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**University of Utah**  
**Course and Instructor Evaluation Written Comments Report**  
**Spring 2008**

<b>College/School:</b>	College of Science	<b>Print Date:</b>	15-May-08
<b>Instructor:</b>	RASSOUL-AGHA,FIRAS;		
<b>Subject:</b>	Mathematics	<b>Course #:</b>	5080 - 001
<b>Course:</b>	Stat'l Inference I	<b>Enrollment:</b>	32
		<b>Evaluations processed:</b>	27

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

- I especially appreciated access to HW and midterm solutions and the regular availability of the instructor to answer questions via email.
- The only suggestion that I may propose is not having 3 consecutive hours of this class. It's very difficult to focus for that long on such in depth material.
- I liked that the class was only once a week. I think it's more effective to meet once a week for three hours rather than meet a couple times a week and have to try to remember what was taught the previous class.
- It would be nice if classes weren't once a week. It is difficult to learn a week's worth of material in one three-hour night; they should be at least twice a week. The instructor agrees.
- The course content was very enlightening, however, once a week for three hours is a bit much to handle. Twice a week would be ideal.
- Good class, had its rough spots, normal upper division math class
- I really think this class should not be offered just one day a week. There is so much material to cover and sitting there trying to take it in during one three-hour session is really difficult. I feel it should meet at least twice, if not thrice, a week.
- The quizzes were extremely effective for me to see if I understood the previous weeks core material. The homework was lengthy, but was critical to understanding the material.

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

- Availability for questions and giving answers that were detailed and generally easy to understand.
- Good presentation. Just ask more questions during the lecture.
- Professor Rassoul-Agha is one of the best professors I've ever studied under. He is very well organized, very clear in his explanation, very empathetic to the students' challenge to learn and very understanding. I would strongly recommend any student to take any class they can from him.
- New his material. Helped when necessary
- I really liked the abundant examples provided in class. I think that the examples are the best way to learn such a subject, and plenty of examples were shown in class.
- It always seemed like he was teaching without prepared material. By this I mean he was able to mold the material around questions asked by students and not have to keep referring to notes. Occasionally he would look at the book and then continue, but it was to make sure he did it right and he did 99% of the time.
- The instructor was magnificent. The teaching quality was exemplary. Other than the struggle to find concentration for 3 hours, Firas was the man!
- The professor's pedagogy should be followed by all instructors. He was a fantastic teacher. However, I think the concepts would have been easier to understand if more practical applications were integrated into the lectures.