

Teaching Evaluations and Comments

Matthew M. Menzel, Primary Instructor

Course Evaluation Scores:

(1 = Poor) (2 = Fair) (3 = Good) (4 = Excellent)

College Algebra(MA 109) – Summer 1999

	<u>Mean</u>
Overall value of the course:	3.8
Overall quality of teaching:	4.0

College Algebra(MA 109) – Fall 1999

	<u>Section 030(Mean)</u>	<u>Section 033(Mean)</u>
Overall value of the course:	3.1	3.1
Overall quality of teaching:	3.4	3.6

College Algebra(MA 109) – Spring 2000

	<u>Section 001(Mean)</u>	<u>Section 002(Mean)</u>
Overall value of the course:	3.0	2.7
Overall quality of teaching:	3.3	2.7

Finite Math and Its Applications(MA 162) – Summer 2000

	<u>Mean</u>
Overall value of the course:	2.8
Overall quality of teaching:	3.0

Elementary Calculus and Its Applications(MA 123) – Fall 2000

	<u>Section 025(Mean)</u>	<u>Section 032(Mean)</u>
Overall value of the course:	2.7	2.1
Overall quality of teaching:	3.2	3.1

Finite Math and Its Applications(MA 162) – Spring 2001

	<u>Section 002(Mean)</u>	<u>Section 003(Mean)</u>
Overall value of the course:	3.2	3.2
Overall quality of teaching:	3.4	3.2

Calculus II(MA 114) – Summer 2001

	<u>Mean</u>
Overall value of the course:	3.4
Overall quality of teaching:	3.7

Intermediate Algebra(MA 108) – Fall 2001

	<u>Section 004(Mean)</u>	<u>Section 005(Mean)</u>
Overall value of the course:	3.2	3.3
Overall quality of teaching:	3.6	3.6

Precalculus(MA 110) – Spring 2002

	<u>Mean</u>
Overall value of the course:	3.1
Overall quality of teaching:	3.3

Calculus I(MA 113) – Summer 2002

	<u>Mean</u>
Overall value of the course:	2.8
Overall quality of teaching:	3.0

Matrix Algebra and Its Applications(MA 322) – Fall 2002

	<u>Mean</u>
Overall value of the course:	3.0
Overall quality of teaching:	3.4

Introduction to Contemporary Mathematics(A&S 100) – Spring 2003

	<u>Section 002(Mean)</u>	<u>Section 003(Mean)</u>
Overall value of the course:	2.6	3.0
Overall quality of teaching:	2.9	3.4

Calculus III(MA 213) – Summer 2003

	<u>Mean</u>
Overall value of the course:	3.3
Overall quality of teaching:	3.7

Student Comments from Course Evaluations

From Algebra Courses:

“This course really helped me nail down the fundamentals. Mr. Menzel’s ability to clearly explain the subject really helped. He was able to answer all my questions in a way that I could understand. The study sessions and the practice tests were a big help in exam preparation. The homework was really comprehensive and successfully covered the material on the exams.”

“Matt is an excellent instructor! He took the technical material from the book and presented it in a way that we could understand. I have enjoyed this section of 109, and had I had Matt for an instructor last semester, I would have passed! I don’t hate math anymore!!”

“Matt has been the most helpful and understanding TA. He understands this subject and is able to reflect his knowledge in a way others can understand. This class was a retake for me, and he has given me the knowledge and understanding to bring my grade up.”

“I thought this was the best class I had this semester. Matt was very complete in class, and I felt like he really cared how we did in class. He was my only teacher that knew everyone’s names and used them in class!”

“Excellent instructor. Used the time given very well. Every class was completely filled without going over. The teacher was very encouraging but challenging. Very helpful outside of class.”

“This is my third attempt at MA109. Mr. Menzel has been the only teacher who helps me to better understand the material. Right now I have a B in this class, which is much higher than I expected. He always takes time, inside or outside class, to help me.”

“I have already taken this class, and I failed. I’m ready to celebrate because I finally understand it! Good teaching!!”

“Mr. Menzel was an excellent instructor. At 8:00am, Mr. Menzel always had plenty of energy flowing and always used his energy as an instructor. The practice exams really helped us a lot. I wish that I had had Mr. Menzel the first time that I took MA 109.”

“Mr. Menzel is the best of three algebra professors I have had. I really feel like the practice tests do wonders for my test preparation. Thank you for conveying good lectures.”

“Explains material very well. Best math class I’ve had.”

“Outside of class availability was a major plus for students such as myself with a busy schedule. He made himself very available for aid. Good teaching style.”

“Mr. Menzel is a good teacher who is always willing to put forth the help for a student when it’s needed.”

“The course has developed my skills in algebra in areas where I was previously weak. The instructor taught extremely well, and I have learned more about algebra than ever before.”

“I really liked how he presented definitions and then worked out problems and provided explanations. It made everything easy to learn and understand. I also think that he grades very fairly, and the homework was just enough to make me understand the material, yet not too much to keep me doing math homework constantly.”

From Calculus Courses:

“Very good teacher; knows how to explain complicated ideas in simple terms.”

“Matt was a good teacher. He knew his material and that was proven when he could answer all of our questions. He was also never afraid of telling us that he would need more time to figure out an answer. The best part is that then on the next day, he would have the problems figured out. I could actually follow his reasoning and logic because he presented them simplistically and eloquently, and he made class a fun atmosphere.”

“Matthew Menzel is a great instructor for summer courses. He pushes through the eight-week (summer session) without making you feel too rushed. If he’s around next summer, for the sake of calculus students, have him teach again.”

“Matt Menzel was available 75% of the entire day, and was very helpful.”

“Matt was always available to help me out, even outside of his office hours.”

“Good notes and explanation of material. Very well organized, and I liked the structure of the class. Good job!”

“Matt was a great help in solving problems. He really helped me gain understanding in areas that I was unsure of.”

“I thought that Matt did well in explaining the questions asked . . . I also liked how he let us evaluate the class during the middle of the year and took our comments seriously.”

From Other Courses:

“Matt is able to explain the problems clearly. I am not mathematical, but Matt explains the problems with ease. Matt goes over any questions and always asks if people have any problems. Matt is a great teacher.”

“Quizzes helped prepare me for the tests. The practice tests were extremely helpful. Basically don’t change a thing about the way you are teaching the course. It’s great!”