

Wright State University

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Course: 71250.201780: ME 1020 - 1 - Engg Prog with Matlab

Instructor: Scott Thomas *

1 - Describe the overall effectiveness of this instructor.

Scott Thomas

- Loved this course because of how fun he made it.
- Scott Thomas was effective in breaking down more complicated topics and presenting them in a step by step format.
- great
- He is good, but I think his exams are too hard.
- He's one of the best instructors I've ever had! I love that he's not only knowledgeable, but makes you stretch just enough to grow as a students. And he's super corny, which is a plus, I love silly humor.
- Pretty good.
- Very effective, i have no complaints about this man. He kept your attention and took interest in your learning. Made the class challenging, but gave you everything you needed to succeed.
- very effective
- Not particularly effective at explaining how to use Matlab, or how it works.
- The instructors enthusiasm really helps with learning something that otherwise is very dry
- Scott Thomas is a very good professor overall. He was a little bit odd at times, but not in a bad way.
- Above average professor, thinks we should just learn the material overnight and has high expectations of students. Difficult tests and doesn't even teach the material just does problems over it. Really needs to change his teaching style.
- Very effective
- Instructor did a wonderful job thoroughly going over material.
- Very good Professor but the course is very hard to teach. Does not explain things just kinda puts examples up and says do these problems
- He is a fantastic teacher and is effective.
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- Good
- Did very well especially considering how large of a class there was.
- Scott is freaking awesome. I would be lost in Matlab world without him. Truly. The way he teaches is phenomenal, and I can't wait to take more of his classes.
- Poor
- Awesome. He has a whole lot of energy. He also displays great interest in us as students.
- the instructor is very nice and explains the material very well
- Cool guy, ok instructor
- Dr Thomas did a great job conveying the content. He was very effective, and gave us time to work on the practice problems and help if needed, but allowed us to try to figure it out instead of just forcing all the content on us.
- Mr. Thomas was a very effective instructor. He kept the class engaging and fun. He was clear on the topics and made sure all students were treated with respect and fairness.
- Class was very effective and taught very well, he showed a lot of enthusiasm when in class and made the class fun and worth coming to.

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2 - Did the instructor evaluate your work based on the expectations described in the course syllabus?

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- Absolutely.
- Yes
- yes
- Exactly so.
- Yep
- Yes, he followed his syllabus to a tee.
- yes
- yes
- His syllabus is followed very tightly
- Yes, he did.
- Yes, always stayed on track.
- Yes
- Yes.
- yes very strict
- yes
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- Followed the course syllabus exactly
- Yes
- Yes. Stuck to the syllabus strictly.
- Yes.
- yes
- Yes he did.
- He did evaluate work based on the syllabus.
- All the work on the syllabus was covered very well.

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3 - Did the instructor routinely start class on time and use the full class period?

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- Always. "It's 5 o'clock exACTly, ALLLright!"
- Yes
- yes
- yes
- yes
- Yep
- Yes, the only time class would start a little bit late was on exam days because all the computers had to be put into offline mode and there was a class in that room before. Totally understandable.
- yes
- yes
- Yes
- Yes.
- Yes.
- Yes
- Always 5:00 pm exactly, and utilized all class time effectively.
- yes
- yes
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- Never started class late once and used the entire period everytime.
- YES. This guy started class EXACTLY at 5. EVERY TIME. The most punctual I have ever seen ANY instructor.
- Yes
- Yes
- yes we spend the full time of the class.
- Yes
- Yes Dr Thomas did start on time "5 O'clock exactly". That is how routinely we started class, and we went the full time.
- Mr. Thomas would always start class exactly on time. He used the entire period.
- Class always started and ended when it was suppose to. Very organized!!

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4 - How did the instructor demonstrate interest in your learning?

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- Through many examples, homework, and testing.
- examples
- He frequently discussed applications of matlab to real world phenomena.
- Yes!
- Yep
- He had a lot of interest. He tried to help you however he could.
- yes
- He sort of did. He would come and "help" if we were having issues with a problem but often times his explanation was poor/nonexistent.
- He provided many real world examples with great enthusiasm that aided in learning
- He made it clear that he was trying to help people understand what they were doing instead of just memorize a bunch of matlab commands.
- Yes.
- Yes
- Very much so.
- seemed excited everyday
- He was very enthusiastic and was into every students growth in learning.
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- He very frequently made sure everyone in the class understood the material and would personally help those who didnt, even though it was a massive class.
- It wasn't just all about coding, but about engineering too. He spoke about various application, which was awesome.
- Answered all of our questions
- "Questions, questions, questions" - always asked if people needed help
- Yes he motivate me and make love learning.
- very interactive, always walks around to every table to help students and make sure they undersatnd.
- He was always willing to help, and answer any questions we may of had. He also was willing to come in and help if we needed it. He was
- He would constantly give real examples of when to use the topics. He kept the class engaging.
- He showed his interest and made class a blast with his humor and outgoing attitude. He always came to class happy and ready to show us the ways of matlab.

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5 - How effectively did the instructor communicate both in and out of the classroom?

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- Awesome.
- well
- very effectively
- Pretty good
- Yes
- Yep
- He communicated very well. Emails very often if something changed.
- yes
- Not well
- very well
- Good for the most part. At the beginning of each class, he would go over the schedule briefly to make sure that people knew what they were doing that day.
- Very well.
- Very well
- Instructor was very apt to see students understand and succeed.
- very well
- he stuck strictly to his syllabus
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- Very well
- very well
- Very well
- Dr. Thomas is very nice and like to help and explains the material very well.
- ok
- He did a great job, and was also very timely in responding to emails.
- Mr. Thomas was very effective at communicating. He was always clear. He would even respond to e-mails within 24 hours.
- Was very easy to communicate to and easy to talk to.

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6 - Were the course content and lectures well organized?

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- Very well organized, could not have asked for anything better. Perfect structure.
- yes
- yes
- yeah
- yes
- Eh.
- Yes very organized and he kept your attention.
- yes
- Not particularly. Often times I would be confused about what was being said, and sooner or later would stop caring and just hope that the class would end sooner. Lectures were very disorganized, and an entire section was not taught in class, but was still on the exam. He just said (roughly) "I don't have time to teach this material in class, so you are responsible for learning it" two days before the exam that would have that material.
- yes
- Yes
- Kind of, not really lectures, just does problems and helps out on them but doesn't teach any material.
- Yes
- Yes
- yes
- yes
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- Everything was set up before class, there was never ant "on he fly" things.
- NO!!! Covered way too much in too little of time
- Yes
- The lecture is very organized and we spend it on doing problems and practicing.
- Yes
- Yes they were, and followed the syllabus just as stated. The content was also very well organized, and also included plenty of example problems.
- They were well organized.
- Every lecture was very organized and well thought out.

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7 - Was the instructor reasonably available and responsive to your needs during office hours and appointments, or on line?

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- Never utilized this because I feel everything was covered in class very well.
- Yes
- yes
- Yes
- He always responded within the hour outside of class, yes
- Yep
- Yes if you had a question you could email him and he would respond within 24 hrs.
- yes
- No. He was available when there were issues, but often times his solution was a very terse "I don't know" or "There's nothing I can do, and that's the end of it" (despite there definitely being things he could do to solve the problem).
- Yes very much so
- Yes.
- Yes.
- Yes
- N/A
- yes
- yes
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- Would generally respond within hours of emails.
- Yes
- Yes
- Dr. Thomas respond very fast to the email.
- yes
- Yes he was. He was always there for office hours, and was willing to come in if we needed help. He also responded to emails very timely.
- I did not reach out in this class, I cannot answer that. I will repeat, he would answer e-mails within 24 hours.
- Was always available to answer your questions.

8 - Do you have any additional, relevant comments?

Scott Thomas

- None. Thank you so much for a GREAT semester!
- No
- no
- Scott Thomas is a great instructor and this is a great class. I wish Physics majors were required to take this class, I only took it as an elective to fill in my schedule to full time senior year. Knowing alot of this stuff earlier would have made many hw assignments over the years easier!
- Nope.
- 4.9 out of 5 stars would definitely take him again.
- no
- His policy on homework is "no later than when the dropbox is due" and that's it, regardless of whatever excuse you may have. While this isn't uncommon in colleges, it has no place in this class. On a number of occasions I was unable to turn in homework due to some bizarre Matlab error on my computer; it would crash when I would try to publish my code as a .pdf, and because of this I would have nothing to turn into the Dropbox. Thomas would not hear what was wrong with my computer, and refused to acknowledge my work despite knowing full well that I had completed the assignment before the deadline.
- Great professor I love that he relates what you are learning to the real world so you have a feel of how what you are learning is important.
- Scott did a great job. Very likeable.
- N/A
- no
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- Dr. Thomas is an amazing instructor who is extremely passionate about what he does. While he is in some ways a "hard" teacher because he follows the syllabus exactly with 0 deviations, at least you always know what to expect. I very much enjoyed him as an instructor and would love to have him for other classes.
- Great guy, bad at teaching Matlab. Goes on even if the class isn't understanding the topic
- No, Thank you
- Dr Thomas did a great job teaching this course and providing plenty of example problems and practice. He also provided plenty of help for students to succeed.
- I would like to thank him for a wonderful semester.