

Final Evaluation (CTEF) for Pantano, Alessandra MATH 6B LEC A (44500), Winter Qtr 2008

Responses: 29/69 (42.03%)

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

1. What are the instructor's teaching strengths?

- Always comes to class prepared and knows what is to be presented for the day. She also comes off as the type of person who knows how to ease tension. She isn't hard-nosed and tyrannical; rather, she's quite easy-going. That I believe is an important aspect in student learning.
- Clarity, Good Examples, Enthusiasm
- Clear explanations, good mixture of examples with definitions, helps me understand both the material and how to solve real problems.
- Clear linear presentation. Willingness to rehash.
- energetic and cares about the students keeps contact with class through email which is always helpful lectures are organized and easy to understand
- Enthusiasm and interest and friendliness
- Good at explaining proofs and the examples.
- good lecture and notes
- Great explanation of concepts, great availability for extra help
- Great explanations of the curriculum. Despite the accent, I still understand concepts perfectly. Also, she's always cheerful, which makes sitting in class much more tolerable.
- Great instructor. Things were clear from day 1.
- making the material more understandable by giving clear notes.
- material
- Neat and legible handwriting followed with interesting lectures. Allows for student input and provides flexible office hours. Provides notes and helpful documentation online, posted material also prepares students well for exams and quizzes.
- Overall lectures, giving instructions
- Posts very detailed notes online.
- Professor Pantano is very organized in her lectures, she is very good at expressing the concepts in a clear and understandable manner.
- She is a strong teacher, that's about all I have to say on the matter.
- She is certainly quite knowledgeable about the material. I remember her being a bit apprehensive at first regarding her accent, but she has proven to be very eloquent and understandable. She has a very straightforward approach to explaining new topics, offering examples and counterexamples to bolster our understanding. She is among one of the best teachers I've encountered at UCI.
- She is perfect.
- She is very well versed in the material and even when she makes mistakes she admits to them or tries to find the answer as quickly as possible.
- The material
- Very clear explanations
- Very nice, always updates us with needed information via email. Great Teacher.
- very nice and helpful all the time. kept her web page updated all the time
- 4 blank answer(s).

2. How can this instructor improve as a teacher?

- assigns too much homework
- be more clear
- Be more confident
- Did not respond to my email
- Difficult understanding the teacher. Language barrier.
- Have homework that has less weight on the final grade.
- I feel other teachers at UCI could actually benefit from watching her.
- Improve the accent?
- learn how to speak properly and manage the class
- more examples
- Move at a slightly slower pace.
- No comments really.
- None.
- None I can't think of
- Provide more examples on concepts
- She can not improve, she is absolutely marvelous.
- She is so~~ good. I really like her.
- The only thing I could say about her that she could improve would be her accent.
- Try going a little faster. She seemed to harp on simple concepts like what $F(x,y,z)$ equals when $x,y,z = 0$ or 1 . That was easy to comprehend. F is either 0 or 1 , how hard can it be?
- 10 blank answer(s).

3. Any other comments about this course?

- Course was difficult and had many concepts to cover and the instructor managed to efficiently teach all these concepts in an appropriate manner.
- Good course. Interesting subject matter. Though I found that most of the material covered in this class was already covered in Math 6A/6D and CSE 31.
- I'm not sure if prerequisites were removed or not, but many of the students came in without a base of knowledge to work with. During the first few lectures or so, the instructor had to explain what a set was and how the Cartesian product worked, things which were learned in 6A (the new 6D I guess). Overall I feel like I could have learned much more, hadn't it been for this setback.
- I enjoyed this class. Good luck with your baby!
- It was very hard toward the beginning but it leveled out.
- N/A
- nahh
- No
- None
- prof Pantano and TA phong really made this class more enjoyable. The notes online really helped me because i wasn't able to attend all lectures due to athletic obligations.
- The homework should be 10% and quiz should be 20% should be switched. Wrong answers should be expected from homework because it is practice.

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- The second half of the book, 6A, was so much more enjoyable than the first half, 6D, simply because of how well Professor Pantano taught the subject.
- The teacher is in fact marvelous and I really have no complaints. If I did though, sometimes her accent makes it a little hard to understand. However hearing a delightful italian flair really keeps the attention over other teachers i've had. Sometimes, subjects were a little unclear. However she has exceptional synergy with her TA, so this was all cleared up and we wasted no time.
- 16 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.

13	A	Value: 4
10	A-	Value: 3.7
3	B+	Value: 3.3
1	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
1	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
3.72	Mean	
3.70	Median	
0.38	Std Dev	

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

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

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

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18	A	Value: 4
5	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
1	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
1	NA	No Value
3.76	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.59	Std Dev	

7. The course instructor is accessible and responsive.

17	A	Value: 4
7	A-	Value: 3.7
1	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
1	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
1	NA	No Value
3.74	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.61	Std Dev	

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

18	A	Value: 4
7	A-	Value: 3.7
1	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
1	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.76	Mean	
4.00	Median	
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9. The course instructor encourages students to think in this course.

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

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

15	A	Value: 4
6	A-	Value: 3.7
5	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
1	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.63	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.76	Std Dev	

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

13	A	Value: 4
9	A-	Value: 3.7
2	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
1	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.63	Mean	
3.70	Median	
0.77	Std Dev	

12. What overall grade would you give this instructor?

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3	B+	Value: 3.3
0	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
1	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
3.79	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.37	Std Dev	

13. What overall grade would you give this course?

12	A	Value: 4
6	A-	Value: 3.7
5	B+	Value: 3.3
1	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
1	C	Value: 2
2	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
1	NA	No Value
3.52	Mean	
3.70	Median	
0.68	Std Dev	

C. Please answer:

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

21	A	Value: 4
7	B	Value: 3
0	C	Value: 2
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.75	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.43	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
 - 2** A little
 - 25** None I could discern

2. Examples:

- Sometimes students check answers on homework problems, but more so that they can understand the concepts themselves rather than just copying answers.

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- 28 blank answer(s).

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

- 4 Very
- 16 Adequately
- 4 Somewhat
- 3 Not at all

17. How challenging was this course?

- 4 Very
- 17 Adequately
- 4 Somewhat
- 2 Not at all