

Elise Askelsen Course Evaluation Summary

MATH 1440: Mathematics for the Biological Sciences (Fall 2023)	Course Mean	Dept. Mean
Organization- The instructor used class time well	5.73	4.82
Clarity- The instructor communicated course material clearly	5.73	4.53
Learning Focused- The instructor's teaching methods helped students learn	5.77	4.50
Learning Materials- The assignments, readings, and activities facilitated student learning	5.67	4.69
Assessment- Assessments (such as quizzes, papers, and exams) aligned with course objectives	5.57	4.91
Support- Help was available for students	5.77	4.99

*The above table gives the mean scores valued out of six that Elise Askelsen received for questions answered by students on the end-of-semester course evaluation forms for courses and discussions taught at The University of Iowa. The right most column provides the department mean scores out of six for comparison.

Thirty of thirty-five students completed this survey.

Individual Student Comments:

In response to the question: What aspects of the course were most useful for your learning?

- It was very fun doing activities in discussion with people.
- I think having a TA who truly understands her students and helps in every way she can, was most useful. She helped explain topics in a better way than they were taught in lecture and slowed the process down which helped me a lot.
- I feel that when we would go over examples in class it really helped reinforce ideas.
- Elise always went very great into depth and always helped clear up confusion from lecture. It was very helpful when we reviewed before quizzes.
- The beginning of class where we are able to ask any open ended questions that we have!
- I liked our activities and reviewing questions before the quizzes was especially helpful.
- Elise was very good at checking how much help students needed and getting it to them.
- She asked us what we needed to be more in depth and provided us with that.
- The discussion sections were extremely beneficial to my learning because there was more individual help and practice.
- Discussion activities on Tuesdays and prep for quizzes on Thursdays really help me understand better what is going on in the lecture if I was previously confused on it. The Tuesday activities also prepare me well for the Thursday quizzes also.
- Scheduling time to meet with Elise because she really explained things well and in a way that made sense to me. She would make sure you understood and not get frustrated if you did not.
- Every aspect was clear because Miss Elise was teaching.
- Practice problems and thorough explanations were very helpful. She did a great job helping visual learners see the process of how to solve an equation.

In response to the question: When this class is taught again, what changes would you suggest?

- Just let us take the quiz on Thursdays as soon as we get in.
- I wouldn't change anything! This was one of my favorite classes this semester:)
- Some of the discussion activities could be a little more relevant or have more actual practice problems on them.
- It would be great to focus a little bit more on homework content.
- It was just a very fast paced course, but I understand it is a college level math class compared to what I am used to in high school.

- I can't think of any changes. I really enjoyed when we would go over homework problems and I would say that would be beneficial in future classes.
- Making a set 15 or so minutes at the beginning to either take specific homework questions to work out or just work out problems that they thought we may find confusing.
- Nothing I think it's not going to be a problem as long as I get Ms Elise as my TA.

In response to the question: What else would you like your instructor to know about your experience in this course?

- Thank you for always being so kind and willing to help!
- She was very helpful with her teaching. When something was confusing she would try to explain in other ways to help until we fully understand. She was super joyful in a class that can sometimes be stressful so I like the energy she brought it helped me come to class everyday.
- I think Elise was a great TA and she always listened to our concerns and adjusted accordingly. You could tell she cared about us understanding the material and not just doing what was in the lesson plan.
- I love the energy she brought to discussion, having a 5:00 class was really difficult after sitting through lectures all day but she made sure to make the most out of our time together. I LOVE ELISE. I WISH SHE COULD BE MY TA FOR EVERY CLASS!
- I loved having you!! thanks for being so positive and fun to have as a TA. You explained things super well and waited to make sure everyone understood.
- I'm very thankful for how helpful you are when I have questions even when it's after class and I'm sure you have places to be lol
- It was great, and I think the instructor did an excellent job of helping review and with problems we, as students, needed help with.
- Very good, helpful, and was able to adjust her schedule to help me.
- Elise was the best. I am thankful that I was in her discussion, because she is part of the reason that I am passing math.
- She did such a good job and I feel like my understanding of math concepts has actually drastically improved. I was so impressed by how well she could explain things and I do not know any one in that class who has anything negative to say about Elise.
- Elise helped me understand this course way much better, she is very understanding, helpful, patient, and caring. She is judgement free when students are confused and made my experience in this course way better than how I felt during lecture.
- Elise made this course so much fun and I am so thankful that she was my TA for discussion. She always made sure to show up with practice problems and made me look forward to the class. Her energy was so positive and I really learned a lot under her guidance.
- I absolutely love this discussion and I've only had two discussions ever but Elise is my favorite. She made things so easy for me and gave me a better understanding of what was taught during the lectures.
- Elise is one of the best teachers I have ever had. Makes sure everyone has an understanding of the concepts and cares about her students lives inside and outside of class.
- I enjoyed my experience in this class. She was a fun teacher but was also good at teaching.
- I really appreciated your uplifting attitude and energy because out of all The other TA's you were very good to know you and your method of thinking! Thank you for being a sweetheart with those cookies as well!
- Very good at getting class to participate, much more than my other TA's.
- I loved having Elise as my TA!
- I really enjoyed being in her class, she made learning fun and my time spent in discussion worthwhile. I feel like the learning was more effective in this discussion section than it was during lecture.