

Math 482 Lin Prog & Comb Opt, Spring 2006 Informal Early Feedback Summary

There were 11 surveys filled out. The results are summarized below.

		1	2	3	4	5	
1. The instructor is well prepared.	rarely	-	-	-	6	5	always
2. The instructor makes good use of examples.	rarely	-	-	-	7	4	always
3. The instructor uses the board effectively.	rarely	-	-	-	4	7	always
4. The instructor writes enough details on the board.	rarely	-	-	-	4	7	always
5. The instructor shows concern for student learning.	rarely	-	-	-	-	11	always
6. The pace of the lectures is	too slow	-	-	10	1	-	too fast
7. The course content is	easy	-	2	5	4	-	difficult
8. The homework is	easy	-	1	8	2	-	difficult
9. The homework is useful for my learning.	rarely	-	-	-	4	7	always
10. The textbook is useful for my learning.	rarely	1	3	3	2	2	always
11. The instructor is accessible outside of class.	1 N/A disagree	-	-	1	-	9	agree
12. Rate the instructor's overall teaching effectiveness.	poor	-	-	-	2	9	excellent
13. Rate the overall quality of this course.	poor	-	-	-	6	5	excellent
14. I am comfortable with the theory of NP-completeness.	disagree	5	1	1	2	-	agree
15. I have an interest in learning matroid theory.	6 ?? disagree	-	1	-	1	2	agree

Please answer the following questions (there are also questions on the back of the sheet).

1. What is a major strength of the instructor?
2. What is a weakness of the instructor?
3. What one topic discussed so far has been the most difficult for you to learn?
4. What suggestions do you have for improving this course?

Most of the comments were positive. Two particular issues were raised: that in some lectures I have gotten somewhat confused, particularly in some of the examples; and that it would be helpful to have complete written-out solutions to the homework. I will attempt to spend more time preparing my lectures and filling in more details on the solutions.

Thank you for your input!