University of Utah

Spring 2013, MATH 5010 Intro To Probability Section 1
Instructor: RASSOUL-AGHA, FIRAS (Primary) Results rolled up with child course(s): MATH 6805 1



| | Question Text | N | RR | Avg | MATH Avg | MATH SP13 | | Div Sch P13 Avg | | | | | | |
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| Grp | Instructor Questions (RASSOUL-AGHA) | | | 5.29 | 5.13 | 51 15 | 2118 | 5.41 | | | | | | |
| Grp | Course Questions | | | 5.17 | 5.01 | | | 5.29 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Str Disagr | Disagr | Mild Disagr | Mild Agree | Agree | Str Agree |
| 1 | Objectives clearly stated | 38 | 79% | 5.32 | | | | 5.23 | | | | 16% (6) | 37% (14) | 47% (18) |
| 2 | Objectives met | 38 | 79% | 5.21 | | | | 5.20 | | 3% (1) | 5% (2) | 5% (2) | 42% (16) | 45% (17) |
| 3 | Content well-organized | 38 | 79% | 5.24 | | | | 5.12 | | 3% (1) | 5% (2) | 8% (3) | 34% (13) | 50% (19) |
| 4 | Course materials helpful | 38 | 79% | 4.97 | | | | 5.10 | 3% (1) | 11% (4) | | 8% (3) | 32% (12) | 47% (18) |
| 5 | Assignments & exams covered the course | 38 | 79% | 5.29 | | | | 5.17 | | 3% (1) | 3% (1) | 13% (5) | 26% (10) | 55% (21) |
| 6 | Learned great deal | 38 | 79% | 5.11 | | | | 5.10 | 3% (1) | | 5% (2) | 13% (5) | 34% (13) | 45% (17) |
| 7 | Overall effective course | 37 | 77% | 5.08 | | | | 5.09 | 5% (2) | | 5% (2) | 8% (3) | 32% (12) | 49% (18) |
| 9 | Instructor was organized (RASSOUL-AGHA) | 38 | 79% | 5.34 | | | | 5.22 | | | 3% (1) | 13% (5) | 32% (12) | 53% (20) |
| 10 | Instructor presented effectively (RASSOUL-AGHA) | 38 | 79% | 4.97 | | | | 5.13 | | 8% (3) | 3% (1) | 18% (7) | 26% (10) | 45% (17) |
| 11 | Instructor created respectful environment (RASSOUL-AGHA) | 38 | 79% | 5.61 | | | | 5.34 | | | | 3% (1) | 34% (13) | 63% (24) |
| 12 | Demonstrated thorough knowledge (RASSOUL-AGHA) | 37 | 77% | 5.54 | | | | 5.44 | | | 5% (2) | | 30% (11) | 65% (24) |
| 13 | Instructor encouraged questions/ opinions (RASSOUL-AGHA) | 38 | 79% | 5.08 | | | | 5.34 | 5% (2) | 3% (1) | | 11% (4) | 34% (13) | 47% (18) |
| 14 | Instructor available for student consultation (RASSOUL-AGHA) | 37 | 77% | 5.22 | | | | 5.30 | 3% (1) | 3% (1) | | 5% (2) | 43% (16) | 46% (17) |
| 15 | Overall effective instructor (RASSOUL-AGHA) | 37 | 77% | 5.27 | | | | 5.23 | | | 5% (2) | 11% (4) | 35% (13) | 49% (18) |
| | | | | | | | | | V Discrim | Discrim | Avg | N Discrim | Careless | |
| | Discriminate by semester | 42 | 88% | | | | | | 33% (14) | 7% (3) | 5% (2) | 21% (9) | 33% (14) | |
| | | | | | | | | | Very Easy | Easy | Avg | Hard | Very Hard | |
| | Rating tendency | 40 | 83% | | | | | | 23% (9) | 20% (8) | 18% (7) | 20% (8) | 20% (8) | |
| | | | | | | | | | Discrim | Discrim | Avg | Slight Discrim | N Discrim | Careless |
| | Discriminate overall | 41 | 85% | | | | | | 29% (12) | 15% (6) | 27% (11) | 12% (5) | | 17% (7) |
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Instructor Text Responses

| | Question: Comments on course effectiveness |
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| | The textbook was well put together, the problems were very good for teaching the concepts, and the tests were very similar to the homework in content. |
| | It was nice to have the lecture notes that the professor followed through the semester. I felt a disconnect between what we were learning and what the meaning was behind what we were learning. Lots of just math, not enough examples of how the math might be applied. |
| | 1. Lecture notes were extremely helpful 2. Progression of topics was logical |
| | The homework was helpful for both the quizzes and the tests, and the text used was easy to understand. |
| | This really is an interesting class. However, there is so much to cover. The course is very fast pased. While very easy in the beginning, there reaches a point where everyone just starts to memorize the material. |
| | It would have helped me more if there was required homework, but I do understand that isn't true for everybody |
| | Derives very quickly. Sometimes a tad too quickly. |
| | Having syllabus reflect dates of lectures and list what lectures would be covered in exams would be most helpful. |
| | The lecture notes made attending class unnecessary. |
| | The text is incomplete and full of errors. In some cases, it actually screwed up necessary algebra. Not cool. |
| | I loved the notes and Ash's additional book. I recommend listing the Pittman book as optional because it is really not needed. |
| | It would really be helpful to have some time before class or even a discussion session to go over some homework questions. Also, going through a lecture a day and assigning a lot of homework to go along with that lecture is not realistic. Please spend more time on the lectures that required more time. It was also not helpful for students who trying to understand concepts to be tested on homework problems because some students just spent the whole semester memorizing because they understood that was the only way they were going to get a good grade. I feel like many students didn't really benefit a lot from this course other than the skill of memorizing. |
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| | Question: Comments, suggestions on instructor performance |
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RASSOUL-AGHA Firas is an awesome lecturer, however that doesn't really get you anywhere. Another thing that I really liked about Firas was that he was willing to make an effort to help you one on one if you needed it. Some of the best concepts I got out of probability was when I went in to Firas's office hours. My only recommendation for Firas would be to focus on translating the major concepts to students in a better manner. I didn't really understand what I was supposed to be focusing on from the 38 lectures. Also, please don't have a presentation the last day of class. I really loved the presentation but it would be helpful to use the class time for review that day. The presentation would be great on the first day of class to motivate us for what is to come the rest of the semester.