

North Carolina State University - ClassEval Report

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Term: 2023 Sprg	ST 495 001 Courses surveyed - ST 495 001
Question	Response
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Dr. Williams did a great job of explaining the concepts to us and emphasized why we do certain methods to reach an objective.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	This course was interesting, however very challenging for a majority of the time. Reaching out for help was definitely something that was emphasized to learn more.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Dr. Williams always made himself available to students outside the classroom and was willing to explore topics with students outside normal class time if they were curious about a topic
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Professor Jonathan is clearly very passionate about the subject and it shows through his teaching. He is a great teacher and I enjoyed his class thoroughly.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	Professor Williams did a great job designing the course. It is definitely very difficult, but you learn a lot through it. I think the way he designed the course was good because it allows you to learn without feeling that you have to undertake a Herculean task of picking up every thing he tries to teach, which is definitely not possible given the difficulty of the material. Having said that, you definitely pick up a lot but do not feel worried because there are no tests. Essentially he puts the impetus on you to learn what you want, which I liked.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	He is obviously very intelligent about the class however, it felt like I borderline understood nothing because it was so advanced. He has assumed we all have taken all the higher level classes since he expects seniors to be taking the class but as a junior, there were definitely gaps in my knowledge.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	I think there need to be some prereqs to take this class such as ST 421 & 422. I was taking ST 421 the same semester and some of the models he was discussing I was just learning about ST422 is the more advanced class of ST421.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Dr. Williams always came prepared to class and was passionate about the material. He is respectful when you ask questions and always does his best to answer them, whether it be in that moment or after class. Very knowledgeable on all of the topics covered in the course.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	The course strengthened my overall understanding of how statistical methods can be used in practice, especially since the lectures are accompanied with the samples of code. I would have liked to have recorded lectures posted for those who may not be able to make a class or two during the semester, but the topics are generally covered in the provided lecture notes and code. Overall, the course made me more aware of how statistics can be used in many different instances and it felt like a good course to round out the statistics bachelor's degree.

Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.

Posting the lecture recordings would be helpful for students who can't make every class.