



Instructor Course Feedback for FINAN 4550-002 Intntl Finance Spring 2024 (Vasudha Nair)

Project Title: **Student Course Feedback**

Courses Audience: **49**

Responses Received: **42**

Response Ratio: **85.7%**

Report Comments

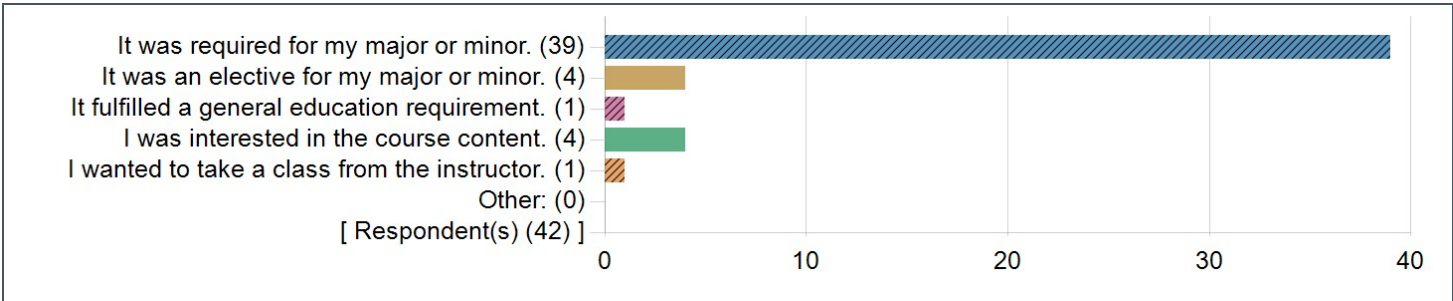
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Student Demographics

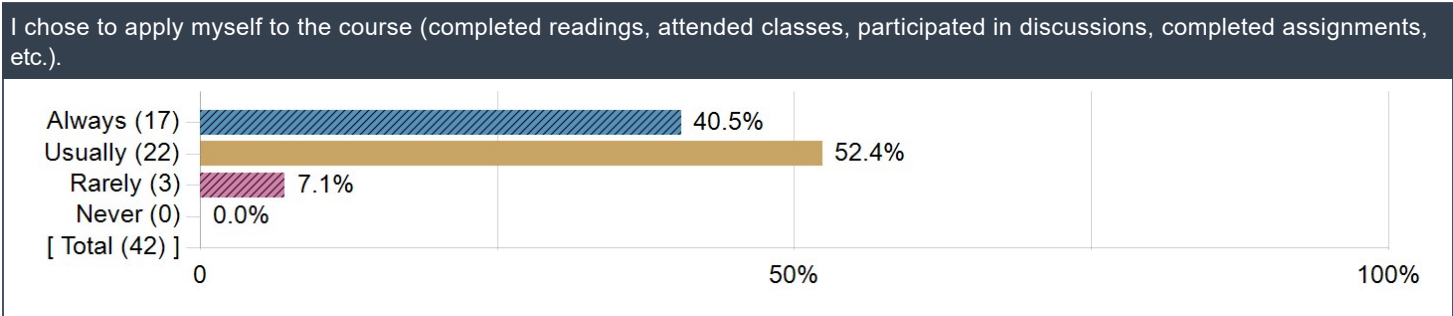
Why did you enroll in this course?



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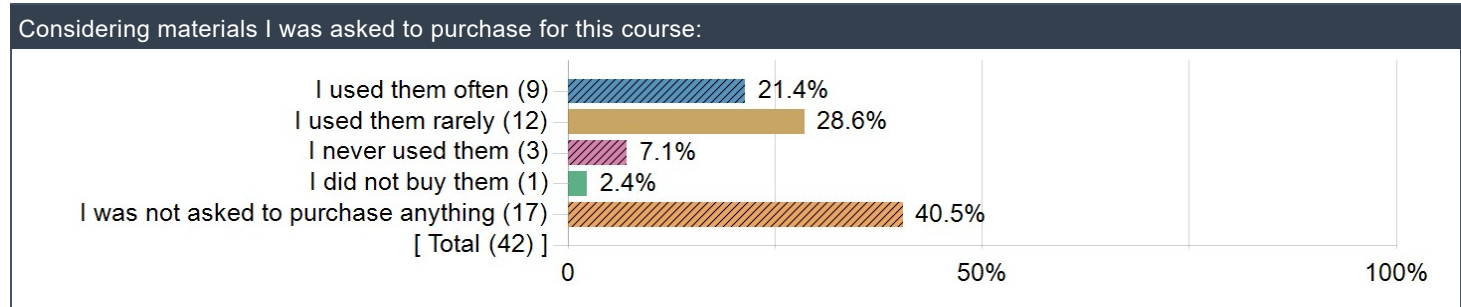
Comments
I need it to complete my IS degree
It is a class to fulfill the international credit
Required
International Finance class was an interesting class where students learn a bit international taxes, investment opportunities, and about global business. I liked the class environment and professor. She was very interesting and collaborative in terms of class material. I really liked the class
an international credit

I chose to apply myself to the course (completed readings, attended classes, participated in discussions, completed assignments, etc.).

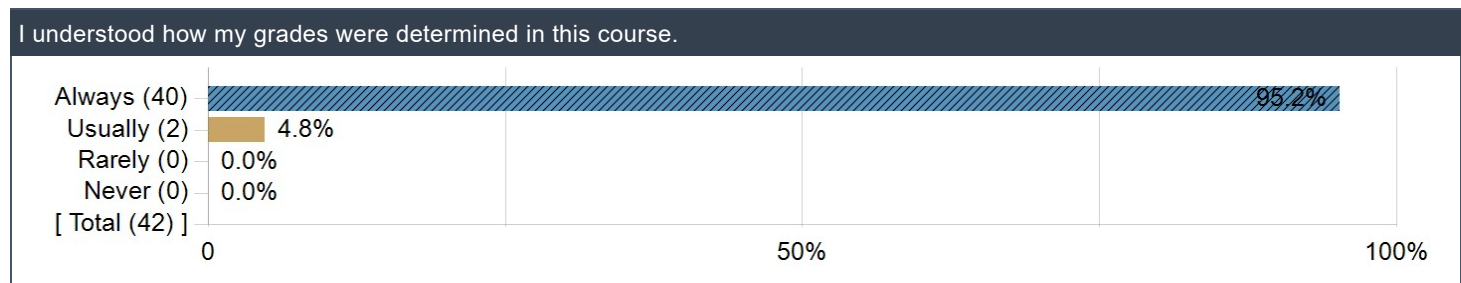


Please explain:

Comments
im bad student lol
I have found myself to be extremely unmotivated this semester. Not your fault. It has more to do with me having to jobs and getting married soon and being swamped with things to do.
I attended most class lectures and participated a decent amount, but was definitely not perfect.
Would always attend and complete assignments, would occasionally miss a reading.
I made sure to put in effort to do well.
I thought this class would be more interesting. I think that the concepts are so similar to regular finance and it would have been cool with more case studies.
Missed a few classes
In terms selecting a course, i am always reading class details. they give short summary about class and helps me plan my class scheduel upp ahead
I cant honestly say i ever raised my hand in class but I did the things required

Course Materials**Considering materials I was asked to purchase for this course:****Please explain:**

Comments
I found the course slides and review materials much more helpful than the book. The book is time-consuming to read and also just extremely dense, making it harder to understand.
I didn't use the textbook often at all
Not needed
the class provides a book; however, ppt that professor posted were enough in understanding the topic

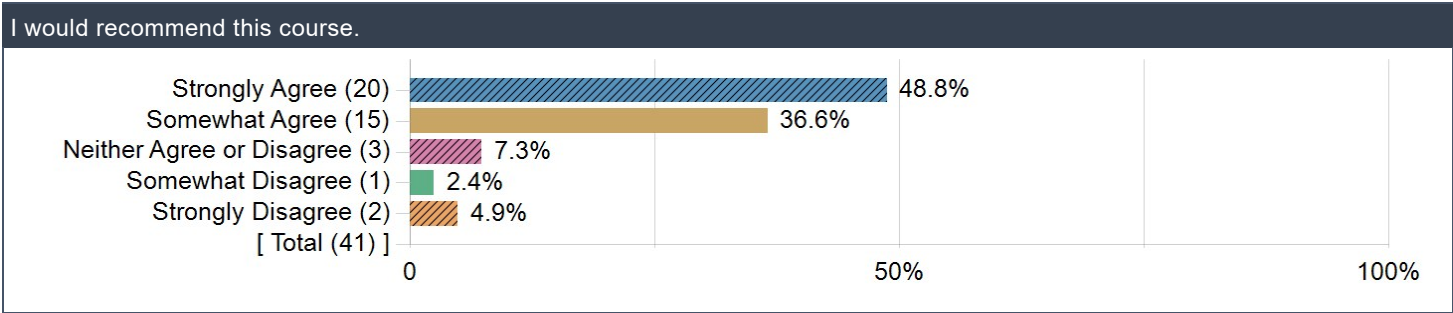
Grades**I understood how my grades were determined in this course.**

Please explain:

Comments
It was clear from the beginning how grades were determined.
Made a lot of sense
Good grader
the grade calculation was simple and straightforward

Recommend Course & Instructor

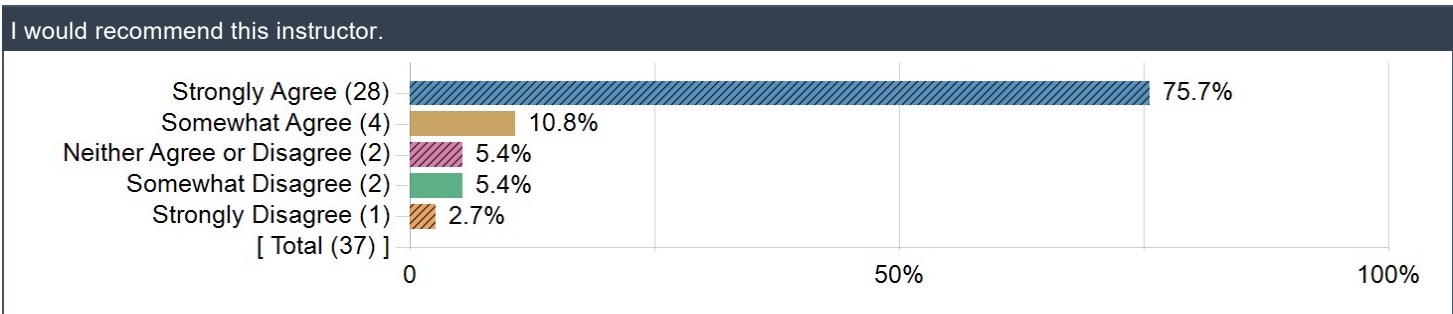
I would recommend this course.



Please explain:

Comments
It was interesting and fun. Gave me a new perspective on finance.
This class is very conceptual you can say in where you have to learn the terms and meanings, and someone like me it is harder for me to learn more about conceptual stuff rather than hands on work.
Not the most interesting stuff but the professor was great.
I'm pretty impartial about the subject matter itself.
It was an interesting course.
I think that having a professor who isn't a PhD student would have been nice. I understand that teaching is a part of their learning, but you could tell she doesn't really know what she is doing.
Extremely boring content.
It is taught in a way that is just rote memorization, without any critical thinking, application, or work put into it. It is just not applicable or useful, even though the material the course is supposed to cover could be, if organized and taught in the right way.
Easy to understand
I highly recommend taking this course with this professor. the class environment is interesting. the class material is straihforward, so it is easy to follow professor and catch on topics
Hard content in my opinion

I would recommend this instructor.

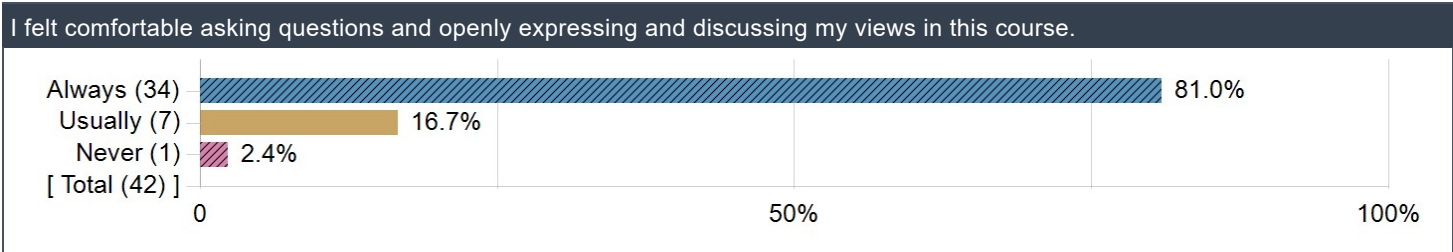


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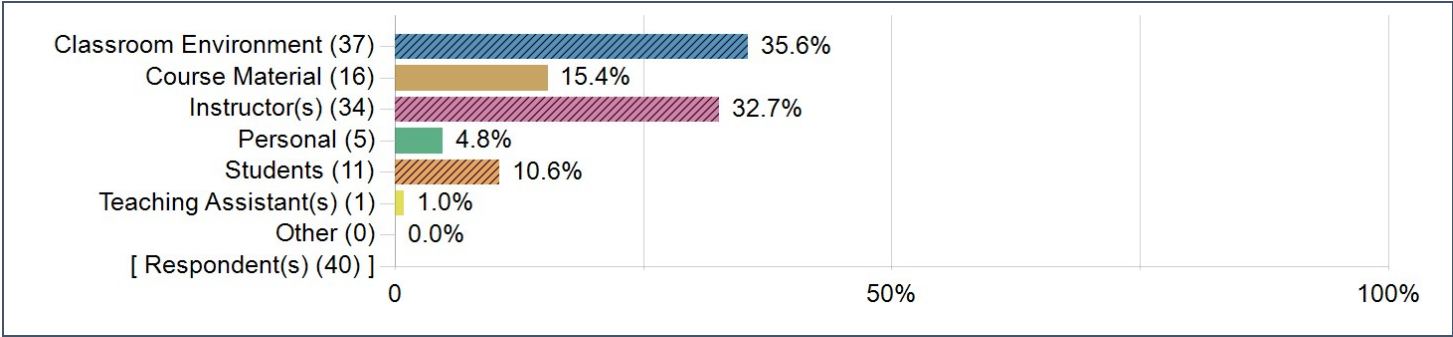
Comments
Professor Nair is a new teacher, but she is very dedicated to her students, she took the time to memorize all of our names, and she would buy pizza for the entire class, on quiz days, which was very nice of her. She also was always happy to answer our questions.
I didn't realize this was her first semester teaching and would not have known. She is one of the best professors I have had so far, super engaging and considerate of her students. Gives really great lectures and always asks for a class consensus on decisions regarding course material and schedule.
Vasudha Nair is an amazing professor. She can relate to you becuae she is finishing up schooling. She made quiz and exams days less stressul. Overall an amazing professor and I would highly recommend her to my peers.
She is a great instructor and really cares about her students.
the best
She is very kind, brings us pizza or donuts to quizzes as a way to calm us down maybe but overall very nice.
great teacher, wants students to succeed and will do anything to help.
super nice and trys her best to help students succeed. only thing I have to say is I wish she was more strict on cheating because EVERYONE was cheating and she never walked around or tried to deter it
Shes honestly the best. Super nice. Super knowledgeable and extremely organised. She should teach a course that all the other professors at the U have to attend on how to be organised in canvas.
best instructor, informative and understanding!
Vasudha does a great job trying to cater the course material to her students and is happy to answer questions.
While she is very knowledgable on the subject, the lectures are not engaging and there is a major lack in discussion due to that.
She puts in a lot of work and you can tell that she wants you to learn and do well.
She seemed to be all over the place; regardless, she was extremely helpful and nice. Her test questions are like trying to make it easier, but they just make it harder. I understand the material, but the questions are convoluted and could be clarified.
Helpful, Transparent, all around good professor.
She is passionate about her students and wants them to do well, but the topic is rather dry and boring.
She is very kind and understanding, but her teaching style is one that I would get more from simply reading the lecture slides than actually attending class. She rarely presents material that is not explicitly stated on the slides, often doesn't seem like she fully understands the material, and typically repeats herself 2–3 times to present a point in the exact same way. Would be very nice to get a more engaging class that is intellectually challenging and stimulating. While she was very accommodating to students, it was often too much, to the point where students could essentially run the direction of the class. For example, one student said that they would not have a lot of time to study for the final, and she changed the structure of the final because of that. While very nice, it gives students too much power to make the class even easier, which means we get even less out of it
Professor is extremely dry and not good at explaining. She reads word for word from her slides(which are not very good), and when you ask her a question she just takes you back to the slides and references them again to answer the question. I wish that she had been more engaging.
Always provided an easy learning environment
I highly recommend taking this course with this professor. the class environment is interesting. the class material is straihforward, so it is easy to follow professor and catch on topics

Asking Questions and Discussing Views

I felt comfortable asking questions and openly expressing and discussing my views in this course.



Which of these contributed to your answer?

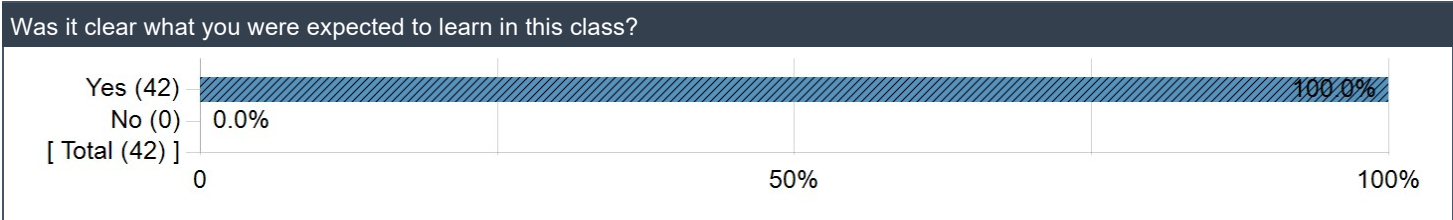


Please explain:

Comments
Inviting Environment and Understanding instructor. It seems that the instruction needs more input into grading system than the department head allows for.
Great teacher and fast grader
professor is open for discussion and always happy to answer any questions student have. after each chapter/course topic we covered, professor always ask questions and in time students can also text her email about some concerns or question they have

Learning Objectives

Was it clear what you were expected to learn in this class?



Please explain:

Comments
Amazing Exam Checklists
she did a good job sending out announcements telling us what we were expected to understand.
Required info is clearly laid out in the slides and the chapter reviews.
It was always clear and put out for us.
Modules covered all topics and outlined them.
The class material was straightforward. The syllabus provided a detailed and comprehensive overview about the topics students are going to cover during the semester duration.

Additional Comments

What does this instructor do to help you learn?

Comments
Provides a wide variety of helpful resources including detailed lecture slides and comprehensive review material for quizzes/exams. Gives engaging lectures and always checks for understanding.
Professor Nair was one of the most dedicated and caring professors I have had at the University of Utah. She always actively engaged with the class and listened to feedback whenever necessary. She is very intelligent and her knowledge showed in the way she was able to explain difficult concepts and ensure everyone was on the same page. It was clear Professor Nair genuinely cared about her students and she went above and beyond her role as a professor.
She is very engaging. Ask you questions .
She explains the course material well.
She is always very clear in her explanations and lectures, always open to questions.
She is really helpful.
Creates an engaging learning environment through a bright personality and clear passion.
frequent check ins on how were doing
Exam checklists and pre quiz review sessions and alleviate stress with pizza before big tests
Professor Nair was extremely accessible and accommodating all semester long
n/a
Is very on top of emails and questions and suggestions from students.
very good instructor, reinforced question asking, and positive learning impact.
She is always willing to answer questions, listen to student concerns, adapt course material/ structure, etc.
Vasudha provided comprehensive study guides that were incredibly helpful when preparing for quizzes. All the material was thorough and I knew what the expectations of the class were.
Quiz checklists help alot, and she makes sure to explain things.
By the end of the semester she had a lot more resources. She said this course could be taken like an online course, but fails to put details in her slides.
She is a great teacher and lecturer. She is also great at providing great study materials to learn from.
Give study guides, lay out exactly what you are expected to know.
creates detailed slides
Not much. I could have taught myself this course using the slides and nothing else
Offers office hours and has personally reached out in times of needed help.
frequently asks for questions and goes into depth about math related problems.
She is clear with what we need to do and how to do it, she always asked the class if anyone had questions and did a good job with projection
Basics of international finance
She always posted presentations, which was easy to follow and understand topic. In case if we had quiz or midterm/final, she posted checklist with topics and material we need to cover. Checklist were a good study resource to prepare for the test, as they covered in summary all key topics we covered in class
Checklists and office hours

What could this instructor do to improve or increase learning opportunities in this class?

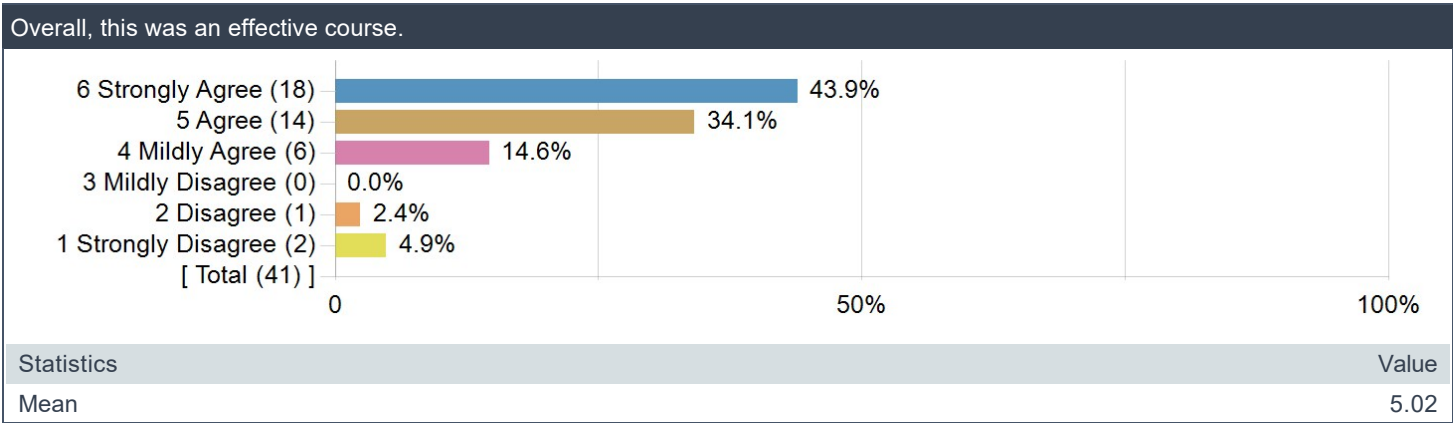
Comments
Nothing. Maybe a kahoot or asking the class more questions regarding the material
She tends to read directly off of the slides and does not go super in depth past that.
I can't really think of anything.
Maybe Speak a bit slower. but all good
If possible, less lecturing?
More math examples and labels on the formula sheets
take less stuff from the book and do your own examples. the one time I can remember being really engaged was when u talked about your dad and vail and how he got all sorts of discounts. the book makes it boring and too confusing.
Using more real world examples
make it a little more exciting
I think the only thing that's tough is the slides at times are a bit dense, but it's understandable given the depth of the material. I also would say maybe developing a master term sheet, as some of the terms and lingo used in intl finance are very similar but can mean very different things.
Create more engaging lectures and get the class more involved
My other classes encouraged participation and discussion from students by offering bonus points if someone spoke up. I think that would help with increasing student participation in class without making it a requirement. It'll be more of an incentive.
She could refine her slides and how she presents them. I think this class could be a lot more streamlined
I don't think anything else could be done. I liked how the class was laid out.
see previous responses
Use the slides less, or make your slides look nicer if that's all you're going to use. Give math examples for students to work out during class.
Professor Nair has been great.
Everything was great in my opinion
She did a pretty good job, I had everything i needed to succeed
Nothing, great class.
Everything is perfect
Activities in class

Is there anything else you would like this instructor to know?

Comments
thank you for a great semester!! have a great summer and good luck with finishing up your school.
I really loved that she bought pizza for everyone on quizzes, it's something I never saw before but it was really nice. I also really enjoyed her classes and that she was one of my better professors this semester.
She is the best instructor.
I really appreciate your passion for not just teaching, but being a good teacher. The pizza days on quizzes were wonderful!
Great
n/a
You are a great teacher and its obvious that you are a good person. Thanks for making my day a little better by being so awesome!
You did a great job! Thank you.
I greatly appreciate the effort you put into making all of the study guides and making additional content to help us understand certain concepts. I also appreciate the clear communication on Canvas when something comes up or if there are changes made to the class.
I appreciate the effort you put in! Much more than other instructors
If you didn't want to make it a math class, don't test us on math
Thank you for a great semester.
Please stop teaching or drastically change things up.
no
Thank you for a great semester.
NA
Thank you so much for your work. I am glad to take this course with you. The following course was easy to follow and capture main idea. Special thanks for your checklists, as they always helped me to prepare for quiz/test, and later receive high grades. Thank you so much for that!
She is very nice! Shame more people didn't come to class

Additional Items

Overall, this was an effective course.



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