Written Student Comments

3450:415/515 Combinatorics and Graph Theory
Prof. Timothy S. Norfolk, Ph.D.
Spring 2007

• “Good work Dr. Norfolk.”

• “Dr. Norfolk is a fun teacher and very helpful. He makes attending class be worthwhile and even entertaining, but we still learned a lot.”

• “Wonderfully stimulating course!”

• “Dr. Norfolk is really good at giving examples of applications. This makes the course much more interesting.”

• “I really enjoyed this class. The problem (sic) you showed us how to solve were really cool, and I hope to be able to use them when I am a teacher. Also, you have been a great instructor, and I would not hesitate to take courses from you in the future.”

• “Dr. Norfolk is a very good teacher. He makes very clear explanations and good communication with students in the class. He always has a positive view toward students.”
Spring 2005

• “This teacher has a firm grasp on ze (sic.) big picture.”

• “Interesting class and well taught. Kind of hard at times but instructor was helpful.”

• “Dr. Norfolk did a great job of keeping students interested and on-task. I think he is a knowledgeable, excellent professor. I look forward to working with him again.”

• “... crazy”

• “The course was really interesting. A lot of material covered so instead of just a midterm, should have 2 exams, 5th week and 10th week.”

• “I like teaching of Dr. Norfolk and would definitely like to take another course with him.”

• “Dr. Norfolk is an excellent teacher and very smart. He makes very challenging problems look simple on the board in class. The midterm exam kicked my butt all over the place, albeit Norfolk will be generous with the final grades in exchange for the difficulty level presented to us.”
Fall 2000

- “* A sheet of definitions for graph theory terminology would be helpful! Personally, I would have benefitted (sic) from a bit more lecture (clarification of info in the book), but I enjoyed the class & discussions. When we went through a section in class (solutions), I occasionally felt a bit lost but after rereading my notes it made more sense. I would suggest having students present/work problems on the board & work through questions together, taking advantage of the small class size. You made this class fun & exciting (and challenging) & I feel I’ve learned some neat math that’ll come in handy for grad school.”

- “Dr. Norfolk is one the most well-rounded individuals of whom I have the pleasure of knowing. The class was organized in a manner suited to the class size and was conducted in a manner which allowed all students to understand the material in their own way, as Dr. Norfolk was very flexible in his manner of material presentation.”

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• “I think that the best thing about having you as a teacher is that you are a level above the rest of us and in fact your peers too. It is a challenge throughout the course to rise and meet your standards and think ahead of you. This stretches the student’s imagination and innovativeness.

The course content was very interesting especially the last part on series and summation (Generating Functions).

This is among the best courses I’ve had though I would have liked more peers to compete with”

• “Text book should of been a little clearer, The book i feel was more of a collection of ideas from other books. The book was to technical. feel that the homework may weigh to heavily on final grade. Teaching style was excellent should concern for students understanding problems not just doing the work for the grade.”

• “The course was interesting and presented various concepts.

It was interesting to be able to apply some concepts to real life situations.

The instructor was very enthusiastic in class and shows interest in the course. The instructor was also willing to answer questions from the students which is greatly appreciated.

The instructor may want to consider using more real life experiences with the material and present more detailed and extensive examples to supplement the lecture. (The instructor does give good examples but may consider more).

Supplementary handouts relating to lecture may also be considered.

Overall, the class is very interesting.”