

Elise Askelsen Course Evaluation Summary

MATH 1005: College Algebra (Fall 2022) Primary Instructor	Course Mean	Dept. Mean
Organization- The instructor used class time well	5.83	4.91
Clarity- The instructor communicated course material clearly	5.74	4.57
Learning Focused- The instructor's teaching methods helped students learn	5.78	4.5
Learning Materials- The assignments, readings, and activities facilitated student learning	5.52	4.78
Assessment- Assessments (such as quizzes, papers, and exams) aligned with course objectives	5.61	4.93
Support- Help was available for students	5.74	4.98

*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.

Twenty-three of thirty-six students completed this survey.

Individual Student Comments:

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

- 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.
- All of the days before a quiz she would do practice problems with us so that we could have a refresher. Something that was also helpful was how well she explained problems and if you didn't understand it she would help you a different way until you got it.
- I think Elise did a great job when teaching this course. She was always very helpful and on top of things.
- Learning with classmates and my instructor was excellent.
- Her office hours whenever I needed help finishing up a assignment she was able to always help me and help me understand it better.
- Going over problems as a class as well as individual work time.
- The fact that my instructor was very easy to reach out to. Helped me learn and retain the material a lot better than I thought I could.
- 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.
- Solutions of difficult problems from the math workbook were always available. It was a great tool to help me study. I was given every opportunity to ask for help during class and my questions were always answered. My instructor tutored me on topics I struggled with and also assisted me with finding tutoring resources. My instructor communicated upcoming assignment due dates and always kept us informed. Topics in class were communicated with elite level public speaking and attention to detail. The atmosphere in the classroom was very professional and the instructor's attitude while teaching was excellent.
- During Ms. Askelsen's time teaching, I really liked working through module worksheets every day as a class. I also liked the weekly quizzes over each module as well. I thought that these two things helped me prepare for exams well.

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

- The only change I would suggest would be regarding ALEKS. With being quite time consuming, I felt the ALEKS modules were taking time away from studying for upcoming quizzes/exams.
- I wouldn't change anything, I love how this class was run and how helpful our teacher was.

- Not much she was a ideal teacher and seems to be very prepared.
- I would suggest required attendance, and having our quizzes at the end of the week, instead of the beginning of the next, since some people may not retain information well over the weekend. I think having a free day during the week would be helpful, as it could be used as a class period to ask for help with ALEKS, complete quiz retake questions, and be practice time over important module concepts.
- For the future of this course, I would like to see a couple of days reviewing for the exam. We still had one designated class day for reviewing but it was usually the day before the exam. I would like to have at least 2 days of designated review class time for exams.
- No changes, I loved the way Elise taught.

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

- Overall, I really enjoyed this course. Although it is not easy to do math at 7:30 in the morning, Elise made it as fun and engaging as possible.
- I really enjoyed this class and will definitely recommend others to take the class with you!
- Elise changed my outlook on College Algebra and I believe she is the biggest reason why I have excelled in class. 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 to date and if there was an award for the best TA I would highly recommend her to receive it.
- I want Elise to know that she is easily the best TA ever!
- With this teacher I don't think I would be were I am with my grade right now because I was able to relearn lessons and understand how it works and I have not had a teacher like her before.
- You really were one of the best TA's...I'm really glad I got you as my TA because you were always so helpful with any questions I asked and always wanting the best for out class.
- Modules were taught very well.
- I loved your course despite my grade being below what I would like (That is all on me). You're a fantastic teacher regardless.
- Keep the teaching style that you have because it really helped me learn!!
- 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.
- I would like Ms. Askelsen to know that she did an excellent job in teaching college algebra. I liked how she explained the content from the worksheets in her own unique way that was easy to understand. I also liked that we had the opportunity to retake every quiz (if we wanted) in order to improve our scores and grade.
- It was really fun and entertaining.