

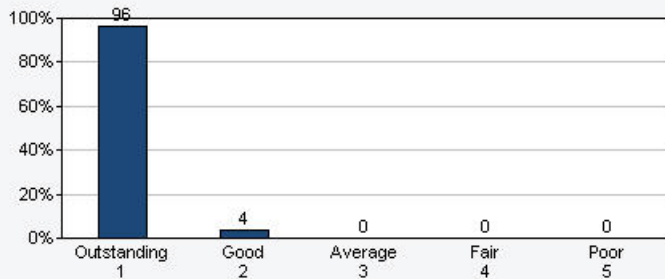
## Instructor Evaluation for MATH 102 002 (10787) - SINGLE VARIABLE CALCULUS II

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 Enrolled: 22  
 Instructor(s): Ray, Arunima

### Student Numerical Responses

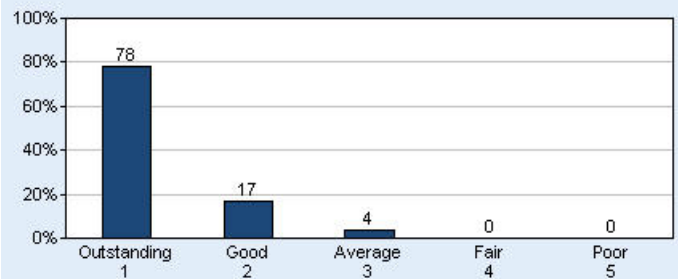
Class Mean: 1.04 Rice Mean: 1.68  
 Responses: 23

**Organization: The instructor's preparation for class was:**



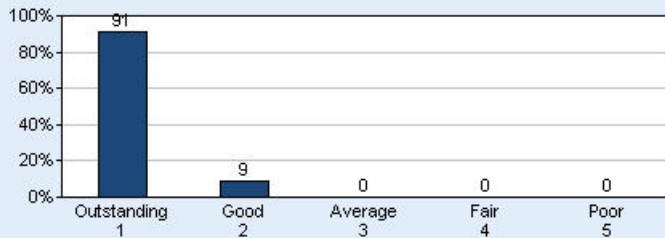
Class Mean: 1.26 Rice Mean: 1.86  
 Responses: 23

**Presentation: The instructor's presentation of the material was:**



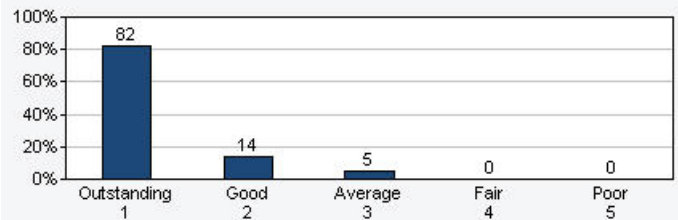
Class Mean: 1.09 Rice Mean: 1.69  
 Responses: 23

**Responsiveness: The instructor's response to student questions and requests for help was:**



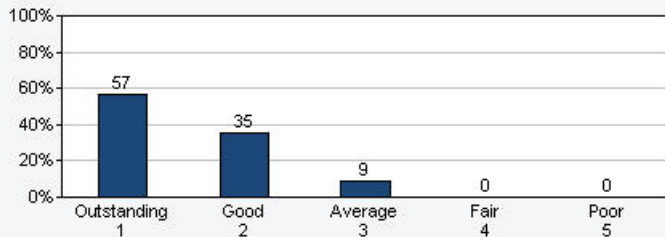
Class Mean: 1.23 Rice Mean: 1.69  
 Responses: 22

**Classroom Atmosphere: The atmosphere that the instructor created in the classroom relating to respect, support, civility, and equitable treatment for all members was:**



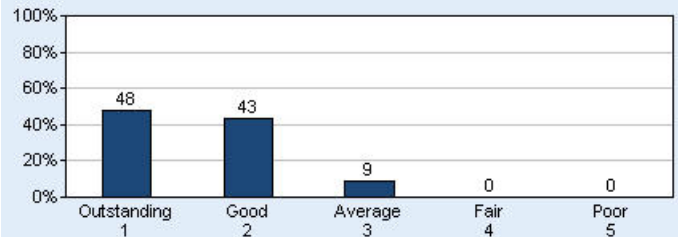
Class Mean: 1.52 Rice Mean: 1.84  
 Responses: 23

**Independence: The instructor's ability to encourage and foster the development of independent thinking and/or creativity was:**



Class Mean: 1.61 Rice Mean: 1.85  
 Responses: 23

**Stimulation: The instructor's ability to stimulate intellectual curiosity was:**



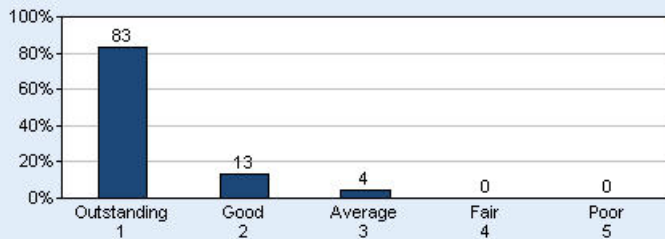
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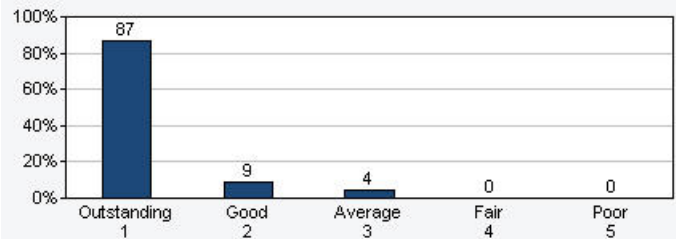
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**Knowledge: The instructor's ability to inspire confidence in his/her knowledge of the subject was:**



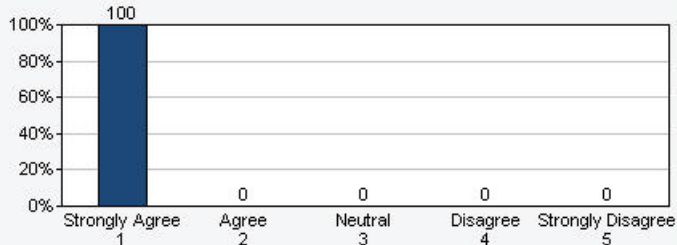
Class Mean: 1.17 Rice Mean: 1.79  
 Responses: 23

**Effectiveness: Overall, I feel that the instructor's effectiveness as a teacher was:**



Class Mean: 1.00 Rice Mean: 1.52  
 Responses: 21

**Responsibility: The instructor attended class, was on time for class, and returned assignments in a reasonable time.**



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Aru has great communications skills in the classroom and presents the material very clearly. She is very intelligent and is always willing and able to dive into the material with more depth to answer a question. Student interaction in class was common and encouraged, more so than most of my classes and much more than any math class. She is a thorough grader but she is fair and will give credit where it is obvious you understand the overall point of the material. Aru makes herself available to students often and completely clears her schedule for them. I was in her office hours more than almost anybody and she was always willing to drop everything and go over the material from both current lectures and calculus one. As a senior, I took calculus I three years before this class. Without Aru being available for office hours and patiently (extremely patiently) guiding me through the material (pre-calc, calc I, and calc II) that I did not understand, I would have not been successful in this course. Math is also not my favorite subject but she made it seem interesting to me. I do not have a single negative thing to say about Aru. She is one of the best professors I have had in my educational experience.

(12/20/2011 04:12 P.M.)

ARU IS AWESOME!! She made sure that she went slow enough so that the whole class understood but fast enough so that no one was bored. She listened to what the students had to say and adjusted the course accordingly. She had so many office hours (especially before the final which was very helpful) and made sure that there were study sessions on the times that she didn't. She was not only a great math teacher but also really easy to relate to and the learning environment was relaxed. She made sure this was a great math 102 class!!

(12/20/2011 03:12 P.M.)

Even though Aru is a graduate student and this is (I think) her first time teaching a university class, she's an amazing instructor. She really knows the stuff and presents it in a very clear way.

(12/16/2011 02:12 P.M.)

I really enjoyed this course, I thought the teacher was great and she was very good at explaining and just teaching in general. She could go a little slow for some, but I think that for most it was perfect. She was very respectful of our time, flexible, and overall just very nice

(12/14/2011 01:12 P.M.)

Aru was really nice and did a lot to make sure that we understood the material.

(12/13/2011 10:12 A.M.)

Aru was very helpful in listening to our understanding as students and put a lot of effort into making sure that the class was moving at an appropriate pace for the material that she gave us. Although this class has very difficult material, the Aru's ability to listen to our feedback throughout the semester made it very easy to handle and even enjoyable.

(12/10/2011 12:12 P.M.)

Aru is definitely the best teacher I have had at Rice. She explained the theories behind mathematical concepts and then went on to provide varied, useful examples. I wish other classes gave as many examples. For an engineering major, examples and applications of concepts are very important to me, and Aru definitely gave many of those. Also, though her problem sets were challenging, I found them to be particularly helpful when studying for tests. They really challenged me to think "outside the box". On another note, I have never had a teacher who was so willing to go out of her way to help her students. She hosted office hours several times a week, and on many occasions she even stayed after her normal office hours to help us get through a problem set. She was enthusiastic and an absolute joy to have as a teacher. Everyday, I would be shocked to see how the time had flown by. She is one of the most engaging instructors I have ever had.

(12/08/2011 03:12 P.M.)

The teacher often explained things in more than one way for those who didn't understand and was able to use examples as a means of support. I learned plenty throughout the course and was exposed to the material long enough to understand it and still cover all of the material.

(12/08/2011 12:12 P.M.)

I was surprised when Aru gave us our tests back the class period after the one that we took them in! She was a great instructor. After she taught us a new concept or method of solving a problem, she'd always ask if anyone had any questions, and she'd do her best to answer them. She held many office hours and made herself available practically every day between the last day of classes and the day of our final. I'd definitely recommend her to other students.

(12/06/2011 10:12 P.M.)

Aru is a great teacher and really knows her stuff. She explained everything so well. She was available to help with questions, through emails and in person.

(12/05/2011 01:12 A.M.)

She was always willing to work around students' schedules to make sure we could get help if we needed it.

(11/30/2011 02:11 P.M.)

Aru is an amazing teacher; she's organized, she knows the material well, and she explains the theory or idea behind the math, rather than just writing formulas on a blackboard. Sometimes the pace of the course makes it so that she can't fully explain something in class, but she's always willing to go through a problem during office hours. If you go to her with questions, she will help you understand every little part of the problem, even if

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answering everyone's questions goes far later than the allotted hour. And she doesn't provide an answer straight out, but instead asks questions so that you can come to a conclusion on your own.

She clearly loves math, and this shows in the form of her math jokes and excitement when teaching. Her interest in it is infectious. Outstanding MATH 102 course with Aru.

(11/29/2011 01:11 P.M.)

I found the class to be way too easy. The problems discussed in class were usually the simplest and often did not help in grasping the general concept. Highly knowledgeable instructor, very approachable and helpful, but I kept wishing for a stronger class.

(11/28/2011 11:11 P.M.)

One of the best paced math classes I've ever taken. I never felt behind, but I also consistently felt in class that my views of math as a subject evolved. Every class period involved some further development of fundamental concepts (rather than monotonous practice, the new ideas were nicely blended with the practice). Aru also made extra help, when it was necessary, very accessible, friendly, and useful.

(11/28/2011 09:11 P.M.)

Aru was awesome. Her introductions to new material were the best: She went at a great pace and used illustrations to help us visualize the concepts. She was also very flexible with office hours and was super quick to respond by email.

(11/28/2011 09:11 P.M.)

Aru is an excellent teacher. Her lectures were clear and organized, and she made a tremendous effort to be available to the students outside of class. Her assignments and exams were fair. The presentation of the material could have been a hair more engaging; but overall, she kept the students interested and opened up the room for questions well.

(11/24/2011 08:11 P.M.)

Maybe because this is a small class, students can ask their related questions anytime in class and get immediate responses if they don't understand what's being taught. The instructor also offers office hours during weekdays whenever there's not a TA session offered in that day, which makes it convenient for students to drop by and ask questions.

(11/24/2011 10:11 A.M.)

Aru is very kind, understanding, flexible, and receptive to feedback. She presents/explains the material very well also. I highly recommend taking her class.

(11/21/2011 05:11 P.M.)

I love Aru! She is a really awesome teacher! When I registered for the class I was a little apprehensive about having a grad student as a professor, but I do not regret the decision at all. I loved Aru's teaching style, and her office hour sessions were extremely helpful. If she were ever to teach again here at Rice I would definitely take another class with her!

(11/21/2011 02:11 P.M.)

Aru was outstanding. I don't have any complaints whatsoever. When we had problems, she changed her style to accommodate the class. She held multiple review sessions and office hours. I'm sad I can't take another class with her =[

(11/21/2011 12:11 P.M.)