

SELECTED STUDENT COMMENTS FROM EVALUATIONS

JULIA BERGNER

- (1) Infinite Mathematics Project - Connections Between Algebra and Geometry (Two-week summer course for teachers):
 - It really made me think about how I present material to my students and how important many concepts are later in their math learning!
 - I liked learning about the "why" of calculus, seeing real world examples and the clear explanations.
 - I really appreciate focusing on the conceptual ideas for better understanding. I feel like I have a better understanding of what I learned in calculus.
 - Thank you for being so patient with the class. Although I struggled I didn't feel like I wasn't "smart."
 - I loved the break-out sessions, dividing into the "I think I got it" group and "I need help" group.
 - The pacing of the course was great for all those involved, for teachers of K-12! There was plenty of time for questions and they were answered in very understandable terms.
 - I think you did an excellent job of connecting the topics; I was expecting "isolated" instruction. I feel like I am taking away a lot of hints/ideas/connections for my classroom. Great job making the content relevant for all levels.
 - It was great that there were lots of examples and reteaching as we needed it. The differentiated portion was helpful. We could go slower on days that we were less secure and faster on others. Wonderful!
 - Good refresher and I liked how most things were eventually related back to each other. That turned on some light bulbs for me. I liked the vocabulary and questions posted each morning.
- (2) Algebraic Topology 2
 - Julie Bergner is a spectacular teacher and should get a promotion/prize/award.
- (3) Algebraic Topology
 - The instructor was well-organized and very helpful. She was one of the best teachers I've had.
 - I think our instructor did a good job and she was interested in teaching. Lectures were very clear, focused.
- (4) History of Mathematics:
 - The readings for this class were great, I enjoyed this part of the class. Dr. Bergner showed a high interest in our understanding the material holistically.
 - Will be truly outstanding when she has more experience. Obviously highly intelligent and well prepared.

- (5) Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers:
- Dr. Bergner did a great job teaching this material. I felt she did well in presenting the material in a way in which we could all understand. She helped make us more able to understand the math behind the math.
 - The instructor was very willing to help students outside of class. I can tell that she wants students to understand math.
- (6) Calculus courses at University of Notre Dame:
- she was a great help outside of class, and is really good one-on-one; she explains the subject clearly and does not move too quickly; it helps that she writes out what things mean instead of just giving equations
 - Prof. Bergner is always willing to help at any time and we know she is enthusiastic about calculus and really wants us to learn and do well.
 - she's very accessible outside of class - went to her office hours several times and she was generous with her time and helpful; good clear lecture notes given which helped tremendously on homework assignments
 - she was always very prepared for every class and had the material organized and presented in a way that made sense; she was very patient with students and seemed to care a great deal about being fair to everyone and giving everyone the help they needed; she tied the course material together very nicely and was overall a great instructor
 - she sometimes couldn't answer our questions, BUT she always followed up with a clear answer at the next class
 - excellent instructor that made a course I had to drop in the fall comparatively clear to learn
 - we know you care (you have all our names) and spend hours with us in office hours and appointments and bring cookies, etc, and have a good relationship with the class and really try to make calculus fun (which is hard) but your enthusiasm, care for us and style (writing everything down) really makes a difference
 - knowing names - good; ability to respond without looking - good; bringing brownies - excellent
 - Julie is a great TA! she comes every week with a full set of solutions to the homework problems and a typed quiz; she is very patient and willing to explain concepts and specific problems; she is also willing to stay after tutorial is over to provide additional help
 - Julie even emailed me cuz she was worried about my perceptions of my talents; now that is what Notre Dame is supposed to be about :)
 - I liked when she involved students while solving problems, good review of concepts before quizzes