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Course and Instructor Evaluation Written Comments Report
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College/School: College of Science**Print Date:** 17-May-07**Instructor:** RASSOUL-AGHA,FIRAS;**Subject:** Mathematics **Course #:** 5080 - 001**Enrollment:** 23**Course:** Stat'l Inference I**Evaluations processed:** 16

List two things about the course content, materials or design that were effective for your learning, or make constructive suggestions for improvement.

- The weekly quizzes were helpful to take. The lectures were presented in a clear fashion.
- I didn't like the book, I thought it was overly complicated.
- I really enjoyed this course. The book was very helpful to use as a reference. The material was presented in a very effective manner, with plenty of examples.
- Through several unfortunate events I have been unable to complete this course a few times prior to this. The teacher was the best teacher I have had. He has done the best job of communicating the material, making himself available/approachable, and sensible in his approach.

RASSOUL-AGHA,FIRAS: List two things about this instructor that were effective for your learning, or make constructive suggestions for improvement.

- The instructor did a very nice job in this course. He spoke in a clear manner about the material so that students could grasp the basic concept, and had a nice balance between practical examples and theory behind the material.
- Firas is a very caring teacher. I liked that he would take the time to derive equations/theorems to show us some of the intuition behind why that particular equation/theorem worked. This method of teaching is very effective for me because I am horrible at memorizing; but if I know how to derive something, then there is no need to memorize.
- I really enjoyed this instructor. He was clear in his explanations and gave plenty of helpful examples. I would definitely take another class from this instructor. He was very approachable and seemed to have a genuine interest in the success of the students.

Thanks, it was very refreshing.

- Firas brought the subject matter to life. He did a great job of working through examples and helping the students think their way through the material. It was especially helpful to watch how he sorted out what he was doing when he got stuck on a problem. He would talk us through what he was doing in backtracking and finding the issue(s) and then resolving them. That, for me, is a very effective teaching technique.