

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE SUMMARY

COURSE: ME 212
TITLE: Statics
INSTRUCTOR: Scott Thomas
TERM: F08
NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 27

GRADE DISTRIBUTION:

| A | B | C | D | F | I | M | X | W | Drops |
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| 9 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

TEACHING EVALUATIONS:

of Evaluations Scanned: 22

| Q #1 | Q #2 | Q #3 | Q #4 | Q #5 | Q #6 | Q #7 |
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| 4.77 | 4.73 | 4.68 | 4.77 | 4.23 | 4.68 | 4.32 |

STUDENT COMMENTS (FROM CLASS EVALUATION FORMS):

Question #1: Please comment on aspects of the instructor's teaching, such as clarity of explanations and examples, handling of questions, stimulation of thinking, and respect for individuals and their differences.

- "Good good examples."
- "Good prof but difficult – I learned a lot from him & he was very available for questions."
- "I think Dr. Thomas is a very good professor & I like the way he teaches statics. I feel that by doing examples, I learn better & Dr. Thomas feels that way too which helps me learn easier."
- "Good examples, consistent with what would be on the test."
- "Very engaging (forearm of statics)."
- "Good amount of examples. Not enough time for test though."
- "I don't learn very well from watching someone else work examples. Too bad that was all Dr. Thomas did."
- "Class time was well spent, a lot of examples and his lectures were helpful."
- "Gave lots of example problems which made it much easier to understand the material. Was always willing to explain in greater depth if you had questions on how to do something."
- "It was very helpful that we did so many example problems instead of lecturing."
- "In-class examples were helpful, so was 'book-keeping'."

- "Most of time gives good examples in class and actually helps when students have questions."
- "Forearm of Statics!"
- "He did examples thoroughly and answered all questions, as well as treating everyone with respect while doing it."
- "He is very excited to convey all he knows to students. He also does an excellent job at attempting to understand and answer any questions posed by students."
- "Doing examples during class helped, but it would've helped more if we'd been assigned to read the chapters beforehand. I didn't get this until halfway through the class!"
- "Dr. Thomas does extremely well at working through examples in class and providing clear explanations. If only the book were as concise. I am not complain about any aspect of his teaching."
- "The examples were good. Although it sometimes felt like with Moments at Inertia that we went out of order (something wasn't explained before doing examples.)"

Question #2: Did the instructor aid in your understanding of this subject? Please give specific examples consistent with your response.

- "The finger of statics. The forearm of statics."
- "Yes, I really like statics & Dr. Thomas helped me realize how much I like the subject."
- "I think I will leave this class with a lot of knowledge about statics."
- "The test format was too 'all or none'."
- "Yes, I learned a lot from Prof. Thomas, he made a lot of ideas down to our level."
- "The instructor was great and made class interesting. Scott Thomas is one of very few teachers I wouldn't mind taking at 8:30 a.m."
- "Yes, I appreciate doing so many examples in this course to better illustrate what we're learning."
- "Not in a one-on-one method, because I do not really ask many questions, but his teaching was essential for me to understand this subject, as evidenced by the trouble I had if I missed class."

Question #3: Please comment further on any items which you were asked about in this evaluation.

- "Very good professor."
- "Great professor, very available for consultation."
- "Class should start on time, not 5 min. early."
- "I would appreciate if the class started when it's supposed to."
- "Class begun before the 8:30 start time every day, which is unacceptable."
- "It would be nice to have homework worth more than 5% overall."
- "The grading on the test was harsh, homework needs to be a bigger part of the grade overall, good Prof though."
- "The textbook is very useful! I was actually behind in basic trig, but the book explained things well enough to catch up."
- "The book was never used beside for the reference pages. It would be more beneficial and economical to student to have the book optional. And then for exams (quizzes) reference sheets are given."