

## Teaching Evaluations at Michigan Tech Student Comments

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The *unabridged* and *uncensored* print-outs of *all* write-in student comments from recent midterm teaching evaluations at Michigan Tech are included in this document.

Those comments are typed by the math secretary from the midterm evaluations and are kept by her and the Director of First-Year Math. All highlights are mine.

More details about my teaching experience are available at <http://math.ucdenver.edu/~dayorgov/teaching.html>.

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MA1032, R09 - *Data, Functions, and Graphs*  
Fall 2009

**Name 1 or 2 things your instructor did well.**

1. answers questions
2. explains problems
3. easy going
4. presents information well
5. funny – keeps attention
6. explaining solutions to problems
7. covering new material
8. he covers the material well
9. he helped me prepare for the exam by providing plenty of practice material
10. examples
11. questions
12. examples
13. helping with questions
14. presented the material
15. thoroughly explained topics
16. provided applicable examples
17. goes over problems so the class understands
18. uses graphing programs to show how equations look
19. is approachable and interactive with students
20. Tries new ways to teach. he explains examples well
21. gives plenty of work time
22. good personality
23. does a lot of examples
24. re-goes over stuff we don't get
25. open to answer questions
26. notes in class
27. explains everything well
28. easy to understand and follow in class
29. instructs
30. keeps a positive mood
31. teaching
32. examples
33. goes at a good speed
34. teach

**What suggestions would you make to your instructor for improving the class?**

1. he's doing a good job
2. it's perfect
3. nothing at all
4. free snacks
5. more blackboard examples

6. no more slides
7. continues trying new ways of teaching, its really helping
8. more examples

**Daniel Yorgov – Mid-Term Evaluation**  
**MA2321 R02 – Spring 2009 – *Elem. Linear Algebra***

**Name 1 or 2 things your instructor did well**

1. notes
2. the handouts were very helpful
3. tested us on reasonable material and in a reasonable way, nothing extremely difficult or confusing
4. homework grading
5. communication of due dates and grades
6. great lectures
7. chapter packets were excellent
8. demonstrated problems thoroughly
9. website is very helpful
10. notes
11. reminders-homework, quizzes, exams....
12. I liked the pre-made notes
13. posted grades fast
14. reviewed material
15. reduced homework load
16. notes
17. great lecture notes
18. very knowledgeable
19. the lecture notes were awesome
20. the grading policy was great
21. teach
22. returned homework in good time
23. row reduce for the WM
24. clear presentation of notes
25. asked for class input
26. explained topics thoroughly
27. many opportunities for outside help
28. teach
29. good attitude
30. changing to different needs
31. good notes
32. easy to understand
33. good examples
34. the way classes were setup with lecture notes
35. taught class effectively and was very fair
36. post answers for all quizzes and example exams
37. provide fair curving and extra credit
38. cool guy
39. friendly
40. made coming to class easy
41. taught the material to the best of his ability

42. explaining
43. grading
44. made the class fun
45. Daniel helped making the class better by asking us how we would like the class to be structured, he took our feedback and made the class better
46. Daniel also tried to schedule his exams around our other exams we may have!  
Every instructor should do that!
47. notes
48. graded fairly
49. gives us a review sheet before tests
50. example problems at the end of notes
51. handouts
52. instructs
53. I liked the online homework schedule
54. online notes, but it would have been nice if they didn't have blanks
55. he had good hand outs
56. easy to understand
57. had lecture notes available online
58. timely return on homework and tests
59. if he did not know an answer, he would come back the next day with an answer
60. handling a large class full of people who could care less about the subject
61. communicating the diverse material
62. pre-printed
63. online notes
64. taught well
65. reasonable/helpful with everything
66. notes
67. tests
68. well prepared notes for students
69. clearly communicated the material
70. explain material
71. make announcements/communication
72. notes
73. grading fairly
74. adapting to the class and figuring out how to best teach the class
75. make the material easy to understand
76. giving good notes
77. having effective practice exams available
78. organized
79. study sessions
80. give notes
81. teach
82. class notes were useful
83. made class entertaining and interesting
84. answered questions in class
85. had review sessions/homework into sections every week

86. homework
87. grading
88. go over exam material
89. lecture slides/notes available online
90. explaining material
91. making handouts (slides)
92. note sheet print off
93. examples
94. keep the notes online so you can print them off and make side notes in class
95. welcomed questions
96. adapted to our class
97. lecture notes were good
98. tests were good
99. treated us fairly and kept attention
100. he welcomed questions during class
101. he used printable notes to follow the lecture

**What suggestions would you make to your instructor for improving the class?**

1. continue to use the microphone
2. find a better way to pass papers back
3. do more examples on the board
4. don't always listen to our suggestions about homework policies, I liked it the old way
5. Do not use projector, use board. Less boring
6. you know the topics very well but you talk to the students as if we know as much as you
7. make sure worked examples are included in the blackboard for each lecture
8. pass around homework instead of crowds to pick up
9. more in class examples
10. handing in/collecting homework
11. be more dynamic in class
12. you seem to sometimes get lost in thought, need more focus
13. have less homework
14. homework pass back more efficiently
15. more homework examples
16. pass around homework when it is graded instead of having it in front of the class (this wastes time)
17. more quizzes and calculators allowed
18. Perform more example problems, both on the handouts and on the blackboard. Grade less of the true and false questions and grade more questions overall for homework
19. Home work load did not need to be reduced halfway through, although it was nice.
20. class size sucks
21. daily homework collection would keep everybody in the class current
22. seemed too easy

23. work on English
24. find a better way to hand back assignments and quizzes
25. too big class size
26. hard to learn
27. more class involvement
28. less homework
29. more examples
30. understand his notes better
31. more class interaction
32. move a little faster, got boring-not challenging enough
33. louder, the volume was a touch soft at times
34. make all packets available online during the entire course, so I could have printed them out all at once
35. better define things

**Write in area**

1. you do great
2. keep it up
3. good job
4. Overall, a great class. Gladly take another course with this instructor
5. really did a very good job

**Daniel Yorgov**  
MA2160, R06 - *Calculus II*  
Spring 2008

**Instructor did well:**

1. Explains topics
2. Asks for questions
3. Teaches well
4. Answers all questions
5. Short-cut teaching
6. Considers requests by students
7. Works out problems
8. Reviews for exam
9. Homework questions
10. Assigns and collects homework
11. Explains problems
12. He's cool, funny and makes class worth while
13. Taught 7.4 exceptionally well
14. Examples in class are good
15. Taking suggestions from students
16. Good pace
17. Listened to what the class wants
18. Presented the material
19. Helps us relate to the material
20. Very open to questions and try to help us succeed
21. Knows the subject
22. Communicated it well
23. Answered homework questions well
24. Practice exam helped prepare for test
25. Answers questions
26. Knowledgeable about course
27. Questions
28. Explanations
29. Explains questions asked in class
30. Prepared us for exams
31. Takes and answers questions
32. Explains the topic through notes
33. Going over homework assignments
34. Preparing us for the exam
35. Teaching lessons
36. Addressing questions



**Suggestions for improvement:**

1. None
2. He is already improving
3. None. Great job.
4. ?
5. This class is fine. I don't think any improvements are needed.
6. None
7. At times, he doesn't stop for questions. He just powers through the lesson.
8. Nothing
9. More homework/exam review days
10. None
11. More exam study material
12. More examples when going over material for the first time

**Write-In Area 3:**

1. Good teacher

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MA2160 R08 - *Calculus II*  
Fall 2007

***Instructor did well:***

- showed his work well
- went over questions about problems
- thoroughly explains sections
- gives examples
- lectures
- homework questions
- explains material fully
- goes over multiple examples
- teach
- welcome questions
- knows the shortcuts of integration
- easily explains topics
- cover all the material
- be fair about homework
- teach
- explaining concepts clear
- gives many examples of problems
- explains problems well
- makes sure everyone understands before moving on
- covers topics well
- explains ideas and concepts
- doing many examples
- explains thoroughly
- grades homework
- provides concept examples
- gives lots of examples
- allows time to ask questions about difficult HW problems
- good examples
- easy to hear and understand
- go over homework
- test preparation
- makes sure everyone understands before moving on
- Grading is very fair!
- goes over a variety of problems
- answers questions in class
- he is knowledgeable in the area
- he welcomes homework questions
- explain topics
- explains topical applicability
- explains concepts
- preparing us for quizzes and exams

- explain lessons
- keeps students information on assignment
- explain examples
- help us understand problems
- uses examples from the book
- answers homework questions
- explains stuff thoroughly
- examples
- preparing us for the exams/HW
- his lectures are interesting and informative
- he is really good at answering questions we have on homework problems
- gets information about section out
- does a good job teaching
- thoroughly goes through the sections
- does plenty of examples
- covers topic pretty well
- gives examples
- notes on the board

***Suggestions for improvement:***

- go over homework occasionally
- no suggestions for improvement
- more homework examples i.e. examples from the homework assignments
- tell us which homework problems are cancelled when the assignment is assigned
- he is a good guy
- slow down a bit
- more handouts
- make sure to emphasize how the subject relates to the real world
- spending more time in class on certain topics
- best calc 2 teacher ever, only class I wouldn't change in the math department
- I would enjoy getting hand-outs with notes and/or examples
- keep doing what you are doing
- better English would make it much easier
- have it later in the day
- mix it up a bit
- more hand examples
- fully explaining topics not just so we can do them but we can understand them
- the class is really good, there is nothing I would do to change it
- stop during lecture to see if anyone has questions before moving on
- stop and make sure everyone understands what he's doing

***Write-in area:***

I have a friend who wishes he had my prof instead of his  
he is a really good teacher, I would highly recommend him to anyone who could have him