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MATH Hohn, Maryann E

MATH 4C A01 Pre-calculus for Sci & Engr #719532

Instructor

She's very sweet, funny, and helpful. I only wish I'd taken more advantage of her office hours when there was something confusing instead of putting the homework off. Her classes make sense, and I feel much more capable in my study of trigonometry

Fantastic instructor, always willing to help. She approached me when I stayed after class just to make sure I was doing alright with the material and seeing if she could help.

It is easier to learn because it's obvious that Professor Hohn enjoys her job and that affects the way she teaches, her attitude in class and outside of class.

Professor Hohn is an extremely helpful person and she is willing to go out of her way to make sure that her students understand the material. Would definitely recommend this professor to other students.

She is a great instructor; very enthusiastic about math and cares about her students.

She is a great instructor, she was very helpful and she made lectures interesting.

Professor Hohn made a class that is normally boring and hard, fun and interesting.

She is the most vivacious professor I have yet to have at UCSD. She keeps lecture interesting, holds office hours, cares about her students, and has a strong command of the material. I absolutely love her as a teacher. She has made me realize that math is something that I do not need to be afraid of!

Not a fan of this professor. She is eccentric and all over the place. Doesn't explain concepts very clearly. Very odd.

Very good professor overall! Her humor keeps the class interesting and she really breaks things down so that it's easy to understand everything.

Professor Hohn is a very nice and accessible person. Her lectures get a little bit monotone at times, but besides she is always willing to help whenever she can and does not seem to be bothered by questions during class.

is a great professor

Loved her!

Great professor that always created a fun learning environment in class.

She was very kind and enthusiastic! I would highly recommend this teacher to everyone!!

Course

Course is definitely understandable, I feel far more prepared for the Calc 20 series now that I've taken it. Of course I still find some things confusing

The course is very helpful and I feel that it has prepared me well for the 20 series.

N/A

Course was good because the teacher was good.

Great class.

This course was a very good review in preparation for higher levels of math. I would recommend it to anyone who is looking to continue taking math classes.

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Course

is very easy with the way maryann hohn teaches it

Overall, it wasn't too hard of a course. I won't say it was easy because I did need to study for the tests, and as long as you do your homework (and understand it) you should be fine in the class.

Exams

I feel mostly prepared for the exams, as long as I review my notes, the text, and some of the problems I'm fairly proficient when it comes time to take the final.

The class is composed of two midterms and then a final. The tests are very representative of the course material so they are definitely fair.

Reflect the material covered in class. There was a helpful midterm review before both midterms and one for the final is expected.

Useful.

Exams were fair.

Midterm review sheets are SO helpful, no quizzes, just two midterms and a final.

The practice midterms help TREMENDOUSLY for the actual midterms. Do the problems and you'll know how to do everything on the actual midterm.

Midterms were fair. Quizzes were replaced with graded homework, which I personally liked since there was an incentive to continue practicing the material learned in class. Sections also provided clarifications for the homework problems which I thought to be pretty fair as well.

are a breeze because of the professor

Exams (especially midterm #1) are almost exactly like the study guides she gives you. The numbers are different but the concepts are the same. The second midterm involved identities that were not on the study guide so be careful when you're studying make sure you review the main identities and look in the book for ones that weren't commented on in class.

I don't like the way the homework is graded. One problem should not decide your ability or effort of understanding the material. If I received one answer wrong on an assignment, it was marked off. What if I did every other question correctly?

Not too bad. She gave practice tests which helped a lot.

Reading

Precalculus - A Prelude to Calculus by Sheldon Axler I really despise this textbook - while some of the sections are incredibly easy to comprehend, others are written so technically they complicate already complicated information. When using the even examples as a guide for some of the homework problems, I find them combining steps into one piece, which leaves me asking just how they got from point A to point B. On some of the earlier sections this makes sense because it's easy to see where they derived the next step from, on others (namely in the trig chapters) its neigh impossible unless you have a firm and complete understanding of the trig identities. If the book could be more comprehensible I'm sure my grade would be about 5-10% higher, if not more.

Precalculus: A Prelude to Calculus - No Comment

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Reading

N/A

Book is good.

Precalculus: A Prelude to Calculus Very challenging problems that require you not only to get an answer, but to understand the processes you did to get the answers.

I never used the back AT ALL other than finding the homework problems that were given. I wish I would have just looked at another persons book instead of wasting my money.

Minimum reading from the book "Precalculus: A prelude to Calculus" was required. I usually paid attention in lecture since I've never been an avid math reader and I understand numerical concepts better through practice. The book overall was easy to understand.

none

Reading wasn't too bad. The professor went over everything so anyone who takes this class should be fine.

TA

Katie Gedeon She's a fantastic TA and I would highly recommend her to anybody taking the course. She's generally the one running the review sessions for the exams it seems like so she definitely knows her stuff.

Katie is very helpful.

Katie- Katie is super cool and nice. She is able to help her section on the homework while at the same time making sure that her students understand the material.

Li Wang - Nice and helpful

Katie was also very thorough in her explanations.

Katie was great; she helped me a lot throughout the course, and I would probably fail without her helping me.

Katie Gedeon. Best TA ever. I love the way she held her section and was always there during her office hours to clear up any confusion. She is the reason I did so well in this class. She helped me to understand math is not this huge scary thing.

Katie Gedeon - The first section, she said she was "rusty" and showed no skill that she knew what she was doing. Often skipped this section because it was useless.

Katie: Sometimes she was not prepared and didn't seem to know exactly how to solve every problem but overall she was a VERY good and helpful TA. She was also extremely nice a friendly and liked to joke which helped to pass the time and make interaction with her easier.

Katie is a very helpful and attentive TA. She always took everybody's need into account and tried her best to help answer all of the questions being asked.

Katie, i appreciate the time that is put forth to help with course related work when needed.

My TA was Katie Gideon and she was very kind and really knew her math! She helped me a lot!!

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Instructor

too wordy, explanations were confusing

i love her personality! makes learning fun and enjoyable!!

Good teacher, keeps class engaged and is energetic and fun when teaching. Adds humor to lessons with quirky jokes here and there, which makes the lessons less dull. Material is easy to understand with clear explanations and steps. Multiple examples help with learning the material as well.

A very good instructor. Keeps lectures interesting.

Good, friendly, approachable, knows her work well, communicates and teaches well. Open to doubts during lecture- beneficial.

Refreshingly humorous and energetic.

Provides good notes, but can be a bit difficult to understand. However, she goes over them again if students were to ask questions about it.

I believe the instructor did a very good job teaching this course. When students have a question she is happy and willing to answer it. She does not make you feel like she does not have time to answer a questions even though there really isn't much time. She utilizes the amount of time she is given very well. She should stick with how she is instrucing.

Maryann Hohn is a good instructor, but she doesn't really go over all the material that are placed on the exams. Which is why she has her office hours and we have TAs.

Great Professor, always happy and she gives good notes.

Quite good.

Very enthusiastic about the subject, and she knows the material well.

I can't say this was a great course because I am not at all a math person. But the only thing I had a problem with, was the fact that the professor wrote extremely fast and by trying to catch up to what she had written on the board, I missed the next example she provided along with the extremely important explanation. However, when asked a question, she would happily go back to a particular part of a problem and make certain to explain it thoroughly. She also tried to make the course as entertaining as it could have been, with her energy level, but unfortunately, what is the most fun a math class can get?

She makes class interesting by coming to class with a positive and fun attitude to class. She is always open to questions students might have when she covers a section. In addition, Professor Hohn is very approachable during and after class. She teaches ways to remember certain concepts in fun ways. Overall, great professor.

Hohn was always energetic and enthusiastic about mathematics. She clearly loves math and is shown through how she teaches math 4c.

She is a very charismatic professor, the kind that will go to any extent to not make a lecture boring.

Course

it is helping me prepare for math 20a

Material is easy to master with the notes from the lectures. The most pertinent information is covered during class and notes taken using those lectures help with studying and preparing for exams.

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Course

Course material is not too difficult.

Easy, good for refreshing pre calc. material.

An excellent course to prepare you for Math 20A

The class in general is not bad at all. I will have to see however if it is really preparing me for 20A. In general, it is a good course and it is worth taking.

It is pre-cal. So if you have taken calculus before then its pretty easy if you put in the time.

Easy subject.

A good prep course for calculus, one you can form a solid foundation with.

For me personally, this course was too difficult, but this was because the academic advisors assured me that taking this course would benefit me, even though I am not a science major. But I think for someone who likes and understands math a little more than I do, this class would be fine.

The class meets every day except for thursdays because there is discussion. The class covers algebra two material and pre-calculus concepts. The material is easy to learn with professor Hohn.

The course definitely prepares you for Math 20A and effectively allows you to understand concepts such as the unit circle, trigonometry, and function transformations.

The subject is easy, but the content is substantial.

Exams

not too bad

they were easy!!!

Exams are fair and cover the material learned in class or on the homework. Homework is fair as well, with points given just for trying.

Exams are on the material covered in lecture and homework.

tests are easy, no quizzes, homework helps to stay at par with class, and gain easy points.

Reasonable!

Exams are comprehensive. The reviews help a lot and without them I believe I would have done a lot worse. However, if someone is to do all the homework correctly they will do fine on the exams. Last, I believe the material covered on the exams is very fair.

The exams are quite easy. She gives us practice problems to prepare us for upcoming exams, which have no answers to them. Some of the problems we never discussed in class. The homework assigned for the class was tough as well.

Difficult, but given plenty of material beforehand

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Exams

The midterms were very reflective of the material covered in class. I really liked that. Especially because the professor posted practice midterms online from which we could study and which gave me a sense of what I could be expecting on the exam itself.

Two midterms and a final. She drops your lowest midterm but the final counts for 60% of your grade.

Exams were based on the professor's notes and review tests. Practice makes perfect and it allowed me to ace the test.

The exams were fairly easy, easier than I thought they would be.

Reading

Book is simple and easy to understand. Does not take too much effort and text does not need to be "deciphered." It uses simple diction to get the point across, which saves time on studying and review.

Not too much reading if any.

The book itself is written very well. It is easy to follow and more importantly the questions that are answered at the back of the sections help tremendously.

In order to pass this class you need to read the textbook.

Good

I really was a fan of the fact that the textbook had not only answers to odd numbered problems at the end of the chapter, as I was already used to, but it also had explanations of these answers. However, one thing that really got me frustrated sometimes when doing homework was that at times, the explanation of the answer wouldn't explain 100% of the steps, and it seemed to make up numbers out of thin air.

N/A

No readings

TA

good, I liked Katie Gedeon

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Katie Gedeon's section was good because she focused on the problems that people needed help with. Having people write on the board specific problems per section really streamlines the class and allows us to jump right in for the difficult problems. Examples and steps are clear and easy to understand as well.

Katie Gedeon is a great TA.

Katie Gedeon- helpful, approachable.

TA: Katie Gedeon I am satisfied with her section. She sometimes gets confused by a certain piece of material, but math is a complex field, so I forgive her.

Katie G, a phenomenal T.A! Love her!

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TA

Katie G, is my assigned TA. She has helped me a lot in this course and I have made sure to go to her outside office hours regularly. If I did not get something clarified in class she is able to explain it to me very simply, this helps when the idea at hand is somewhat complex. She has an extreme amount of patience and I hope she can help me with the 20 series in the future.

Good

Helpful and knowledgeable.

Katie is a great TA who explains material well and cares about whether students understand the concept thoroughly.

Katie Gedeon was a really good TA. She always explained everything and stopped in the middle of her explanation to ask if everyone understood what she was doing on the board up until where she'd stopped. At first impression, I thought she was going to try to take over for the professor and attempt to "teach" us, but very quickly she turned out to be a very understanding and friendly person.

TA's were not so helpful because they don't know how to explain some of the material or they tell you to do it one way different from the book and they can not explain it.

Katie did a great job of answering our questions during discussion and helped us prepare for the midterm.

Katie is a good TA because she aided in the homework and review sessions for the midterms. She's very nice and has a vibrant attitude to teach math.

Katie Gedeon, she was very knowledgeable but sometimes it seemed as if she was too stressed to put all her effort in our discussion.

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Instructor

She has a great command of the material and makes class very fun and interactive. She is concerned with our understanding and grasp of the subject. She goes above and beyond her duties as our professor and holds extra office hours before exams. She genuinely wishes to see us succeed. I wish all math professors were like her. She's approachable and never makes us feel slow.

Always cheerful and happy, she's great.

She seems very eager about the material she teaches and seems to understand it well.

Is a learned and sometimes witty teacher.

Good instructor, funny and entertaining.

I love her! She is so helpful. If theres something that you dont understand, as long as long as you ask questions shes more than happy to help and go over the material in a clearer way. She also makes small jokes in class and shes really fun. I look forward to going to lecture every day.

Very helpful and cute.

I am able to understand the material. Organized and prepared.

She's a very good teacher, one that is able to keep her students interested. She also has very flexible office hours and is very helpful when you attend them.

Math is an overall confusing subject to me, so the class really confused me at first, but attending office hours really helped. Maryann is a great professor

The professor is very clear and explains the material thoroughly. The material taught in class are on the test. If you attend lecture and do the practice test, you'll do well. She tries to make math interesting and she is a fun professor overall. I would definitely recommend her.

Very intellectual. Cares about students'. Very accessible outside of class.

Course

Difficulty: Easy/Medium

It is trigonometry, so it is easier for a person who understands math well.

Is lots of fun for those who love functions and trig.

The course is pretty straight forward as long as you do your homework and work through her practice midterms.

It's easy.

It goes too fast. Subjects are relevant.

Not too difficult but if youve never taken trig, it may require some studying.

I hate math.:X

The class overall is a good class.

Great pre-requisite course. Very stimulating.

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Exams

Do the practice exams.

We get practice exams.

Practice exams are posted days before exam, giving time to prepare.

exams are very very similar to her practice exams. I always over studied because I thought that she would try to be tricky with her exam questions but as long as u understand everything on the practice exam, your golden!

Easy most of the times.

It covers everything we have gone over in lecture.

Study alot. Not too diffilcult if you put time and effort into them.

Fair. If you attend lectures, do homework and do the practice test, you'll do well.

Exams are very fair. They follow study guides and lectures.

Reading

The textbook is pretty understandable

If it helps, read. If it doesn't, don't.

They wre easy.

Not too much reading.

TA

Katie Gedeon was not my enrolled TA but I attended her office hours and discussion section. She's very helpful, clear and also concerned for our grades and grasp of the material. She took her TA duties very seriously.

Li Wang could frankly be a little better explaining the material.

Li Wang: a knowledgeable TA who has good intentions and is well-meaning.

Hate her

Li Wang is very helpful during her office hours and helps me to better understand any of the material that I do not get.

LI Wang is well prepared but hard to understand.

My TA was a joke, not helpful at all

Li Wang: Not coherent. Not a good resource for outside help.

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Instructor

Super friendly and always in a good mood.

Excellent teacher.

Needs more experience in teaching and explaining the material to students

She has very positive attitude and is willing to help her students.

shes good

Great teacher, very helpful during office hours.

Really great professor, patient and is always willing to explain questions during class!

She is awesome! Super funny and expressed enthusiasm in her lectures which made me want to keep going. She is very good at explaining things from beginning to end. I hope I can go to her for help on my calculus series!!!!!!!!!!!!

She was a very good professor; she kept everyone's attention and taught very well. I found it very easy to understand what she taught us every lecture. She also made time for us and emphasized her office hours if we ever needed help.

She is enthusiastic, willing to help out, and is clear and audible.

Funny, energetic and clear teacher.

Great teacher to teach the basics.

Very Nice instructor. Knows the material well, but sometimes rushes through the lectures and doesn't present her notes in the easiest or most applicable way possible. I have had friends not in the class explain the material better than she does.

funny, nice, approachable

Course

Pretty easy.

The course is planned using all available time. No time to pause to ask questions.

great pace and material

Course is not very difficult, just be sure to ask for help and office hours if needed.

easy

Challenging course but not impossible by any means.

Has a lot of new terms compared to high-school pre-calculus.

I am really glad I took this course. I feel prepared to start the 20 series.

Was a very useful review

The course is a good preparation for later math courses.

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Course

Helpful and I think great class to take before Calculus.

EASY

Normal Precalculus class. For those with no precalculus experience it might be challenging.

Fair

Exams

Covers the material well.

Easy.

tests knowledge of material very well

Not very difficult if well prepared.

easy

Difficult but also brief so take advantage of few questions asked.

Mid-terms are relatively easy if you study for them!

The exams were relatively easy because the study guides were not misleading at all. They had the same kind of questions we would see on the actual exam so the tests were pretty easy.

Straight-forward and simple to understand; she gave us practice tests

Exams cover all the material that you have been doing for homework, and thus, if you do your work, you can do well.

Great and goes with what is learned in class.

EASY, do homework

Fair.

Related to problems on hw

Reading

Doing homework is important.

easy

Not much outside reading is needed.

I didn't really read to be honest. The professor was very detailed and explicit during her lectures so I understood the material already.

Lectures were all that was needed

The book is fairly verbose at times but is mostly understandable and easy to read from.

barely used the book but for homework

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TA

TA is very knowledgeable.

Li Wang, she is helpful and know her math well.

Li she seems nice

ta. ling is hard to understand

My TA Katie was a great help and went to every discussion because of it.

Li was nvery nice and I appreciated her not wanting to just give us the answers. But sometimes the hints didnt help. They were just a different problem worked out which I didnt understand to begin with.

Li was very nice and really patient. She dedicated alot of time to helping us and even had extra review sessions for us.

Li Wang is a helpful TA, hard to understand at times but knows her material.

Li, I couldn't understand her and she seemed kind of unsure how to teach what she knows

Li Wang has a very heavy Chinese accent which is understandable, but sometimes allows for questions to be lost in translation. The other TA (Katie?) has a very good reputation.

Li wang... She was aight