

Wright State University

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Course: 12260.20173: ME-2120-01 - Statics

1 - Describe the overall effectiveness of this instructor.

Scott Thomas

- Dr. Thomas is a fantastic instructor. He is willing to listen to listen and answer any questions from students during the lecture, and he is dedicated to ensuring that students understand the material as best as possible. His exams are fair and do not ask questions that the students have never seen before. His homework questions are challenging, but because he has all of the problems worked out online, it makes understanding the questions and finding any errors incredibly easy.
- very effective, he presents the information in a way that is easy to understand. He is also very willing to help when there is a question
- Pretty effective.
- very good. plenty of examples.
- Very helpful, very organized approach to every problem that helped me understand the topic much easier.
- Very good at teaching this class
- Scott Thomas was an overall effective instructor. He showed that he genuinely cares for each student in the classroom and their performance as well. He knows how to make the material easier to understand and does problems in class to learn the format of how to solve them correctly.
- Very informative.
- Highly effective and fair instructor
- Scott is one of the most effective instructors I've had here at Wright State.
- yes
- He was a great professor who seemed like he really cared about his students and always came to class enthusiastic
- Ugh
- Instructor was very effective.
- He's effective. He tries to explain each topic with a lot of examples.
- Was effective
- he is a funny professor. teaches with passion which makes you like the subject. he is always there when you have any question and explains very well
- He always tried to make us laugh in class and enjoy the subject. He made it so that we could ask any question we wanted and not feel ashamed of it. He made sure we learned the material and did tons of examples for us to follow. Also, we end each day by doing a problem on our own and could get help from him and other students so that we could find out how well we understood the lesson.
- was effective.
- He was very effective and was always willing to put in the extra effort for the students
- Great professor! Fun guy, good teacher, fair grader.

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

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- Yes, Dr. Thomas was fair on his grading scale, and he remained fair on his grading throughout the entire semester.
- yes
- yes very fair grader.
- Yes.
- yes
- yes
- yes
- Dr. Thomas did grade based on what was said in the course syllabus.
- yes, always graded to be fair and by the syllabus.
- Yes
- Yes. Followed the syllabus to a T.
- yes
- Yes
- I guess?
- Yes
- Yes he did.
- yes
- yes
- Yes, all our work was graded based off of the syllabus.
- Yes. we followed the syllabus exactly.
- yes
- Yes.

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

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- Yes, Dr. Thomas always started at 4:40 and he used the entire class time to provide notes and go over example problems.
- yes, with his famous quote "4:40 exactly"
- Yes always start on time and go to the end.
- yes
- yes
- yes
- Dr. Thomas started class at the designated time precisely and always used the full amount of time given with some days leaving a couple minutes early.
- Always.
- Yes
- We started at 4:40 exactly. Class ended at 6
- yes
- Yes, he always started and ended lectures on the dot, the second they were supposed to end.
- Yeah
- Yes. 4:40 exactly!
- He is one of the few professors i have had that uses the class period adequately. He starts on time and ends exactly the stop time.
- yes, basically everytime
- 4:40!! yes
- He took pride in started right on time every day and he always went to the end and made sure to let us out right at the end so we weren't late for other classes.
- Always started at the second class was supposed to start.
- yes, always started at 440 exactly
- every class day on the dot.

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

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- Dr. Thomas takes more interest in questions than I feel the students do. Throughout the lectures Dr. Thomas encourages people to ask any questions that they have and visit him during his office hours to address any concerns of theirs.
- he would always check to see if anyone had any questions during lecture
- Yes he was very passionate in student learning.
- by getting excited about the material
- yes
- yes, made sure that everyone was on the same page, and would answer any question that came about in class.
- Dr. Thomas had us do a problem at the end of almost every class and during that time he would walk around and anyone who needed clarification. During lecture he would stop many times and ask if anyone had any questions. He was able to be approached at the end of class as well if there were any questions you may have.
- Made class fun and worth being there.
- Yes
- Scott asks lots of questions to engage you and make you learn even if you don't want to.
- yes
- He always encouraged people to come to his office during office hours and was always eager to answer any questions that students may have had
- Don't really know
- By doing multiple examples over each topic to prepare us well for the exams
- He tried as much as possible to introduce the course in a way we can understand it. He has so many examples on his home page with the worked solution to help us advance in the course.
- yes
- he used real life examples which made me like engineering
- He always brought in something to explain the subject to us with a real world example. He always wanted to explain it in a way that we could understand a would thrive in the class. There was never a day that he wasn't happy in class. He always wanted to make sure we had an enjoyable experience and learned the material.
- yes.
- would respond to emails about problems
- Mr. Thomas showed an extreme interest in my learning and understanding of the material.

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

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- Dr. Thomas has everything planned out at the beginning of the year, and the schedule, which he strictly adheres to, can be found on his syllabus online. Any problems or concerns he emails the entire class to address them.
- would communicate a lot in class.
- effectively
- Very very well
- very effective.
- Dr. Thomas was extremely effective in communicating to the class inside and outside of the class. He said any information that would have been useful at the beginning of class and remind us of when homework was due. He emailed us of any changes in the syllabus and where the classroom of our exams would be taking place both in class and email. When emailing him a question he is very quick and detailed when replying. He communicates very well to students on a personal and classroom level.
- Always responded to emails very quickly and was always open for office hours.
- Very effectively
- Great communication by email and great with office hours.
- yes
- He was always available in office hours and he always answered emails quickly
- Pretty good actually, surprised me.
- Very
- He's really helpful outside of class. he's available during office hours, by email and appointment.
- Very well
- he was there whenever you needed him
- This communication was great. He brought up the syllabus every day and showed us what homework was coming up and what chapter we were on. Also he had all the information we needed and even more than that on pilot and his website to help us.
- very effectively
- Excellently.

6 - Were the course content and lectures well organized?

Scott Thomas

- Yes, Dr. Thomas clearly has some kind of planning done where he always knows what to do next and make it all work within the schedule on the syllabus.
- Yes very organized with the syllabus
- yes
- yes
- yes
- Dr. Thomas organized the lectures and content very well. He organized his Pilot page that made it easy to follow and access throughout the year and follow the classwork that was needed. In lecture, he always started with announcements, notes, then problems and then we as students did a problem that we turned in.
- Every day planned out.
- Yes
- Yes. Everything is on pilot and easy to find.
- yes
- Yes
- Yeah
- Yes
- absolutely.
- Yes
- yes
- This is the most organized class I have ever had.
- Yes.
- yes
- Yes.

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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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- I never had any need to seek Dr. Thomas, but from what I have witnessed during class he is very responsive to any needs of his students.
- very much so
- Yes always told the class to come to him for help during his office hours.
- yes
- yes
- very available for questions through email and office hours
- Dr. Thomas held true to his office hours and where he would be located. He responded to emails in a timely manner and in great detail. He even offered his office hours for other classes if that worked with our schedule better.
- always.
- Yes
- Very helpful in office hours. Even with material from other classes.
- yes
- Yes
- Yeah
- Yes
- Yes.
- Yes
- yes
- Yes, he was always available and willing to help.
- Yes.
- yes
- Yes.

8 - Do you have any additional, relevant comments?

Scott Thomas

- Nope.
- Good teacher
- no
- Class seemed a bit slow for me, but easy to understand.
- Scott is a lifesaver and awesome professor. I will take his class again and would recommend him to anyone.
- Instead of doing Working Model on our own I would suggest that these examples be shown in class as a learning assistant to prove that the math makes sense.
- Scott is one of the best teachers I have ever had at this school. The only gripe that I may have with his class is that the exams are extremely hard but that is expected
- Bon Jovi said it best "We're half way there Livin' on a prayer Take my hand and we'll make it I swear, livin' on a prayer" How I felt the whole time.
- He's a really good professor...
- i recommend him to every student
- I enjoyed this class and he always made it an enjoyable experience. I enjoyed this class and learned a lot from this professor.
- Fantastic teacher
- If more professor were like Scott Thomas, Wright State would have a top of the line engineering school.