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MATH3316-801

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Reynolds was always available to schedule office hours to help us out

15 *Did any particular aspects of this course detract from your learning?*

nope

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The projects helped a lot.

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How course materials were on two different locations depending on what you needed.

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I found the projects to be far from what we were tested on and what our homework was on. There was little connection and it confused me quite a bit. Also the TA wasn't as supportive as the professor. Professor Reynolds was very encouraging.

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The programming assignments were very valuable learning aids.

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The fact that this course was scheduled at 8 a.m., which is not something that Dr. Reynolds had control over. This course is a pretty heavy course with lots of material and is better suited for a late morning/afternoon slot when everyone is guaranteed to be awake, 8 a.m. timeslots should be reserved for lighter courses, such as languages and creative arts courses. Again, this is not something Dr. Reynolds had any control over.

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The projects really helped me to understand the mathematical concepts that we used. They built off the lectures very well. I feel as though I was taught the basic amount, then allowed to teach myself more. This helps my self-teaching ability, as well as my understanding of the material. Because I had to grasp the intricacies of each project to a decent degree, I feel as though I will be able to memorize the concepts better.

15 *Did any particular aspects of this course detract from your learning?*

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This class was structured unbelievably well. The labs were practical, and the homeworks were understandable. The homeworks forced you to think about the topic before going into class without requiring a huge amount of time when you were juggling other commitments (this was greatly appreciated). The labs were top notch, and although difficult they really helped me learn and enjoy the subject. Dr. Reynolds was always available in office hours, and was always willing to discuss both his class and any topic in general. It was obvious he is a professional with High Performance Computations and I honestly don't think I've had a teacher I've learned as much from in such a short period of time.

15 *Did any particular aspects of this course detract from your learning?*

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The projects were awesome for helping me understand the content. Homeworks kept me on track for the most part. The class was interesting and I enjoyed working with C++ and Python.

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At points, I felt like the homeworks didn't help too much at all and were a waste of time. The project reports took a lot more time than I expected

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I really enjoyed all of the projects. The projects really helped to reinforce the concepts learned in the lecture.

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The projects helped my understanding.

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Doing the projects helped enhanced what we were learning in the classroom. It forced you to know how to do the algorithms and know the math behind the formulas in order to get the right answer. Professor also randomly picked students during class to answer questions, this forced me to pay attention, so when ever he picked on me, I could answer the question.

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Discussing examples in class was helpful, especially when using the computer to compare algorithms.

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The program projects were always difficult. They shouldn't be easy necessarily, but they required a lot of time and effort. It was very confusing to start projects, especially when you didn't understand the premise. It would have been better if we spent more time in class discussing the next project. We talked some, but it was very basic and shallow. Also, I felt discouraged when the teacher commented negatively about getting help at the last minute. Office hours are set up to avoid the last-minute rush of projects, but his hours conflicted with my schedule. I just would have felt more encouraged to seek help throughout the rest of the semester, rather than trying to figure things out myself when I didn't know what I was doing.

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