

Midterm Feedback Form (DTEI) for Liu, Wencai MATH 3A LEC J (44495), Fall Qtr 2017

Responses: 31/101 (30.69%)

1. Please provide any comments that you'd like to make about this instructor's effectiveness as a teacher.
 - Cares about students
 - Everything is fine, but the classroom is so weird. People sitting in the back cant see anything or hear anything
 - Everything is fine.
 - Excellent Professory. Hes very thorough and detailed in the way he teaches.
 - GOOD
 - Great teacher, tries to keep students engaged.
 - He is a great teacher and cares for students.
 - He is very nice and he is trying his best to let everybody understand the lecture.
 - he makes the concept easy to understand
 - I enjoy your teaching style immensely cause you try to help us make sense of the math rather than just spitting out boring facts and theorems. I also like the example problems you give because they make the concepts much more clear. One note of advice that I can give is to resume putting up the lecture notes (they help me to make sure that what I'm putting in my own personal notes are accurate).
 - I love how passionate the instructor is about his work! He truly spends time on the concepts to ensure that we understand them.
 - I prefer professor Wencai's teaching style and he makes clear when teaching in classes. After taking Midterm 1, I felt a little bit stressed about the exam since it concluded too much questions for students to answer during 50 minutes.
 - I really like his teaching style! Everything is kept simple and the visual aid/metaphors he uses really helps. It's hard for me to grasp concepts when they're just words (for example what the echelon form is) but when given a picture with definitions it helps!
 - I was lost at the start of the course. I think, week 1 is critical.
 - needs to speak more clear
 - Teaching style is very effective. I understand his explanations. Notes on board are clear, and posted notes help me review lecture before or after class.
 - The professor's teaching style is effective because he helps us understand abstract theorems through examples.
 - Very effective, clear teaching with great examples.
 - You are a great professor! I really like the way you explain things and do not make them over complicated. and your enthusism for the subject is great. I do wish you would write on the board the section title and number we are in at the start of class each day and let us know when you do a small review at the beginning of class Just so we know where we are in the subject.
 - Your teaching skills are on point. Really, your teaching is very precise and to-the-point.
 - 11 blank answer(s).
2. Is there anything specific the instructor might do between now and the end of the course that might help you?
 - Could you please evaluate the number of questions included in exams to give us enough time to finish and check with the answer? Thank you~~~

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- Everything's fine.
 - give more example, and sample midterm and sample final
 - Giving us Midterm worksheets of problems to practice would be helpful to get us ready for the midterm. The midterm review lecture was very helpful but i think a packet of problems to practice would be even helpful for us to get us ready for the midterm.
 - He ends class late and often goes over important concepts after the class period has ended. I have a class 10 minutes later and its nearly a 10 minute walk so I can't stay and finish the lecture which is very frustrating. Writes too low on the board and the class is just not set up for it so if you aren't in the first 3 rows you are struggling through a significant portion of the lecture.
 - His lecture is clear and provides many tips.
 - Imore examples to practice on our own.
 - I think to start reviewing for midterm 2 and final earlier. Also, make the computation easier so that concepts and not arithmetic can be accurately tested.
 - It would be helpful if the instructor wrote on the top of the board more because it can be hard to see when he writes near the bottom. Also I felt that the first midterm was not too hard, but that there was not enough time to finish it.
 - It would be nice to have "practice problems" recommended before each midterm or exam. Just a study guide sheet with optional problems from the book that could give us extra practice.
 - It would be really nice if the professor can hand out practice tests before each midterm/final.
 - I would find it helpful if the instructor went over more examples in classes so that we know what we can expect on the final.
 - I would like slightly more homework in order to understand the subject more and give us the opportunity to ask homework questions in discussion
 - Lessen the amount of questions on the tests so that we have more time for each question. Also, do not write on the bottom of the board because it is hard to see the bottom of the board.
 - Make the tests easier. Provide practice exams with answer keys. Less strict on quiz/test grading, very nit picky losing points even for right answer.
 - more office hours
 - no
 - Nope, Please keep teaching the way you are teaching.
 - Possibly slow down a little bit when teaching.
 - So far I think things are going great!
 - write above a certain point of the board because its hard to see the writing. Provide a practice midterm/final.
 - 10 blank answer(s).
3. What teaching methods has this instructor used that you feel are helping you to learn the course material? (Check all that apply.)

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- 0 Small group work
- 10 Discussion
- 6 Visual aids
- 1 Worksheets
- 28 Homework assignments
- 18 In-class practice
- 2 Field trips
- 0 Guest speakers
- 4 Practice quizzes
- 0 Role plays
- 0 Close readings
- 0 Lab work
- 14 Problem-based learning
- 0 Projects
- 0 Research papers
- 9 Demonstrations
- 0 Community service or internship

4. What other methods has this instructor used (other than those listed above) that have helped you to learn?

- answer my question
- Example questions during class time.
- Examples in class are good.
- Explaining in detail
- Gives examples and clearly explains the concept. Recall the previous lecture.
- He's just to the point, which is perfect.
- Lecture
- N/A
- N/A
- n/a
- Reviewing over previous lectures to refresh us on what we learned.
- simplifies the problems like you do in class is already a huge help keep up the amazing work
- using examples
- walk through the process of how to solve a problem
- 17 blank answer(s).

5. Which methods do you feel have NOT been effective in helping you to learn? Why do you feel they have not been effective?

- all the book theorms and words make things kinda confusing and the mapping from R_m to R_n is strange but I do understand it
- Going fast is confusing.
- Handwritten notes. Sometimes hard to read, would be easier if typed in powerpoint style.
- I understand the theorems are part of the book, but it's hard to comprehend and memorize them, it's much easier when putting them into practice.
- n/a
- N/A
- n/a

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- N/A
- None, please keep teaching the way you have been.
- Nothing I can think of.
- Not really.
- There are no methods that i thought wasnt helpful for me. I think his methods were perfect as is and help me a lot.
- the time of the exam is too short
- 18 blank answer(s).

6. I feel that this instructor comes to class well-prepared to teach.

25	Strongly Agree	Value: 4
6	Agree	Value: 3
0	Disagree	Value: 2
0	Strongly Disagree	Value: 1
0	Not Applicable	No Value
3.81	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.40	Std Dev	

7. I feel that this instructor's presentations are well-organized.

17	Strongly Agree	Value: 4
11	Agree	Value: 3
3	Disagree	Value: 2
0	Strongly Disagree	Value: 1
0	Not Applicable	No Value
3.45	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.66	Std Dev	

8. I feel that this instructor's explanations are clear.

14	Strongly Agree	Value: 4
13	Agree	Value: 3
4	Disagree	Value: 2
0	Strongly Disagree	Value: 1
0	Not Applicable	No Value
3.32	Mean	
3.00	Median	
0.69	Std Dev	

9. I feel that this instructor provides helpful examples to illustrate points/concepts.

19	Strongly Agree	Value: 4
11	Agree	Value: 3
1	Disagree	Value: 2
0	Strongly Disagree	Value: 1
0	Not Applicable	No Value
3.58	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.55	Std Dev	

10. I feel that this instructor allows enough opportunities for students to ask questions.

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16	Strongly Agree	Value: 4
12	Agree	Value: 3
1	Disagree	Value: 2
0	Strongly Disagree	Value: 1
1	Not Applicable	No Value
3.52	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.56	Std Dev	

11. This instructor's handwriting (i.e., on the board or overhead) is legible.

8	Strongly Agree	Value: 4
15	Agree	Value: 3
7	Disagree	Value: 2
0	Strongly Disagree	Value: 1
0	Not Applicable	No Value
3.03	Mean	
3.00	Median	
0.71	Std Dev	

12. This instructor speaks clearly.

9	Strongly Agree	Value: 4
16	Agree	Value: 3
4	Disagree	Value: 2
2	Strongly Disagree	Value: 1
0	Not Applicable	No Value
3.03	Mean	
3.00	Median	
0.82	Std Dev	

13. This instructor speaks loudly enough for me to hear.

22	Strongly Agree	Value: 4
6	Agree	Value: 3
3	Disagree	Value: 2
0	Strongly Disagree	Value: 1
0	Not Applicable	No Value
3.61	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.66	Std Dev	

14. I feel that the pace at which this instructor presents information is appropriate.

17	Strongly Agree	Value: 4
12	Agree	Value: 3
2	Disagree	Value: 2
0	Strongly Disagree	Value: 1
0	Not Applicable	No Value
3.48	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.62	Std Dev	

15. How many times have you contacted this instructor outside of class for assistance (i.e., gone to office hours; sent an e-mail; called on the telephone, etc.)?

12	Never
15	1-2 times
3	3-4 times
0	5-6 times
1	7+ times

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16. I feel that this instructor is helpful during office hours.

15	Strongly Agree	Value: 4
3	Agree	Value: 3
0	Disagree	Value: 2
0	Strongly Disagree	Value: 1
13	Not Applicable	No Value
3.83	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.37	Std Dev	

17. Estimate how often you participate in class each week (i.e., ask or answer a question, participate in group activities, work problems at the board, etc.).

14	Never
5	Once a week
7	2-3 times a week
4	4-5 times a week
1	6-7 times a week
0	8+ times a week

18. What might you do personally to improve your learning in this course? (Check all that apply.)

1.

- 18** Come prepared for class (i.e., complete the homework before class)
- 5** Participate more in class
- 15** Go to the instructor's office hours
- 6** Seek additional assistance, such as tutoring and the Writing Center
- 10** E-mail the instructor with questions
- 14** Study with my classmates outside of class
- 1** Other:

2.

- try to
- 30 blank answer(s).

19. Overall, what grade would you give this instructor?

17	A	Value: 4
6	A-	Value: 3.7
4	B+	Value: 3.3
1	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
2	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
1	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	Not Applicable	No Value
3.64	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.58	Std Dev	