Instructor: Hu, Wenqing  Title: Intro To Complex Variable
Section(s): MATH 5351 101  Term: FS2019

Number Responding: 10  Number Enrolled: 13  Percent Responding: 76.92%  Effectiveness: 3.50

Student Comments

**What are the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor?**

- Strengths: great motivator and attention grabber in class. Very few weaknesses honestly
- Dr. Hu really tries to make sure that the students understand the material and really focuses on the big picture.
- Very passionate about the material and enthusiastic in class.
- Instructor is very enthusiastic about the material, good at presenting and explaining the concepts of the class, good at providing analogies for concepts
- Dr. Wenqing Hu is wonderfully passionate and has a philosophy for graduate courses that the material should be its own motivation. This creates a wonderfully stress free environment and helped get through my first semester here without a hitch. However, Dr. Hu tended to repeat himself a bit too much. Especially at the beginning of class, he tended to spend a decent chunk of time going over what we did last time, this often made the class feel slower than I feel was necessary for most of the students.
- He seemed to really care about teaching the students the material along with applying it and the history behind it.
- He goes quickly and can sometimes be hard to follow, but generally conveys the material well and is open to questions. He uses very useful metaphors that make the material easier to understand.
- He's very good about explaining everything that needs to be understood and using lots of examples to make sure that everyone understands the material, but sometimes he goes a bit fast.

**What suggestions do you have for improving the quality of instruction?**

- Maybe have more assignments assigned more for completion for practice before you assign the larger homework
- More visual examples of the math such as the graphs shown.
- none
I would say that Dr. Hu could cut down a bit on the review of what happened last time. I appreciate how it helped lend a sense of continuity to the class, but I feel it was a bit too long each time.

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Maybe just slowing down a little bit sometimes

None

**What are the strengths and weaknesses of the course?**

Course had a good flow and understanding, the book was hard to follow sometimes but I feel that's just because it's a hard course

The course material is sometimes hard to understand and follow.

This course is, as I have stated above, a course fueled solely by passion for the material, which is a mindset that I generally have. So I tended to pay attention and try and keep up with the material. The other side of this, however, is that most of the students that I talked to in this class, didn't seem to care as much about the material and would thus take minimal notes and never try the homework ahead of time. I will admit that the lack of pressure made it so that I didn't spend as much time on this class as my others, and as such I would be dreading the qualifier in this class if I were required to take it.

Interesting information and useful in solving real world problems

Very interesting course

It doesn't really require a lot of effort on the students' part to succeed, meaning some don't put in any effort to understand the material, but the material is also very interesting to learn.

**What suggestions do you have for course improvement?**

None, Dr. Hu is the best

I can't believe we didn't cover the Mandelbrot set!

Add a short intermission for the students to consider what is being taught

Show more examples throughout the course to reinforce concepts and use of the equations instead of just showing the proofs of the equations

I don't know how to improve motivation in the students beyond adding any sense of pressure. In a perfect world, people would prioritize this class to the point they truly understood the material, but I didn't see that happen. But I'm no expert on education, so who knows.

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None

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