Written Student Comments
3450:425/525 Complex Variables
Prof. Timothy S. Norfolk, Ph.D.
Fall 2009 - Undergraduate

• “Maybe undergraduates shouldn’t take this course.”
• “Thank you!”
• “More physical applications, real-world problems would be stellar, or at least give more example (sic) of when and how this is used.”
• “Dr. Norfolk is an excellent instructor. Highly recommended. As a student you must work very hard to succeed but it is well worth the effort.”
• “The approach and speed of the class material was not helpful to learning. Complex analysis really isn’t so ‘obvious’ or ‘clear’ to the average student taking the class. Better explanation, in class and in office hours, could build a better foundation of knowledge in the subject.”
• “Complex variables was very hard, but at least Dr. Norfolk made it fun. I felt like I learned a lot, but the subject matter is still very hard to understand in some cases. Overall a great class!”
• “I’m glad to have had the opportunity to round out my minor with you instructing. I do not believe I would have fulfilled this course, be it because of lack of effort or understanding, under a different professor.

:-) It returns.

Sincerely,
Completely Anonymous.”

Fall 2009 - Graduate

• “Great course! Great instructor! Great experience! I like the ’1 hint = 1 point’ thing on the test. I think it’s fair.”
• “Great job! I’m glad I took this course from you.”
• “Dr. Norfolk is extremely intelligent & uses a variety of methods to explain course material. This class was very interesting & I feel that I learned a lot by taking it. Overall, Dr. Norfolk is a great professor, & I hope to take another class from him in the future.”
• “Good class. Learned many new things.”
Fall 2008

- “Dr. Norfolk is an excellent professor. I hope he posts this comment!”
- “Dr. Timothy Norfolk is a good instructor. I enjoyed this course under him.”
- “As far as 400 level math classes go, this class was pretty good. Midterm was fair, homework was helpful in learning class material.”
- “I enjoyed the course and the instructor’s enthusiasm.”
- “Great professor. Would take another course from him.”
- “Great class.”
- “Dr. Norfolk is an excellent teacher who places great value on developing a deeper understanding of the subject matter with his students. He is dedicated and approachable, always willing to help a struggling student.”
- “Overall, Dr. Norfolk was a great teacher. He challenged us with both homework and exams. I wish there were also smaller quizzes to factor into the grade.”
- “I just want to be on the website.”
- “Every day was interesting.”
Fall 2004

- “I found this course to be more confusing than I had anticipated. If I had a stronger math background including advanced calculus, it would have probably been easier. The homework was less than most math courses providing a less stressful workload. Dr. Norfolk was always willing and excited to help outside class. After two courses with him, I still believe that he is one of the best professors one can get.”

- “It is obvious Dr. Norfolk understands what he is teaching. It is obvious that Dr. Norfolk likes to be a professor. He is very good at presenting the Big Picture.”

- “Dr. Norfolk was clear, articulate and easy to follow. His class was not only enlightening, but also entertaining. I would definitely recommend him as an instructor to anyone.”

- “Dr. Norfolk is a fantastic teacher, probably one of the best of my life. He’s also really easy to talk to. The ONLY negative thing I have to say is the difficulty of the tests. It seems to me that if a student (myself in this case) gets near perfect on all of the hws (sic), understands most of the stuff in lecture, reads the book, reviews notes in previous complex variables classes, and studies for the test for nearly 1.5 weeks, then scores below average, something is wrong.”
Spring 2002

- “Over all (sic) this prof. is great. In the future should teach more 400/500 level math courses.”

- “I loved being in your class. Your sense of humor really makes class fun to go to everyday (sic). Also, you always displayed great knowledge in proofs and applications in engineering, etc.”

- “Thanks for teaching our class. I think you do a very good job of relating the subject matter to everyone since we have students of several different fields in the class. I hope to get to take a more challenging course from you in the future.”

- “The instructor of this course showed interest in the course and made themselves available for additional questions outside of class and had enthusiasm in teaching the course.”
Spring 1999

- “Teaching style & effectiveness good. However, material was presented rather quickly at the end of the semester”

- “Excellent book. It’s easy to read. The instructor is always motivated.”

- “Exams: 2 per semester. You do bad on one your (sic) done for 15 weeks. Very in-depth course, rushed a bit towards the end but much was accomplished, and if we lacked (sic) behind we always had office hours for assistance (sic) Grades were tough to get back up after the Midterm exam.”