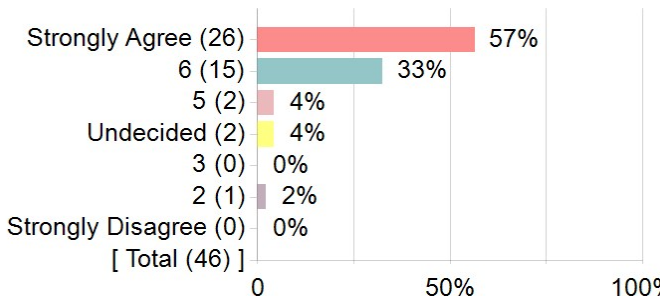
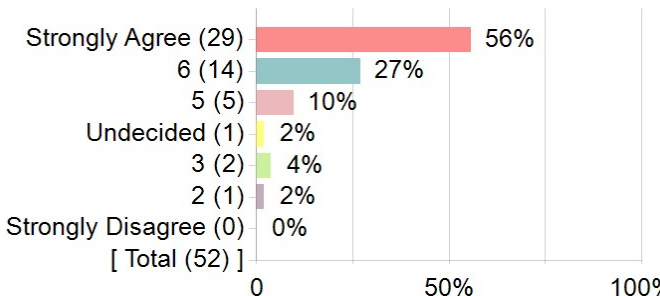
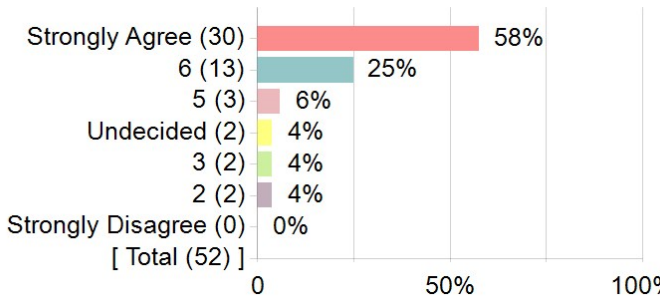
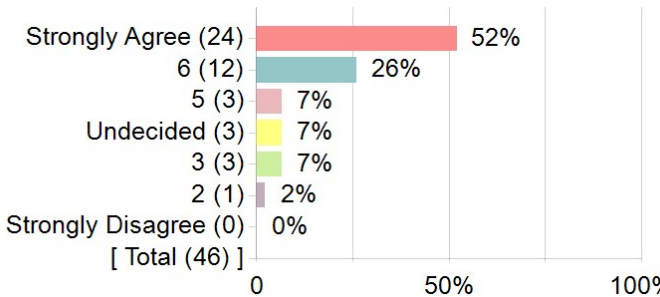
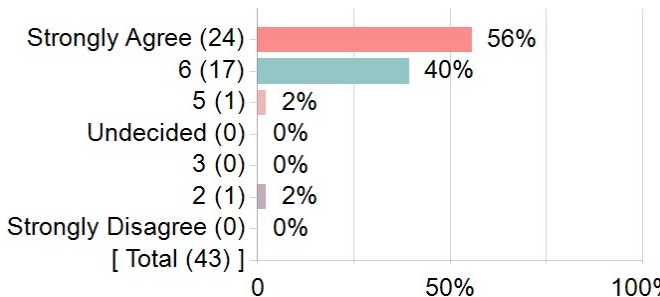
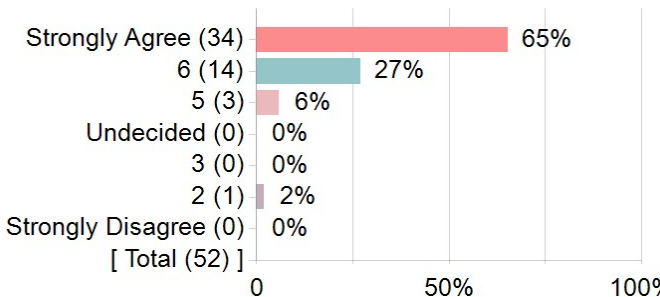


2021 S1 - Teacher Report for MATHS 2101 Multivar & Comp Calculus UG (Sanjeeva Balasuriya)

Project Title: **Student Experience of Learning and Teaching (eSELT)**

Courses Audience: **175**
Responses Received: **56**
Response Ratio: **32%**

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What are the best aspects of Sanjeeva Balasuriya's teaching?

Comments
Very good lecturer – explains concepts very carefully, in a logical manner and easy to understand way, making sure to not leave gaps in our understanding.
Explanations of calculus concepts in downloadable videos.
He's really organized.
he da lecture boi so anything isaid before
Mr Balasuriya really makes his subject matter interesting, which is what makes this course so much fun. He's committed, and so he's always there in the consulting hour, and it is clear that he also really appreciates his students. He makes it clear what he expects from his students, and he also makes it clear what he expects from himself from his students, and that helps make him approachable and open, and makes the course feel more free.
I felt that Mr Balasuriya was really open and really allowed students to engage with the material being taught. When teaching, he will talk quickly, and while that's sometimes a hindrance, it really helps to bring out and show that he's interested in the material, and his explanations are really sound and make sense. I find that his teaching in the lectures helps more than the written, more formal course notes, and his way of explaining stuff is intuitive, and it really helps to build an understanding of the topic. While it's still a difficult course, I believe that Mr Balasuriya's teaching has helped to make it easier to understand and get through.
He is a very engaging lecturer and his course notes and lectures provide a great base for learning
He enforces the key concepts throughout his lectures in a clear and engaging manner. I like that he goes through examples in depth because it really helps me to understand the concept.
He explains himself well in the lectures and covers the topics thoroughly, which made the lectures very easy to watch. I can tell he has put a lot of effort into the making the course good, with the weekly bulletins he recorded and the helpful information documents he provided in preparation for the tests and the exams
Very knowledgeable
Highly organised, informative lectures, responds quickly to students questions
His frequent communication and organisation.
Lecture recordings are engaging and useful.
The way he gives us lots of examples and explanations for each topic is great, and he does it without too much repetition to keep the content interesting. His organisation is also amazing, as is the fact that we have lots of practice questions and access to the marking criteria for each assignment.
Sanjeeva explains concepts with enthusiasm and clarity. This makes it easy to engage with the course. He is very organised and has an aura of friendliness about him. He is obviously very competent with the content he teaches. The examples he includes really help to teach the content.
His puppy is also adorable. <3
He is passionate about the topic, his lectures are always very well-prepared and he knows exactly what he is going to say (no umms and ahhs), the assignments are interesting. I like his diagrams and his style of lecturing and have found the lectures to be very helpful resources.
Clear and methodical. Obviously understands student's perspective and builds on prior learning in a way that is intuitive and easy to follow.
Quick marker, responds to emails
He knows how students learn best (with his experience and extensive knowledge).
It is clear that Sanjeeva is extremely passionate about what he is teaching, which makes it very engaging and a lot easier to learn. He gives very clear explanations and allows us to comprehend things very well.
As the course coordinator, he was very organised. From weekly bulletins, lectures, assignments posted, and results released, it was all extremely organised, and allowed us to do well as we knew exactly what was expected of us every week.
Overall, i have really enjoyed this course!!
Sanjeeva is an excellent lecturer and his running of the course was organised and efficient from the start. His weekly bulletin videos were a great way to keep up to date on the course and his weekly lecture videos always came out on time.
Sanjeeva's lectures are filled with diagrams providing intuition into the ideas of the course, something that I found very useful. His explanations were clear and engaging, and he often interacted with students on the Piazza forum, providing timely and helpful answers.

Comments
Sanjeeva is very well organised and makes the assignments really helpful. Rather than feeling like something I have to do, I genuinely look forward to doing them so I can solidify my understanding of the course content. Sanjeeva very effectively assesses a large expanse of knowledge and understanding within a short time (i.e. pretty much everything covered in the course integrated into a 50-minute mid-semester test, which I was able to finish on time). The assignments and quizzes are the same. Sanjeeva also briefly mentions applications to other disciplines, such as physics, to keep the subject interesting for people in a wide-range of degrees, without confusing others who don't study these disciplines. Sanjeeva always provides us with enough material to study with and the course-notes are extensive.
The bulletins are also a great way to keep us engaged and get to know our lecturer since we don't really get an opportunity to see his face. This also helps with making Sanjeeva more approachable. Sanjeeva was very helpful and understanding regarding a personal situation around assessments and promptly responds to emails.
Bonus: Sanjeeva has a cute puppy.
He is a really responsible teacher and he is nice and helpful!
I liked your lectures, they were clear and concise, and the notes were nicely structured to read. I really enjoyed how well organised the course was.
Very friendly, gives clear and intuitive answers to questions.
He definitely teaches the content in a way that aims to form a deeper understanding, rather than how to just apply the formulas etc (sometimes this deep understanding requires some very abstract thinking and can often make it more confusing and stray from the learning objective) . The weekly bulletins are a nice touch also, it's nice to see a face! Very prompt with feedback and questions on piazza.
Great detail in lectures. Was easy to approach and timely responded to any questions if you asked him.
Sanjeeva taught the course really well. He was extremely well organised and clearly communicated the tasks for each week on MyUni, which was much appreciated. He delivered the lectures very well, and was really good at conducting the tutorials, even in the less-than-optimal Zoom setting. The lectures were interesting and clear to understand. In tutorials he was encouraging and supportive in solving the tutorial questions, and encouraged us all to contribute to the process. If there was an option in the above questions that was even stronger than 'strongly agree,' I would be selecting that one!
His explanations of course content is very effective.
Gives good examples
Dr. Balasuriya's biggest strength is in providing the students with simple, yet effective intuitive sense (often in form of diagrams) of the concept that is introduced, before going on to prove the concept mathematically.
Plus, he is (overall) a very effective course coordinator, in terms of designing, organizing and running the course, in both academic and administrative departments.
His explanations are clear and feedback is timely
He is enthusiastic and organized. Makes the content interesting.

Sanjeeva Balasuriya could improve student learning by ...

Comments
the accent is too strong, hard to follow in lectures
Sometimes lectures seemed a little too long winded and I often found myself skipping to the key sections where theorems were outlined. But that's an unfortunate consequence of online learning and I don't blame Sanjeeva – I'm sure i would have gone to all lectures if they were in person.
Unsure.
Nil
nah
Ah, I'm on a roll. My mind just instantly went to good things, now I can't think of anything that I could see as an improvement. Hmm... let's see...
I actually don't know. I think that the way he's run the course and what he does is really good, and I really think that Mr Balasuriya has delivered a fun and sound experience for his students.
I can't think of anything that really needs improving
I find that he talks a little fast at times, which I find a little difficult to understand.
Showing his dog more
The examples he uses are great and he already uses lots but more in areas where there weren't as many would be helpful.
n/a
Talking slower!
I struggled to read his handwriting, and his lectures were too long a lot of the time. Could've been more succinct.
N/A
Possibly moving the time quizzes are due. 5pm on a Sunday is often difficult due to work / family commitments.
When taking notes for any Maths / Science course, I personally prefer when the lecturer writes the notes in real-time so the students can take notes more easily. Writing out the notes beforehand and using them like slides was still a perfectly good way to teach, but it did result in a lot of pausing of the videos to take notes. This could cause the videos to be longer, but not having to pause the video and interrupt the lecture would be beneficial overall I think.
The lectures can be a bit confusing and I tend to miss some details as Sanjeeva speaks fast and can sometimes stumble over his words, I also have trouble reading some of his handwritten slides. However, what I miss in lectures I can make up reading course notes and the feedback provided in assignments tends to bring to light what I've missed as well.
N.A.
Perhaps slow down in the lectures, you talk so quickly! Include a little video of you in the corner of the screen as you're teaching the lecture, so much more engaging that way. The quality of the audio in the lecture videos is pretty poor, almost painful after watching three in a row. Also, perhaps make it a bit clearer what the learning objectives are in the lectures, those that aren't so invested or are struggling to follow along will be able to focus on the most important info.
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N/A
Keeping up the good work! Dr. Balasuriya has an effective (even if slightly unorthodox) style of teaching, which I believe has developed over the years with experience.
In time, with more experience, it will become even more refined: he doesn't need to do anything extra to make that happen.
His handwriting could be better.
The lectures as suggested before could be condensed and summarised more.