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Course:	Trig	Evaluations processed:	109

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

- Doing the homework every week. Review exam.
- This is hard stuff to learn but the materials and instructor were very helpful.
- The lecture notes were amazing and very helpful.
- The homework challenged my knowledge of what I had learned in class. Being able to use a notecard on the tests really helped me. I wouldn't have been able to pass the tests without them.
- class notes were well organized
- I really like how she puts up notes online before class so that we can have those.
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- The outline was followed closely and tests covered what was demonstrated in lecture and in homework
- awesome teacher, explained well answered questions i had. i would say have a few different examples sometimes i felt like i really understood it in class but in the homework it would be something we didn't talk about directly.
- Sometimes with how extensive the homework was it often started to feel like busy work fewer homework problems would still make it effective in learning the material
- Notes and great instruction made this class a success.

- i like not having to have a solely rely on and use the text book. Having the notes online was helpful for studying and learning material needed for tests and assignments.
- Very fast paced class which is unfortunate for slow learners.
- Class was too big. I really felt that I could of learned a great deal better without such a gigantic class
- Since this class only met twice a week, we covered a lot of material in a lot quick amount of time. That was definitely a negative to this course.
- The course was very well designed.
- printed notes
- More consistency between other Trig classes is needed, as far as what is allowed on a test, homework assignments, number of tests.
- The teachers notes were helpful in class.
- The notes Professor Macarthur made for us in advance helped a ton! Keep that up for sure. Also, the way she made us not dependent on a calculator is something that more professors should adopt, for although it is convenient, students do not learn near as much.
- The exams didn't reflect what was covered in lecture. Professor goes to fast. There isn't enough time for the exams.
- It has everything I will need to take calc. It has maybe too much info to cover though. It would be nice if they got rid of the black boards!!! It's really hard to see the chalk
- I liked how the instructor provided her notes on the internet. It helped me to focus on how to do the problems instead of madly trying to scribble down notes. I also liked how she assigned only odd numbered problems. It really helped me to be able to see the answers to the problems so that I would know if I was on the right track.
- less material don't make me show my work on tests
- As I expected, Kelly's class was very structured. I knew exactly what to expect through out the semester. The copy of the notes that we downloaded prior to class was VERY helpful in class. It allowed me to closely follow what she was saying, rather then trying to get every thing written down.
- In-class lectures were very informative and Kelly is a great credit to the University. Extremely personable and encouraged questions while providing a good practical framework in which to view trigonometry and it's applications to later mathematics courses that may need to be taken.
- This class was very clear.
- Triangles don't stand a chances around me, I know the unit circle.
- the pre written notes were great. Don't go so fast.
- The book is terrible, one suggestion get a different book! The book they use at SLCC for the same course very carefully explained each step in the process, so if I didn't get it in class I could read the book, the book here has no such feature,

so I got it in class or was hopelessly behind. The pace was great, not too fast not too slow.

- The course was very helpful and understandable. The material was presented well and I feel ready for Calculus.
- The notes we took in class used good examples and provided all of the formulas needed to do the assignments. Being able to use a note card on the exam was helpful to me, because it was not only a review but allowed me to look back on things we previously learned.
- Kelly was an awesome teacher who taught in a way that helped me understand the different concepts better, the only problem is sometimes she just taught so fast.
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- She made trig easy to comprehend.
- Kelly is awesome! She is explicit in teaching the content, she is always available to answer questions, and she is very good at identifying students' conceptual misunderstandings and clarifying them.
- I learned a great deal in this class, however I feel I was always tested one level higher than whatever we had been learning. I do feel tests should stretch students, but the way this class was run, it necessitates two go-arounds... not effective.
- The assignments were very effective in preparing students for the exams. The tests reflected exactly what we had covered in class.
- What I liked most about the class was that homework was part of our grade. Meaning that we had to actually do the homework and turn it in.
- Homework assignments really helped when it came to the tests. The teacher was really good at answering student questions and explained things very clearly.

MACARTHUR, KELLY A: List two things about this instructor that were effective for your learning, or make constructive suggestions for improvement.

- She would email us what was due each week on a Friday. Questions were answered for homework.
- Instructor was very good at answering any student's questions and always made herself available to students.
- Kelly made this class a hands-on, interactive learning experience. Instead of simply presenting problems on the board, she sought input from the students for advice on how to proceed with the problem. I learned the concepts much more easily than I would have in a non-interactive math class.
- She was rather approachable for questions on homework. She also always sent out emails to make sure the entire class knew what sections were due.
- great job!
- I really like her teaching style. If I could have her for another math class, I would really like that.

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- She's really a great teacher. My biggest problem with her is that she goes so fast... and sometimes she skips steps that she thinks is obvious which throws some students off. She really knows what she's doing, but she needs to SLOW DOWN! And when writing on the board, don't skip steps, don't combine steps. It's easier for us to learn if we don't have to come up with intermediary steps in our heads, no matter how elementary.
- Kelly was enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the material she taught and her enthusiasm was contagious.
- Brilliant. Your humor and devotion towards teaching made this class great. Hope to have you as an instructor again in the future.
- She made it feasible to relate and trust her as she taught. class wasn't solely about learning but about enjoying the course as a whole.
- Kelly is a great teacher, that teaches in such a way any student's learning style could mesh. She is very approachable as well.
- Kelly's a great teacher. She knows her stuff and is always willing to go over confusing concepts.
- The instructor could not of done anything better with such a huge class, it was impossible to take advantage of any special talent or effectiveness of the professor due to the massive class.
- BEST MATH TEACHER EVER!
- I liked that the professor, had a time frame picked out every week for questions about the homework, I just wish it wasn't at the beginning of class since that took away time from learning the new sections. I felt like we took plenty of time for the homework questions, up to half of the class time, and then had to rush through the new section. I think that the class structure should be the other way around.
- She was a very good instructor. I learned a lot from her. I felt very comfortable in her class. I like her teaching methods.
- always up for questions
- She update the course outline periodically on the web so if I missed a class I still knew what was due the next week.
- She encourages questions and makes sure she answers them, which is extremely important, especially for a subject like math. Also, she creates a fun environment, which is hard to to for this subject, but she made it fun.
- She goes too fast and her exams are too long. There isn't enough time to finish the exams. Her grading scale is also unfair due to the length of exams.
- Great teacher. Very nice person.
- Kelly Macarthur is the best math teacher I have ever had! She is very good at explaining the concepts clearly and making them understandable for everyone.
- knew everything funny
- Kelly was a great instructor, and a great attitude, I enjoyed her as an instructor and would sign up for a class that she would teach in the future.

- This is my second class from Kelly. She knows her stuff. Not only does she know it well, her style of teach is very motivating.
- Extremely well organized and teaches from an application-based approach while encouraging students to make connections throughout the course with previous material learned. Kelly is one of the best mathematics instructors I have had the opportunity of learning from. Great course and great professor.
- Taught the info very well. made it very easy to understand new concepts. thanks
- I liked how she always took questions and answered them completely in class on the board. She was funny, and made math class more relaxed.
- Was enthusiastic about this subject. As a student who hates math of all kinds that was actually very refreshing. Was able to describe it in several ways so that everyone could learn!
- Course was very well presented and I felt i was able to understand very well. Kelly was helpful in preparing and doing well on the exams.
- Kelly was always available for extra help, and took you step by step in explaining things which really helped for me. She is an easy person to approach, and provides a positive atmosphere to work in.
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- She made class notes that were easy to follow while she instructed the class.
- Kelly is an amazing teacher. She is very good at identifying students areas of weakness in the subject and always takes time to clarify these areas. She teaches the content fluidly and is able to present it from several perspectives.
- Twice I went during office hours... and no teacher!
- The instructor was very organized and encouraged a lot of questions. At times she went at her own pace as some students fell behind.
- Of course having larger class sizes it's always going to be hard to get to everyone's questions but on more than one occation, mine were not answered.
- The instructor was very good about making math fun she would throw a joke or two in every once in a while and i loved that! The instructor was also very understanding and great to send e-mail updates.