

Instructor course sections

SIRS SUMMARY REPORT FOR: MTH 320 002 (TERM: SS17)

- Instructor: TSVETANKA SENDOVA
- Number of students enrolled: 26
- Number of replies: 23
- Date generated: 1/29/2018 8:32:00 PM

[Show Form Questions](#) (opens in a new window)

						OMIT	MEAN	STD. Deviation
CUSTOM QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 Was the instructor well-prepared for class?	82.6%	8.69%	8.69%	0%	0%	0%	1.26	0.60
2 How often does the instructor arrive to class on time?	78.2%	13.0%	8.69%	0%	0%	0%	1.30	0.62
3 The instructor provided timely feedback (graded homework, quizzes, exams, etc.).	73.9%	8.69%	8.69%	8.69%	0%	0%	1.52	0.97
4 Evaluate your instructor's willingness to help outside of class (office hours, email, etc.).	78.2%	4.34%	13.0%	4.34%	0%	0%	1.43	0.87
5 How often did you attend the class taught by this instructor?	73.9%	17.3%	4.34%	4.34%	0%	0%	1.39	0.76
6 How interesting did you find the course material?	47.8%	26.0%	17.3%	8.69%	0%	0%	1.86	0.99
7 Evaluate this instructor's ability to explain the course content.	73.9%	8.69%	13.0%	4.34%	0%	0%	1.47	0.87
8 Evaluate the instructor's ability to make the course stimulating and engaging.	65.2%	17.3%	13.0%	4.34%	0%	0%	1.56	0.87
9 Evaluate your instructor's ability to encourage questions and answer them effectively.	73.9%	13.0%	8.69%	4.34%	0%	0%	1.43	0.82
10 Evaluate the effectiveness of this class in increasing your mathematical competency.	65.2%	17.3%	13.0%	4.34%	0%	0%	1.56	0.87
11 Evaluate the appropriateness of the pace at which the instructor covered the material.	65.2%	17.3%	13.0%	4.34%	0%	0%	1.56	0.87

SOCT

In addition to results from SIRS Online surveys, the SOCT survey (Students' Opinion of Courses and Teaching) results are also available. SOCT is a brief, optional survey that students can take. Students, faculty and the MSU community can view results from this survey at soct.msu.edu.

						OMIT	MEAN	STD. Deviation
CUSTOM QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12 Evaluate effectiveness of the homework/class assignments as a learning opportunity.	65.2%	17.3%	13.0%	4.34%	0%	0%	1.56	0.87
13 How often did the instructor present the material in an organized manner?	73.9%	13.0%	8.69%	4.34%	0%	0%	1.43	0.82
14 Evaluate your instructor's effectiveness in communicating course information, including course policies, schedules, due dates, and grades.	78.2%	4.34%	13.0%	4.34%	0%	0%	1.43	0.87
15 What is your overall rating of this instructor?	78.2%	8.69%	8.69%	4.34%	0%	0%	1.39	0.82

RESPONDERS' COMMENTS FOR MTH 320 002 (SS17)

Question 16: Would you recommend this instructor to another student? Comments on your classroom experience, the instructor's teaching style, and course materials are very helpful.

- great 320 class and excellent professor
 - I really loved the class and the prof, who managed to make series interesting by explaining concepts in ways that I understood :D
 - I would absolutely recommend this instructor to another student. Professor Sendova has been the best professor I have had at MSU, let alone in the hardest undergraduate math course. She was always very prepared, and encouraged questions and our own ideas on how to start problems instead of just telling us, and encouraged group work. She had a very detailed schedule of homework and assignments that was available online, which was convenient and helpful to be able to reference. The schedule of when homework and quizzes were was always the same, so that helped when planning when to complete homework and study. Professor Sendova was very flexible with office hours and willing to schedule times to take quizzes early if there was a conflict on the day of the quiz (Fridays). Overall, I would recommend Professor Sendova to anyone taking higher level math classes; she explains things extremely well and is a very pleasant person to speak to. I'm lucky to have had her as a professor!
 - I would recommend without a doubt. The instructor did an excellent job explaining important concepts in a simple manner.
 - Professor Sendova is the best math professor I've ever had. I didn't enjoy the course material but she did a GREAT job explaining it in a simulating way. Thank you!
 - SHE IS AMAZING. There are two professors in my time at MSU that I feel have shaped me as a person as well as refine my mathematical skills and prof Sendova is definitely one of them. She is an amazing person who really cares about students. Her exams are fair (tell some of the other profs to take notes..) the homework is always super helpful, and her class notes are impeccable. She really knows what she's doing and it translates so well to her classroom presence.
 - She's really dedicated to pedagogy and she's really clever with examples on the spot for questions that might arise. Analysis is a really boring subject to take a class on, but she made it very interesting at times and was excellent at teaching algebraic tricks within problems that many students would have otherwise been lost completely without knowing, the kind of throngs that can keep more gifted students interested too as they understand exactly why they apply but may not have thought to do it themselves so it also advanced their ability to complete these problems. For example: Take the divergence of the infinite sum of $1/(n+1)$, we know that a product of a constant and a series converges or diverges iff the series itself converges or diverges respectively: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n$ such that $n > N$ implies $2/(n+1) > 1/n$ so the infinite sum of the prior diverges by comparison (insert something about knowing harmonic diverges by the fact it's harmonic or integral test or whatever) and now we know the infinite series of $1/(n+1)$ must diverge. A very simplistic example but she did more advanced cancelling with other series that helped sharpen students with logic skills in addition to course content. She also taught how to lay out $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^2$; proofs very well for uniform convergence.
 - teacher is so great
 - The instructor for the course was terrific. She was always enthusiastic about the course and explained the content clearly. She also was always willing to answer questions during or after class. The material was explained in an organized manner.
 - Where do I even begin? Dr. Sendova is by far one of the best, if not the best, professors I have ever had at MSU. She is knowledgeable, enthusiastic, kind, and always goes above and beyond. I never felt diminished by asking a question, and every time I did, I received a perfect explanation that triggers thinking and is more valuable than simply being told the answer. I was told my everyone that MTH 320 would be the hardest class I would ever take as an undergraduate. Tsveta made this class doable, and that isn't to say that she dumbed it down, she made sure that we understood the theorems and the reasons behind everything which made it possible for us to solve any kind of problem. Her teaching methods go beyond just sitting for 50 minutes, three times a week, staring blankly at the board. She included group work, lecture, allowed US to choose what she went over in class... The list goes on and on. "The Sendova Effect", some of my friends and I have heard, and it is true. If you see that she is going to be teaching a math class, YOU TAKE THAT CLASS. Professor, I am so thankful for you. For everything that you have taught me in this class; the advice, the help, and letters you have written for me outside of the classroom. You are so inspiring and I can only hope to know as much as you one day. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR AN AMAZING SEMESTER. I hope to see you, and learn more from you, in the future.
 - yes, best math professor I have had
 - Yes, I would recommend this instructor. She is very knowledgable and able to explain all topics clearly. She will make sure that everyone understands what is going on and wants every student to succeed.
 - Yes, this is my 2nd time taking this class and I was referred to this prof by another student because she said this prof was an amazing teacher, cared about her students and was able to effectively communicate the topics to the students. After taking this class I can now agree. I now understand the material and I understand how to do proofs. In my 4 years in the math department, this prof is by far the best teacher that I have had and I have suggested to other students that they should take her classes when at all possible.
-

