

Math Department Faculty Evaluation Completed

2020 Spring (1204) / Student Course Evaluation (End of Term) / Anonymous Survey

 Course Assignments: **130** / Survey Participants: **6884**

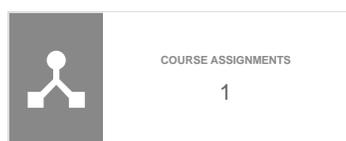
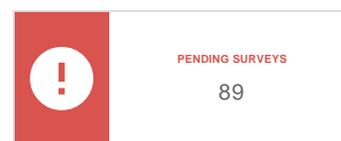
Schedule: 4/17/2020 to 5/1/2020

Results Available: 5/15/2020

 This survey completed on **Friday, May 1, 2020 at 11:59PM.**

College: Letters and Science
Department: MATHEMATICS
Course Section: MATH 340 - 004 Elementary Matrix and Linear Algebra
Course Section
Director:  NA
Instructor:  BRIAN HEPLER

Survey Overview / Course Section Results Aggregate



Survey Metrics / Course Section Results Aggregate

Overall Rating



Avg	Min	Max	#Resp	Target	Success
4.07	1	5	43	NA	NA

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Survey Data / Course Section Results Aggregate

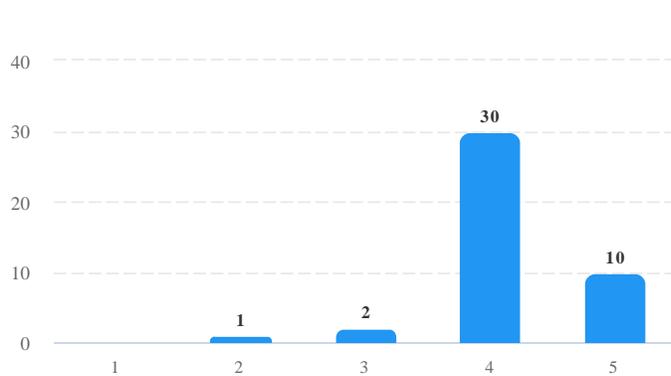
About the Instructor/Course

1 How clearly were the concepts, ideas, and techniques communicated by the instructor throughout the course?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)

 BRIAN HEPLER instructor

Value	Option	Total
1	Not at all	0
2	Slightly	1
3	Moderately	2
4	Satisfactorily	30
5	Extremely	10



Average	4.14
Median	4.00
Mode	4
Std. Dev.	0.59
Variance	0.35

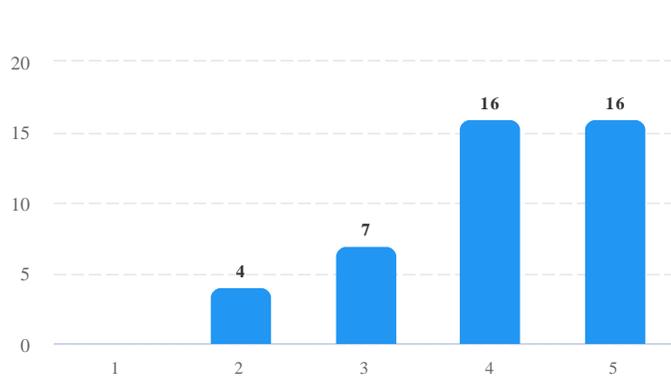
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How do you rate the organization of individual lectures and of the course as a whole?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)

 BRIAN HEPLER instructor

Value	Option	Total
1	Poor	0
2	Fair	4
3	Good	7
4	Very Good	16
5	Excellent	16



Average	4.02
Median	4.00
Mode	4,5
Std. Dev.	0.95
Variance	0.91

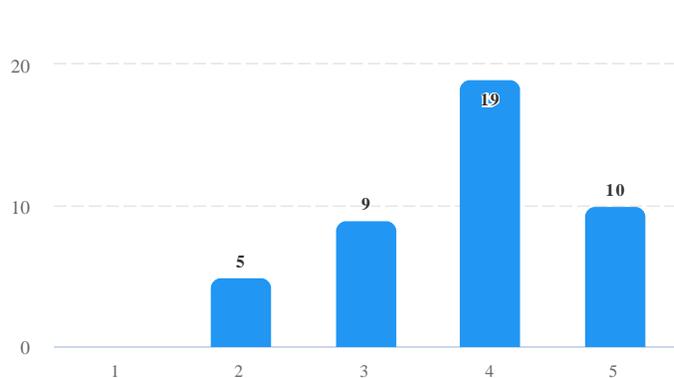
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Did the instructor encourage students to think for themselves?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)

 BRIAN HEPLER instructor

Value	Option	Total
1	Not at all	0
2	A little	5
3	Some	9
4	Much	19
5	A lot	10



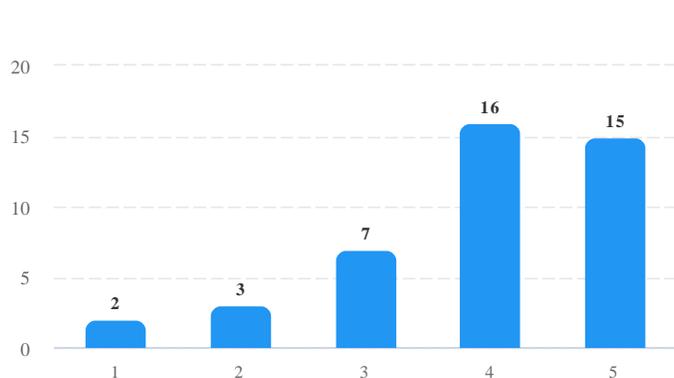
Average	3.79
Median	4.00
Mode	4
Std. Dev.	0.93
Variance	0.86

4 How clearly were grading policies and course expectations presented and followed?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)

 BRIAN HEPLER instructor

Value	Option	Total
1	Not at all	2
2	Slightly	3
3	Moderately	7
4	Satisfactorily	16
5	Extremely	15



Average	3.91
Median	4.00
Mode	4
Std. Dev.	1.10
Variance	1.20

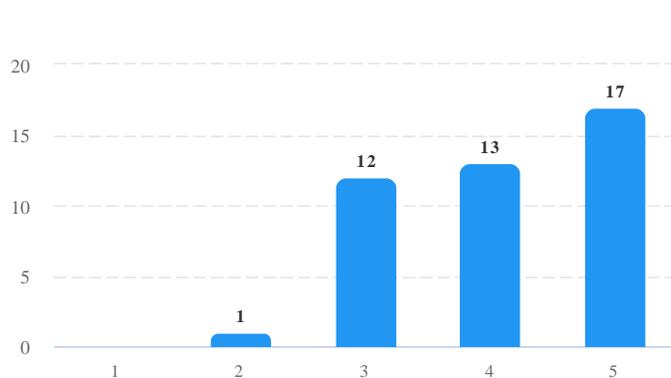
5 Overall, how do you rate the teaching effectiveness of the INSTRUCTOR?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)

 BRIAN HEPLER instructor

 Overall Rating

Value	Option	Total
1	Poor	0
2	Fair	1
3	Good	12
4	Very Good	13
5	Excellent	17



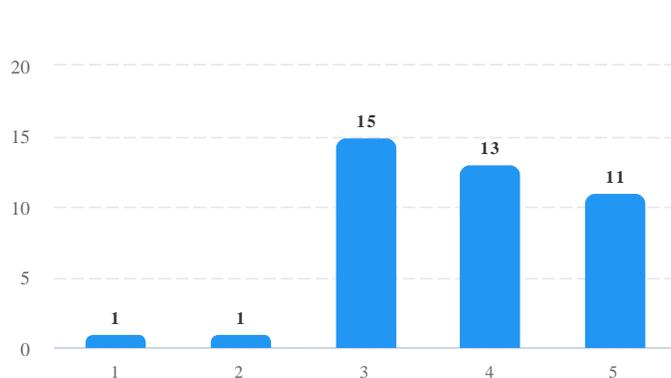
Average	4.07
Median	4.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev.	0.87
Variance	0.76

6 Overall, how do you rate this COURSE?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)

 BRIAN HEPLER instructor

Value	Option	Total
1	Poor	1
2	Fair	1
3	Good	15
4	Very Good	13
5	Excellent	11



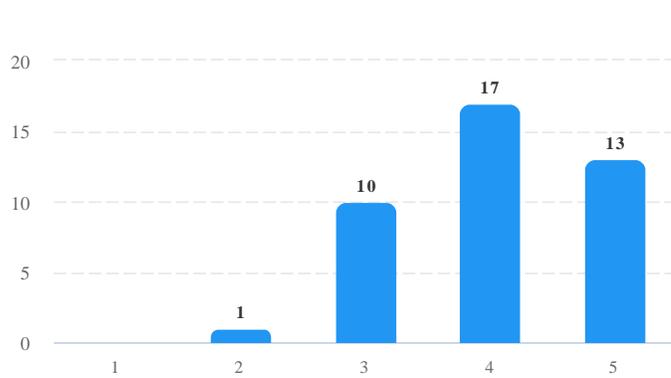
Average	3.78
Median	4.00
Mode	3
Std. Dev.	0.95
Variance	0.90

7 This instructor's teaching is truly outstanding.

(Instructor Multi-Choice)

 BRIAN HEPLER instructor

Value	Option	Total
1	Strongly Disagree	0
2	Disagree	1
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	10
4	Agree	17
5	Strongly Agree	13



Average	4.02
Median	4.00
Mode	4
Std. Dev.	0.81
Variance	0.66

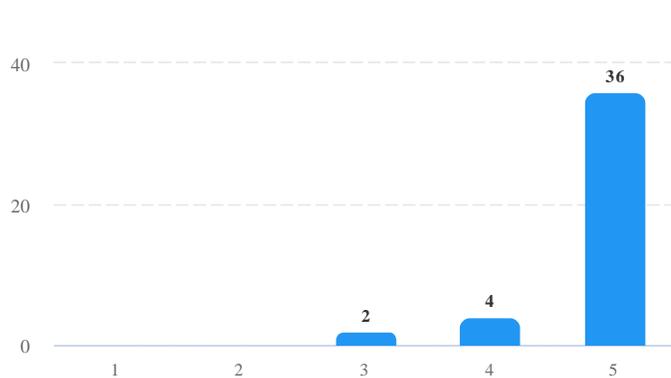
About Yourself

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What grade do you think you will receive in this course?

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value	Option	Total
1	F	0
2	D	0
3	BC or C	2
4	B	4
5	A or AB	36



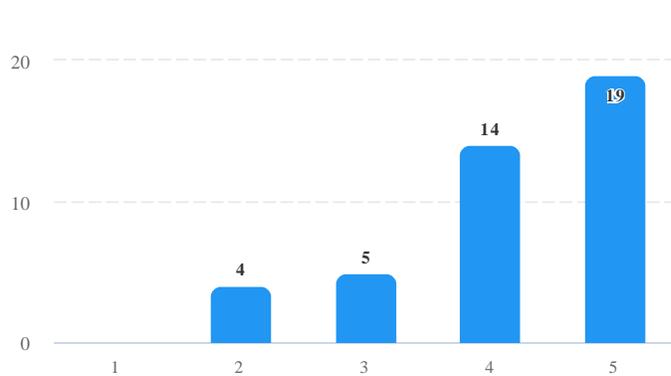
Average	4.81
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev.	0.50
Variance	0.25

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How often did you attend the class?

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 Rarely	0
2 Occasionally	4
3 Often	5
4 Nearly always	14
5 Always	19



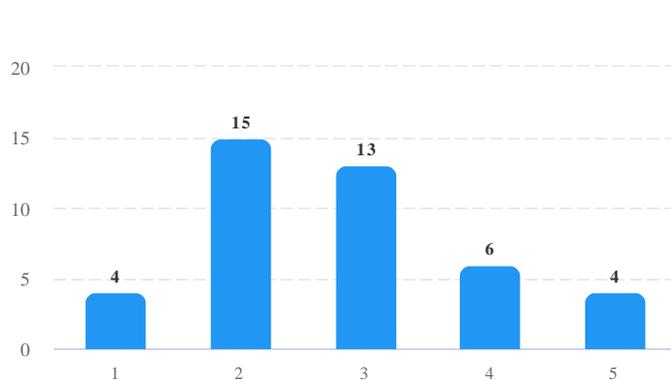
Average	4.14
Median	4.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev.	0.97
Variance	0.93

10

Estimate the average number of hours per week you spent on this course outside of class.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 0-2 hours	4
2 2-4 hours	15
3 4-6 hours	13
4 6-8 hours	6
5 More than 8 hours	4



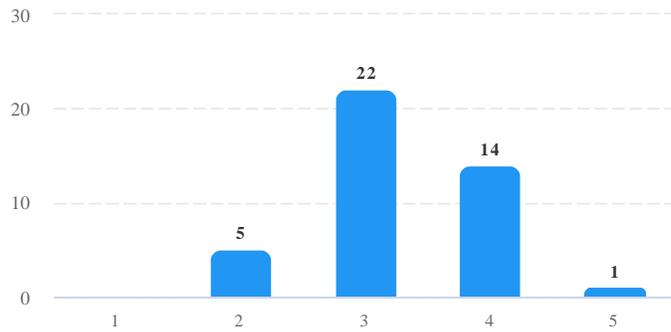
Average	2.79
Median	3.00
Mode	2
Std. Dev.	1.10
Variance	1.22

11

Estimate how much effort you devoted to this course.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value Option	Total
1 None	0
2 A little	5
3 A moderate amount	22
4 A substantial amount	14
5 A great amount	1



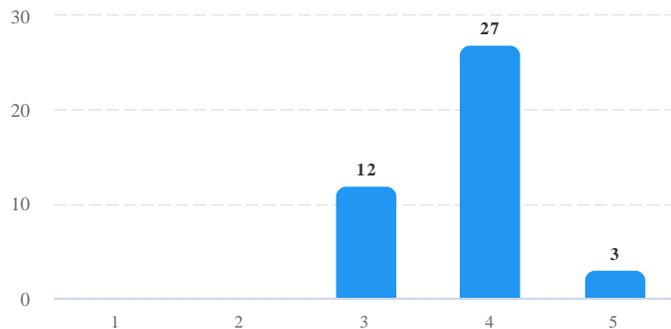
Average	3.26
Median	3.00
Mode	3
Std. Dev.	0.69
Variance	0.48

12

Estimate how much you learned in this course.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

Value	Option	Total
1	Nothing	0
2	A little	0
3	A moderate amount	12
4	A substantial amount	27
5	A great amount	3



Average	3.79
Median	4.00
Mode	4
Std. Dev.	0.56
Variance	0.31

Comments

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Here comment on your overall impressions of the course and the instructor. (You might include remarks on the instructor's preparation and the organization of the course, the availability of the instructor outside of class, whether the instructor realizes when students do not understand, the clarity of explanations, whether you found the course interesting, etc. But you do not need to limit your comments to these subjects.)

(Instructor Text/Memo)



BRIAN HEPLER instructor

- I came into this course with prior knowledge on the topics but professor Helper explained his topics easily and was able to answer many doubts effectively.
- Big daddy Bri is the man! If we were lost at sea and our rations were running low, there is not a single other steady hand I would want on the wheel than Brian's. If we were stuck in the trenches of world war one, fighting off the enemy and rats, the only commander I would trust is Bri Guy. I think it is for these reasons that Brian was so effective at guiding us all through the troubled waters of spring semester 2020. Brian is like the cool professor in the disaster movies who knows whats up, but no one listens to him because he always has chalk on on his pants. I can't not recommend any other single professor more than I can recommend Brian Hepler!
- I did like Brian a lot and thought he was a good lecturer. Going online plus having a bad TA made the class a little difficult, though. Also there could be a little more clarity with grading systems (especially after COVID), and it took him a while to upload the first syllabus.
- Overall the instructor did a good job in teaching the material and it corresponded with what was in the textbook and was easy to understand. He could work on looking out and seeing raised hands for questions and erasing the chalk board.
- He was a very chill and respectable professor. Very honest man when talking about stuff. Would have again.
- Very efficient professor, frequently finished material ahead of time and was able to end lecture early without a lack of understanding for the material. Almost all of the material was out of the book though so would have been nice if he provided something extra that I couldn't have gotten from simply reading the text
- I had power lectures Tuesday and Thursdays and we rarely hit the 1h 15m mark. We are starting 5.1 right now while we should be in section 6.5. Overall unless the syllabus changed, we are 7 sections and furthermore 3 weeks behind and are not going to finish the concepts listed in the syllabus which has me concerned.
- The instructor is capable to explain the concepts very clearly to the students, and for those who still don't get it, he would spend extra time with them to help them totally understand what he tried to say. To sum up, I think Brian is a really great professor.
- The instructor has presented with the course information very well. The lectures were engaging and helpful for understanding the material. He was always willing to listen to student's questions and answer them, with great clarity. I have found this course interesting and valuable.
- Lot of students found it easier to simply read the textbook than show up to lectures because the examples + explanations used in lecture were the exact same as in the book.
- I really like how the course is organized and how nothing is too much for me to handle. everything is explained clearly and the professor gives us lots of resources to look at if we don't understand something.
- I thought the course was going well and actually didn't mind attending lectures which was rare compared to most math courses. When we switched to online instruction, Professor Hepler was the instructor who handled the transition the best out of all of my courses. It was the only course I didn't feel added stress from working from home. I actually still wanted to watch the lectures because they were engaging, well paced, and didn't cover significantly more amounts of material than an in-person class like my other courses did. Only thing I would comment on is that it was kind of hard to get in touch with him, though I understand there's a lot of student emails to go through.
- Lecture material didn't always connect to quizzes
- Not clear syllabus regarding to grading but the class content itself was organized
- You did a great job with the transition to online and I always felt that your quizzes and exams were fair, it's exactly what I would hope that a math class would be. The content is centre stage, my learning is what feels prioritized not me being chastised on an exam. When I prepare for this class I do the one thing that all students should do, just learn the content. It's that simple, thank you for being one of the good ones, I wish the rest of the Math department would follow Brian Hepler's example.
- The professor gives us clear explanation, it is better to have more office hours.
- Brian is really good at teaching, it was nice to have a professor I felt like I could relate to and understand. Keep him around! He reminds me of my favorite math professor here, Brian Street. The only thing that could have made this course better was if Brian could have utilized Canvas a bit better. Very happy I was able to take this course with him!
- he responded to the shift to online classes well, i really liked the videos and will use it in the future as a reference if i am stuck
- The instructor missed a few lectures, even those that preceded the midterm, and I did not appreciate being taught by a TA. The instructor taught the material well and graded fairly. Overall, I would recommend this class and instructor to others.
- I was very impressed with how straight forward the professor taught, he was very upfront with what he expected you to know and learn which was a refreshing change within UW-Madison's Math Department. He also did a great job at connecting concepts between other classes such as physics and calculus. He was very prepared for his classes each day, and really connected with his students.
- I really found the instructor to be helpful and understanding. The transition to online classes for this course was smooth.
- Professor Hepler seemed like a great guy. He explained topics clearly and encouraged you to get the deeper meaning of the subject material. Only complaint was classes seemed a bit slow. Probably due to Covid but I don't think we covered all of the material we set out to at the beginning of the semester. I am hopeful we covered enough to be helpful in future classes where 340 is a prereq.
- Good
- Very clear lectures and made the material pretty straight-forward

has able explained topics bri good great

professor online

recommend jobhepler guy going ta though still brian bit

