

# ESCI SURVEY STATISTICS

4/5/17

## End of Winter Quarter 2017

*Department and Campus Norms taken over time span: Spring Quarter 2012 - Winter Quarter 2017*

Abbrv: **MATH**      Instructor: **PFAFF C E**      Rank: **Faculty**      Course: **MATH 8 0500**      Type: **Lecture**  
 Department: **MATHEMATICS**      Course Enrollment: **33**

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(1)      **A.**    In rating a course, you should consider the instructor's teaching apart from the course materials or content.

Please rate the overall quality of the instructor's teaching.

(a) Excellent      (b) Very Good      (c) Good      (d) Fair      (e) Poor

	Response weighting:					Blank	Total	Total	Mean	Median
	1	2	3	4	5	Response	Students	Courses	Mean	Median
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)					
<b>This COURSE current quarter</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>9%</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Student-weighted Norms (UG students)	<hr/>									
Dept MATH FACULTY current qtr	44%	25%	15%	9%	7%	5	2478	39	2.1	2.0
Dept MATH FACULTY over time	34%	26%	21%	13%	6%	35	30020	535	2.3	2.0
Campus FACULTY over time	53%	27%	14%	5%	2%	65502	611099	16091	1.8	1.0
Course-weighted Norms (UG courses)	<hr/>									
Dept MATH FACULTY current qtr	50%	26%	15%	7%	3%			39	1.9	1.0
Dept MATH FACULTY over time	42%	28%	18%	9%	4%			535	2.0	2.0
Campus FACULTY over time	63%	23%	10%	3%	1%			16091	1.6	1.0

(2)      **B.**    Please rate the overall quality of the course, including its material or content, independent of the instructor's teaching.

(a) Excellent      (b) Very Good      (c) Good      (d) Fair      (e) Poor

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<b>This COURSE current quarter</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>48%</b>		<b>17%</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>
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Dept MATH FACULTY current qtr	37%	33%	21%	7%	2%	0	2478	39	2.1	2.0
Dept MATH FACULTY over time	28%	31%	27%	10%	3%	51	30020	535	2.3	2.0
Campus FACULTY over time	46%	31%	17%	5%	1%	66135	611099	16091	1.9	2.0
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Dept MATH FACULTY current qtr	41%	32%	19%	7%	1%			39	2.0	2.0
Dept MATH FACULTY over time	34%	32%	23%	8%	2%			535	2.1	2.0
Campus FACULTY over time	57%	26%	12%	4%	1%			16091	1.7	1.0

Instructor: Catherine Pfaff Course: Math 8 Quarter: ~~Q1~~ Year: 2017

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Professor Pfaff is wonderful. She has very structured lectures and has tremendous enthusiasm for teaching.

2. Please comment on the course (for example: content, level of difficulty, textbook, physical conditions of the room and chalk or white boards, suggestions for improvement, advice to students who might take this class, etc.) Continue on back if necessary.

Math 8 is a fun class. Textbook wasn't great; ~~it was~~  
~~it was~~ Having no prior proof experience,  
class was very challenging, but I think Pfaff  
set a fair ~~to~~ star expectations.

Instructor: Catherine Platt Course: 8 Quarter: WIN Year: 17

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Amazing, amazing, amazing professor and human being!

She is very passionate and makes class interesting and challenging.

At times, I was frustrated b/c she gives vague answers/tips to questions → but I know it's so we learn.

is lovely downy office, is easy to approach, and very fair.

2. Please comment on the course (for example: content, level of difficulty, textbook, physical conditions of the room and chalk or white boards, suggestions for improvement, advice to students who might take this class, etc.) Continue on back if necessary.

My issue w/ this course is when that there are

too many people grading different materials

↳ hard to learn to write proofs when there are 3 different graders with

3 different styles

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Instructor taught very well. had well prepared and organized lectures. she was very helpful during office hours. Grading was hard but fair

2. Please comment on the course (for example: content, level of difficulty, textbook, physical conditions of the room and chalk or white boards, suggestions for improvement, advice to students who might take this class, etc.) Continue on back if necessary.

The course was good but moved pretty slow at the beginning and pretty fast at the end.

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Very helpful and willing to read our proofs.

2. Please comment on the course (for example: content, level of difficulty, textbook, physical conditions of the room and chalk or white boards, suggestions for improvement, advice to students who might take this class, etc.) Continue on back if necessary.

Homework wasn't very helpful when it came to studying for the exams or trying to learn the basics of the material.

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Ability to ask questions ✓  
Her attitude towards students  
and fairness ✓

~~Difficulty with~~  
Organization a little messy

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Difficult ☹️  
None available for help.

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can say with confidence that professor Platte does a great job making a daunting topic very engaging & interesting. Definitely a different method of teaching <sup>than</sup> ~~from~~ other math classes I've taken.

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Lectures are clear and well organized.

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Strong instructor. Sometimes a bit rude, but she  
does her job well.

2. Please comment on the course (for example: content, level of difficulty, textbook, physical conditions of the room and chalk or white boards, suggestions for improvement, advice to students who might take this class, etc.) Continue on back if necessary.

Not nearly as rigorous enough. This  
class would be better suited to  
high school juniors. ~~Math~~ Wang book,  
easy homework and tests, etc.

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Her lectures were always very organized and energetic. The material was always confusing, but she was always available for help and support. The homework was too long to be effective. If it were shorter, I'd be more likely to put 100% effort into it as opposed to the 75% effort I put in now.

2. Please comment on the course (for example: content, level of difficulty, textbook, physical conditions of the room and chalk or white boards, suggestions for improvement, advice to students who might take this class, etc.) Continue on back if necessary.

The textbook was confusing and not very helpful. The class was interesting but graded too harshly.

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Very ordered class Never a minute wasted.  
HW, while long and difficult, did teach me a lot.

Giving quizzes was a great way to learn the basics and get me to class Although maybe a little more leeway i.e. don't end at 8:03 AM  
I live far away and it's cold at 7:30.

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Honestly, great class. Learned proofs

Book was dense

The biggest issue was between the material taught in class and material in book

Didn't always align and caused hw confusion

Let other major in

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The instructor made me have an interest in this particular course, even though it is not something I see myself utilizing in the future.

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Make it easier.

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excellent teacher, funny, engaging and encourages participation from all students.

2. Please comment on the course (for example: content, level of difficulty, textbook, physical conditions of the room and chalk or white boards, suggestions for improvement, advice to students who might take this class, etc.) Continue on back if necessary.

great course if it wasn't at 8 am  
with

Instructor: Catherine Pfaff Course: Math 8 Quarter: Spring Year: 2017

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She pays a lot of attention on logic, and that's good.

However, I think the course lacks passion. We need more exciting and challenging problems, and the course is kind of like assembling the writing course.

Overall, she's doing really well.

2. Please comment on the course (for example: content, level of difficulty, textbook, physical conditions of the room and chalk or white boards, suggestions for improvement, advice to students who might take this class, etc.) Continue on back if necessary.

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Good, well-organized lectures. Went home with excellent notes I could refer back to for homework.

However, some important things were left out (presumably unintentionally) or had to be left to the TA to teach.

2. Please comment on the course (for example: content, level of difficulty, textbook, physical conditions of the room and chalk or white boards, suggestions for improvement, advice to students who might take this class, etc.) Continue on back if necessary.

Good.

I feel like I didn't learn much about proofs that I didn't already know, however. It was the math content that had new things.

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She is awesome. Amazing professor that actually made me start liking math for the first time in my life. Always happy to answer questions.

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Awesome 😊

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Professor's lectures were well organized and helpful. She was also helpful during her office hours.

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Course content was good, I feel like I learned a lot of new things.

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Very good lecturer. Provides many clear examples

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Professor Pfaff was always well-prepared for lecture and explained topics thoroughly, but she seemed short/critical with students which discouraged me from attending office hours.

2. Please comment on the course (for example: content, level of difficulty, textbook, physical conditions of the room and chalk or white boards, suggestions for improvement, advice to students who might take this class, etc.) Continue on back if necessary.

The class was extremely difficult.

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She was a good teacher, it was tough learning a new subject but she helped me through a lot of it.

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I thought the course was very difficult since I had never taken this sort of math before.

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Prof. Pfaff is super good at teaching. Everything is clear and organized. Thumbs up!

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Difficulty 1-5 : 4  
easy - hard