Clemson University Student Evaluation of Teaching

Evaluation Report for James L Brown teaching MTHSC 986 001 during Fall Semester 2009
        Respondents = 6; Enrolled = 6; Response rate = 100%

University Questions(3686)

G1. The instructor clearly communicated what I was expected to learn.
        Type: How much

| Not at all | | | | Very much | |
1	2	3	4	5	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	6 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
Class	5.000	0.000	5	6
Same Level	4.829	0.568	5	35
Same Discipline	4.135	1.048	4	3680

G2. The instructor made the relevance of the course material clear.
        Type: How much

| Not at all | | | | Very much | |
1	2	3	4	5	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (33.33%)	3 (50.00%)	1 (16.67%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
Class	4.600	0.548	5	5
Same Level	4.886	0.323	5	35
Same Discipline	3.979	1.105	4	3678

G3. The course was well organized.
        Type: How much

| Not at all | | | | Very much | |
1	2	3	4	5	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	6 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
Class	5.000	0.000	5	6
Same Level	4.743	0.657	5	35
Same Discipline	4.206	1.000	5	3672

G4. There was a positive interaction between the class and the instructor.
        Type: How much

| Not at all | | | | Very much | |
1	2	3	4	5	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	6 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
Class	5.000	0.000	5	6
Same Level	4.829	0.514	5	35
Same Discipline	4.068	1.142	4	3666

G5. The instructor's teaching methods helped me understand the course material.
Type: How much

Not at all				Very much	
1	2	3	4	5	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	6 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
Class	5.000	0.000	5	6
Same Level	4.771	0.490	5	35
Same Discipline	3.709	1.287	4	3665

G6. The instructor's verbal communication skills helped me understand the course material.
Type: How much

Not at all				Very much	
1	2	3	4	5	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	6 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
Class	5.000	0.000	5	6
Same Level	4.800	0.473	5	35
Same Discipline	3.697	1.280	4	3662

G7. The instructor clearly explained what was expected on assignments and tests
Type: How much

Not at all				Very much	
1	2	3	4	5	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	6 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
Class	5.000	0.000	5	6
Same Level	4.829	0.382	5	35
Same Discipline	4.113	1.081	4	3661

G8. The instructor kept me informed about my progress in the course.
Type: How much

Not at all				Very much	
1	2	3	4	5	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (33.33%)	4 (66.67%)	0 (0.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
Class	4.667	0.516	5	6
Same Level	4.676	0.768	5	34
Same Discipline	3.900	1.166	4	3665

G9. The feedback I received on assignments and tests gave me the opportunity to improve my performance.
Type: How much

Not at all				Very much	
1	2	3	4	5	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (16.67%)	1 (16.67%)	4 (66.67%)	0 (0.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
Class	4.500	0.837	5	6
Same Level	4.743	0.657	5	35
Same Discipline	3.887	1.155	4	3669

G10. Overall, the instructor is an effective teacher.
    Type: How much

Not at all				**Very much**	
1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**NR**
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (16.67%)	5 (83.33%)	0 (0.00%)
Focus	**Mean**	**Stdev**	**Median**	**Observations**	
Class	4.833	0.408	5	6	
Same Level	4.857	0.550	5	35	
Same Discipline	3.950	1.210	4	3664	

G11. The instructor's grading procedures gave a fair evaluation of my understanding of the material.
    Type: How much

Not at all				**Very much**	
1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**NR**
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (16.67%)	5 (83.33%)	0 (0.00%)
Focus	**Mean**	**Stdev**	**Median**	**Observations**	
Class	4.833	0.408	5	6	
Same Level	4.800	0.531	5	35	
Same Discipline	4.040	1.093	4	3655	

G12. How much work did you put into this course relative to your other courses?
    Type: How much

Not at all				**Very much**	
1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**NR**
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	5 (83.33%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (16.67%)
Focus	**Mean**	**Stdev**	**Median**	**Observations**	
Class	3.000	0.000	3	5	
Same Level	4.152	0.870	4	33	
Same Discipline	3.913	0.921	4	3650	

G13. How difficult was this course for you relative to your other courses?
    Type: How much

Not at all				**Very much**	
1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**NR**
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (33.33%)	2 (33.33%)	1 (16.67%)	1 (16.67%)
Focus	**Mean**	**Stdev**	**Median**	**Observations**	
Class	3.800	0.837	4	5	
Same Level	4.030	0.883	4	33	
Same Discipline	3.796	1.070	4	3651	

G14. To what extent was this course a requirement for you?
    Type: How much

Not at all				**Very much**	
1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**NR**
0 (0.00%)	1 (16.67%)	3 (50.00%)	1 (16.67%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (16.67%)
Focus	**Mean**	**Stdev**	**Median**	**Observations**	
Class	3.000	0.707	3	5	
Same Level	4.030	1.447	5	33	
Same Discipline	4.530	0.895	5	3661	

G15. Was this course in your major?
    Type: Yes - No

Yes	**No**	**NR**
5 (83.33%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (16.67%)

G16. Was this course team-taught?
      Type: Yes - No

Yes	No	NR
0 (0.00%)	5 (83.33%)	1 (16.67%)

G17. Please indicate your satisfaction with the availability of the instructor outside the classroom by choosing one response from the scale. In selecting your rating, consider the instructor's availability via established office hours, appointments, and other opportunities for face-to-face interaction as well as via telephone, email, fax and other means.
      Type: Satisfaction

Very Dissatisfied				Very Satisfied
1	2	3	4	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	6 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
Class	4.000	0.000	4	6
Same Level	3.943	0.338	4	35
Same Discipline	3.420	0.762	4	3673

G18. Please comment on the strengths of the instructor and the course.
      Type: Essay
Student Comments
#2 -   The material was communicated clearly. Having the notes available online was extremely helpful.
#3 -   Excellent at conveying course material.
#4 -   We covered a great deal of material in a short time in a meaningful way.
#5 -   extremely organized which helps make never before seen material easier to understand.   With notes available online it allows for students to access what was written down in class in case they feel they miscopied something from the board.   The course is very interesting and covers a topic that is untouched in other courses in the math department.
#6 -   Dr. Brown very clearly understands the material and does a good job of communicating the material.

G19. Please comment on the weaknesses of the instructor and the course.
      Type: Essay
Student Comments
#2 -   none
#5 -   I personally would have preferred more comments on my homework so that I could improve my skills more, but that is a personal preference not nec. an instructor weakness.
#6 -   No major complaints.

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
#2 -   Please continue to post the notes online for next semester.
#3 -   I liked the assignments ? a couple more would have been nice. Also I really like the exercises that use the theorems in examples.
#4 -   I loved the notes online.
#5 -   when explaining difficult topics we did a bit of an easy example, talked about definitions and theorems and then revisited the example.   This was extremely helpful in getting a better grasp of the ideas in use.   Also always drawing a picture is a HUGE help.
#6 -   Just a regular lecture course.

G21. I would recommend this instructor to a friend. Yes or no?   Why?
      Type: Essay
Student Comments
#2 -   Yes, clearly communicated the material and was always willing to answer questions.

#3 - Yes.
#4 - Yes, he is wonderful.
#5 - Yes- He is extremely organized which is always important in a math course, wants students to learn, willing to help, and an enthusiastic instructor.
#6 - Yes.   Good teacher who understands the material well.