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Course and Instructor Evaluation Written Comments Report
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Instructor: MACARTHUR,KELLY A;
Subject: Mathematics **Course #:** 1050 - 002 **Enrollment:** 157
Course: Coll Alg **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.

- The material was presented in a clear easy manner. The homework helped me better understand the things being discussed in class, even though it was a lot :)
- I really liked the format for the course notes. Having the sheets half pre-filled-in really helped with note taking.
- I agree in having homework, I understand its necessity for success in any course, especially math. But, the quantity of problems for each assignment seems so redundant and unnecessary. Majority of us have other classes, it's hard to keep up when you have 5 assignments due with 40 problems on each assignment. Just seemed redundant.
- The lecture notes were indispensable.
- Exteremly organized content. Pre-written notes helped alot, not as much copying.
- The study sessions with the TA were helpful.
- The book was pretty helpful when I wasn't able to make it to class. The notes that were posted on your website were great for me, I could follow along in class and I didn't have to write everything down that was written on the board.
- Kelly taught all of the subjects clearly and enthusiastically. She encouraged all questions.
- It was a math class. The content was boring, mundane and repetitive, like all math classes.
- I know extra credit isn't a criterion that classes should be evaluated upon. Nonetheless, I wish we had more extra credit opportunities for those who are not talented mathematicians. I think it would be helpful to mention at the first class period that 1050 is the most failed math class!!!! And that 1030 is a lot easier for GEN ED. Thank you :)
- Although the assignments were very long, they helped quite a bit when it came to taking the actual test. It was very hard to keep up when doing nearly a section a day in notes and assignments, I would recommend going slightly slower if possible.
- On review days I would have liked a structed outline like the other notes rather than just taking questions from students. I feel it would have helped me know exactly what was on the test rather than what the other students were confused about.
- The materials in this course were very helpful and the content was presented very clearly.
- I thought the course materials were organized and descriptive. It helped me to understand the assignments better. I thought that the course materials were very effective because I actually felt like I was learning something.
- Two things that were effective for my learning: The material was explained really well and was very easily understood. If there was any questions, they were always answered, which helped students get through the class without much difficulty.

- The homework required in math is always great. The material was fine and understandable.
- This course was very well organized and executed by Professor Macarthur. The homework was very reflective of what would be on the midterm and final, and also worked to prepare you well for the midterms and finals.
- Okay this class kicked my butt, but you taught it really well. The notes you posted as extremely valuable because it helps the new material make a lot more sense and my notes are not so scrambled. Overall I hated doing the homework because it seemed like I could never keep up with an assignment basically every night and there were way too many problems on each assignment
- It was a lot of information, but with the help of the book and other resources I was able to grasp the main concept of most of the material.
- i think the amount of homework was a bit out of hand, especially on weeks where we recieved 4 sections. the sheer amount of work was very overwhelming i also think there should have been some type of quiz to make sure people understood the individual chapters before we were tested on a bunch at the same time. that way she could have seen where we struggled before a huge test
- lots of material that was good
- Great Class!
- The notes were very effective. The course was well-organized.
- we had so many assignments that if we remained caught up, we'd understand what was going to be on the test. review assignments prepared one for tests
- Professor posted notes on her website that were effective in class lectures Teacher provided ample review material for exams
- The schedule and homework as a mandatory assignment were the most helpful tools of the class. Definitely will recommend anyone to take this class.
- Homework assignments made great practice for exams. Extra credit was fair and gave our tests a tiny boost.
- She went over the homework each time, and offered review sessions
- Homework, although long and sometimes tedious, was very good practice and effective in helping to understand material. Having pre-written notes was very helpful.
- Doing many examples of different problems on the board were helpful and helping clarify a topic if someone did not understand.
- 1. One thing that was very helpful was the si sessions and having the homework due every week.
- yes she taught the material but not really with the students understanding in mind. she just moved on from section to section with out really caring if there was understanding.
- 2nd time taking 1050 understood it better, no webwork WOOT WOOT
- KELLY MCARTHUR IS AN EXCELLENT MATH TEACHER!
- The notes posted were very useful throughout the semester in terms of doing the homework and the midterms.
- The materials covered in class were mostly related to the text however, there was an overload of homework
- the book and the solutions book helped me the most in this class the thing that killed me in the class was the amounts of homework i understand that repetition is good but 75 plus problems a week where each problem takes 15+ minutes if the problems were cut into half or if the week before the midterm could be focused on studying for the midterm/finals not studying for it AND 50+ homework problems i think i would have done better
- Kelly is an awesome teacher and I really appreciated all her help. I would highly recommend anyone take a class from her
- This was a good course that I learned a fair amount in. I had just taken 1010 and then this class and a lot of the things were the same, which was probably good so that those concepts get drilled into your head. Over all it was a good course, and I'm sure that here in the near future I will need to use that knowledge that I gained from this course.
- I liked that we had the chance to get extra credit and she answered questions about homework at the beginning of class.

- there were many demonstrations she used during classes, but i feel many of the subjects discussed went at a challenging pace.
- i liked how challenging the class was and new ways of learning math it was great
- I learned how to think effectively and apply it to everyday life situations, thanks to this class.
- TA sessions were extremely helpful to prepare for tests. Great explaining in class and great outside help
- Organized, and provided a lot of practice.
- I got sick not instructors fault
- I was never able to take advantage of the supplemental instruction due to scheduling conflicts. I wish I could have.

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

- She was always open to questions and reviewing things that were confusing. She always created a place of excitement and fun, which made learning enjoyable. There were many a day where I couldn't wait to get to this class, because I felt like I was respected as a student and that I was actually learning something of value.
- I've taken another class with this instructor. It seems that she was stricter about student conduct then, or with the acoustics in this classroom she wasn't able to hear the amount of chatter going on. If one was sitting near the rear of the auditorium it was difficult to hear the instructor over the din.
- Excellent math teacher!
- Kelly's the best math teacher I have ever had. The course wasn't easy, but the concepts were clearly explained.
- Well organized. Sincere concern for students progress and very knowledgeable.
- She is an awesome math teacher! She was very patient when we needed help and I liked how she helped with homework questions.
- She was very willing to meet outside of class to help students. She showed a good deal of examples to problems that we just learned. She also spent a good amount of time answering questions from the homework.
- Kelly was one of the best math teachers I've ever had. I'd highly recommend her class to anyone.
- We had a generally chill teacher, who let us turn in our homework late. I would have liked it if she let us use calculators on our tests, but I can understand why she didn't. I also wish we had more review sessions, rather than just the one class before tests.
- Maybe a learned very little maths skills, but I learned a lot from your attitude toward life and your thoughtful weekly emails. Thank you :)
- I like how the teacher was able to explain items in different ways if the class was not able to understand it, it helped having the basic portion of the notes printed out so that we could focus on learning more about the actual concepts instead of trying to get ALL the notes down.
- I liked how she made an effort to learn people's names, most professors don't do that
- very terse at moments
- This Instructor was very organized in how they presented notes and was very encouraging of questions if the subject was unclear.
- I like that she makes sure that you understand the material before she moves onto a new subject. I like how she really tries to prepare you for what is to come with assignments and tests and future courses.
- This instructor was one that was always willing to answer any questions and even go over material that needed to be more understood. She was also very organized and made it easy for students to get through the class.
- Kelly is a great teacher I couldn't have done it with out her.
- Professor Macarthur is by far the best professor that I have ever had. She is willing to not only help

with her class but was more than willing to help with another math class that I was in at the same time. I have had Professor Macarthur for two classes now and am so impressed that I have already signed up for another two math classes taught by her over the summer semester. Professor Macarthur has a philosophy of repetition is the best way to learn mathematics which is very effective but you will have a fair amount of homework each week.

- Really good job overall! This was not a boring math class at all! everything you taught made sense and you explained it really well. The only hard part for me was keeping up with all the homework
- Very good instructor! She was helpful and enthusiastic and fun!
- i wish kelly would dress more professionally. she likes to wear jeans and a tight t shirt to class which i dont think is very appropriate. i also wish her grading didnt weigh so heavy on the tests because of the sheer volume of material on each. i felt like there wasnt any other way to make up for a bad test
- more excitement and more clear explanations
- The teacher went to fast to understand the concepts
- Kelly was the best math teacher I have ever had! I hope to have her for calculus some day!!!
- She created a great learning environment. She was very fun and effective.
- she was very helpful when people had questions. She made things fun in class
- Really appreciated the extra credit opportunities Narrow down topics for exams would be helpful
- It was the easiest class to pay attention for me. Because people knew if they were talking during the lecture, they would be asked to leave. Things were explained with expertise and the instructor tried to make everyone feel like they were important. Also, the class was aimed at personal improvement not just in math but in life. Great Course and teacher.
- Kelly is organized and goes through math step by step so that everyone understands. She is energetic and always answers any questions any student had.
- Kelly is an amazing professor I would recommend her to anyone and everyone who is willing to put in the time and effort. She was always willing to stop in the middle of lecture if someone didn't understand to help them understand. She gives very good real-life analogies to whatever part of math you're learning.
- She was very willing to help the students when they did not understand. Also she made an attempt to get to know her students by name even though there were so many kids.
- I liked having homework questions answered everyday before a new section and having the notes available for class
- it just seemed that the instructor was there to teach and really didn't care about the students.
- Very helpful, helped alot with the homework
- I have no suggestions for improvement. I've enjoyed this this tremendously.
- The instructor's website for the course was very effective since the syllabus, notes, homework schedule, and reviews could be found on that website. All the weekly emails to remind us when assignments are due were very effective.
- She was very enthusiastic and patient
- i knew that if i needed help im sure she would have been able to help me since she seemed very experienced and knowledgeable in the subject the only problem i felt was that i learned differently than she taught and sections that i knew and previously learned suddenly became confusing so i would quit going certain days just because i figured the book would either teach me and not confuse me or that a math tutor in the lab could assist me
- I thought you did a great job at teaching this class. Some things that I liked was that you went over the homework with us and didn't just leave it for us to figure out on our own. I also like the way you taught the course. It wasn't rushed like most math classes I have taken and you spent your time going through examples not explaining the concepts. You did a great job at teaching the concepts while doing the problems that is a true art that I wish every teacher could have.
- I liked everything about her.
- Kelly is a fantastic instructor with a passion for mathematics. I felt that she was the best math teacher I have ever had. She was patient, thorough and interesting. I am not going to continue any further with mathematics, but I know that I learned the material effectively and am now proficient. Thanks Kelly!
- she really knew what she was teaching and helped gave many demonstrations on how to apply what

we were taught.

- Online notes so if u missed class she will have the notes and had formula notes printed out for us.
- The instructor was excellent in what she does. it was obvious that she loves to teach math, her passion for math made it more fun.
- SI sessions were especially helpful
- Great teacher. Very passionate about math and explained in ways that I could understand. She really takes time to get to know her students and cares.
- Great way to present the material. Good way to grade homework
- This class was great but the homework load was sometimes unreasonable, i am fine doing a lot of homework but sometimes we would do the same problem over and over again and it seemed somewhat tedious.
- Kelly should have been meaner earlier to the rude students in class. The last few weeks of class was best. The classroom, JWB 335, was AWFUL!!! It was hard to read the chalkboards, it was hard for Kelly to hear the students, the sound system was full of static and/or feedback. Use some of our tuition money to fix that classroom!
- Kelly is a great teacher and always available to help you with any questions or concerns that you may have.