Final Evaluation (CTEF) for Pantano, Alessandra MATH 120B LEC A (44810), Spring Qtr 2009

Responses: 27/37 (72.97%)

A. Please comment on the following areas and be as specific as possible:

1. What are the instructor's teaching strengths?

- Clear and easy explanation of the material.

- clear writing nice lecture great personality

- excelent!

- Extremely strong.

- friendly, enjoys subject, and really wants students to succeed and do well.

- Friendly with the students. takes time to answer questions

- goes over material at a good pace-not too fast & not too slow, strongly encourages class participation

- Good explanation on course materials, and a clear guideline regarding the examination.

- I really like that the professor tries to stay very cautious on whether the students are understanding the material in lecture. She always asks the class if we understand the material she just went over and tries to make everyone feel comfortable asking questions.

- Nice teacher, enjoys teaching, explains well, tests are fair.

- She's a really nice person. I can tell she is very familiar with the subject because she rarely has notes, and lectures dead on. Impressive.

- she explains everything very clear and give various examples after she is done explaining a new concept, post classnotes online because she feels her speech when speaking is not clear, very helpful and nice

- She is very friendly and is willing to help anyone who asks.

- She is very helpful and simplifies concepts for her students. The class was well organized and her online notes were helpful and a good resource.

- She makes sure that we understand everything and is open for us to ask questions and is patient about it.

- she puts notes up online

- systematic teaching

- The instructor is extremely enthusiastic about the topics covered in the course and takes the time to answer questions and gives ample examples.

- Very clear about the materials she's presenting.

- very clear and concise in lectures. gives lots of good examples and application of theorems and definitions.

- Very clear instruction and very patient. Uses good examples and presents material in a way that's easy to understand.

- Very encouraging and clear.

- Very organized. Showing examples before going into abstract detail helps a lot in helping students understand

- very understanding, great professor! during office hours she would get down on the ground to explain things to her students (that were also sitting on the ground). she always wanted our opinions and input! she was very fair and on tests we always knew what was expected of us!

- Well rounded and knowledgable about the material, fair quizes, HW, and midterm, and she even has the notes online.

- 2 blank answer(s).

2. How can this instructor improve as a teacher?

- Attendance needs to improve, I find it hard to go to class when notes are online.
- during lecture, sometimes alessandra was a bit all over the place so it was hard to follow. but to make up for this she would post all lecture notes online...which really helped!!
- I can't think of anything. Her skill is so good!
- it's fun to sometimes see weird examples and to hear about what's beyond the scope of the course or how this course fits into all of mathematics.
- I think she's doin a fantastic job, can't really think of much she can do to do better. I like when she asks for participation from students, but many don't like to participate. That's a real shame, maybe she could make participation part of the grade and force people to get up. I follow her just fine in lecture, but I imagine some people have trouble and asking for more required participation would definately help.
- maybe just have clearer notes when writing on white board but other than that she is an excellent teacher, by far one of the best
- moves a little slow at times through the material
- none
- none
- None.
- Nothing else to do. She's perfect right now.
- one of the coolest teachers I've had so I don't think there is much that she can improve on.
- She asks volunteers to go up to the board but often students are unwilling to go and class time is lost
- She can improve by making her lectures in class a little easier to understand and follow by writing clearly.
- when explaining a problems write in order not all over the place Beacuse it makes it very hard to follow
- 12 blank answer(s).

3. Any other comments about this course?

- Fun course, just hope I can pass.
- Fun course. I mostly do Physics so I don't know how much I'll be able to use this, but it made me think and was pretty cool. :)
- If you are 2 minutes late to class you have no idea what the lecture is about
- it was a very fun course
- none
- She is the greatest professor i've ever had!
- she thinks her english is bad, but it's not. it's still helpful to post the lecture notes though.
- The homework questions assigned are sometimes too difficult.
- the practice tests really helped!
- This course was taught very well so I became interested and involved and was able to truly understand a majority of the material.
- 17 blank answer(s).

B. Please choose the appropriate rating on the letter grade scale A to F:

'A' indicating an excellent and 'F' indicating a wholly inadequate performance. If you have no opinion on the question asked or if it does not apply, please select NA.

4. The course instructor shows enthusiasm for and is interested in the subject.

21	A	Value: 4
6	A-	Value: 3.7
0	B+	Value: 3.3
0	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.93	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.12	Std Dev	

5. The course instructor stimulates your interest in the subject.

9	A	Value: 4
9	A-	Value: 3.7
7	B+	Value: 3.3
2	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.64	Mean	
3.70	Median	
0.32	Std Dev	

6. The course instructor meets stated objectives of the course.

20	A	Value: 4
5	A-	Value: 3.7
2	B+	Value: 3.3
0	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.89	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.20	Std Dev	

7. The course instructor is accessible and responsive.

18	A	Value: 4
2	A-	Value: 3.7
3	B+	Value: 3.3
0	B	Value: 3
1	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
3	NA	No Value
3.83	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.33	Std Dev	

8. The course instructor creates an open and fair learning environment.

19	A	Value: 4
3	A-	Value: 3.7
3	B+	Value: 3.3
0	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
1	NA	No Value
3.88	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.23	Std Dev	

9. The course instructor encourages students to think in this course.

15	A	Value: 4
7	A-	Value: 3.7
4	B+	Value: 3.3
1	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.78	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.29	Std Dev	

10. The course instructor's presentations and explanations of concepts were clear.

15	A	Value: 4
9	A-	Value: 3.7
3	B+	Value: 3.3
0	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.82	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.23	Std Dev	

11. Assignments and exams covered important aspects of the course.

19	A	Value: 4
7	A-	Value: 3.7
0	B+	Value: 3.3
1	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.89	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.22	Std Dev	

12. What overall grade would you give this instructor?

20	A	Value: 4
4	A-	Value: 3.7
2	B+	Value: 3.3
0	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.90	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.20	Std Dev	

13. What overall grade would you give this course?

13	A	Value: 4
6	A-	Value: 3.7
4	B+	Value: 3.3
3	B	Value: 3
1	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.67	Mean	
3.70	Median	
0.40	Std Dev	

C. Please answer:

14. Based on completed assignments thus far, what is your current course grade or approximate standing?

5	A	Value: 4
17	B	Value: 3
5	C	Value: 2
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.00	Mean	
3.00	Median	
0.61	Std Dev	

15. How much academic dishonesty seemed to occur in this course? If applicable, please describe the type of academic dishonesty that occurred (not the particular students involved).

   1.

0	A lot
0	Some
1	A little
25	None I could discern

   2. Examples:

   - i know a student who has the solutions manual. don't know where he got it.
   - 26 blank answer(s).

16. How helpful were the textbooks and/or readings to your overall learning experience?

8	Very
12	Adequately
7	Somewhat
0	Not at all

17. How challenging was this course?

9	Very
15	Adequately
3	Somewhat
0	Not at all