EC EN 224-001 Summer 2006 - Comments

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Haroon was much better than the instructor who taught us for the first week. The first week only followed the powerpoint presentation very blandly, but Haroon made us actually get out of seats and do things on the board. He was much better than the first instructor. I would take Haroon again if I had the chance to.

It was great. The lectures could go a little faster for me. Not everything on the slides need to be explained though. Maybe it helps some students though. For me however, only the main concepts need to be explained, I can read the sidenotes.

a very didactic teacher. had a good attitude and was respectful of students ideas

This is an engineering class, so there was not too much discussion of anything spiritual. Haroon's TAs did most of the grading, so some of the questions did not really apply. I noted my time in class and what I got out of class low because I am retaking this course. My only complaint with the way the class was run this time is there was some confusion caused by the fact that we switched instructors in the middle of the term. I was fairly certain that the first instructor said we would have no in-class pop quizzes. I found out much later in the term that Haroon had reinstated the pop quizzes with only an announcement in class. Unfortunately, I missed the class where he announced it and some subsequent classes where quizzes were proctored.

I think the tests in this class could be designed better. they seemed really tricky and a poor way to evaluate a students learning.

Good job. Good luck in your application for the permanent teacher position.

Great class

Haroon Stephen did an outstanding job and I enjoyed having him as an instructor.

I think Haroon did a good job taking over the course shortly after it had started. His class lectures were helpful and easy to follow. I was especially impressed with how well the course was structured. There was more than enough help when you needed it. I was also impressed in how well the labs were written. It made them very easy to follow, and made it so we didn't have to constantly be calling over a TA. I also thought that the text was very well written. One thing I strongly suggest to improve the course is to get rid of the canned exams. I think that taking an examination is one of the best indications of what concepts you still need to polish off, and by using canned exams you eliminate many post exam learning opportunities. Specifically, you are not able to go over the exam in class with the students to help them understand the problems they missed, you can't hand back the exam making students unable to go over the exam if it is not gone over in class. Also, for me one of the best study guides to use for preparing for a final is my past exams. Using canned exams eliminates that study opportunity as well.