

## INTRO TO SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING

CSE3365-801C

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7	How hard did you work:	2

8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

The matlab projects were good practice

9 *What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?*

excellent lectures

10 *General comments*

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8 What impressed you most and/or least about this course?

the projects

9 What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?

availability

10 General comments

none

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8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

I was very impressed by how relative the information was. As an engineer, I know that what I was learning in the classroom will definitely be something that I will find myself using elsewhere. Now looking back on the semester, I am also impressed with this course's ability to teach two separate skill sets. Not only do I know that logic behind scientific computing and have the ability to do smaller problems by hand, as you would in a typical math class, but also I am able to do large scale computers by learning the MATLAB language over the past few months. The only thing that did not impress me about this course is the lack of prerequisites in order to take this course. While it is important to have taken one year of computer science (the current prerequisite), from the perspective of a student who had not taken Linear Algebra prior to this course, not having that understanding of matrices was definitely a set back and should be made mandatory in order to enroll in this course.

9 *What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?*

Professor Reynolds is always willing to help and you can tell that this is a subject that he is knowledgeable about. It is also very apparent that he wants you to succeed in the way that he is always willing to help during office hours. This entire year he has been kind and supportive and always encouraging students to do their best, while also explaining rather complicated topics very clearly.

10 *General comments*

This was a great course.

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8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

I was very impressed with how this material relates to real world applications. Building models is a very important tool to have in your belt.

9 *What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?*

Dr. Reynolds is by far one of the best professors that I have had while at SMU. This man is the benchmark for what every other professor should be measured against. He is always easily accessible and willing to assist his students succeed in his course. This class was challenging, but Dr. Reynolds made sure to present the material in a way that everyone could understand it. Great professor and human being!

10 *General comments*

Very enjoyable class taught by a very enthusiastic professor!

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8 What impressed you most and/or least about this course?

It's relevance to my life.

9 What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?

Dr. Reynolds always comes in with an excess of energy - which is just what a 8am class needs to keep students awake. I hate 8ams - but Dr. Reynolds always made me feel like it was worth it to get out of bed at 7:30.

10 General comments

Awesome class, awesome professor. let's stop spending money on pointless buildings and put it into professors like Dr. Reynolds!

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8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

Uses a lot of previous knowledge from mathematics courses.

9 *What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?*

His ability to explain complex applications in simple terms. Made almost all topics easy to understand.

10 *General comments*

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8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

I worked very hard in this class and it paid off. The class was very challenging and time consuming but great fun! I really enjoyed this class. Dr. Reynolds is a great professor and I have been looking forward to this particular course evaluation.

9 *What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?*

Despite the fact that this class is held at 8 in the morning, Dr. Reynolds is more refreshing than a morning cup of coffee! He makes the class very enjoyable and he challenges us as well. He is very thorough in his lectures and is available for consultation outside the classroom during office hours or by appointment. Great professor!

10 *General comments*

This was by far the best class I have taken at SMU because it was the most fulfilling.

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8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

I used MATLAB for projects, but in class.

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8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

Professor Reynolds is awesome. It makes such a difference to be taught by someone who is passionate about his subject.

9 *What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?*

Reynolds is funny and engaging, and great at making sure his students are on the same page. Great class.

10 *General comments*

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10 *General comments*

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8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

The instructor's interest in the material and his desire to teach impressed me the most

9 *What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?*

The lack of information taught about how to program for the labs impressed me the least

10 *General comments*

N/A

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8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

I went in expecting this course to be the absolute hardest class I've ever taken. I was afraid I might scrape by with a C. The first couple of weeks was a little rough for me because I was so sure I was going to do so poorly. But, I did my best and tried as hard as I could on every assignment and project and the class slowly became easier with time. I know, however, that the course was not easy, but with hard work it was completely manageable. The best feeling is doing well in a class that you know is extremely difficult. I'm really glad that I took this class!

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Dr. Reynolds was so willing to help students succeed that we met nearly on a weekly basis to discuss projects, homework etc.... Once I realized how invested he was in his students, it motivated me to work as hard as I could in this class. He is probably the best professor in the math department. Believe me, I've tak

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8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

how much i actually learned and how difficult the material was

9 *What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?*

great professor. very fair

10 *General comments*

great class!

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7	How hard did you work:	2

8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

The professor was very thorough about explaining things. I actually was able to understand topics from prerequisite courses for the first time.

9 *What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?*

10 *General comments*

The book was horribly difficult to understand, and made the homework assignments more difficult than they needed to be.



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8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

The course is very difficult but manageable when the material is presented well

9 *What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?*

Professor Reynolds is very personable. He is easy to talk to and available when needed

10 *General comments*

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7	How hard did you work:	4

8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

The tremendous amount that I learned in the course.

9 *What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?*

The lengths he goes to make sure the students understand the material.

10 *General comments*

One of the most valuable courses I have ever taken.

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8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

Very difficult course for me. I wish there would have been more quizzes on material that we had already covered, as opposed to homework grades over material we had not covered.

9 *What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?*

Professor Reynolds was fair but understanding. I enjoyed taking this course with him.

10 *General comments*

Overall, good course.

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8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

'- his ability to make the classroom comfortable -

9 *What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?*

'- figure out sub teachers that can answer questions - maybe try to reach out to come students who are struggling, he did a good job of being approachable though

10 *General comments*

Overall one of the better professors I have had at SMU

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8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

I thought I was going to be bored out of my mind, instead I was very intrested and completely in over my head.

9 *What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?*

Dr. Reynolds took a class that made me feel incredibly stupid overall and had it make some sort of sense.

10 *General comments*

This class is extremely difficult, by and large the math did not make sense regardless of who explained it. The relevancy between it and a computer science major is questionable at best.

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8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

This course is challenging by nature, but it is manageable when presented in this manner. The labs were the most difficult part. It would be helpful to have a second TA on duty during lab times to provide more help with us strugglers!

9 *What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?*

Dr. Reynolds is a wonderful professor. His lectures are engaging, thorough, and methodically presented. Dr. Reynolds is constantly available for office-hours. He provides wonderful feedback and grades fairly.

10 *General comments*



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I was impressed with the projects we did throughout the semester. They were intellectually challenging, but really reinforced what we were learning.

9 *What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?*

Professor Reynolds loves his job, and it is apparent. He always makes time for his students, and wants to see his students succeed. This was so refreshing to see because I have other professors this semester that do not show the same passion. I really enjoyed my semester in Professor Reynolds course.

10 *General comments*

Really impressed with Professor Reynolds. He is a great teacher.

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8 *What impressed you most and/or least about this course?*

I enjoyed the class. The Professor made it interesting and seemed to enjoy the topics.

9 *What impressed you most and/or least about the instructor?*

He seemed to know plenty about the topics and was always willing to explain anything that could have been misinterpreted.

10 *General comments*

The projects were graded a bit harder than I thought they would.