

# COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE SUMMARY

**COURSE: ME 213-01**

**TITLE: Dynamics**

**INSTRUCTOR: Scott Thomas**

**TERM: Spring 2012**

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 30**

## **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>
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## **TEACHING EVALUATIONS:**

**# of Evaluations Scanned: 22**

<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>
5.00	4.95	4.82	4.77	4.50	4.91	4.64

## **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.**

- "Class was very well presented. Material covered was challenging but Dr. Thomas did an excellent job in teaching the material. One of best class's I have taken"
- "Gave lots of examples that were very similar to the homework assignments. Exams were tough, but all of the material on them were covered in class"
- "He was very clear, very helpful, and very nice. He works hard to make sure everyone understands and respects all questions"
- "Very good lectures. He was easy to pay attention to and helped me understand the material. Did very good examples, and it helped that he worked the out step by step"
- "The examples in class are really helpful"
- "Whoo!"
- "Very good at examples and takes his job very seriously"
- "Charismatic and clear an excellent combination for an instructor"
- "Instructor was very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about this subject. He was always prepared and came up with helpful examples 'on the fly'. The course website he provided was more than helpful"

- "Great instructor. Explains clearly and understandably. Gives a lot of help to students. Having the solutions and working models makes learning much easier"
- "I think class time could be better spent if we spent some less time deriving equations we are to use. I think it would also be beneficial if while working problems, you would stop more often to discuss what is going on. Sometimes I am writing too much to be able to think"
- "Perfect. Prof. does not move on from a topic if there is even the slightest hint of confusion on even one of our faces. Though there were hardly ever any because his explanations are so helpful and provoke the exact thoughts necessary"
- "Scott is awesome!"
- "The examples help a lot. The website helps a lot"
- "Good, lots of examples, interaction for questions. Hard to follow trail of equations wrapping around board. Use different colors for separate parts"
- "Very clear teaching style, class expectations clearly defined. Always available for help in both class or personal problems"

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

- "Yes. He also was very friendly and inspired me to push myself to learn things and achieve rather than do only what is necessary to get by"
- "Yes, extremely helpful"
- "Yes"
- "Good job of stopping in class to answer any questions before moving on"
- "Oh yeah!"
- "Yes, excellent lectures supplemented the book and in many ways replaced it"
- "Every bit. Any question outside of class was met without failure with an open door and a detailed answer"
- "Yes, uses clear examples with items in room. Better props for translations, rotating right help"
- "Yes but he teaches from the book. The book is very poor compared to other (cheaper) resources"
- "Yes, Scott was very good at making sure the students understood the material"

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

- "'This is dude.' And dude is awesome"
- "Call it cheesy, but Thomas is the first teacher to show me that he honestly cares about our understanding"
- "I loved how much he wanted us to learn dynamics. He knew how hard it was and gave us so many different resources to learn. The only thing that could've benefited me more was breaking up lecture with a little bit of example problems so I could relate the material to a problem right away. But with all we had to cover in this time Dr. Thomas spent class time really well"
- "A very good teacher, very lucky to have him"