Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?
Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?
C

What is your class standing?
Sophomore

What is your sex?
Male

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).
   Agree
   Comments:

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.
   Agree
   Comments:
   I have never been exposed to this type of mathematics and never have really had any experience in writing proof so I think I learned a great amount in terms of writing proofs and how to lay out arguments.

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.
   Neither agree nor disagree
   Comments:
   The pace was not horrible. The material was difficult so the work generally took me a considerable amount of time.

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.
   Agree
   Comments:
   Was very prepared in class and used class time well to go over proofs from homeworks as well as providing proofs or theorems we would need for homeworks.

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.
   Agree
   Comments:

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.
   Strongly agree
   Comments:
   Always was very helpful during office hours and very open to questions.

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.
   Agree
   Comments:

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
   Neither agree nor disagree
   Comments:
You are encouraged to use the space below to make any additional relevant comments concerning the course or the instructor.

Very challenging course. I felt he did the best job he could do teaching such material.

**Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use**

**What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?**
I think the homework was where I learned the most, but having to do the assignments and theorems forces you to understand the material in order to provide good proofs.

**How has this course increased your ability to work independently?**
It got me thinking on how to express my arguments in a concise and organized manner through our proofs and theorems.
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?
Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?
A

What is your class standing?
Junior

What is your sex?
Female

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).
   Agree
   Comments:

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.
   Agree
   Comments:
The second half of the course was considerably better than the first half, where the latter being just basic concepts that most students already know. I would suggest that the instructor go over the basic concepts earlier in the course in a quicker pace.

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.
   Agree
   Comments:
   At the beginning of the course, there were too many exercises on very simple concepts, which made the process being very tedious and intellectually unstimulating. Would be a better idea to just select 1/3 - 1/2 of all exercises. The course load is fine later in the course, as the instructor made efforts to make the course load appropriate.

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.
   Agree
   Comments:
   It makes sense to present 1-2 to proofs by students each class, but at the beginning when each class consisted of 4 student proofs, it was sort of dull. Fortunately the situation improved later on.

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.
   Strongly agree
   Comments:
   Scott is a very excellent lecturer. He knows what he's talking about and knows how to present them clearly and effectively.

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.
   Strongly agree
   Comments:
   Scott is very helpful and flexible in office hours.

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.
   Strongly agree
   Comments:

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
   Strongly agree
   Comments:
You are encouraged to use the space below to make any additional relevant comments concerning the course or the instructor.

In all, the second half of the course was considerably better than the first half. I guess it's partially because it's Scott's first time to teach this course at Colby (is it?). But luckily he's a very smart guy and knows how to make things work.

**Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use**

What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?
As much as I hate adding lots of words in the proofs, I have to admit that I've improved my proof presentation skills significantly.

How has this course increased your ability to work independently?
The additional problems are always hard and drive me crazy. But I feel like in problems where there are substantial hints, I have increased my ability to work independently through the problems without little help from the instructor.
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?
Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?
A

What is your class standing?
Sophomore

What is your sex?
Male

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).
   Agree
   Comments:

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.
   Agree
   Comments:

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.
   Neither agree nor disagree
   Comments:

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.
   Neither agree nor disagree
   Comments:

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.
   Neither agree nor disagree
   Comments:

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.
   Neither agree nor disagree
   Comments:

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.
   Neither agree nor disagree
   Comments:

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
   Neither agree nor disagree
   Comments:

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Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use

What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?
Giving us proofs to prove

How has this course increased your ability to work independently?
It has made me use my time more efficiently
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?
Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?
A

What is your class standing?
Junior

What is your sex?
Male

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).
Neither agree nor disagree

Comments:
I always attended class and paid very close attention to lectures. It wasn't that involved in participation as that isn't really my learning style. It takes me a long time to absorb abstract concepts so my strategy was to listen closely to lecture and then review my notes later on to really try to get an understanding of the material.

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.
Strongly agree

Comments:
This class was hard for me. It's not the type of math that I'm good at, but even still I've come away feeling that I've learned a lot. I've already noticed in my other math classes having a better understanding of techniques to prove concepts.

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.
Strongly agree

Comments:
The workload was substantial at times. Some weeks I spent around 10 hours doing the problem sets. However, I didn't ever find them to be unreasonable; it often took me a long time to see what needed to be done. I think that I increased my speed on the problem sets as I became more familiar with how to approach different types of problems.

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.
Strongly agree

Comments:
Professor Taylor was always prepared and very organized. Although I realize that student participation was designed for the course, I think that sometimes it took away from progress that could have been made. As someone trying to learn the material, I would have preferred the professor to sketch a proof rather than a student. I found myself not always content with the students' proofs and then left wondering what an actual complete proof would look like. Overall though, I think he used the time well.

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.
Strongly agree

Comments:
Professor Taylor was polished at presenting. He clearly had planned out what was to be done before hand and executed. He was deliberate in providing proofs and clear in his presentations.

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.
Strongly agree

Comments:
Absolutely. I rarely use office hours for my courses, but whenever I didn't understand a question, he was in his office and willing to help. He would clear up concepts very quickly and I felt like I actually got something out of visiting his office.

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.
Strongly agree

Comments:
His grading is reasonable which was very nice. He realized that some of the questions were incredibly challenging to see for your first time and was good about giving partial credit. He also provided answer keys which were helpful to go back to later on.

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
Strongly agree

Comments:
For a course that is certainly my weak point in mathematics, I felt like I came away learning something. I feel like I"ll be able to apply these concepts later on in my math career and have a better understanding of how to look at mathematics. Overall, a very effective performance.

You are encouraged to use the space below to make any additional relevant comments concerning the course or the instructor.
Professor Taylor is a really nice guy. His availability was fabulous and his interest in math is unparalleled. I certainly think he is an important member of Colby"s math department.

Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use

What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?
The most beneficial for my learning was when we were given a homework assignment and I had some time to think about the questions and then we went over them in class. Often when a new question was presented during lecture, I didn't have enough time to consider how to approach it so I would end up just copying the board. I felt like this took away from the learning process because I needed more time to think about the question before the answer was revealed.

How has this course increased your ability to work independently?
I certainly did a lot of questions independently. I think I has increased my ability to obtain success in this department.
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?
Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?
A

What is your class standing?
Sophomore

What is your sex?
Female

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).
Agree
Comments:

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.
Agree
Comments:

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.
Neither agree nor disagree
Comments:

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.
Neither agree nor disagree
Comments:

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.
Neither agree nor disagree
Comments:

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.
Strongly agree
Comments:

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.
Agree
Comments:

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
Agree
Comments:

You are encouraged to use the space below to make any additional relevant comments concerning the course or the instructor.
Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use

What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?

How has this course increased your ability to work independently?
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Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?
Interest in the subject matter

What grade do you expect to receive?
A

What is your class standing?
Sophomore

What is your sex?
Male

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).
Strongly agree
Comments:

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.
Agree
Comments:
It was very similar to MA161/MA162. But I thought this course was very helpful in piecing together and organizing the concepts introduced in the honor's cal sequence. I definitely felt that made me confident in doing proves.

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.
Strongly agree
Comments:
Personally I thought the course load was very well balanced for a 4 course schedule.

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.
Strongly agree
Comments:
Every class was very well planed out.

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.
Strongly agree
Comments:
Things were easy to understand and intuitive. Questions were answered in detail.

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.
Strongly agree
Comments:

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.
Strongly agree
Comments:

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
Strongly agree
Comments:

You are encouraged to use the space below to make any additional relevant comments concerning the course or the instructor.
Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use

What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?
The proves we went over during classes.

How has this course increased your ability to work independently?
The exams were well written and encouraged us to think independently and bring concepts together to solve problems.
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?
Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?
A

What is your class standing?
Junior

What is your sex?
Male

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).
Strongly agree
Comments:
I participated a lot in class and made sure most of my work was done before the due date.

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.
Strongly agree
Comments:
This is an extremely challenging class and needed to engage in a lot of discussions and time to grasp most of the mathematical proofs.

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.
Strongly disagree
Comments:
The work load was overwhelming. The homework takes over 7 hours to do on average given this is a 200 level class.

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.
Strongly disagree
Comments:
I feel Scott's skills are not appropriate in teaching this math class. It doesn't prepare one to fully enhance mathematical proof analysis and move up the major. I was discouraged from continuing to real analysis with this subject.

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.
Agree
Comments:
His presentation skills are great, though he is not articulate in his teaching.

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.
Disagree
Comments:
It was not clear what would be clearly discussed. He normally brushed it off with other suggestions.

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.
Neither agree nor disagree
Comments:
He was lenient, but overall the class felt betrayed by his grading.

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
unanswered
Comments:
Clearly, Scott Taylor's reading is not effective.
You are encouraged to use the space below to make any additional relevant comments concerning the course or the instructor.

The book for this course should be changed. It is a devastating class and the system should be changed.

**Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use**

**What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?**
The book should be changed. There should be a gradual step towards including people into the class.

**How has this course increased your ability to work independently?**
Independent work was hard. I worked with more than 3 people a time.
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?
Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?
B

What is your class standing?
Sophomore

What is your sex?
Male

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).
   Agree
   Comments:

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.
   Strongly agree
   Comments:
   I found the work to be a little confusing or overwhelming at points but I have learned a lot this year.

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.
   Neither agree nor disagree
   Comments:
   Some times we would get a sizable amount of homework in a week, when other times we would go something like a week without homework.

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.
   Strongly agree
   Comments:

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.
   Strongly agree
   Comments:

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.
   Strongly agree
   Comments:
   Professor Taylor has been extremely helpful when it comes to outside of class hours homework help.

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.
   Agree
   Comments:

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
   Agree
   Comments:

You are encouraged to use the space below to make any additional relevant comments concerning the course or the instructor.
Overall I thought the class was taught effective and Professor Taylor did everything in his power to help us try to understand the concepts even better. Obviously the class was difficult, that's kinda why I took it.

**Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use**

**What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?**
The in class proofs, and when you walked us through difficult or confusing proofs, or concepts.

**How has this course increased your ability to work independently?**
It has made me realize that homework isn"t something that gets done in 3 hours a week, if I just keep thinking and working though, it does get finished eventually.
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?
Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?
B

What is your class standing?
Junior

What is your sex?
Male

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).
   Strongly agree
   Comments:

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.
   Neither agree nor disagree
   Comments:

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.
   Strongly disagree
   Comments:
   Problem Sets were way to long.

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.
   Agree
   Comments:

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.
   Strongly disagree
   Comments:
   Lectures were well explained, but professor Taylor would consistently leave most of the proofs talked about in class for proving later, which made it almost impossible to develop any sort of understanding of how to prove the theorems.

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.
   Agree
   Comments:

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.
   Disagree
   Comments:
   Problems sets were graded, but for some reason solutions were not provided. This was especially frustrating as the same theorems from the homeworks were then occasionally put on the exams. The shear volume of homework made it impossible to ask in office hours about every problem on the homework, therefore many theorems we did for homework were never properly proved.

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
   Strongly disagree
   Comments:
The course was apparently designed so as the students would have to teach themselves outside of class. This was very frustrating and led to the majority of lectures being wasted by the class simply watching students present proofs (which were generally not right, or at least partially wrong) to the class. Overall, this class could easily have been taught better by simply utilizing class time better through more lectures early in the semester. At least this way the basics would have been easier to learn and the class would not have seemed so overwhelming.

You are encouraged to use the space below to make any additional relevant comments concerning the course or the instructor.

Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use

What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?
It was very hard to learn effectively in this class. The least beneficial aspect was that solutions to problem sets were not provided and then these same problems were reused on exams.

How has this course increased your ability to work independently?
Not really...
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?
Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?
A

What is your class standing?
Sophomore

What is your sex?
Male

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).
   Strongly agree
   Comments:

   2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.
   Agree
   Comments:

   3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.
   Agree
   Comments:

   4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.
   Agree
   Comments:

   5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.
   Neither agree nor disagree
   Comments:
   Often times concepts were explained well. However, almost just as frequently, this was not the case. In his defense, this is a very tough course to teach as you are teaching abstract math to people who may not like it (being an intro course).

   6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.
   Agree
   Comments:

   7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.
   Agree
   Comments:

   8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
   Agree
   Comments:
   Difficult class to teach, he did pretty well.

You are encouraged to use the space below to make any additional relevant comments concerning the course or the instructor.
Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use

What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?
Proofs on the board were very helpful.

How has this course increased your ability to work independently?
I am a better logical thinker.
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?
Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?
B

What is your class standing?
Sophomore

What is your sex?
Male

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).
Agree
Comments:

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.
Strongly agree
Comments:

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.
Agree
Comments:

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.
Strongly agree
Comments:

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.
Agree
Comments:

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.
Strongly agree
Comments:

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.
Neither agree nor disagree
Comments:

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
Strongly agree
Comments:

You are encouraged to use the space below to make any additional relevant comments concerning the course or the instructor.
Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use

What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?
Working proofs in class on the board

How has this course increased your ability to work independently?
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?
Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?
B

What is your class standing?
Sophomore

What is your sex?
Male

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).
Neither agree nor disagree
Comments:

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.
Neither agree nor disagree
Comments:

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.
Disagree
Comments:

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.
Agree
Comments:

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.
Strongly disagree
Comments:

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.
Strongly agree
Comments:

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.
Agree
Comments:

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
Neither agree nor disagree
Comments:

You are encouraged to use the space below to make any additional relevant comments concerning the course or the instructor.
Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use

What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?

How has this course increased your ability to work independently?
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?
Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?
A

What is your class standing?
Sophomore

What is your sex?
Female

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).
   Strongly agree
   Comments:

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.
   Strongly agree
   Comments:

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.
   Neither agree nor disagree
   Comments:

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.
   Disagree
   Comments:
   It was a little hard to have to learn new concepts from the book, do the homework and only then have it checked by the professor. It would be nicer to have lectures on those new concepts first before attempting the homework.

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.
   Neither agree nor disagree
   Comments:

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.
   Strongly agree
   Comments:

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.
   Strongly agree
   Comments:

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
   Neither agree nor disagree
   Comments:

You are encouraged to use the space below to make any additional relevant comments concerning the course or the instructor.
What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?
Learning how to write rigorous proofs of theorems. The book was very useful.

How has this course increased your ability to work independently?
Greatly, a lot of the homework involved learning new concepts on our own solely from the book, so there was definitely a lot of independent work.
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?

Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?

C

What is your class standing?

Sophomore

What is your sex?

Female

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).

   Strongly agree

Comments:

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.

   Disagree

Comments:

   This course was very challenging, but I don't think I really learned anything. I learned some little things, but in terms of how to prove something, unless I have done it before I very rarely have any idea what to do about it. I think that this class should have taught me how to do this, but all I learned to do was recreate.

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.

   Disagree

Comments:

   The amount of work outside of class and the time it took was excessive. The problem sets stressed me out so much because I had no idea how to do them until we went over them in class the next day. I do not know how I was supposed to figure it all out on my own. He should teach us the concepts and THEN assign the homework that practices how to use them, NOT the other way around.

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.

   Disagree

Comments:

   Did not teach the concepts in class, I felt like I had to figure everything out for myself. Mostly I could not figure it out on my own so I went to office hours, but I feel like that is what class time should be used for.

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.

   Disagree

Comments:

   He did not explain the concepts in class in a way that was understandable. In class I always payed very close attention to the lecture, but his explanations mostly left me more confused than I started off being.

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.

   Agree

Comments:

   He was definitely open to helping during office hours, though still, his explanations were usually difficult to follow.

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.

   Agree

Comments:

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
Disagree

Comments:

You are encouraged to use the space below to make any additional relevant comments concerning the course or the instructor.

This was bound to be a difficult class no matter who taught it, but I felt like Scott Taylor did not do a good job teaching it. He did not explain things clearly and I pretty much had to try to figure out how to teach myself most of the concepts using the book, which frequently was no easier to understand than the professor.

Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use

What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?
I cannot think of any part of this course that was beneficial in helping me learn.

How has this course increased your ability to work independently?
It has not. I try to work independently but cannot understand at all what I am trying to do and I have no idea where to begin, so it ends up just being a big mess. I actually think this course has decreased my ability to work independently.
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?
Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?
B

What is your class standing?
Sophomore

What is your sex?
Male

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).
Agree
Comments:

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.
Agree
Comments:
I feel much more confident in presenting good mathematical proofs now than I did at the end of my math classes last year.

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.
Neither agree nor disagree
Comments:
A lot of the assignments were given with little to no theoretical background. It's much better when a professor introduces a topic before we are required to do a long problem set on that topic. The work was tediously too much at times, but necessary at others.

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.
Disagree
Comments:
At the beginning of the semester, I would've gotten more by not going to the class. Most days we were spent working in groups on topics that had not been presented too us while the professor hovered around the different groups. This was not an effective teaching method. Class time could've been used far more effectively, for example to cover topics that we have homework on. It is to Prof. Taylor's credit that he did give a mid year survey and greatly improve after that survey.

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.
Disagree
Comments:
The presentation of material compared to other professors I've had was definitely subpar. It was clear that our professor had a good grasp of the material, but even clearer that this was his first time teaching this class. It would be nice to have had a more in depth presentation of topics that we would be tested on instead of him glancing over them and telling us we might enjoy figuring out how to do them in our own time. I went to class to figure out how to do the math not to learn that I might enjoy figuring out how to do it on my own.

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.
Neither agree nor disagree
Comments:
There were times in office hours when I felt like Prof. Taylor was very helpful and gave valuable advice. At other times, however, I felt like he didn't want to be there and wasn't very interested in helping me with my work. He needs to be more welcoming to students with questions.

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.
Neither agree nor disagree
Comments:
The assessment of exams was very substantive and helpful. The homework grader could definitely have been more helpful, but Prof. Taylor is not to blame for that.

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.

   Agree

Comments:
Although I learned a good amount, I did not enjoy this course very much. Timed exams for an abstract algebra class is not something that we should've had to do. Every other student who was taken this class has had take home exams and I feel like that would be much more beneficial to learning. To be honest, this class made me question whether I wanted to major in math because class time was so frustrating some times. We would spend several classes just working by ourselves on things that we had no idea how to do. Although Prof. Taylor meant well I recommend that he does not teach this course again.

You are encouraged to use the space below to make any additional relevant comments concerning the course or the instructor.

Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use

What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?
Going over proofs in class and talking through the strategies that we use to prove different theorems was very beneficial.

How has this course increased your ability to work independently?
It's given me a better understanding of how to do proofs by myself.
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?

Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?

B

What is your class standing?

Senior

What is your sex?

Female

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).

   Agree
   Comments:

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.

   Strongly agree
   Comments:

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.

   Strongly agree
   Comments:
   8hrs/week minimum.

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.

   Strongly agree
   Comments:

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.

   Agree
   Comments:

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.

   Strongly agree
   Comments:

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.

   Neither agree nor disagree
   Comments:

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.

   Strongly agree
   Comments:

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Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use

What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?
The homework assignments and the lectures and example proofs.

How has this course increased your ability to work independently?
I"m not sure it has.
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?

Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?

B

What is your class standing?

Sophomore

What is your sex?

Female

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).

Agree

Comments:

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.

Agree

Comments:

I am certain my skills in writing mathematical proofs increased because of this course, as well as my ability to understand mathematical definitions and foundational concepts such as recognizing the truth value of statements and negation.

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.

Agree

Comments:

At times, the amount of work assigned coupled with the rather strict formatting requirements made the assignments feel tedious. I appreciated the instructor's efforts to, throughout the semester, find out the amount of time students were spending on the work and make necessary adjustments to keep the course manageable.

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.

Neither agree nor disagree

Comments:

While I understand it was not the instructor's goal to spend each class lecturing and instead placed emphasis on self / peer guided learning, I would have appreciated if he formed a more solid outline for the course. At times, it felt as if the class lacked clear goals because the instructor did not provide a strong sense of structure. That said, I do feel that the overall course goals, as outlined in the syllabus, were effectively met during the duration of the semester.

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.

Agree

Comments:

The instructor was able to explain topics clearly, although some proofs and explanations offered felt rushed, or had to be omitted, due to time constraints. I think a more solid lesson plan for each class would have helped to remedy this issue. Also, in the group work it often felt as if the time delegated was not appropriate to the tasks given.

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.

Strongly agree

Comments:

The instructor was very willing to meet during office hours and by appointment. He was enthusiastic in assisting students with the material, and I certainly appreciated his eagerness to help.

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.

Agree

Comments:
Especially for theorems on which rewrites were not accepted, I feel it would have been beneficial to the course to have correct solutions available to the students as the graders were not always able to offer such feedback.

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
   Agree

Comments:
I feel like my skill in writing proofs was developed in this course, and so I feel the instructor’s teaching was effective. Most of the classes downfalls were, it would seem, were nothing more than the instructor having never taught the material before and so having unavoidable uncertainty in how to best approach the topics. Rushed explanations, proofs unable to be covered, limited time for group work-- I feel aspects such as these all fall into this category. Overall, the instructor was effective in clearly communicating methods for proofs and fundamental concepts of mathematics in way that was meaningful and allowed for the most important learning to occur.

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Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use

What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?
I feel that I benefited the most simply from all the practice in writing proofs, coupled with seeing accurate proofs written out in class. I felt the text was helpful and appropriate.

How has this course increased your ability to work independently?
This course has increased my ability to work independently. The text was especially useful in this regard as it made such independent thinking necessary.
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?
Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?
B

What is your class standing?
Sophomore

What is your sex?
Male

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).
   Strongly agree
   Comments:

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.
   Agree
   Comments:

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.
   Neither agree nor disagree
   Comments:
The pace seemed alright, but some of the assignments took way longer than the suggested time each week.

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.
   Disagree
   Comments:
   Class time was not really used effectively. Most of the time we were given new material to learn by ourselves from the textbook. Rather than reviewing teaching the material, the professor just went through problems that we did for homework without actually inquiring whether the material was understood or not.

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.
   Disagree
   Comments:
   Presentation of material was lacking.

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.
   Strongly agree
   Comments:
   Very good about holding office hours and willing to help.

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.
   Strongly agree
   Comments:

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
   Disagree
   Comments:
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There needs to be better presentation of new material. For example, before any introduction on induction was given to us, we were handed a sheet of induction problems to do on our own. Only the people who had learned induction methods in previous classes understood what was going on.

Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use

What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?
Office Hours
How has this course increased your ability to work independently?
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?
Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?
A

What is your class standing?
Junior

What is your sex?
Male

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).
   Strongly agree
   Comments: Scott requires everyone to present a proof at least once, which is helpful in order to learn how to communicate math

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.
   Agree
   Comments: Scott finds ways to make the course interesting (extremely interesting at times) despite rather dry material for non proof lovers.

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.
   Agree
   Comments: Worked very hard at times but payed off by the end of the class.

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.
   Strongly agree
   Comments: Great presenter of complex mathematical material

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.
   Strongly agree
   Comments: Receiving grades back extremely reliable

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.
   Strongly agree
   Comments:

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.
   Strongly agree
   Comments:

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
   Strongly agree
   Comments:

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Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use

What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?
Student proofs on the board and homework.

How has this course increased your ability to work independently?
Which one of the following factors most influenced you to take this course?
Fulfillment of a requirement in your major or minor

What grade do you expect to receive?
A

What is your class standing?
Junior

What is your sex?
unanswered

1. I was involved in this course (for example, I attended class regularly, I worked hard, and I participated in class discussions and activities).
Strongly agree
Comments:
As involved as I could be in a class of this size.

2. I found this course challenging and intellectually stimulating, and I learned a considerable amount.
Strongly agree
Comments:
For once, a math class that is up to my level! Up until now, math has been too easy.

3. The workload and pace of this course seemed appropriate.
Neither agree nor disagree
Comments:
Pace is good. Lecture is sometimes a bit too fast, but that's better than being too slow. Homework is way too much. You could easily halve all the homework assignments because twice as much homework does not make us learn the material twice as well. Smaller amount of homework would encourage us to do a nicer job on the homework that there is. (quality, not quantity)

4. Instructor's organizational skills (including planning, preparation, and productive use of class time) were effective.
Strongly agree
Comments:
Good examples prepared. Flow of lectures very smooth. You are very focused as a teacher, and this really helps the class to focus.

5. The instructor's communication skills (for example, presentation of material, facilitation of discussion, and clarity of expectations) were effective.
Strongly agree
Comments:
I like your enthusiasm for math! Your fascination with the material really helps to spark students" fascination and enthusiasm!

6. The instructor was open to questions and willing to help outside of class time.
Strongly agree
Comments:
A+++! Your office hours were great! Your accessibility and readiness to answer questions really go a long way.

7. The instructor's assessment of student work was prompt, consistent, useful, and substantive.
Agree
Comments:
I like the consistency of the homework schedule. We know when we need to hand it in and when we will get it back. It's satisfying to read your positive comments on my homework. It's unsatisfying that most of the homework is graded by the grader and she doesn't write any comments unless the answer is explicitly wrong.

8. Overall, the instructor's teaching in this course was effective.
Strongly agree
Comments:
This has been my favorite math class so far!

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In summary, I really like your enthusiasm and accessibility. Keep up the good work! But you could afford to give us less homework.

Question(s) Created by the Instructor for Individual Use

What aspects of the course were most beneficial in helping you learn?
The homework was helpful, though I could have learned just as well if there were half as much of it. Office hours were excellent.

How has this course increased your ability to work independently?
I could already work well independently in the first place. I really like the independent learning component, though.