# Clemson University Student Evaluation of Teaching

**Evaluation Report** for James L Brown teaching MTHSC 986 001 during Fall Semester 2009  
Respondents = 6; Enrolled = 6; Response rate = 100%

### University Questions (3686)

**G1.** The instructor clearly communicated what I was expected to learn.  
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- **Observations**

| Class      | 5.000 | 0.000 | 5 | 6 |
| Same Level | 4.829 | 0.568 | 5 | 35 |
| Same Discipline | 4.135 | 1.048 | 4 | 3680 |

**G2.** The instructor made the relevance of the course material clear.  
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| Class      | 4.600 | 0.548 | 5 | 5 |
| Same Level | 4.886 | 0.323 | 5 | 35 |
| Same Discipline | 3.979 | 1.105 | 4 | 3678 |

**G3.** The course was well organized.  
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| Same Level | 4.743 | 0.657 | 5 | 35 |
| Same Discipline | 4.206 | 1.000 | 5 | 3672 |

**G4.** There was a positive interaction between the class and the instructor.  
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| Same Level | 4.829 | 0.514 | 5 | 35 |
| Same Discipline | 4.068 | 1.142 | 4 | 3666 |
G5. The instructor's teaching methods helped me understand the course material.

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G6. The instructor's verbal communication skills helped me understand the course material.

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G7. The instructor clearly explained what was expected on assignments and tests

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G8. The instructor kept me informed about my progress in the course.

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G9. The feedback I received on assignments and tests gave me the opportunity to improve my performance.

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G10. Overall, the instructor is an effective teacher.

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G11. The instructor's grading procedures gave a fair evaluation of my understanding of the material.

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G12. How much work did you put into this course relative to your other courses?

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G13. How difficult was this course for you relative to your other courses?

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G14. To what extent was this course a requirement for you?

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G15. Was this course in your major?

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G16. Was this course team-taught?

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G17. Please indicate your satisfaction with the availability of the instructor outside the classroom by choosing one response from the scale. In selecting your rating, consider the instructor’s availability via established office hours, appointments, and other opportunities for face-to-face interaction as well as via telephone, email, fax and other means.

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- **Class:** 4.000 (Mean), 0.000 (Stdev), 4 (Median), 6 (Observations)
- **Same Level:** 3.943 (Mean), 0.338 (Stdev), 4 (Median), 35 (Observations)
- **Same Discipline:** 3.420 (Mean), 0.762 (Stdev), 4 (Median), 3673 (Observations)

G18. Please comment on the strengths of the instructor and the course.

**Type:** Essay

Student Comments

#2 - The material was communicated clearly. Having the notes available online was extremely helpful.
#3 - Excellent at conveying course material.
#4 - We covered a great deal of material in a short time in a meaningful way.
#5 - extremely organized which helps make never before seen material easier to understand. With notes available online it allows for students to access what was written down in class in case they feel they miscopied something from the board. The course is very interesting and covers a topic that is untouched in other courses in the math department.
#6 - Dr. Brown very clearly understands the material and does a good job of communicating the material.

G19. Please comment on the weaknesses of the instructor and the course.

**Type:** Essay

Student Comments

#2 - none
#5 - I personally would have preferred more comments on my homework so that I could improve my skills more, but that is a personal preference not nec. an instructor weakness.
#6 - No major complaints.

G20. Please comment on any teaching methods you found particularly helpful, and suggest alternative methods that you feel would improve the course.

**Type:** Essay

Student Comments

#2 - Please continue to post the notes online for next semester.
#3 - I liked the assignments ? a couple more would have been nice. Also I really like the exercises that use the theorems in examples.
#4 - I loved the notes online.
#5 - when explaining difficult topics we did a bit of an easy example, talked about definitions and theorems and then revisited the example. This was extremely helpful in getting a better grasp of the ideas in use. Also always drawing a picture is a HUGE help.
#6 - Just a regular lecture course.

G21. I would recommend this instructor to a friend. Yes or no? Why?

**Type:** Essay

Student Comments

#2 - Yes, clearly communicated the material and was always willing to answer questions.
#3 - Yes.
#4 - Yes, he is wonderful.
#5 - Yes- He is extremely organized which is always important in a math course, wants students to learn, willing to help, and an enthusiastic instructor.
#6 - Yes. Good teacher who understands the material well.