

COURSE EVALUATION HIGHLIGHTS

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In this file, I have included a selection of comments from my teaching evaluations as an instructor of record, as well as from Fall 2024 when I was a recitation instructor. For a complete collection of my course evaluations sorted by class, please see this page: <https://tylergenao.com/teaching-experience/>.

These evaluations are listed by semester, which are in reverse chronological order.

Spring 2026, MATH 4573: Elementary Number Theory

- I think that Dr. Genao did a fantastic job making this course accessible for all knowledge backgrounds coming into it. There are so many ways that a number theory course could easily become very complicated and leave some students in the dust, but he made sure to keep everyone together and understanding a vast majority of the content.
- Tyler is such a G. He is so nice and welcoming and I always had a great time in his class. It's clear he has a passion for teaching which is so refreshing to see in the math department. He gave great study materials and always prepared us well for exams.
- This class was awesome. Tyler is a great teacher and person, and simplifies complex concepts very well, and he is very patient and cares about what he teaches.

Fall 2025, MATH 1151: Calculus I (both sections)

- The teaching methods that Tyler Genao used in his lectures were extremely well developed. They were intentional, with tactics that worked for different learning styles in students, and I know that many students were able to follow along more effectively as a result of these methods. As he lectured, he did notation himself, which was incredibly helpful as students were able to write these lectures into their notes effectively. He used color coordination, example problems, definitions, and as well as explaining processes and details out loud. It was clear that these details in his lessons were intentional, and it was very helpful in understanding the material from a student's perspective.
- Amazing office hrs in which he would often stay over the allotted hr - Good teaching methods in class that are very thorough and explain the 'why' behind calculus
- i really liked how he made everyone feel included and valued everyone's ideas, even if their answers were wrong
- He did everything correctly. This man is too high-quality to pass up on. He did everything with passion, every example, every question, he was engaging,

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he never shamed others, he showed the easiest way to do situations, he did the easiest way to show us how to do work, he was nice, he was kind, friendly, spectacular, everything you would ever want in a professor. He made calculus almost FUN to learn, he has high energy, and he knows how to answer every problem. This man knows his calling; he knows he was made to be a math major, and he is quite literally the GOAT of calculus here at OSU.

- Professor Genao truly cared about each of his students and their performance. At the start of each lecture, he would remind everyone about office hours and why they should go to office hours. When you went to office hours, Genao often brought candy as a reward and to encourage more students to come to office hours. As well, in every lecture, he often encourages participants. As this semester ends, I can truly say that Professor Genao is one of the best professors that any student could ask for.
- I liked his teaching style and was an overall great instructor. He knew his material and made sure we understood it and asked if we had questions.
- I liked how we could ask for feedback, and how Tyler would write out steps to solve problems, explaining each step and why.
- I enjoyed the layout and setup of this course. I liked the way the instructor laid out his notes and gave us lots of extra problems to practice. I also liked how each lecture was recorded, especially for when I missed lectures due to illness or other reasons.
- The fact that every lecture is recorded and uploaded to canvas was really helpful and the professor stopping and being able to explain stuff in a friendly, unbothered tone was really helpful in promoting my learning. The class structure and the way we would go through notes/lessons was also really nice.
- He explained the concepts, even difficult ones, really well, and he spent time going through each example done in class to make sure everyone understood. he also made sure to pause and make sure everyone's questions were answered.
- He represented multiple examples for all concepts and engaged the class during each lecture.
- Professor Genao always made sure to include examples into each topic the class was learning. Instead of just writing down processes in word-format, Genao embedded examples so that students could see what he was talking about in a mathematical context.
- Tyler is an incredibly effective lecturer and very kind and genuine person. He is clearly deeply passionate about the subject material and any student is fortunate to be able to have him as an instructor.
- Dr. Genao was a great professor. He went over all aspects of each topic and would provide additional notes to certain topics outside of lecture as well. He was always helpful in office hours and made sure to have time to help students, including actively advertising midterm regrading to make sure the students had the best possible performance in this course.
- I liked that he got students involved throughout class instead of just talking at students.

- Dr. Genao is such a welcoming professor and makes mathematics understandable and "digestible". If any student takes a class with Dr. Genao I would consistently say that they are very lucky to get such a well rounded, knowledgeable, and understanding professor. I really hope that Dr. Genao continues his work in higher education.

Spring 2025, MATH 8120: The Arithmetic of Elliptic Curves (graduate topics course in number theory)

- Tyler is incredibly knowledgeable and was able to explain complex topics without making them sound intimidating! I felt like I was learning from someone who genuinely enjoys the material and wants to share that with his students. The course was very well organized, as he would clearly label and coordinate the theorems/corollaries/etc. in class with the ones in his notes, which he went out of his way to LaTeX for our class! While the homework presentations initially seemed daunting, Tyler created an environment where everyone felt comfortable presenting. He has that rare talent for making technical material feel accessible without watering it down, and his ability to connect with students fosters an inclusive classroom culture. He's the kind of professor who leaves a lasting impression, for both how well he teaches and how much he genuinely cares!

Fall 2024, MATH 6111: Abstract Algebra I Recitation (both sections)

- Tyler was an incredibly well-prepared TA. He always had material prepped for class, and his explanations were very illuminating. He was incredibly patient with student questions and gave very helpful answers. His style of teaching prompted students to engage and answer questions while also providing detailed explanations. Tyler was always friendly and welcoming in the classroom. He was incredibly positive and nice to students.
- Tyler is awesome and perfect and awesome and perfect. I loved that he always prepared content and explained the material relevant to us, and also helped us with homework problems. He was always enthusiastic and kind and engaged us in thinking. Tyler is great, please keep it up :)
- Tyler is a wonderful lecturer. I deeply enjoyed his recitation.
- Excellent recitation instructor, very interactive and involving class. He explain everything clearly and help student learn materials very quick. And very clear explanation in addition to the course material. Very reachable after class as well and give a lot of useful suggestions for HW or course material.
- Tyler is incredible and this was my favorite part of algebra. I looked forward to going to Tylers section the most. This was my favorite class all semester.
- Excellent instructor!
- He is really nice!

Spring 2024, MATH 4573: Elementary Number Theory

- Prof. Genao is an amazing professor whose lectures were clear and is simply a really great person to be around. Thank you for giving him a postdoc here and please keep him forever!!!

- Tyler has been the best professor I've had in the OSU math department. The material was well organized and communicated clearly, lectures never felt rushed or left me feeling lost, and he was always willing to help students both in class and in office hours.
- Dr. Genao is very caring about students and the course environment is very inclusive. He is a well organized and passionate instructor. This course brought me a strong interest in number theory.

Fall 2023, MATH 1151: Calculus I (both sections)

- I loved Tyler as a professor. He is always so supportive of people in the process of learning calculus. Even if you answered his questions wrong, he'd never make you feel stupid. He always just answered it back with encouragement and kindness that really spoke for his character. I also loved how in love he is with math; it's just so fulfilling to learn from someone who so clearly is passionate about what they teach. Whenever he would do a tough problem, he never described it negatively, always said "well that was a fun problem" never failed to make me smile.
- Thanks for a great semester!
- Professor Genao was truly interested in helping students learn the content of the course and he was committed to making sure that we all understood what was going on in the class. He was the best professor I had this semester!
- Tyler is really good at teaching calculus. Not that I've had a calc teacher before, but I found his teaching to be clear and relatively easy to understand. Though it is a difficult, time-consuming class, I found myself enjoying it at times.
- He loves to hear feedback from students, and his office hours are extremely helpful. He doesn't make students feel wrong if their answer to a question is wrong, instead of suggests another course and asks again.
- Tyler Genao is an outstanding instructor who genuinely cares about all of his students.
- Professor Genao is one of the best math teachers I have ever had. He communicated the material easily and provided examples to students that make sense. He engaged the students and really cared about their success. He was always willing to help in office hours and ensured that there was enough space for all the students who wanted to go. He was interested in building relations with his students so he could know them personal. I really enjoyed having this professor, especially given that it was a math course. Though I don't necessarily struggle in math all the time, it is not my best subject but I think Tyler really explains things in a way that is clear and easy to follow. In my K-12 years, I would have a good math teacher on occasion but none of them really explained things quite as well as Tyler and I really appreciate him for that. Not only was the content presented well, but we were also given reasons as to why what we were learning was significant, and we were provided with several application scenarios. If choosing a professor were an option, I would definitely recommend Tyler to anyone who is going to take this class.

- The most caring and considerate professor I have had in a long time. I was always eager to attend class.
- He loves to hear feedback from students, and his office hours are extremely helpful. He doesn't make students feel wrong if their answer to a question is wrong, instead of suggests another course and asks again.
- He is a really good instructor and teaches really well.
- Really good at explained concepts and taught with patience.
- He was always willing to help
- Tyler Genao is a very engaging and energetic instructor who is always happy to help if you have any questions.
- My favorite teacher in osu math!
- He is an excellent teacher that made course content easy to understand.
- Mr. Genao is one of two math teachers I've had in my life that I can truly say I liked. He knows his stuff and teaches it like it's pre-algebra. Breaks it down well and has a lecture-structure that doesn't make you fall asleep. Great guy as well.
- I have learned a lot from this course.
- He is very excited in teaching students.

Spring 2023, MATH 2250: Calculus I

- I loved Tyler! He was one of my favorite professors I ever had! He made me feel comfortable in my abilities to do calculus especially since I am not a math person, but I really enjoyed his class and the environment he created. Tyler was very fair with grading and did his best to ensure every student is successful. He was always available to answer any questions I had and I felt very comfortable talking to him about anything as he was relatable and kind. I was used to his method of being taught the material as in having to watch videos and do an assignment before class because I had to do this for my pre-calc class. His tests are similar to the practice tests he gives out so I somewhat knew what was going to be on it. The quizzes and in-class work helped me prepare for the exams. I have all praise for Tyler!
- I really loved Tyler's enthusiasm towards the learning environment. He was always available whenever. He made sure that you understood.

Fall 2022, MATH 2250: Calculus I

- Tyler was super knowledgeable on the subject and always gave really good feedback on gateways and tests so I knew exactly how to fix my errors. I really appreciated his dedication to helping everyone even when it meant re explaining the same thing in different ways until we understood it... Tyler did a good job always asking us if we had questions or if we needed help. He always was willing to help outside of class which was super nice.
- Very good teacher!! Understanding and very helpful!

Summer 2022, MATH 1113E: Virtual Precalculus

- I have only taken one math class from this department, because I only need one math class. To be frank, I hate math, and I was not at all hyped for this class.

However, Tyler Genao made the class bearable. He is absolutely fantastic. His office hours were organized, and he was extremely responsive. I would have to wait a maximum of an hour for a response— he's that AMAZING. On top of that, I know it's legally required, but he did an amazing job of accommodating with my DRC requirements. He immediately approved them the minute I sent it out to him through AIM.

Also, he was super enthusiastic and encouraging. I am actually an incoming freshman (dual enrolled last year, so it says I am a second year), and I felt so much support. Having a professor like him gives me hope for my fall semester when I'm actually a full-time student.

Overall, 10/10 professor. I know he's a grad student, so if you're hiring, you should genuinely think about hiring him. I loved Professor Genao. Hate math still, but love the man.

- Professor Genao always answered my emails in less than 24 hours. He always help lead me to the right solution to a math problem. His zoom meetings were beneficial in understanding key concepts better.

Spring 2021, MATH 1113: Precalculus (both sections)

- I appreciated the devoted time to answer students' questions, that is Mr. Genao's first priority when each class began, he makes sure to ask if there is any questions before he begins what he has planned for the day. There also were various students with bad attitudes on some occasions, and even amidst the rude comments and remarks, he always makes sure to respond extremely politely and to help the student no matter the circumstances. Overall, a great instructor who I would take again!
- My instructor is very encouraging in how he receives both correct and incorrect answers. I am fairly anxious, particularly in math, but his nonjudgemental and encouraging response to all answers creates a very positive learning environment. I feel like he is putting genuine effort into this class to good effect, I am less scared to be wrong, and more encouraged to try. One specific is that he explains problems step-by-step very clearly, which makes it hard to get lost. Further, if someone has a wrong answer, he guides them with enough leading questions without giving the answer or giving up. This makes it so that he is able to help them understand the content even if they did not understand it beforehand. Usually in situations where I am being taught math, if I am not led through enough of what I do not understand, I will get embarrassed and say that I understand the problem when I don't. I both can't do this and don't have to do this here. Even if the class is particularly silent (especially with class being online), he remains patient.
- I think he grades very fairly, and the class is well designed where it is easy to learn the content. He notices weak points in the class without them being explicitly mentioned and goes over them in class.
- I've had a lot of bad experiences with math teachers, and this class has actually helped me get past a lot of negative effects from those teachers (less terrified of

being wrong), and I think that I am learning the content well. Best math class I've had in years.

- Although we were assigned a lot of work, I felt that all of it was helpful in understanding the material. He was a great teacher and especially in unprecedented times, he made the most out of class time. He was very helpful with individual instruction and tried his best to help everyone in the class understand the material.

Fall 2020, MATH 1113: Precalculus

- Professor Genao was great! He understands his students' needs and applies that to his teaching. 10/10 would take again
- Professor Genao's strongest qualities are his dedication and availability. Anytime I sent him an email with questions, I have always received a quick response, often within the hour. He was also available for office hours and occasional pop-up zoom meetings when we had questions about projects... I appreciate Professor Genao's dedication to teaching my class; I found him helpful as an instructor, and I would say he did very well for it being his first time teaching.
- My professor did an exceptional job helping us and he tried his hardest to make this course easier for all of us. He also gave us various opportunities for extra credit, which was greatly appreciated. Before entering this class, I knew that it was known to be a difficult course at UGA. He was always open to help us and even spent one on one time with groups.
- My instructor did a fantastic job of making sure we understand what expectations he had for us on quizzes and assignments. He always graded assignments efficiently and was very helpful whenever confusion arose among his students!
- Amazing teacher and cares about his students