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University of Utah
Course and Instructor Evaluation Written Comments Report
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College/School: College of Science**Print Date:** 04-Jan-07**Instructor:** RASSOUL-AGHA,FIRAS;**Subject:** Mathematics **Course #:** 5080 - 001**Enrollment:** 37**Course:** Stat'l Inference I**Evaluations processed:** 25

List two things about the course content, materials or design that were effective for your learning, or make constructive suggestions for improvement.

- 1. It would be nice to have some homework that is due in this class, then there would be more motivation to learn in advance instead of cramming. 2. Course proceeded at a nice pace.
- Examples during class were very helpful.
- I appreciated having solutions to the homework assignments. I really liked having weekly quizzes instead of homework. I loved this class and would always recommend it.
- I thought that the text was great. It was very easy to go back after a lecture and read about what the professor had just lectured on. I also liked having quizzes each Wednesday. They forced me to keep up with the pace of the class and I felt like I was a little more prepared for the final because of already having passed quizzes on the material I was studying at the moment.
- The course is practical. The design of the course is just right for most students to understand.
- Excellent!

RASSOUL-AGHA,FIRAS: List two things about this instructor that were effective for your learning, or make constructive suggestions for improvement.

- Slow down a little, and try to write out everything (i.e. don't rewrite a long equation by just erasing and changing, which is effective in teaching, but hard when taking notes. Most students don't take notes with chalk.:)) Writing and talking a little slower is the only suggestion, but examples and lecture were all very good and helpful.

- 1. He had a good review sessions for the tests. 2. He had a good sense of humor.
- Creates a very good classroom environment. Instructor was not degrading in any way like many other math instructors. He was always willing to entertain questions and open to suggestions.
- FIRAS IS AN AWESOME TEACHER!!! He is in the top two on my "The Best Professors of All Time" list! Firas explains concepts extremely clearly. He is also kind and respectful to the students! I wish I could have him for every course; he is just the BEST!!
- Great class. Great instructor. He was very clear about what he was doing and I was never lost.
- The steps and process of how to do everything were very clearly explained. It would be helpful for me to spend more time explaining WHY we are doing these things and exactly what these steps and formulas represent.
- I liked that the professor saved a few days at the end of the course to review the material for the final. It always helps me to see the same topics reviewed by the professor right before the final.
- He is effective in class. Quizzes and midterms are useful for students to review.
- One of the best teachers I've ever had. Period.