

Clemson University Student Evaluation of Teaching

Evaluation Report for James L Brown teaching MTHSC 986 001 during Spring Semester 2010
 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	NR
1	2	3	4	5		
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	4.607	0.786	5	28		
Same Discipline	4.266	0.948	5	3127		

G2. The instructor made the relevance of the course material clear.

Type: How much

Not at all					Very much	NR
1	2	3	4	5		
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	4.667	0.679	5	27		
Same Discipline	4.136	1.028	4	3127		

G3. The course was well organized.

Type: How much

Not at all					Very much	NR
1	2	3	4	5		
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	4.679	0.863	5	28		
Same Discipline	4.260	0.988	5	3127		

G4. There was a positive interaction between the class and the instructor.

Type: How much

Not at all					Very much	NR
1	2	3	4	5		
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	5 (83.33%)	1 (16.67%)	
Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations		
Class	5.000	0.000	5	5		
Same Level	4.750	0.585	5	28		
Same Discipline	4.180	1.047	5	3122		

G5. The instructor's teaching methods helped me understand the course material.

Type: How much

Not at all					Very much	NR
1	2	3	4	5		
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	4.481	0.935	5	27		
Same Discipline	3.961	1.171	4	3118		

G6. The instructor's verbal communication skills helped me understand the course material.

Type: How much

Not at all					Very much	NR
1	2	3	4	5		
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	4.556	0.751	5	27		
Same Discipline	3.935	1.180	4	3111		

G7. The instructor clearly explained what was expected on assignments and tests

Type: How much

Not at all					Very much	NR
1	2	3	4	5		
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	4.500	1.030	5	26		
Same Discipline	4.214	1.007	5	3110		

G8. The instructor kept me informed about my progress in the course.

Type: How much

Not at all					Very much	NR
1	2	3	4	5		
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	4.536	0.838	5	28		
Same Discipline	4.043	1.105	4	3115		

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	NR
1	2	3	4	5		
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	4.593	0.797	5	27		
Same Discipline	4.035	1.080	4	3116		

G10. Overall, the instructor is an effective teacher.

Type: How much

Not at all					Very much	NR
1	2	3	4	5		
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	4.607	0.786	5	28		
Same Discipline	4.147	1.082	4	3115		

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

Type: How much

Not at all					Very much	NR
1	2	3	4	5		
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	4.607	0.685	5	28		
Same Discipline	4.140	1.038	4	3093		

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

Type: How much

Not at all					Very much	NR
1	2	3	4	5		
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (16.67%)	0 (0.00%)	4 (66.67%)	1 (16.67%)	
Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations		
Class	4.600	0.894	5	5		
Same Level	3.667	1.109	4	27		
Same Discipline	3.980	0.933	4	3104		

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

Type: How much

Not at all					Very much	NR
1	2	3	4	5		
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (16.67%)	1 (16.67%)	3 (50.00%)	1 (16.67%)	
Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations		
Class	4.400	0.894	5	5		
Same Level	3.704	1.171	4	27		
Same Discipline	3.886	1.024	4	3114		

G14. To what extent was this course a requirement for you?

Type: How much

Not at all					Very much	NR
1	2	3	4	5		
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (16.67%)	0 (0.00%)	4 (66.67%)	1 (16.67%)	
Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations		
Class	4.600	0.894	5	5		
Same Level	3.815	1.331	4	27		
Same Discipline	4.577	0.849	5	3108		

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%)	5 (83.33%)	1 (16.67%)
Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
Class	4.000	0.000	4	5
Same Level	3.750	0.518	4	28
Same Discipline	3.482	0.707	4	3123

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

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - I like the typed notes, the oral exam, and the plethora of exercises.
- #2 - I really enjoyed the typed notes online. They were extremely helpful to refer to in case you missed something in class. The course was very well organized.
- #3 - Dr. Brown certainly understands all of the material very well and clearly communicates the material to the students.
- #5 - I have a lot of wonderful things to say about Dr. Brown. He is a wonderful and a TRUE Math Professor. He is so inspirational and dedicated to his work. He cares a lot about increasing the knowledge level of his students. This means that he cares about delivering quality teaching. He is very effective in the classroom that every single minute is well used. He has given us a beautiful sequence in Topology encompassing every part that a serious math PhD student should know. No one else in the department is capable of giving this course the way he did bridging so many topics in a great style that deepens and broadens one's understanding of Mathematics. Chapeau Bas!
- #6 - Large amount of material was covered and the typed notes helped me understand.

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

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #2 - At times I felt we went a little fast, other than that it was great.
- #3 - None.
- #6 - N/A

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 - As I said before, the online typed notes were very helpful. I don't know of any ways to improve the course.
- #3 - I enjoyed Dr. Brown's lecture style, and can't think of anything that would improve it.
- #6 - The notes were wonderful.

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

Type: Essay

Student Comments

- #1 - Yes.

- #2 - Yes, because he does an excellent job of presenting the material and explaining concepts. He is also very helpful.
- #3 - Yes. Dr. Brown is very good at communicating the material.
- #5 - Very Much.
- #6 - Yes, he is a very good instructor.