

# COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE SUMMARY

**COURSE: ME 212-02**

**TITLE: Statics**

**INSTRUCTOR: Scott Thomas**

**TERM: Winter 2012**

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 34**

## **GRADE DISTRIBUTION:**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Drops</b>
5	9	9	2	6			3	1	1

## **TEACHING EVALUATIONS:**

**# of Evaluations Scanned: 24**

<b>Q #1</b>	<b>Q #2</b>	<b>Q #3</b>	<b>Q #4</b>	<b>Q #5</b>	<b>Q #6</b>	<b>Q #7</b>
4.92	4.92	4.75	4.67	4.50	4.79	4.38

## **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.**

- "Very clear. Answers all questions no matter what. Very respectable"
- "I like his style, some lecture and teach through problems"
- "The instructor was very helpful both inside and outside class hours. He used an ample amount of examples and explained each example clearly"
- "Very clear in terms of presenting examples similar to tests and homework problems"
- "Very clear & open to all kinds of questions. Very helpful in class with lecture followed by examples"
- "He answered questions as best as he could and always made sure we had no questions before moving on"
- "All of the examples that you do really helped in my learning of the material"
- "I enjoyed the teaching style that was implemented, mostly (real-world) examples & minimal lecture was AWESOME"
- "Was very enthusiastic about class and teaching, which made class better"
- "Instructor's teaching was very fast, answered all questions, and gave clear explanations"

- "Great examples and explanations. He always asked if there were any questions and made sure everyone understood"
- "Glad that he did a lot of examples in class—very respectful to student questions, very invested in the student's learning of the subject"
- "The instructor was very clear in all explanations and examples. Dr. Thomas handled questions very well. He made it very clear that any & all questions are encouraged and he set out to set a very good learning environment"
- "When explaining material he would sometimes be talking to fast and not be able to communicate material very well to the class"
- "Homework was drastically more difficult than any quiz or test, to the point of being near impossible. Quizzes and tests were very easy. The first time he goes over an example, should explain why he's doing each step"
- "Doing lots of examples helped a lot"
- "Mr. Thomas was very respectful to every student and took any question that anyone had very seriously. He explained to topics of this course very well and supplemented the learning process by doing several examples for each chapter. The homework he assigned helped greatly for preparing for tests"

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

- "Yes. He was very helpful and clear. He did lots of examples which I liked"
- "Very much so!"
- "Yes. He taught me all of the subjects that are necessary for future courses that were not covered by other professors (Dr. Maher Amer)"
- "Yes. His examples really helped aid in the understanding of the material"
- "Yes"
- "Having the ability to email and being able to just go to your office for help was very beneficial"
- "Yes! Doing examples & problems for the class time is genius!"
- "I was able to go into his office at anytime and ask any questions on material"
- "Instructor aided in my understanding of the importance of free body diagrams"
- "Yes. He has been one of the best prof. I have had so far. He gave good examples, and worked through them step by step which made it very easy to follow and understand"
- "Yes—reading through his posted sol'ns & observing his approach to problems was very helpful"
- "Yes, the instructor did many different things to help our understanding. Personally, I thought the real world examples that tied in with what we were learning was very helpful"
- "Yes he did lots of good examples in class that helped us a lot on HW. He had bunches of problem solutions online that helped a lot for studying. I thought he was a great teacher"
- "No I did all of the learning in this course in my own dorm room. I felt that the class time was spent ok"
- "Having the website with practice exams and class examples was very useful"
- "Yes. See above"

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

- "Great teacher, really wants his students to succeed"
- "S. Thomas is huge WSU asset!"
- "Possibly do problems not in homework"
- "Initially the grading scale seemed a little unbalanced, especially w/ lengthy homework worth so little, but looking back I think it works well for the course"

- "An outstanding teacher willing to give any help that was requested & then some. His office hours were always accurate & he was also available outside of the normally scheduled times"
- "Tests were difficult because he chose one question from homework that people would never think is on there"
- "Tests were very fair, grading was very fair, curved when a curve was needed, was available for office hours, and class time was very well spent everyday"