Mckenzie West - Summary of Teaching Evaluations

Courses Taught:

During each of the semesters Fall 2012 - Present, I have had the opportunity to have all teaching responsibilities for a given course. At the end of each semester, the students are asked to evaluate the instructor and the course. Each instructor is given a Mean Weighted Evaluation, the maximum possible score being a 9. Below is a table describing the courses I have taught, my evaluation score for each, and the average evaluation score for the department. During this time, one may note that the average of my scores, 8.00 is much higher than that for the department, 7.61.

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In addition to the numerical scores described above, each student completes a handwritten evaluation of their instructor. I have attached a selection of these evaluations.

Relevant Awards and Honors:

• Marshall Hall Award (for Teaching Excellence) 2015-2016

Courses TA’d:

• Differential Equations: Spring 2012
• Linear Algebra: Fall 2011

Outreach:

• Emory Math Circle: Weekly mathematics program for middle and high school students
  • Co-founder and Middle School Coordinator: Spring 2014
  • Lectures:
    * *What if 10 actually means 2?* 1/25/14
    * *Probably maybe* 2/1/14
    * *Counting* 10/25/14
  • Technology Chair: Spring 2014 - Spring 2015

• GLUE (Getting a Leg Up at Emory): Summer program for incoming freshmen interested in the sciences
  • Mathematics Tutor: Summers 2012 - 2015
Department of Mathematics and Computer Science
Course Evaluation Form
Fall 2012

Course: MATH 111 003       Instructor: West

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course:
I thought the course was very well organized. We went at a good pace and I did not feel rushed. McKenzie explains the concepts much more clearly than any other calc professor I have had. The only weakness was that she was not available outside of class when I was available.

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor:
McKenzie explains everything very clearly and is always enthusiastic about teaching. She is also very organized. She has no weaknesses.

Would you recommend this course or instructor to another student? Why or why not?
Because she is the best calc teacher I’ve had.
Course: **Math 112 007**  
Instructor: West

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course:

**Strengths:** well-explained concepts & examples  
**Weaknesses:** moved a little too quickly

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor:

**Strengths:** very accessible outside of class & very concerned about each student's understanding  
Thoroughly enjoyed her teaching & will miss her in my future math classes.

Would you recommend this course or instructor to another student? Why or why not?

I would absolutely recommend both, especially Ms. West. My favorite instructor & everyone so far.
Department of Mathematics and Computer Science  
Course Evaluation Form  
Fall 2013

Course: MATH 111 013   
Instructor: West

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course:
Covered a lot of material- sometimes a little too fast.

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor:
Very energetic about math and wants students to learn
I went to office hours weekly and she was very helpful and
made sure I understood the questions I had problems on.

Would you recommend this course or instructor to another student? Why or why not?
I would recommend the instructor because you learn a lot and she
actually cares about the material. It is evident that she wants you
to love math as much as she does or at least understand it.

I think Calc is a basic class- if you're pre-eng you can't have a choice
but for not a math person I wouldn't recommend it.
Course: MATH 111 013  Instructor: West

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course:
Clear in the sequence of the material and making connections with previous sections and topics.

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor:
Mckenzie was/is very accessible and explains the material inside the classroom and in office hours. If I am confused on a topic she does a good job in explaining the material different ways.

Would you recommend this course or instructor to another student? Why or why not?
I would definitely recommend this course and teacher. The class was less daunting than I expected and Mckenzie definitely helped with that. I did not have a good experience with calculus in high school so this definitely helped build up my confidence.
Course: **MATH 111 013**  
Instructor: **West**

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course:

**Strengths**
- Appreciate math

**Weakness**
- Hmmm...

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor:

**Strengths**
- Enthusiastic
- Organized/Prepared
- Accessible to Students
- Kind/Friendly
- Explains clearly

**Weaknesses**
- None

Professor West is a great teacher!

Would you recommend this course or instructor to another student? Why or why not?

Yes!
This course was a great experience.
It has actually made me consider in pursuing a math major.
Department of Mathematics and Computer Science
Course Evaluation Form
Spring 2014

Course: MATH 112 009  Instructor: West

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course:

Strengths: the course does not attempt to cover an absurd amount of material; the content is interesting.

Weaknesses: the course moves very quickly from the material learned in Math 111 and sometimes I felt like I did not have the background (though this may have been a weakness of mine, not the course).  Note: I took Math 111 approximately 3 years ago.

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor:

The instructor explains things very clearly, is willing to work more examples, and re-explain concepts that we are confused about. She makes herself very accessible for office hours and questions. Overall, she did a great job. I cannot think of any weaknesses.

Would you recommend this course or instructor to another student? Why or why not?

I would highly recommend the instructor. She is by far one of the best math instructors I can ever remember having. I wish I had taken Math 111 with her as well; I think I might have had a better foundation for this course.

I would only recommend the course if someone had to take a calculus course, though (or really loved math) I think that I would have been better served taking a statistics course in terms of my long-term career goals, but Math 112 or 116 was required by my major.
Department of Mathematics and Computer Science
Course Evaluation Form
Spring 2014

Course: MATH 112 009        Instructor: West

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course:

The course material is very interesting
I just wish it didn't have to move as fast so we could spend more time making the connections clearer from all of the topics, but I think that's just the nature of the semester system.

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor:

McKenzie is a fantastic teacher, I took her Calculus class again this semester (now Calc II) because I had her first semester for Calc I and enjoyed it so much. She explains the material well, is enthusiastic, a very fair grader, and overall a nice person always available for help during office hours.

Would you recommend this course or instructor to another student? Why or why not?

I would recommend this course but especially with McKenzie from all my positive experiences in Calc I & II this year.
Department of Mathematics and Computer Science
Course Evaluation Form
Fall 2014

Course: MATH 112 000
Instructor: West

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course:
I thought it was very efficiently taught even though there was an extensive amount of material.

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor:
I thought Professor West had an extremely beneficial teaching style! I loved her methods.

Would you recommend this course or instructor to another student? Why or why not?
Yes. It provides further insight on basic calculus and with practice is relatively easy to complete.
Course: **MATH 111 001**  
Instructor: **West**

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course:

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  - no real complaints
  - the content is good

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor:

**Strengths**
- Answering Questions
- Providing Feedback
- Fair Grading

**Weaknesses**
- Sometimes covers material a little fast

Would you recommend this course or instructor to another student? Why or why not?

Yes. She is great. She is very helpful, doesn't mind answering questions, and wants to see her students do well.