

Student Course Evaluation, Selected Comments

1. As an Instructor:

- Fall 2012, Applied Calculus I

Xiang Wan clearly has professor-worthy knowledge of the course! He was very kind and helpful.

The instructor made the information easy to understand.

My teacher, Xiang Wan, was very knowledgeable about the subject matter taught in this course. He used lots of examples and explained things in a way that made sense for pretty much everyone in the class. I especially liked that he allowed students to be wrong when solving problems in class, so that he could demonstrate why the answer was wrong, and then correct it. This allowed for a better learning process, in my opinion.

Xiang Wan was absolutely great. When you have a grad student teaching, I feel like it can be hit or miss as to whether you get a good instructor. But Xiang did a great job, and I believe the entire class felt that way. He is a very nice guy who has a complete understanding of the material. He communicates his teaching points very well, especially through a wide array of examples, both simple and complex. Though I only went a couple of times, I could tell Xiang was very helpful and receptive to student questions in his office hours. Overall, Xiang did an outstanding job teaching this course.

I really liked Xiang Wan, very nice and approachable.

Xiang Wan was a great teacher. He gives very thorough lectures and made himself very available. He was a fair grader and I very much enjoyed his class.

Once he entered the room he lead a well organized lecture and was open to answering the students questions.

Xiang, you are AMAZING. You were so open for questions, to explain the smallest things, prompt with your emails, and always giving us all the resources you could for us to succeed. I think you were very fair, not too harsh but not too easy on us. Thank you so much for all you did to help me succeed. I really really appreciate all your efforts!! Please keep doing what you're doing!

He was a great teacher and made every minute count. He gave quality homework problems, rather than a huge quantity of problems. Also, his office hours were very informative and helped me significantly!

Mr. Wan was a very good professor who took a lot of interest in making sure the lectures were suitable to the student. He asked students what he could do to make the course better, and then changed his strategies appropriately.

So glad I had you for my teacher! :) Take care in your future endeavors and classes. I had a great experieience in this class, thank you for not making it a nightmare for a first-year.

- Spring 2013, Applied Calculus II

Calculus II is a difficult subject in general, but Xiang's organized presentations and his willingness to help students both inside and outside the classroom make this a worthwhile and beneficial course.

It is calculus. It isn't a lot of fun or interesting but the material was appropriate and fair. The tests were also well written and tested one's skills fairly.

I really enjoyed the course and felt that material was presented very well and that we were very prepared for exams.

I am not a fan of math, but this course was relatively one of my more interesting mathematics classes.

He was approachable and did a pretty good job explaining the material.

Xiang is great- he provides useful examples and thorough explanations during class. He is also very understanding when it comes to homework and questions people have. He's very casual during class so it's a comfortable environment.

I really enjoyed the instructor. He made himself very available to students and was always there to answer questions, whether inside or outside of the class.

Great. He understood material well and made himself available after class.

Xiang was an approachable teacher. I was never hesitant to ask him any questions; his method of teaching was very clear.

Xiang Wan was a fabulous professor! Not only did he clearly understand the course material, but he seemed at ease when teaching it to others. Whenever I had specific questions, Professor Wan made himself available during office hours.

The instructor was very helpful and gave us insight on how to solve problems that wasn't shown in the book. Also he gave us good resources to study for the exams and I think this helped me get good grades in the class.

Xiang is one of the best math teachers I have ever had. Very engaging and seems to genuinely care about students.

He was very nice and willing to help. I think there was a little bit of a language barrier though.

Xiang you were a fantastic math teacher! I really enjoyed lecture every day and you made a lot of funny jokes that kept us interested in the material. Also, I thought that you did a good job of clearly laying out examples and giving us summaries. I also like the review sheets before exams and the entire lecture before an exam devoted to a review session.

Xiang was extremely well prepared, very friendly toward students and their questions, graded very quickly and fairly, and almost always made himself available to students outside of the classroom, whether it be in person or through email.

Excellent instructor, taught the material very well, appeared as though he wanted to be there and wanted his students to do well

Xiang Wan is a great teacher! very funny and a can convey the material very well. He is a wonderful TA and i would recommend everyone to take APP CALC II with him.

The instructor did an excellent job of teaching and being available outside of class if we needed help.

Well done course with a knowledgeable and approachable instructor. Xiang made learning calc. II, which tends to be extremely dry and dense, very interesting and informative. He was very organized and did an excellent job adhering to his grading methods and policies, which were both very fair

- Fall 2013, Calculus II

I thought this course, while difficult, was well taught and well handled by the instructor.

(The class was) Really tough but the teacher was really engaging.

Difficult, but that's just the material.

The professor was very personable and easily approachable. Office hours were very helpful to my understanding of the material.

He was serious but also humorous and very approachable. He was flexible and tried his best to help all students understand the material.

Professor X! (aka Xian Wan) is amazing. He is really smart, and has very good grasp of the subject material. He did not just talk at us - he made sure we really understood the material, and if not, he encouraged us to come after class with questions. He never made us feel stupid about the dumb questions we'd ask in class, and that was really nice. He always tried to relate subject material to real-world applications, and it was good for us to understand the importance of how calculus could be used outside of the classroom. On our final day of class, he made a short speech about how calculus is beneficial to even the study of cancer; it was really interesting and impressive - (I think he should do that for all his courses!) He's also really funny. He actually made funny jokes about math, which is quite a skill in itself. He has a really cute accent. And he has nice hair. And his thesis sounded interesting. He will go on to do really big things. Great instructor, great person! make me want to learn more mathematics.

Did an excellent job in explaining any questions the class had, in and out of the classroom.

The instructor was one of the best math teachers I have ever had and I don't think anyone else could have done a better job teaching us such difficult material.

Super good. Very clear and effective. The classes are well scheduled and prepared!

Wan is clearly a master of the material and extremely intelligent, at times he assumes the class knows more about math than we actually do, but overall a very good instructor, funny sense of humor.

Great teacher! If you need to take a Calc2 go ahead to take the course with him!

I was never really good at math. This course has helped me build and gain confidence in my math skills.

Difficult. Mr. Wan made it easier. Very clear and effective teacher.

The course is good. So lucky to take Xiang Wan's section for Calc 2. One of the clearest and most well-organised instructors I've met in UVA so far.

- Spring 2014, Calculus II

EVERYONE LOVES XIANG. I hope he is appreciated by others in the mathematics department because he adds a considerate amount of value. It is difficult to keep people's attention with Calc 2, but Xiang did it and prepped us so well for the tests. I could honestly not have dreamed of a better GA or Calc 2 experience and hope we hear about his successes in the future.

He explained concepts clearly and provide good examples that help make the materials easier to understand.

I thought this course was VERY well taught. I absolutely loved my GA because every morning he would smile to all of us and start small talk. Then, we would jump straight in. I have high respect for Xiang and the amount of work he puts into making sure we are enjoying the material and have a deep understanding before the test.

The instructor was very intelligent and good at relaying information to his students. He was also very approachable and allowed for students to ask questions in class.

Xiang was an excellent instructor. His lectures were very clearly laid out and easy to follow, and he made extensive use of examples which was very helpful. He was genuinely interested in teaching the course material and ensuring that everyone was understanding the material. He was very accommodating of questions and was very willing to provide help when asked.

Xiang's accent is surprising at first, but he got everything across clearly. He was funny and entertaining!

He can always make his lecture clear and informative. He's very patient in explaining questions asked by students.

Xiang was organized, clear, and helpful. I would recommend him.

Xiang Wan is clearly a strong mathematician, and is a skillful instructor.

He is a very good instructor. He explains things really well.

- Spring 2015, Probability/Finite Mathematics

It was such an interesting course that I actually somewhat enjoyed doing the homework and test. I can't say that about many other courses I've taken here.

Interacts with the students well and makes sure that they understand what he's teaching

Great instructor. You could tell he really cared if we understood the material. Always very willing to help. cheerful, fair, loves math

Xiang was great. He was always willing to do whatever it took to make sure everyone understood the material.

I'm not going to get a good grade in this class, but I take full responsibility for that. Xiang is a great teacher and very supportive and kind, and my poor performance in the class is a reflection on my terrible math skills, not his teaching skills

The Instructor was very nice, always made time for office hours for anyone who needed help on the home work or just the lesson itself.

He was excellent. Always brought good explanations and examples. Often creative practical examples too. Articulate too.

My instructor was helpful and never unavailable.

Xiang was a great instructor. He was interactive with students and good at teaching the subject. He takes time to explain things if there are questions.

The course for me was an requirement, and was very challenging for me seeing it was my first math class at the university. I did go to office hours to talk with the professor about material and I believe that helped to some extent.

A very well done course. Well organised and well presented.

I thought the course was really interesting and could actually prove useful on a daily basis.

2. As an Teaching Assistant:

- Fall 2011, Calculus III

Nice, personable guy!

I thought the discussion section was handled well. Questions were brought up and answered and we moved on the next. If it was clear the issue was a comprehension question, rather than an application problem, we'd go back to the basics.

I thought Mr. Wan did a very good job of dealing with the questions from students. He was careful to make sure that if a question seemed to be simply one student's problem, it was taken care of outside of class time. good TA!

he is very patient

I think the teaching assistant did a good job.

Knowledgeable of the material

I think Xiang knew what he was talking about very well. he is a nice guy, and humorous.

- **Spring 2012, Ordinary Differential Equations**

Make the discussion section 10 minutes, aka. the amount of time it takes to administer the weekly quiz.

Xiang is a fine TA, and was willing to answer questions that students did not want to ask the professor

Helped a lot with unsettled questions or incomplete explanations from the class.

He was really accommodating and knowledgeable

Sean is a genius. And he always gives us interesting and effective tricks to solving the equations

He works hard and tries to explain clearly until you understand.