

MATH2005
Fourier Series and Differential Equations
Semester 2, 2004
TEACHING EVALUATIONS SUMMARY

Number of students responding: 146

The following is on the standard scale 1,2,3,4,5.

LECTURER EVALUATION

Overall Ranking: Median 5, Mean 4.71, Standard deviation 0.48

Presentation: Median 5, Mean 4.71, Standard deviation 0.48

Preparation: Median 5, Mean 4.77, Standard deviation 0.47

Attributes: Median 5, Mean 4.73, Standard deviation 0.54

UNIT OF STUDY EVALUATION

Unit of Study: Median 4, Mean 3.99, Standard deviation 0.81

Tutorial Programme: Median 3.5, Mean 3.48, Standard deviation 1.02

Selected Comments (fairly typical)

- It could have been a terrible subject, but because it was taught so well it made turning up at 8 am easy.
- Dr. Sanjeeva is an amazing lecturer. He was genuinely engaging and has a natural teaching ability. Well prepared, well spoken. **THE FACULTY NEEDS MORE LECTURERS LIKE HIM!!!**
- Demystified arcane mathematical constructs. Gave insight to how the concepts worked in physical world. Personable, affable, approachable style.
- The course was relevant and Dr. Balasuriya achieved that quite difficult of tasks, of making maths come alive, without dumbing down the material.
- One of the best lecturers I've seen. Every aspect of what is expected of a lecturer.
- I found the lecturer excellent. He inspired me to turn up to the 8 am lectures. The best maths lecturer I have ever had at USYD. I have found maths extremely difficult. Sanjeeva explained every clearly and easy to understand [sic].
- Enriched lecture content (not just rewriting the textbook). **SANJEEVA ROCKS MY WORLD!**
- Funny, entertaining, presents ideas very clearly.
- Brilliant teaching! Clear in explanations, with enough pace and verve to facilitate learning. Made sure all formulæ etc needed, as well as summary handouts, were given to us. Made maths interesting. Good examples, and enthusiasm as well. One of the best lecturers I have had. Always sounded very interested in what he was teaching. Explained things very well.
- Excellent stuff. (...) Easy to understand lectures. Prepared. Very funny.
- Excellently prepared, always talks to the students as opposed to facing the board and talking at the same time. A little abstract towards the end of the course, but overall excellent. Very clear & concise.
- Organised. Clear. Explained everything we needed without confusing [sic].
- Outstanding. [On material and assessments]: Tricky, but okay.
- (Liked): Enthusiasm. Willingness to help students understand. Simplifying concepts. Dr. Balasuriya, you are a champ!
- (Liked): Teaching style, personality, smiling face.
- (Liked): Enthusiasm, openness to questions.

- Well structured / clear. Interesting to listen to. The best maths lecturer I have had in my course so far!
- Very interesting. Tries to relate to class. Changes tone of voice (not monotone). Good behaviour management. Did lots of examples and explained them. Always summarised which gave structure and consolidated more learning. I really enjoyed the lectures.
- Was into the subject. Showed immense understanding. Approachable and motivating. Actually kinda fun...
- He was clear and easy to understand. Interesting infor [sic]. Best lecturer so far. Hard subject made easier by teaching in a productive way. Cheers!!!
- Very patient. Friendly. Creates a comfortable learning environment (humorous [sic]). Keep up the work!
- Best lecturer I had since I've started this university [sic].
- (Liked): Enthusiasm, attitude to subject and learning. Open to questions and comments. Good feedback. Clear style.
- Cool dude. Good organisation of lectures. Very nice fellow. Best Maths lecturer ever.
- (Liked): Easy and clear to listen to. Explosive enthusiasm is infectious. Best lecturer ever. (Dis-liked): Nothing, he was hot (I'm a guy).
- (On the material): It was quite hard, but the lecturer pulled us through with clarity and expertise.
- Non-aggressive. Laid back. Very easy to understand and good teaching method.
- Very easy to follow – good communicator. Very approachable. Covers content thoroughly. One of the best lecturers I've encountered at university.
- Best lecturer I have had, he made a tough subject seem easy. Well done.
- Knew material well – could answer all questions. Motivated us to learn – showed how material was relevant to real world – interactive lectures.
- Organised, well-run, easy to understand. [Good] overhead slides, handouts, etc. Loads of encouragement. Enthusiastic. Always [sic] helpful. Easy to understand. Even knows your name. Didn't get angry. Thank you Sanjeeva!
- Taught the course well. Clear and easy to understand for such a complex subject. Enthusiastic.
- (Liked): Enthusiasm. Very clear about explanation. Reactive to class understanding.
- Largest turnout at an 8 am lecture course I've ever seen. Good summary sheets. Clear, obviously enjoys subject. Very punctual. Enthusiastic, clearly understood course. Clear, concise in explanations.
- Clear. Never needs to reprimand the class. Helpful.
- Was engaging and friendly. Used humour (kept people awake). Easy to approach.
- Overall the best maths lecturer I have had to date.
- Very helpful when question was asked. Explained theory very well. Well structured lectures, easy to follow and understand.
- Probably the best and most engaging lecturer I have ever seen. So well prepared, knew what was going on the whole time.
- (Liked): Ability to always identify problem areas in the content and provide answers before questions have been asked. Enthusiasm for mathematics. Positive outlook and willingness.
- Dr. Balasuriya was by far the best maths teacher I have had, in university & high school, you need to make more like him!

- Very organized lecture. Approachable, kind. Open-minded.
- (Liked): Attitude. Teaching style (teaching us to think rather than just memorizing the book). Remembers my name.
- Engaging lecturer (rare quality). Good explanations, happy to explain in multiple ways. Always well-prepared.
- He was great. Enthusiastic. Captivating.
- Sanjeeva Rocks.
- Clear notes on board. Spoke well, kept us interested. Was light-hearted and easy to listen to. Best Maths lecturer I've had in 2 yrs.
- He was excellent! He obviously enjoys what he does. I think that the engineering department could learn a lot from him. Keep up the good work.
- Very clear explanation and easy to understand the lecture given. The documentation is really well structured. Very punctual and always on time. Well done!
- Thank you very much – you were excellent throughout. I was interested and understood where you were going, as well as where this was important. A great course.
- (Liked): Clarity of presentation. Empathy to students learning abilities and finding a balance in giving information.
- (Liked): Motivated. Enthusiastic, loud, engineering-conscious. Friendly, helpful, clear, punctual.
- Very friendly. Made the course interesting. One of the best maths lecturers I've had.
- (Liked): Ability to control the class. Clear & succinct to the point. Confident & well-prepared. Dr. Sanjeeva is an excellent lecturer & his teachings have helped me understand the material much better.
- I have never enjoyed mathematics as I have in this Unit of Study. Keep up the brilliant work!