

Elise Askelsen Course Evaluation Summary

University Core Required ACE Scores: Course Mean/Department Mean (Valued out of six)

Course Number, Semester, Year	Enrollment	Instructor Used Time Well	Clarity	Effective Teaching Methods	Materials Facilitated Learning	Assessment	Help Was Available to Students
MATH 1440:0A02 Spring 2023	18	5.79/5.3	5.79/5.1	5.79/5.1	5.64/5.2	5.64/5.3	5.85/5.5
MATH 1005:0073* Fall 2022	36	5.83/5.4	5.74/5.0	5.78/5.0	5.52/5.2	5.61/5.3	5.74/5.4
MATH 1850:0B12** Spring 2022	28	5.64/5.4	5.64/5.1	5.71/5.1	5.50/5.2	5.50/5.4	5.5/5.5
MATH 1460:0081*** Fall 2021	26	5.90/5.3	5.75/5.0	5.80/5.0	5.55/5.1	5.55/5.3	5.70/5.4
MATH 1460:0101*** Fall 2021	28	5.83/5.3	5.67/5.0	5.67/5.0	5.50/5.1	5.75/5.3	5.83/5.4
MATH 1460:0122*** Fall 2021	24	5.69/5.3	5.69/5.0	5.77/5.0	5.50/5.1	4.92/5.3	5.77/5.4

~Mathematics for the Biological Sciences, *College Algebra, **Calculus I, ***Calculus for the Biological Science

Individual Student Comments:

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

- Elise was very good at checking how much help students needed and getting it to them.~~
- Literally everything Elise did was amazing and helpful. There are not enough positive things that I could say about her! She was super helpful in setting up a time to meet with me each week to help me with homework, etc. She has a positive attitude everyday, she is eager to help ALL students learn. She wants her students to succeed, she sets up times outside of her schedule for reviews, just everything was so helpful. ~
- I have enjoyed math probably the most in this class and I understand it more than I ever have. The things we do in class and connections we make really made an impression on me and it is something I will miss. ~
- Elise genuinely wants to help her students and cares about our learning and well-being. She's always willing to go above and beyond if she thinks it will help us learn. She's also very good at making the information easy to understand and communicating it in different ways for different learning styles.~
- I liked how organized the class was. For example, a to-do list was made each day to show what needed to be completed and by when. That was really helpful for me in managing my time not only in the short term but for the coming weeks.*
- I liked that we were given the time to attempt problems on our own, had the time to converse and share ideas with partners, and then we went over the correct answers and methods to reach them as a class.*
- I loved how interactive she was with the class and would ask us fun questions that weren't related to math to help us breathe and take a break in class.**
- By far the best TA I've had. Thank you so much for going out of your way to help myself and every other student where we were struggling. I really feel like I got a chance to grasp the material we went over in lecture in your class, I definitely would have been lost trying to learn in this class if it wasn't for the way you went over things. I always felt comfortable asking questions when I didn't understand something.*** (0081)
- I appreciated how well Elise broke down problems and explained them in more understandable ways. She was amazing at coming to class prepared, and genuinely cares about each of her students and their success. She was always in a positive attitude and made math fun for the first time ever.*** (0081)
- Elise was always extremely confident in her knowledge of the material...You can tell that she is extremely passionate about what she is teaching, which makes the discussion fun to go to. I left every discussion with a better understanding than when I came in.*** (0122)
- ...Elise seemed to know just which areas were tricky and needed further explanation. *** (0122)

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

- (In response to a request during midterm evaluations) I really liked how she presented course material in discussion before we covered it in lecture. This preview gave me a pretty solid introduction to the material and made the material easier to understand in lecture when we learned it. It was super helpful!*** (0081)
- I would suggest the option for another day of discussion! The class is quite beneficial to my learning, and I wish I had more time.*** (0101)

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

- 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. ~~
- 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. ~~
- I have enjoyed math probably the most in this class and I understand it more than I ever have. The things we do in class and connections we make really made an impression on me and it is something I will miss. ~
- My instructor's performance in this course should be noted as a higher echelon than my other classes existing in other department realms. The instructor's teaching method is naturally effective and only has positive effects on any type of student.*
- Great great job. What you said just made sense and it was fun to be able to learn new things that are more complex than I ever have. Thank you.*** (0081)
- I liked her positivity! I didn't feel like I was being forced to sit through something boring cause her energy rubbed off on the class a little bit and even made the material a little more interesting! *** (0081)
- I really appreciated how you made connections with each of your students. You made coming to class at 7:30am twice a week a lot more enjoyable!! Thank you for everything!!*** (0101)
- You did such an amazing job teaching our class! You communicate very clearly and all of your students appreciate your lively teaching style and clear love and enjoyment of your subject. Thank you for always answering our questions and being happy to explain answers to subjects that can be quite complicated. You genuinely care about us and we appreciate everything you do to help us learn. You are the benchmark I compare other TA's to and, frankly, they just don't compare. Stay gold, Elise!*** (0101)
- I always looked forward to my discussion. Elise was super friendly and helpful whenever anyone had questions. Out of all my TA's, Elise has been my favorite and I feel comfortable reaching out to her for any questions I have. She...always found a way to make calculus more interesting.*** (0122)

Comments that truly highlight Elise as a teaching assistant:

- Elise changed my outlook on college algebra and I believe she is the biggest reason why I have excelled. She did a great job coming to class every day with a great attitude and always willing to help. She is one of the best TAs I have had and if there was an award for the best TA I would highly recommend her to receive it.*
- Elise is my absolute hero. She inspires me to keep working toward my dream, and she is also a lady boss. Her positive attitude and encouragement carried me through the semester. If I was a lesbian I would marry her, but, alas, I am not, so I am proud to consider her both my teacher and my friend. I hope that everyone has an Elise in their life. Thank you so much for teaching me :) *** (0081)
- I love my TA so much. I think she was so kind, understanding, and good with communication. I never felt hesitant to reach out to her if I had any problems. I also found her office hours really helpful too. I honestly felt like her teaching style of the topics was better than the professors, and that says a lot. I would 100% recommend her to anyone who's taking the class again-I think having her as a TA is what made the class a million times better than if she wasn't my TA. Cannot say enough good things about her! *** (0081)

- Elise has been the best instructor I have had at University of Iowa. She alone taught me everything I know for Calculus 1...Elise taught in a way that really spoke to me. She is very knowledgeable, engaging, patient, and kind. Not only was she an amazing instructor but, she was the first teacher I've had in college to take the time to learn every students name. Although this may seem like a small thing, I know it really made the class so much more personable and I didn't feel like just a number. I'm sure everyone in the class really appreciated that. I felt like Elise truly cared about her students. I cannot say enough good thing about Elise's teaching and character!**