

Wright State University

201840 Summer courses taught in classroom

Course: 48040.201840: ME 3360 - C01 - Heat Transfer

Response Rate: 31/86 (36.05 %)

1 - Describe the overall effectiveness of this instructor.

Scott Thomas

Response Rate

24/86 (27.91%)

- very good
- good
- Scott is the example other professors at wright state should follow.
- neutral
- Very effective
- He's my favorite professor in all my college time. He's energetic, cares about students' learning and also really funny. He went over the material pretty quickly, but this is expected in summer semester. He does a good job at deconstructing and explaining every step of the material, and putting it on terms we will understand. He has fun examples and keeps class interesting.
- 10/10
- Wasn't very effective. Teaches terribly. Does not explain fundamentals, he just gives you equations and assumptions out of thin air.
- yes
- Amazing
- Cares about his students, but there's a disconnect between class difficulty and homework/exam difficulty. Tons of time needed to actually bridge the gap between lectures to homework, then homework to exams.
- He was very effective
- Great, every topic was covered with great detail
- Scott was great. He was consistent and very clear upon expectations. He followed his syllabus to a tee and evaluated the class according to what he laid out in that syllabus.
- He covered the subject well and covers everything that will be on the exam.
- Very.
- Dr. Thomas is an amazingly fair, structured, and organized professor. His explanations are clear, and he makes sure everyone is on the same page before moving on to the next topic.
- Dr. Thomas is very effective at communicating lecture content as well as keeping the class focused and involved.
- Fantastic, one of the best professors at WSU.
- 8/10
- Dr. Thomas is one of the best instructors at Wright State. He is very detailed in his explanations and always attempts to explain things in a way that are visual or have applications in the real world.
- Great professor. I learned a lot, and everything was set up in the course great, and related to real world applications, which made it easy to understand.
- not good very hard exams
- Dr. Thomas is one of the best professors I've ever had at this institution, hands down.

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

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- exactly
- yes
- yes
- neutral
- Yes
- Yes, he is very organized with his notes/ assignments/grading. It was all laid out and explained in the syllabus.
- yes
- Sure
- yes
- Yes, every day
- Yes
- Yes, he follow it to a T
- Absolutely
- Yes.
- Yes he did.
- Yes.
- The expectations were very clearly described in the course syllabus.
- Yes, the syllabus is the defining contract for everything within Dr. Thomas's class.
- Yes he provided a syllabus on day one and stuck to it chapter by chapter. It's impressive to see a professor have such a difficult curriculum to teach, plan the semester out and get through it all and have most of us following along and understanding.
- Yes
- Yes. The syllabus was discussed the first day with specific expectations. Then it was reference every class so that students could see exams approaching and take initiative and prepare accordingly.
- Yes
- not good very hard exams
- 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
- yes
- every class he starts exactly on time
- neutral
- Yes
- Always right on time.. He's always early and starts talking at exactly 4:40 . We only didn't use the full period once or twice and that's because he didn't want to introduce a new thing with just a few minutes left in class
- 4:40 exactly except the day he was distracted by nick
- Yes
- yes
- "4:40 exactly!" except that one time... "Ah man, I missed my 4:40 exactly moment. You guys distracted me!"
- Yes, on time on the dot every day
- Yes he always started at exactly 4:40 pm
- Yes
- Yes.
- Class always started on time and ended on time.
- 4:40 Exactly.
- "4:40 exactly!"
- Yes "4:40 EXACTLY"
- Yes Scott started at "4:40 exactly" cause that's how he rolls.
- Yes
- 4:40 exactly! We always started class on time and used the full period in most classes. The one time he let us out a little early was because we had a System Dynamics exam right after. He understood that we have other obligations outside of Heat Transfer. He obviously cares about his students a great deal.
- N/A
- not good very hard exams
- He made it a point to start class exactly at the posted time, every time.

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

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22/86 (25.58%)	

- yes
- yes
- With the enthusiasm of someone who measures their coffee in gallons not ounces.
- neutral
- Was very responsive to questions and remembers people's names
- He really cares about students and making sure people were understanding the content. He was always available for questions and even answered questions after class time ass over.
- yes
- Emphasized "ultra fairness" but didnt really care that we learned or not.
- yes
- Abso-posi-lutely
- Very enthusiastic teaching style
- he was always available for questions and would always make sure the student had a better understanding after they asked a question even if it meant talking after class
- Absolutely, shared many personal experiences with the material covered in the course as well as used a lot of examples that were easy to understand or picture to make his point.
- Scott would offer us real world examples of the concepts being covered, as well as fielding any questions we had at any time in lecture. He often spoke to many students after lecture and discussed their future plans for their education with them. For me personally, we spoke about whether or not I should pursue a Masters Degree in ME where he gave me his advice to do so. We also discussed my future Senior Design class and what I would want to do for that, where he gave his advice as well.
- He has a strong passion for the subject that is shown strongly when teaching.
- Yes.
- Dr. Thomas loves his job an is very interested in my learning. This was apparent in everything from his expectations to his teaching and evaluations.
- Providing the home work solutions really helps allot. When I first took his Matlab class I thought it was kinda silly him providing the solutions but now that I've been through more classes I see the benefits. If you take the time to walk through each solution and see how things work it helped me get much further than just using the book. Plus hw is only worth 10% so the hw scores arnt going to pass anyone that doesnt put in the work for the exams.
- Thomas readily answers any questions and addresses all concerns.
- Scott would always take time to answer questions during class to make sure everyone understood the material.
- not good very hard exams
- I've never had a professor be so hell-bent on making sure everyone understood the material the best they could.

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

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23/86 (26.74%)

- very good
- yes when needed
- very
- neutral
- very effectively
- He emailed grades as soon as they were posted on pilot and his emails were always well timed
- 10/10
- He was always available to talk
- good
- Extremely effective. I think the man lives by his email.
- Very responsive to questions in class Regularly responded to email within a day
- yes, he was very good about it
- Very well
- Extremely effective.
- Communication was great in and out of class.
- Very.
- Very well.
- Posted or emailed anything we needed to know so I would say thats as much as he could do.
- 10/10
- Scott communicated very well in the classroom and out.
- The professor was very easily accessible and responded back every time I messaged him within an hour.
- not good very hard exams
- Excellently.

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6 - Were the course content and lectures well organized?

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- yes
- yes
- extremely so
- neutral
- Yes
- Yes. Always! It's all laid on on his webpage.. I took Matlab with him previously and I still refer back to his notes there from time to time.
- yes
- some what. The home works were super long and tedious. The homework due dates were not consistent with what was covered in class for the week. (i.e some problem have not been covered in class yet but were already due)
- yes
- Every Class.
- Yes, schedule was well kept the entire course
- yes, he was organized from day one
- Yes
- Yes.
- It was well organized.
- Yes.
- Extremely well organized.
- Yes, Dr. Thomas is one of the most organized professors I have had.
- His website had everything laid out in a convenient and orderly manner I really liked that he posted the homework problems and solutions as well as the exam content for all the previous semesters.
- Yes
- The lectures were always organized around the syllabus so I always knew what to expect during class.
- The course was extremely well organized, and the online lectures were fantastic! Wright State needs more of this!
- not good very hard exams
- Best organized lectures I've seen to date from any professor.

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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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- yes
- yes
- yes
- neutral
- Yes
- Yeah, I met on office hours a couple times when I had some questions on homework problems.. He was very helpful and willing to meet.
- yes
- sure
- yes
- Always
- Yes
- yes he always had office hours and would meet with students around the office hours if necessary
- Yes
- Yes, Scott would reply in timely manner inside or outside of the classroom.
- Yes
- Yes.
- Always.
- Yes
- Yes I would say he was, he would stay after if anyone needed any one on one time and he had office hours.
- Yes
- Scott always made himself available to students that needed extra help on a subject.
- He responded within an hour at all times of day.
- not good very hard exams
- Seemed to always be available.

8 - Do you have any additional, relevant comments?

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- would take another course with this instructor
- checkaroonie and a banana
- neutral
- No
- He's a really great professor. I really enjoyed this class. Exams were challenging but fair to the content... I really enjoy his style of teaching and I hope I can always be as happy and excited about my job as he is.
- none
- yes
- Please have him teach Thermodynamics 2 this fall!!!!
- The exams are very demanding. A lot of personal effort must be made to do well in terms of time needed to prepare. It's very difficult if the person (such as myself) is employed at or near full time.
- Great Professor, we need more professors like him
- Wonderful class would not have wanted to take the course with anyone else as the professor. He turned a very difficult class into an enjoyable and educational experience.
- Scott is one of my favorite professors!
- No.
- I wish Dr. Thomas taught all of the required classes for the engineering department at WSU. He is an extraordinary professor, and I consider myself lucky to have had him for two courses. I very much appreciate his enthusiasm, organization, clarity and fairness. Thank you, Dr. Thomas!
- Dr. Thomas should teach me every subject including Pickle Ball.
- Fantastic semester, really enjoy being in the classes you teach. Your have really good way of explaining hard or complex subject matter in a way that relates it to simple things that are unstandable. Thank you very much for all the help transfer knowledge.
- I greatly enjoyed this course and would gladly take another course from Dr. Thomas again.
- not good very hard exams
- Would take him again for any class he offers.