 - no. I had to teach myself and rely on my friends and PAL to teach me.
- #5 - Yes,
- #7 - Yes! he cares and takes his time to make sure everyone understands the material, he goes out of his way to help students with outside tutoring, notes not in the lecture guide and just being there for them.
- #8 - Yes because the instructor made himself available especially when students were struggling with the material.
- #10 - Yes because Professor Tony cares about his students and he teaches the material really well.
- #11 - yes, very willing to help
- #12 - Yes. Tony's a great teacher and very helpful outside of class as well. This course isn't difficult as long as you put the time in.
- #13 - Yes, he was incredibly nice and helpful

Clemson University Student Evaluation of Teaching

Evaluation Report for Tony Thanh Nguyen teaching MATH 1020 003 during Spring Semester 2017
Respondents = 12; Enrolled = 44; Response rate = 27%

University Questions(3686)

G18. Please comment on the strengths of the instructor and the course.

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - Always asking students to come by his office for help was always willing to help if a student needed it.
- #3 - He is so nice and knows his stuff.
- #4 - He worked through practice problems during the class period which helped as reference points for homework and test problems.
- #5 - I really enjoyed how he would not only teach us concepts about calculus but also spoke to us about anything he found important and relative to the class, from our everyday lives, including information in the news. At first, the class started off slow but I thought the course was easy to learn at this pace and helped me tremendously.
- #6 - Tony is very willing to help. His obvious passion for teaching and math comes out during his lectures and shows in his desire to help his students in and out of the classroom.
- #8 - This is a standardized course so there isn't much give room, all things learned are needed for the exams. Tony knows all about math and is helpful in answering questions
- #9 - Anytime someone had a question or problem that they did not understand, he would make sure it was understood before moving on.
- #10 - One of the best instructors I've had at Clemson. Always available to help. In class, he is clear and I like how he writes everything out
- #11 - Tony is the best professor that I have ever had for any college course, and this is the 3rd college institution that I have attended. He explained the material in such depth that I never really had any questions. Everything just made sense.
- #12 - Everything, I have literally had Tony for the past year and a half and I don't have anything bad to say about him.

G19. Please comment on the weaknesses of the instructor and the course.

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - Really were not any. If I had to choose something maybe going to fast sometimes during a section, sometimes more examples are needed for certain sections but that is just being nit picky.
- #3 - Nothing
- #4 - Sometimes questions on the tests were worded/set up different than the practice questions in class.
- #5 - I think the only issue in our class was the students wouldn't speak up much to answer questions in class, but all he could do is ask and wait for a response. I really enjoyed this class.
- #8 - This is a hard course. I am not looking to go into business, so a non business calc would have been better for me
- #9 - N/A
- #10 - I know it can be hard to do at 9am, but maybe try and get the class to participate more
- #11 - There were no weaknesses. The course was enjoyable and the instructor was awesome.
- #12 - Well, I take that back , I don't have anything bad to say but I do wish that on class days after the Exam we would have a review day or the day before and I also wish we had more in class assignments to solidify that we actually know what we are doing .

G20. Please comment on any teaching methods you found particularly helpful, and suggest alternative methods that you feel would improve the course.

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - Tricks and easier ways of remembering things that helped on tests.
- #3 - So helpful, worksheets and hw are helpful
- #4 - Maybe start the class with questions regarding the previous night's homework, because sometimes he wouldn't go back over those.
- #5 - Working slowly through each concept was very beneficial and the extra practice was very helpful. How the course built upon concepts also made it much easier to understand the new things that we were learning at the end of the semester.
- #6 - Walking through examples step by step was helpful.
- #8 - I really liked how Tony worked through the notebook and answered a majority of the problems
- #11 - I found the worksheets that Tony would give out in class to be extremely helpful. I would do the worksheets as practice for the exams, and I made A's on every exam. The worksheets did a great job at really driving the information home for me.
- #12 - Step-By-Step tutorials for each problems

G21. I would recommend this instructor to a friend. Yes or no? Why?

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - Yes, because he takes time to help you and make sure that you understand what is going on.
- #3 - Yes, so nice and good
- #4 - yes
- #5 - Yes, I did well in the class with the help of this instructor.
- #6 - Yes. He cares about his students.
- #7 - yes
- #8 - Yes, he made the class more bearable
- #9 - Yes, very friendly and patient with each student
- #10 - Yes because he is very clear about what we need to learn and has a lot of interesting math stuff to talk about as the class is beginning
- #11 - Yes, not only would I recommend him to a friend- I HAVE recommended him to my friends. He's a great professor. I'm looking forward to taking his MATH 2070 course this summer.
- #12 - Yes, because he is the most easy to understand

Clemson University Student Evaluation of Teaching

Evaluation Report for Tony Thanh Nguyen teaching MATH 2070 002 during Spring Semester 2017
Respondents = 12; Enrolled = 40; Response rate = 30%

University Questions(3686)

G18. Please comment on the strengths of the instructor and the course.

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - Would take notes and draw fully on the lecture guide for good references back to during completing web assigns and studying for exams. Homeworks assigned helped reassure and give more examples on the material that helped for exams
- #2 - Tony was a very good professor and helped all of his students do well on the exams. Before every exam he held review sessions which were very helpful and helped me a lot on the exams.
- #3 - Very good at providing real world examples, which helps to understand content better.
- #5 - Very down to earth. Genuinely cares that his students actually learn the material and are not just memorizing information.
- #6 - He is very understanding of all questions and he is never condescending. You can tell he enjoys teaching and wants everyone to succeed.
- #7 - Very effective.
- #8 - Tony was super helpful always and helped me to learn the material well.
- #10 - The instructor provides plenty of extra practice, good office hours, and review sessions to ensure the success of his students.
- #11 - teaching
- #12 - Professor Nguyen made sure to do an example of every type of problem we might see on tests. He wanted all of us to be prepared.

G19. Please comment on the weaknesses of the instructor and the course.

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - N/A
- #2 - I wish the exams were a little longer so that each question wasn't worth as many points. I didn't like that if you get one question wrong it could be the difference in a letter-grade.
- #3 - Sometimes seemed to simply work examples without explaining them.
- #5 - None, he's awesome
- #6 - I wish there were more in class assignments that we turned in for grades. In 1020 we had group work every week and it really enforced the material, created a good time to ask the instructor questions, and it added more grades to boost my final grade to an A
- #7 - There were not enough in class learning activities to practice the material.
- #8 - none, tony rocks
- #10 - The professor has no real weaknesses, but sometimes would have difficulty explaining an example in a concept from time to time.
- #11 - none
- #12 - Sometimes the class was going to slow-paced and other times too fast-paced, but this is understandable.

G20. Please comment on any teaching methods you found particularly helpful, and suggest alternative methods that you feel would improve the course.

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - Study sessions, walking through steps the first time learning them.
- #2 - I really liked the review sessions Tony held because they were very helpful and helped me understand the material before the exam.
- #3 - Good when we worked in groups with the assistance of teacher.

- #5 - The Sunday study sessions before the exam were extremely helpful. He also made 8 am math classes worth it.
- #6 - Again, I just want in class assignments or quizzes or something.
- #7 - The team taught teaching strategy was very helpful.
- #8 - Tony was always there to answer questions and went through every example which I enjoyed
- #10 - I enjoyed the teaching methods used and benefited greatly from them, and I dont have any suggestions for alternative methods.
- #11 - n/a
- #12 - All of the examples step by step were very helpful.

G21. I would recommend this instructor to a friend. Yes or no? Why?

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - Yes! He cared a lot about the success of the class and was passionate about math which positively impacted the class.
- #2 - I would because I thought he was very helpful and wanted his students to do well.
- #3 - Yes, Tony is a very good teacher who know the material very well.
- #5 - YES! He actually cares if you learn the material or not.
- #6 - Yes because he is definitely a teacher that loves what he is teaching and wants his students to do the best that they can do.
- #7 - Yes. He takes the time to ensure we understand the material.
- #8 - Yes, because Tony was super helpful and I learned alot
- #10 - Yes, the teacher wants you to do well and provides plenty of resources for you to do so.
- #11 - yes, well organized
- #12 - Yes, Professor Nguyen definitely wants the best for his students.

Clemson University Student Evaluation of Teaching

Evaluation Report for Tony Thanh Nguyen teaching MATH 2070 006 during Spring Semester 2017
Respondents = 12; Enrolled = 40; Response rate = 30%

University Questions(3686)

G18. Please comment on the strengths of the instructor and the course.

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - Great teacher, class is fun, favorite professor i've had so far here at Clemson.
- #2 - informed
- #3 - Helped students develop a clear understanding of material
- #4 - Clear presentation and explanation of material
- #5 - Instructor clearly communicated what we would be expected to know for the exam and created practice problems accordingly
- #6 - My instructor did a very good job of teaching the material to the class and could explain concepts in a way that made sense. As he did not have much control over the course as a whole, I was less satisfied with the course and its tests.
- #7 - Instructor explained each section in great detail and explanation
- #9 - He is very good at explaining things very thoroughly.
- #10 - Tony was great. He communicated the lesson well. Everything was thoroughly explained. I knew exactly what was expected of me and how my grades worked. He followed the syllabus and there were no surprises.
- #11 - Plenty of examples through classwork and additional materials posted on canvas for extra practice.
- #12 - Great teacher

G19. Please comment on the weaknesses of the instructor and the course.

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - None
- #2 - more feedback on our assessments
- #3 - none really, occasionally confusion finding certain files online, but nothing worth complaining about
- #5 - I wish we could have gone over the homework worksheets as a class
- #6 - The course as a whole was frustrating because web-assign assignments seemed to be quite different than examples given in the lecture guide, as well as questions on the test and previous tests.
- #9 - Sometimes he spent a little too much time on some things but we still covered everything.
- #10 - Honestly, there is nothing to say here.
- #11 - N/A
- #12 - not many

G20. Please comment on any teaching methods you found particularly helpful, and suggest alternative methods that you feel would improve the course.

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - His enthusiasm about math got me excited too.
- #2 - using the projector
- #3 - I liked that he had a PDF version of the book and we were able to follow along.
- #4 - extra worksheets were helpful
- #5 - I really like how Tony would open the class with an engaging story or fact. I also liked how he would give us time to practice problems in class so he could help us if we got stuck and go over them at the end.
- #6 - n/a

- #7 - Highlighting, circling, underlining key words and writing side notes next to problems that explain it another way or serve as a reminder.
- #9 - He gave a lot of examples from outside of the text and brought up higher level topics and how they relate to what he is teaching us.
- #10 - The way things were explained just clicked. The repetition of key ideas and the explanation of both math and the concepts behind it was extremely helpful and appreciated. He always gave us practice problems. Overall, a great experience.
- #11 - Office hours were very helpful.
- #12 - Explaining everything

G21. I would recommend this instructor to a friend. Yes or no? Why?

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - Yes, he is the best math professor here.
- #2 - yes, he was engaging and informed
- #3 - yea, he helped me more than any previous math instructor ive had
- #4 - yes. good teacher
- #5 - yes. He was a thorough teacher and fair grader
- #6 - yes
- #7 - Yes, instructor was able to explain the material well
- #9 - Yeah this is easily the best math teacher I have ever had.
- #10 - Yes, because Tony is just the right person to learn math with.
- #11 - Yes. Helped a complex subject become somewhat understandable.
- #12 - yes