

Winter 2012 - OSU - Linear Algebra and Power Series (3 Sections)

Class is extremely fair for everyone. Great learning environment and I recommend him to all of my friends. The best math professor I have had during my time here at OSU.

Justin's passion for the material and for truly teaching students is noteworthy. He understands how to teach and challenge students. Thank you.

Whatever you are doing... KEEP DOING IT! You are awesome, I love how you take time to explain things in words, you answer questions directly, you gave out supplements, you addressed TA issues, and you were in no rush to get through every topic...I really appreciated this, and consequently I'd say you are one of the best math teachers I have ever had.

Considering that I really don't enjoy math, you made this class more enjoyable than I thought it would be. I think you are a great teacher.

I really appreciated all of the online supplements and extra materials...I also really like how Justin lectures both his speed, just right to cover a lot of material without being overwhelmingly fast, and the fact he always takes a few moments to stop and quickly review the math we've had a couple of years ago back in calculus. By reviewing the concepts that way, he ensures student understanding instead of student confusion that other teachers cause by touching on those concepts without explaining them at all. Also, I really appreciate Justin's willingness to schedule appointments as an alternative to office hours since my class schedule conflicted with most of my office hours.

I really enjoyed the enrichment activity, it stimulated my thinking outside of class and I appreciate that. Justin is a great teacher, who cares about his students and is very approachable. His lectures are very informative and enjoyable also.

You are clear and concise in your teaching, and do it all with a relaxed feeling.

Each lecture with Webster started with an overview about the class in general: what homework was due and when, times he might be out of the office, updates to the class website, and upcoming exams. After a discussion about the course, Webster would outline the lecture for the day: what material and concepts we were going to cover, and questions we wanted to ask about the material. Webster would then teach through each section he had outlined, continually saying "Okay, what was it we were looking for?" so that the class would not forget about the overall point of the lecture for that day. He reiterated the point of each sections because he himself tended to forget the points that were being conveyed while learning. Because Webster presented the material each lecture in such a concise and organized way, I was always excited and happy to come to class. Never have I had a Math professor teach in such an organized way that also was unified a way with my learning style. Had Webster been my instructor for previous Math classes, I'm sure I would have understood the material on a much deeper level and retained it for much longer. I am extremely grateful for his instruction this term.

Fall 2012 - OSU - Ordinary Differential Equations (3 sections)

I really enjoyed taking Differential Equations from Justin. He definitely knows what he is teaching. One of the very few professors who can clearly get across to the students. He was very helpful during office hours; showed real interest in my learning. If I had any more Math courses left to take, Justin would definitely be my first choice.

I very much enjoyed your class. I usually dislike math but you helped me feel less stressed about it because of your personal manner with the class, and general attitude. You get excited about your topic, and are straightforward with students, and more teachers need to do that.

Good format with taking the steps to prove many of the necessary theorems and how to have an educated guess on which theorem to apply to which equation or situation.

Overall, the class was extremely interesting and fulfilling. Your passion for the subject is contagious.

Justin was able to teach in a way that made extremely hard concepts understandable and enjoyable. The breakdown and layout of the information helped me to understand the reasoning behind the different methods, as well as their applications. I really enjoyed this class as a whole.

Justin Webster was a very helpful instructor! He took a lot of his time to meet outside office hours, make numerous appointments to help me further understand the material! He has good energy in the classroom and is very passionate mathematician! I have huge respect for him.

He was very helpful and approachable in office hours. I never felt stupid asking any question.

The subject Differential Equations has a nasty reputation, but Dr. Justin Webster made it straightforward and understandable without dumbing it down. I really appreciated how he'd incorporate short little 1 or 2 minute calculus reviews in his lectures, keeping the students from becoming lost and ensuring they understood the material he was presenting. He is extremely helpful, in addition to office hours, also being willing to answer questions after class and have appointments at his office for students.

Fall 2011 - UVA - Calculus II

Justin is my favorite. He loves math, without a doubt about that, and it showed in everything we did. He didn't make the class a boring lecture like I expected math to be, but rather an interesting time of day that I was not angry about waking up for every day.

I am fascinated by the material (a fascination that was promoted by Justin Webster and his many relevant examples such as the derivation of the area of a circle, the binomial theorem assignment, etc.)...I dread the tests, yet find myself discussing [tangential course content] around the dinner table. Although I am looking forward to the conclusion of the course, I do not regret a moment spent struggling with a problem.

Although the course is very challenging, I enjoyed it overall. Justin provided a relaxed learning environment that allowed us to comfortably ask any questions we had...the notes Justin gave were detailed and had many examples for us to understand the material better.

While the material in this course is very difficult, I never felt overwhelmed by the workload. Instead the structure of the course and the availability and teaching qualities of the professor made the course-load much more manageable. I found the reward of studying and preparation for this class to be much greater than most of my other classes.

Justin...is inspiring for his students....He is very accessible, holding many office hours a week and readily available for appointments. Additionally, during this time he is engaged and energized; he never makes a student feel as if they are inconveniencing him....His obvious passion for mathematics is infectious. I do not think I would have enjoyed this course nearly as much if Justin was not my teacher.

Justin Webster was a fantastic instructor. He presented the material in a very easy-to-understand manner, and was extremely charismatic and effective as a speaker. He really cared about his students, and whether they fully understood the concepts or not. Justin's teaching style makes you understand the concept, and not just able to solve the problems....However, what I love the most about Justin is the fact that he treated everyone like grown ups. He would sometimes go on short tangents, and foreshadow more advanced mathematics in the simplest way possible. Other times, he would give us written assignments on various mathematical concepts that were applications of what we learned in class....The extra bits of knowledge that we gained due to Justin's style of teaching certainly made me appreciate mathematics much more.

Justin was a very dynamic teacher who obviously has a lot of passion for mathematics. He's very willing to help students master the material.

Justin seemed to always be prepared for his lectures and was genuinely engaged in what he was teaching. He was readily available to answer the questions that were given to him during class and also in office hours. He also made his lectures flow logically so that they made sense.

Justin was one of the better math teachers that I've had in a long time. He really understood the material and had a knowledge beyond the level of just the course to provide us with interesting insight on some topics and their application in the real world. Also, office hours were the most beneficial aspect of his teaching, for me. He was always there to answer questions in an approachable way and made sure you understood the material. Expectations from him of the class were very reasonable....Justin was really good at teaching this course.

Justin is enthusiastic about what he teaches, and his enthusiasm affects us positively....Good notes, especially those between steps to tell us what was happening.

There were so many office hours it was impossible not to get help. Classes were always fun, easy to understand, and not just boring lectures, mostly because the instructor was clearly interested in the topic.

Justin was very approachable and worked with me in order to achieve the grade that I wanted. He was very knowledgeable about the course material, and he was good at putting the material into terms that I could understand.

I was warned that at [UVA] I would be forced to take courses with graduate students who simply did not care about their class. Mr. Webster shattered this illusion. He has a thorough understanding of the material and a teaching style that is able to reach the students directly. His dedication to the course is seen in his constant preparation for the lectures as well as his availability to help students throughout the semester. I can confidently state that Mr. Webster made the course extremely interesting and helped me develop as a student.

The greatest part of my first year experience.

I definitely learned a lot in this course, and I think a great deal of it had to do with Justin's teaching style. He is a very good teacher and I would have definitely taken another course with him.

As Calc II is widely regarded as the most challenging course at the university, I was prepared to experience difficulties this semester. I found that the course was made very manageable by the efforts of Mr. Webster. He provided the resources necessary to succeed in this course, was consistently available for help, and was extremely thorough and on topic during the lecture. Additionally, the subject material was presented in an interesting manner that helped me learn.

Spring 2011 - UVA - Calculus II

Justin Webster is a wonderful calculus teacher; it is very obvious that he loves the material he teaches. I felt very comfortable going to him with questions on the material, and received very good instruction.

...he tried in every way to help you understand the material.

Great instructor. He taught well and had the energy to make the lecture enjoyable and the material easier to grasp.

Fall 2010 - UVA - Calculus I

He really cares about whether or not his class is learning, and awake and alert. He wants his students not only to succeed, but to actually understand the material, and the reasoning behind the material. I would definitely recommend his class, and would consider taking another class he is teaching. He loves when students come to office hours and encourages them to come seek help.

The lectures were very clear. Justin is a nice guy who is very approachable and helpful during office hours.

He is very tough, but fair. He taught the material very well and was willing to meet with people outside of class.

Justin Webster was extremely knowledgeable in the subject matter. I attended review sessions for other classes and he is definitely the best I've seen. He explains things well and truly wants us to succeed. If you have any questions he offered plenty of office hours and would respond to e-mails promptly.

Justin managed to keep the material lively and although it did get very frustrating, I am confident now that I do not hate math.

Justin is an amazing teacher. I have taken calculus in high school and hated it, but after taking it with him I have changed my opinion greatly.

Justin was a great teacher for calculus. I could tell he loved this subject, and instead of teaching just the repetitive steps, he showed us real life examples. He was also a little more challenging than other classes. His quizzes were more difficult, but this difficulty helped me prepare for the exams better. Overall, I learned a lot in this class. He was extremely helpful during office hours if you had a question.

Spring 2010 – UVA – Applied Calculus II

Thank you for your engaging enthusiasm and patience regarding the subject matter.

The instructor was very good and very effective. The office hours were extremely helpful and the structure of the class made it more tolerable for me being someone who hates math and doesn't want to take it. The printed out notes and discussion that were provided...helped me tremendously...I understand that is time consuming but it is really helpful.

Justin was a great calculus instructor. He was incredibly enthusiastic and ensured that all the students in the class understood what he was explaining. He was very patient with students who did not understand the material and was willing to answer all questions. He readily made himself available for office hours whenever anyone needed to go.

Excellent teacher. Genuinely cared for his students and capable of explaining something in many different ways so that everyone can understand.

He clearly loves math, and that makes a great classroom atmosphere. Strong emphasis on conceptual learning rather than just memorizing how to do problems, which I really enjoyed.

Fall 2009 – UVA – Applied Calculus I

This was my second time taking the course and I have to say that the material seemed much more organized and cohesive than before. Even though math is not my strong suit, Justin presented the material in such a way that I could grasp the material enough to feel confident coming to class and participating.

One of the better instructors I have had at UVA. He made class interesting to sit through. He had a good sense of humor and truly cared about each student.

I felt my instructor had an extremely strong grasp on the concepts he was teaching. He was willing to put forth extra effort in order to help his students and often extended his office hours for those in need. I have spoken to him in the past about grading and questions on tests and he was always a very fair and reasonable teacher....Overall, my instructor was a good guy who really cares about his students learning, not just memorizing mathematical procedures.

Justin is very thorough in lectures. He is so perceptive of the class and knows when to keep explaining a concept and knows when a concept is harder or easier to understand than others. I really liked his style of teaching, he kept the class interested and didn't just throw the material at us. He gave us the background and theories behind the material which helped to contextualize what we were learning. That gave us a reason to know why we were learning the material and not just a

regurgitation of calculus. Overall, he made my calculus experience, something I dreaded in the past, tolerable, and most of all enjoyable.

My instructor was very good. I consider him to be one of the more challenging instructors as our [assignments] were consistently long and difficult, as were our frequent quizzes. However, he was extremely available and accessible, and he spent a lot of time working with myself and other students outside of class to help us grasp the material. He was helpful and enthusiastic about the material, which made the course more manageable for those of us students who don't necessarily enjoy the topics.

I felt that the course was different than any other math class I have ever taken. It challenged me and made me actually enjoy math... when I received my 90 on my second exam, it was literally one of the happiest days of my life. I have struggled with math my whole life and if nothing else, this class has made me enjoy math and helped me to become more confident in it. Based on my grades in this class last year, I have improved tremendously thanks to Justin's teaching methods and his ability to explain concepts coherently and step by step. Thanks for the great experience and wonderful class!