Written Student Comments

3450:307 Fundamentals of Advanced Mathematics

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• “This guy was the best professor here at The University of Akron. Tough but insanely smart!”

• “This was a brilliant course in mathematics. My basic understanding increased significantly. Anyone who says otherwise is a fool or a liar (and that is an inclusive or statement, certainly).”

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• “Dr. Norfolk is an excellent teacher. He is able to relate problems to real life situations and add humor which relieves the terror of the subject difficulty. He thoroughly understands the topics and can make almost anyone undestand things. He truely (sic) cares about the students becoming professionals in whatever major they choose. I would recommend him to any other student. One of the best professors I have ever had.”

• “Before taking this class, I had never heard of the class and I have never had Dr. Norfolk. After taking this class, I can say I am glad I decided to take this class because the class is very interesting. I learned a lot, and Dr. Norfolk is an excellent teacher.”

• “The course should provide ways of doing exercises with self check. Textbook is good for explanation but not enough exercises with corrections.”

• “Dr. Norfolk is a dynamic, engaging and talented educator who knows there are an infinite number of ways to explain material. He is due for a raise and a fancy title.”

• “Teaching in Ch. 2 wasn’t great. Too much material was not related to each other. Needed split up for two different tests. Could use more points for grading as well. Grading was too picky.”

• “Great teacher.”

• “Teacher was very educated on subject matter and displayed it through his teaching. This class is difficult and requires a teacher like this to teach. I have taken this class with another professor who was not clear or understanding of course objectives. Dr. Norfolk does a great job teaching this subject.”

• “Unfortunately most of the content was covered in Intro to Discrete Mathematics. I was expecting more.”
• “Dr. Norfolk made advanced math both interesting and challenging. He always made time to answer questions and work through problems outside of class. I enjoyed his style of teaching and would recommend him to other students.”

• “Prof. Norfolk is an outstanding professor who is able to provide concise & clear examples for abstract ideas.”

• “Great teacher. presents the material well and cares about students truly learning it. Also, his stories are great, and add quite a bit to enjoying the class! overall, the course is rewarding.”

• “Excellent professor who knows his material and if you need further clarification will take the time necessary to explain it thoroughly.”

• “Dr. Norfolk is excellent, presents difficult material is (sic) easy to understand way, tests reflect what he expects of us in homeworks.”

• “Lectures very quickly. Spend more time in class copying notes rather than actually comprehending them. However, explains the relevance of course material and where it will apply for future courses. Gives reasonable homework and tests. Good professor, but not an easy one.”

• “P(1) ∧ (∀n ∈ N)(P(n) ⇒ P(n + 1) ⇒ P(n)”

• “He made the class fun by telling jokes and stories. It (is) a harder class than I expected and he is not a very lienient (sic) grader. One nice thing was he was always available to help during his office hours.”

• “Fun class but more challenging than other math classes because answers are either right or wrong. Great teacher and willing to go the extra mile to help students.”

• “Loved Dr. Norfolk as a teacher. He truly cares about his students.”

• “Great teacher!”
• “I really liked the class!”

• “I enjoyed his method of helping with homework, and the fact that he slowed down to help students understand the material.”

• “I enjoyed the class very much.”

• “He’s smart.”

• “Great teacher, although the lectures were usually too quick for me. Best math professor I have ever had.”

• “He makes you want to come to class because of his knowledge of the subject, how the course applies to real life, and has an excellent sense of humor.”

• “Enjoyed the class. Appreciate the effort Dr. Norfolk put into making the material understandable.”