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Course and Instructor Evaluation Written Comments Report
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Instructor: MACARTHUR,KELLY A;
Subject: Mathematics **Course #:** 1010 - 001 **Enrollment:** 175
Course: Intrm Algebra **Evaluations processed:** 95

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

- I think that the material is covered way to quickly. I felt like I needed just a little more time on each section. I think the professor did a great job in teaching the content and I feel like I am walking away with more knowledge and a stronger base in mathematics.
- The professor's teaching style was great and she made it all understandable.
- Nothing. it was fast and was not well explained, half of the class did not know what was going on.
- The professor knew what she was talking about and she did an excellant job at getting the students to understand the material. I did not learn that much, but that is because I have already taken Honors Calculus in Highschool...
- I don't think there is any improvement needed for this course. Overall great course.
- The study sessions help a ton.
- Assignments were tedious Exams were much more difficult than the assignments prepared you for.
- It was a good course, but too many students did not need to be there, but were unfortunately placed as so.
- Between the book and her instruction all the concepts were made clear. She used shifting chalkboards and there were several of them so that we could still be writing down problems while she was starting new ones.
- they way we took notes, and homework
- It was very clear from the beginning what was expected of us in the class and what we had to learn. The course outline was very organized and was very easy to follow
- homework time in class and review for test.
- The book is very helpful. The course also helped solve everyday math problems that can occur.
- She was a great teacher. I like her teaching style and she is outgoing
- The book was a big help in learning, and the way the tests and homework was laid out. I would suggest that students just stick to it here - it isn't a super hard class but it just takes time to do everything.
- Class is great, fun and very well organized
- 1) Overall I thought that she did a good job, helped with questions on every assignment, and help recover everything that would be on the upcoming test.
- I really like kelly, she knows how to explain things well, and fair.

- Really enjoyed the way that professor mcarthur taught her material, it was very effective and i learned a lot from it.
- She presented a lesson and when she was done she would answer any problems the next class session. The book was also very helpful, I think if I were to have missed a class I could have caught myself up by just reading the chapter. There were review sections on Thursdays which seemed like a good idea but the TA taught it a different way and got lost on some problems so it confused me more.
- This class (as a Math Class) doesnt really have course materials besides a book. Yet my teacher has an effective website with materials to help as well as helpful hints given each week. The class was a good math class. The size of the math class is the only thing that i did not like but i guess that is university life
- I liked how we had a brief time for questions in her class. I liked how she gave extra credit for the extra reviews. I was already used to it so it gave credit for something that i was already doing earlier.
- straight forward information web ct was easy
- book was good and informative
- Great teacher and she really cares about helping everyone
- 1. The way the course was set up mdde it really easy to learn. 2. IT was nice how we only learned specific things instead of everything.
- 1. The homework was very heavy, everynight making it hard for students with many other classes, and jobs to keep up. 2. I felt, that although the class was effective it covered too much too fast.
- I loved the independence, but the work load was a bit much.
- No suggestions. It was a great class!
- The syllabus & Hints Page handed out at the beginning of class were especially helpful. When I followed the hints I did better in the class - go figure! The Professor's weekly hints in U-mail were encouraging also.
- How she would do problems and walk us through on the board was good, and how we could ask her questions from the homework and she would go through them was a great help.
- The design the instructor used in teaching the class made it easy for me to follow along
- Great Class I learned a ton of information!
- Good worksheets made it easy to study for test. good subject matter.
- the homework assignments and the review sessions
- Kelly was a great teacher, she really knows how to teach the material! I learned alot in her class!
- I think that there were way too many assignments assigned each day. I remember when we got out for thanksgiving break, we went to class for 3 days, and then there were 5 sections of math homework that were due the next week. I did like the fact that we could turn in 10 assignments late without being docked points.
- Very effective class, i have learned much!
- This class was frustrating. The book was very helpful, and I felt like I learned the concepts well, but that never was reflected on the tests. I always came to exams feeling prepared but the questions were nothing I was ready for. It would be helpful to be taught what is on the exam.
- Kelly is a true professional who loves teaching math. She is very intelligent and enjoys everything about teaching. She was always on time and there for students needs. I enjoyed being a student in her class and wish I could have her as a professor again. I learned a great deal from Kelly and admire her teaching abilities.
- Amount of homework was helpful with learning and comprehending the material.
- The organization and the step by step teaching process really helped me to understand the things I was learning. The assignments and tests really reflected how well I understood the material I was being taught and it also showed what I needed to work on.
- i loved kelly and the study sessions were very helpful!
- book didn't expalin thing well

- this course sucked balls
- This course was the easiest to understand. The material was made extremely clear and it helped me to learn a lot quicker. I never really had a hard time with the assignments or the exams and found it easier to get through this course by the way that the material was taught.
- The long term syllabus was helpful to know when assignments were due and when the midterms were.

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

- ANswering questions and the presentation of the material
- Kelly was very understanding and open to questions in this class. She was organized and funny and pushed us to do our best.
- Nothing was taught well
- Excellant teacher.
- Willing to answer questions Always willing to meet with for office hours.
- Nothing, instructor was great.
- Knew the material very well Willing to help when necessary
- Not much could be improved.
- She really encouraged us to think and no question was ever treated as if it were unimportant. She didn't move on until she felt that everyone understood the concept that had just been taught.
- I loved the honesty
- she was available to talk to and she made learning fun
- Macarthur was the best math teacher i've ever had! She was very clear in her explanations and was patient and understanding of any problems the students had.
- teaching style and taking the time to help all students understand the subject.
- I like that she would kick people out if they were distracting. No matter who they were. Also she explains material very well.
- She was open to questions. I liked how she came up to help the Athletes throughout the semester
- Kelly was a great teacher in that she asks students for questions, and if people don't understand, she will go over it until people do. I have no suggestions for this teacher - she is probably one of the best I have ever had.
- great at teaching math. A+
- she was nice, new everthing she talked about and more.
- Thoroughly explained the chapters. Gave the lessons quickly but they weren't so fast that I got lost.
- The instructor was very intelligent. She encouraged us to ask questions and did a good job. She was however a little too smart (which is terrible to say that that is a bad thing) for this class.It seems she was always brushing over the top of things because it was easy for her.
- I liked how she gave back hw and passed it to the students. And if you had questions she was always there and if you needed more time she gave you times that she was available. More than her times that she had on her syllabes.
- in class notes were easy to fallow test corrections
- easy to follow and good teaching skills
- 1. Very good at explaining the material and any questions that 2.The wednesday night study session really helped.
- 1. she was very knowledgeable in her subject and she was very easy to understand. 2. She was un-intimidating and tried her hardest to make sure everyone was getting it.

- The independence was good, but the grading was harsh
- 1. Her teaching style is awesome! 2. She is very friendly and makes it easy to ask questions. 3. She creates an excellent learning environment.
- Kelly was my favorite professor this term. Down to earth. I appreciated how she got irritating classmates to fall in line with stern reprimands or by kicking them out of class if they were overly rude or were too distracting. She was always approachable in her lighthearted lovably-geeky way. Always welcoming during office hours. Very effective instructor - gave me the impression she has probably forgotten more about Math than I'll ever learn!
- She was very willing to help and made sure that students understood before moving on. Her teaching style was extremely effective for me.
- she was loud and outgoing and comfortable in the class, that helps a lot in making the students comfortable to ask questions.
- The best math teacher I have ever had.
- The instructor knew a lot about the subject and it made it easier to learn because she really knew what she was talking about and she presented new topics in ways that could be understood. She also tried to teach different tips every week on how to be successful in math and I found that helpful.
- She is an amazing teacher never had I had a math class in which I have enjoyed learning the information.
- class was fun
- awesome lectures and was always willing to help!
- I really enjoyed her class
- I think that she should have cut down on the amount of assignments that we had. We had way too much homework, due in a short amount of time. I think that even if several small assignments were given, but students got the point of the assignment, that would be fine. Even though there are lots of students taking this class, I think that a math class like this should be set in smaller settings. Students take this class over and over, and I think that they would do better if they had more one on one attention.
- Kelly was excited to teach which made the students excited to learn. I am thankful Kelly was much teacher because she taught me well, and I will retain the knowledge she has taught me.
- She was a very helpful instructor, willing to help and able to explain clearly. I just wonder why I would leave lectures so confident but leave the exams with a bad grade.
- Kelly was always organized and very professional.
- Created a fun, learning environment, and taught difficult concepts in a very logical and simple way.
- I liked the way she asked questions and helped us to decide the steps to take to solve a problem. She used examples to help us understand what she was teaching, which was really beneficial to our learning.
- on a very serious note who let this lady become a math teacher...>>>SERIOUSLY im being dead serious. worst teacher i have ever had
- I felt as if the professor was incredibly organized. She had good timing and didn't go through the material too quick. She also offered help and encouraged questions and comments to help the class better learn.
- The instructor was a wealth of knowledge for anyone who really wanted to learn, full of tricks and shortcuts that made getting through the content much easier. The extra credit was immeasurably helpful for not only boosting your grade but also for learning the concepts.