## **University of Utah**

## Spring 2013, MATH 5700 Math Capstone Course Section 30 Instructor: MacArthur, Kelly (Primary)



	Question Text	N	RR	Avg	MATH Avg	MATH SP13		Div SP13	Sch Avg						
Grp	Instructor Questions (MacArthur)			5.18	5.13		8		5.41						
Grp	Course Questions			5.1	5.01				5.29						
										Str Disagr	Disagr	Mild Disagr	Mild Agree	Agree	Str Agree
1	Objectives clearly stated	21	91%	4.95					5.23	5% (1)				38% (8)	
2	Objectives met	21	91%	4.95					5.20	5% (1)		5% (1)	14% (3)	38% (8)	38% (8)
3	Content well-organized	21	91%	5					5.12	5% (1)		10% (2)	10% (2)	29% (6)	48% (10)
4	Course materials helpful	21	91%	5					5.10	5% (1)	5% (1)		19% (4)	19% (4)	52% (11)
5	Assignments & exams covered the course	21	91%	5.33					5.17	5% (1)			10% (2)	24% (5)	62% (13)
6	Learned great deal	21	91%	5.14					5.10	5% (1)			19% (4)	24% (5)	52% (11)
7	Overall effective course	21	91%	5.29					5.09	5% (1)			10% (2)	29% (6)	57% (12)
9	Instructor was organized (MacArthur)	20	87%	5.25					5.22	5% (1)			5% (1)	40% (8)	50% (10)
10	Instructor presented effectively (MacArthur)	21	91%	4.9					5.13	5% (1)		10% (2)	14% (3)	29% (6)	43% (9)
11	Instructor created respectful environment (MacArthur)	21	91%	5.29					5.34	5% (1)			5% (1)	38% (8)	52% (11)
12	Demonstrated thorough knowledge (MacArthur)	21	91%	5.43					5.44	5% (1)			10% (2)	14% (3)	71% (15)
13	Instructor encouraged questions/ opinions (MacArthur)	21	91%	5.29					5.34	5% (1)			10% (2)	29% (6)	57% (12)
14	Instructor available for student consultation (MacArthur)	21	91%	4.95					5.30	5% (1)		5% (1)	19% (4)	29% (6)	43% (9)
15	Overall effective instructor (MacArthur)	21	91%	5.19					5.23	5% (1)			14% (3)	29% (6)	52% (11)
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	Discriminate by semester	52	87%							37% (19)	4% (2)	8% (4)	19% (10)	33% (17)	
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	Rating tendency	52	87%							44% (23)	17% (9)	12% (6)	21% (11)	6% (3)	
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	Discriminate by semester	24	n/a								13% (3)	8% (2)	21% (5)		
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	Discriminate by semester	49	58%							22% (11)	12% (6)	2% (1)	35% (17)	29% (14)	
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Discriminate by semester	21	91%					24% (5)	76% (16)	
				Very Easy	Easy	Avg	Hard	Very Hard	
Rating tendency	21	91%	389	% (8)	14% (3)	10% (2)	19% (4)	19% (4)	
			Dis	V	Discrim	Avg	Slight Discrim	N Discrim	Careless
Discriminate overall	21	91%	149	% (3)	5% (1)	5% (1)	24% (5)		52% (11)
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Question: Comments on course effectiveness	Instructor	Text Responses
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MacArthur	Very knowledgeable, but moved way too quickly for many students in the class. Often seemed frustrated or annoyed when we did not all instantly remember concepts we have not seen in 10+ years.
MacArthur	She is very aware of our needs and where were coming from mathematically. She planned lessons that would help us become better teachers. I have learned more in this class than any other.
MacArthur	I liked the motivating thoughts in the weekly e-mails. Also, the clear structure helped me to know what was required of me. I feel like the curriculum was adapted for the needs of the class.
MacArthur	1) On a few topics the instructor would have been more effective if she didn't go so fast through teaching the concepts (it made it hard to take good notes.) 2) She took into account our busy teaching schedules when we needed it most; but still had high expectations which I liked.
MacArthur	The class course fits our needs and we loved it.
MacArthur	class structure and instructor are great.
MacArthur	Kelly often got going so fast during class notes that I got lost. I can't write, listen, and comprehend all at the same time. It would have been helpful if she would have stopped every few minutes and given us a chance to catch up with our notes and understanding. She did ask if we had questions, but I was so busy writing, I didn't even know what I had written, let alone whether I had understood it or not. Often, I just ended up writing as fast as I could and hoping my notes would make sense later. It would help if she gave some time for comprehension. Also, many of the homework assignments were quite long. We were all working teachers who were in the middle of master's projects, and my weekends were typically consumed doing homework for this class. I had to take several days off work in order to finish the homework, do my grading, and work on my master's project. I wish Kelly would have been a little more sensitive to the many pulls on our time when assigning homework.
MacArthur	The instructor wrote really really fast and this made it difficult to take notes. She was enthusiastic about the subject and very passionate about what she taught. Really liked her style just needed to slow down.
MacArthur	I learned a lot. She made sure the level of the class was appropriate to our needs.
MacArthur	Thoroughly covered all homework questions. Effectively chose topics that may have been new or slightly unfamiliar.
MacArthur	Answering homework questions. Quiz reflects homework.
MacArthur	I appreciated the topics that she chose for this course. I think that some of the assignments were a little long when taking into consideration the full workloads that many people have in their jobs. Overall though I thought she was effective and picked topics that were meaningful to us as teachers.