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A lot of people in my class struggled with the concepts because we felt he didn't explain it very well. His second exam was difficult even for my peers that are very good at calculus.

Dr. Iliev did not do a good job teaching this course. It was very hard for me and my classmates to understand any of the concepts he was teaching. He would use the entire alphabet to explain a theory, and then go straight to a difficult question that didn't make sense. Upon reviewing my detailed notes, I would still be clueless as to how we would get to a solution. If he was not using the alphabet, he was working out a very simple problem and making sense of it, and then assigning homework and expecting us to understand a very complex version of that question. There were concepts that I had learned in high school, and I was happy to have learned them then. The manner in which he taught simple things that I had previously been taught didn't make any sense, and I was thankful to have just remembered the previous teacher's way. I can tell that Dr. Iliev really enjoys and understands math, and I know that he had good intentions of teaching us the course and the theory behind things rather than just using the tricks. However, he was not a good instructor and it seems as though most of the class will be receiving a C because of his teachings and an extremely difficult test he gave us the week after the last day to drop a class. Had this test been before the drop date, I would not still be in it.

Gary is a great teacher who really cares about his students. I may not necessarily have a good grade, however, I think this is my fault and not his. He grades fairly and gives a reasonable amount of time for assignments. He makes the class very interesting with his personality. I believe he is extremely proficient in this area of study, and he is very helpful in office hours. I wish to have someone like him as I pursue the next level of Calculus.

Gary is a superior professor because he truly cares about his students and loves his subject. Personally, I went to many office hours, and Gary was always there ready to explain concepts that I did not understand. My one criticism is that his second test was very challenging in a sense that a majority of the class did terrible. I do not believe he meant for this to happen. In this course evaluation, the truth is many are going to give terrible reviews of Gary because they received bad marks on the second test. To whoever reading this, trust me when I say that Gary is the best math teacher I have ever had. Do not get rid of him.

I think he needs to add more tests to his course. We only had two tests the entire semester each consisting of only four questions each. I do not think that is appropriate/fair in an upper level math class.

Professor Iliev was available to explain things and did a good job of slowing down during the class to help us understand better but the homework and tests were much harder than the material covered in class. i wish we had gone over more difficult problems so that the test wouldnt be that hard

Testing seemed like the questions that were used had no kind of examples or relevance to any of the study materials.

The assignments and grading of such assignments were fair, but the tests were quite difficult and took more time to complete than was given.

You could tell that Gary had a very strong grip on the material himself and he was very intelligent and competent. However, I don't think he did an adequate job at presenting the material in a manner that the entire class could understand most of the course was highly theoretical with little practice and what little practice we did was still theory based.

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<p>He focuses on concepts and makes sure we understand the basis of everything. His tests are quite difficult. He gives a lot of homework but it helps you learn and be prepared for the tests and quizzes.</p>
<p>I like the heavy focus on individual success. Really cares about our learning</p>
<p>I love how Gary meets with us to go over our test before handing it back. However, his lectures in class are very confusing. The notation used hardly makes sense. I got through the semester by using knowledge from AP Calculus in high school. WebWork is also a horrible system for homework.</p>
<p>Material is pretty clearly presented in class. I just wish I was awake more.</p>
<p>Professor Gary is very passionate about mathematics, and it shows in the classroom. He would always take extra time to make sure we actually understood what we were doing rather than just giving us shortcuts. Calculus has been a very hard course, and I believe that we couldn't of had a better professor!</p>
<p>The instructor is very good at teaching the material of the course. He explains everything thoroughly, and makes sure everyone understands the concepts. However, his tests are INCREDIBLY hard, as they require MUCH deeper knowledge than what is taught in the classroom. There is almost no way to prepare for the kinds of questions that he puts on the test, and many people are struggling in the class because of this.</p>
<p>There isn't one thing that Mr. Iliev did well that stood out, but rather his whole body of work was outstanding and he honestly tried his best to make sure that every student understood the material. Any struggles are a result of a lack of effort from the student.</p>
<p>The tests seemed like they were very different from what was taught in class.</p>
<p>This professor was very helpful in learning the information as well as receiving feedback. He was always available and ready to help and teach the material.</p>

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