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2016-17 Semester 1 Mathematics (UG & PG)

Course: I3034-MATH-38181-1161-1SE-029334: MATH38181&48181&68181 MATH38181-4-6 - Extreme Values and Financial Risk 2016-17 1st Semester

Instructor: Saralees Nadarajah *

1 - Overall, I would rate this unit as being excellent

Response Option			Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				Means						
Agree			(5)	166	87.37%											
Mostly Agree			(4)	24	12.63%											
Neither Agree Nor Disagree			(3)	0	0%											
Mostly Disagree			(2)	0	0%											
Disagree			(1)	0	0%											
						0	25	50	75	100	Instructor		School BM Data			
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median	School BM Data		Mean	STD	Median							
190/197 (96.45%)		4.87	0.33	5.00	3,496		4.19	1.03	4.00							

2 - The feedback that I received on my work was helpful

Response Option			Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				Means						
Agree			(5)	162	85.26%											
Mostly Agree			(4)	24	12.63%											
Neither Agree Nor Disagree			(3)	4	2.11%											
Mostly Disagree			(2)	0	0%											
Disagree			(1)	0	0%											
						0	25	50	75	100	Instructor		School BM Data			
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median	School BM Data		Mean	STD	Median							
190/197 (96.45%)		4.83	0.43	5.00	3,496		4.06	1.11	4.00							

3 - This unit was well organised

Response Option			Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				Means						
Agree			(5)	174	91.58%											
Mostly Agree			(4)	16	8.42%											
Neither Agree Nor Disagree			(3)	0	0%											
Mostly Disagree			(2)	0	0%											
Disagree			(1)	0	0%											
						0	25	50	75	100	Instructor		School BM Data			
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median	School BM Data		Mean	STD	Median							
190/197 (96.45%)		4.92	0.28	5.00	3,496		4.30	1.02	5.00							

4 - The course materials were helpful

Response Option			Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				Means						
Agree			(5)	173	91.05%											
Mostly Agree			(4)	17	8.95%											
Neither Agree Nor Disagree			(3)	0	0%											
Mostly Disagree			(2)	0	0%											
Disagree			(1)	0	0%											
						0	25	50	75	100	Instructor		School BM Data			
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median	School BM Data		Mean	STD	Median							
190/197 (96.45%)		4.91	0.29	5.00	3,496		4.34	0.99	5.00							

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5 - The support classes were helpful

Response Option				Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				Means				
Agree				(5)	163	85.79%									
Mostly Agree				(4)	23	12.11%									
Neither Agree Nor Disagree				(3)	4	2.11%									
Mostly Disagree				(2)	0	0%									
Disagree				(1)	0	0%									
							0	25	50	75	100	Instructor		School BM Data	
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median	School BM Data		Mean	STD	Median						
190/197 (96.45%)		4.84	0.42	5.00	3,496		4.15	1.07	5.00						

6 - The eLearning resources provided in this unit were helpful

Response Option			Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				Means						
Agree			(5)	172	90.53%											
Mostly Agree			(4)	15	7.89%											
Neither Agree nor Disagree			(3)	3	1.58%											
Mostly Disagree			(2)	0	0%											
Disagree			(1)	0	0%											
						0	25	50	75	100	Instructor		School BM Data			
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median	School BM Data		Mean	STD	Median							
190/197 (96.45%)		4.89	0.36	5.00	3,496		4.17	1.12	5.00							

7 - Prof/Dr. Saralees Nadarajah's teaching was excellent

Response Option			Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				Means						
Agree			(5)	176	92.63%											
Mostly Agree			(4)	14	7.37%											
Neither Agree nor Disagree			(3)	0	0%											
Mostly Disagree			(2)	0	0%											
Disagree			(1)	0	0%											
I have not been taught by this lecturer			(0)	0	0%											
						0	25	50	75	100	Instructor		School BM Data			
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median	School BM Data		Mean	STD	Median							
190/197 (96.45%)		4.93	0.26	5.00	4,218		4.23	1.09	5.00							

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8 - What aspect of Prof. /Dr. Saralees Nadarajah's approach to teaching best helped your learning?

- He always wants to try his best to help the students.
- His clear concise notes, and clear explanation through examples.
- Cares a lot and shows a lot of effort
- He shows workings for a question step by step. Thus, it is easier for me to understand how to solve a problem. Besides that, he sends emails every week so I have a summary of what is being taught this week and what I should expect next week.
- He goes through everything step by step with us.
- The way the example classes are structured.
- Very approachable outside of lectures/willing to go through questions on a 1-1 level
- very organised, plenty of examples
- All the material used in the lecture can be found in the website.
- Example classes. They are a perfect pace and covers everything while noting where he has used techniques that we should remember and where to go if you don't remember.
- Very well organised, always happy to help, very enthusiastic and knows the subject well!
- Thoroughly explains every step
- Explaining in details and doing a lot of examples
- Incredible commitment to his students, takes so much into his own hands, always easily approachable without any kind of appointments.
- The many examples he gives throughout lectures and tutorials
- Excellent course, also very clear that he cares about us which I think is rare for a lecturer.
- The weekly emails are excellent, and he provides interesting extra information.
- Very clear and explains things well.
- His willingness to help students at any time
- teach me some calculation techniques
- Saralees is a very good lecturer. He knows what students want and need and he gives them that. He is very helpful and he actually wants people to do well.
- He's thorough and doesn't rush through things. His online materials are exceptional.
- how organised the unit was and how he kept us up to date with emails.
- Every single explanation of mathematical concept is in detail and elearning sources are well uploaded to revise and to find what I missed.
- Lots of examples and very good online materials
- Happy to answer questions any time, really good at explaining things. Loads of examples and solutions which is great.
- He was just amazing
- Saralees's is the best and the most helpful Lecturer I've had. He always does everything he can to help and make sure we fully understand the course content.
- The amount of examples solved both in lectures and example classes
- E learning and writing notes with you is the best way
- He is very clear and has excellent online resources!! One of the best lecturers I have had during my university experience!
- many examples in class and examples sheets with detailed solutions
- Plenty of examples, made clear what we needed to learn and what was to be expected of us. The fact he podcasts everything makes it very easy to catch up if you miss anything. He writes things on the board as opposed to just reading his notes off a powerpoint and explaining them, I find this type of lecturing very engaging and it helps me learn.
- He is extremely organised and gives us all of the material that we require for the course very quickly and it is very well laid out and easy to find.
- Gives you everything you need to know. Doesn't mess about by adding bits of notes at a time. Uploads all handwritten notes and links to podcast so you can catch up if you need. All the resources are there and say to find which makes learning so much easier.
- He has a very dedicated attitude and always puts the students first.
- He is the most responsible I have ever seen in university!
- Using hand-notes and examples to help us understand the points of knowledge
- He is incredibly helpful. Being able to go to his office at any time to ask a question is very handy. The fact that all the lectures and tutorials are well podcasted is also excellent as I struggle to concentrate in lectures. Overall best lecturer I've had in all 3 years of study!!
- sufficient learning resources helped me learn math 38181 well
- His student interaction skills are excellent
- The Amount of detail for the course elements
- He recorded and uploaded all the lecture and tutorial podcasts and also the handwritten notes.
- Clear step-by-step explanation of all formulas derivations and methodology used, continuous updates on course materials and covered topics via email.
- The great amount of worked examples
- Clear explanations and helpful materials uploaded each week with email reminders. Constructive example classes and lectures
- Approachable and happy to help if needed, lots of course notes and examples provided
- -always willing to help -makes sure everyone understands everything before moving on to another section -great tutorials and offers a lot revision lectures
- A lot of information is given on his website, there's a wealth of resources to help you learn and the course is structured very nicely.
- The materials uploaded on the Internet are very useful, and the feedback on the in class test are detailed.
- Very helpful, phenomenal explanations, very approachable. He has a lot of practise material on his website with solutions and you can always refer to his podcasts when stuck.
- Firstly, he is really ardent and he really always try to help all students. I think he is best teacher in Manchester.
- Love all the examples saralees does. Make questions easier. Also really like how structured the whole course is and all the online material is superb
- His handwritten and expression way are both very logical and easy to understand.

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- Saralees is the best lecturer I have ever met. He is really patient and helpful.
- The fact that Dr Saralees cares about each and everyone of his students is amazing! He is always willing to help regardless of whether you approach him during his office hours or not and this has been very beneficial when studying for his course.
- teaching with fully details
- My favorite lecturer! He is dedicated and patient in teaching!
- Detail steps
- Thorough notes, well walked through, podcast all lectures, lots of material
- Example class is great.
- Saralees is one of the best teachers I have had, he is very generous with his time and very good at explaining things which I may struggle with at first.
- He cares so much about student's learning, sending out individual emails regularly and also trying his best to help people's understanding. Repeated examples helps make the content better understood as well.
- Personally asking what were my difficulties in understanding the question or the topic
- He provides very concise materials and manages to explain concepts clearly. I thoroughly enjoyed his lectures.
- He is just overall a nice, caring person who puts so much effort in to making sure every possible helpful resource is provided and seen by everyone. He puts more effort in to his course than any other lecturer I've had.
- Very useful emailer
- Dr. Saralees is very helpful in tutorial classes and provide full guidance when we encounter problems.
- Dr Saralees Nadarajah has very good logic, and he always offer us detailed explanation for each method.
- All online resources and lecture notes are really great, the best of my lecturers for online materials, also does lots of examples which is very helpful.
- Like the fact that all problem sheets and solutions are provided right from the beginning. Also I like the fact that the handwritten notes are scanned and put on the website. Also good that the tutorial classes are podcasted. Saralees also provided a lot of detail in examples in lectures so it is easy to follow what is going on. Overall excellent lecturer
- responsible attitude and careful explanation
- The hand-writing notes are excellent.
- His use of relevant example and noted are excellent
- He always has materials ready and well laid out.
- The example class really help me
- There are lots of helpful material in this personal website.
- very well organised and immediate responses to any questions via email
- I found it really helpful that he wrote out his own notes in lectures rather than just reading off slides. Everything is podcasted which I found really useful when revising for statistical methods last year. He's so friendly and by far the best lecturer. Also, he always gets our courseworks marked and sends individual emails with our marks on the same day!
- notes
- He taught very patiently and always nice to us
- The extreme clearly materials are strongly supported me.
- He is very nice, podcast, notes, examples are all helpful.
- He is a caring lecturer and wants the best for his students. He explains material in a way that makes it easier to understand. He always takes his time out to help students to make sure they understand the material of the unit. He is by far the best lecturer I have had during my time at the university.
- handnotes are excellent
- Really detailed explanations of example class questions and methods.
- detailed notes
- He explained every detail very well. And all the materials and podcasts are well-provided
- his teaching is very clear and good structured, very detailed, very good
- His pace of teaching is just nice. The exercises help me understand better. He is a very good lecturer.
- Resources, clarity
- n/a
- explains things really well and provides lots of revision material
- First, the teaching way is logically clear for each part and appropriate details are included in his class which make it easy for me to follow the class. Second, Saralees provided us with some related paper and materials which give me a widened horizon of the course and provide chance to learn news and the application of the extreme value theory.
- the way of explanation very clear and specific
- Saralees is the most helpful lecturer I have ever had. I took his second year module too, Statistical methods, and it is so nice to find a lecturer at university level who actually cares about their students grades and are willing to help them at all times- he is such a great guy. He replies to your emails honestly within minutes and it is so helpful to have any queries answered in such a short amount of time. He prepares everyone so well for the in class test and final exam. The way he lectures is very effective as things are done step by step however even if you don't understand something he is very approachable. I never feel worried to ask him questions or feel like I am hassling in when it comes to asking lots of questions during revision.
- Course materials and lecture notes are very very clear and logical. All of the notes are handed in time.
- Very helpful in every aspect, you know if you have questions, they will be answered. I will come away from this module with a full understanding of the course. He should be an example to the other lectures in the department. Not only does he lecture you on the mathematics he teaches you it and it will be mathematics that sticks with me.
- The course is very well organised and the handwritten notes are very useful.
- Completed course notes were uploaded immediately after the class which is much helpful.
- Brilliant
- He has a very friendly approach towards students and he explains everything from the scratch which makes it really easy for the students.
- The weekly emails sent to me includes every week's full material is very helpful.
- Availability and patience
- notes and problem sheet

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- Always explaining the formula, definition and theorem using examples. Makes it much more easier to understand. And detailed show almost every problem on example sheet.
- Good pace and explanation
- very detailed explanation
- Lots of examples.
- The abundance of online materials and his availability
- the lecture were really detailed and well prepared which is good for me to understand the content during the lecture. also, the handwritten is really clear.
- The way Dr Saralees conducts his lecture is very clear and the pace is slow enough for you to digest the information you received. He always repeat the old formulas that we learned before just to refresh our memory in order to solve new questions. Also Dr Saralees is very helpful in answering your questions even if you approaches his out of his office hour. Emails are usually replied withint 30 mins even during weekend. A very dedicated and experience lecturer and the best one in University of Manchester.
- love him
- Really helpful notes and podcasts online and dr saralees nadarajah send email to every student during the week to keep in touch with us.
- Well informed and organised, availability of resources, excellent support for students
- The fact he podcasts all lectures and tutorials and is also very quick in responding to emails about issues
- Best teacher ever
- He will outline and answer most of the difficult questions in Question Sheet and Pass paper, and he record postcards for his class. All these efforts help me a lot for review for exam.
- The pace of the lectures.
- Amount of resources available, and giving feedback on work so quick
- Saralees is phenomenal. Favourite lecturer and tutor in the whole university. He provides so many materials, and offers support whenever you're struggling. He's a very helpful and kind individual.
- i like his class so much
- Having all materials from past years Going through example sheets in tutorials
- He is extremely committed, podcasts everything and goes the extra mile in the sense that he allows you to come to his office at any time if he is around. He explains the material clearly and thoroughly and is a kind hearted lovely man so students enjoy attending his lectures.
- Prof. Saralees Nadarajah is always giving perfect contents and helping students learn the module well. All the lectures and tutorial classes are very practical.
- He is my favourite teacher, the best one
- The demonstration of the derivation process of some formulas and questions is quite clear that help me understand the generation of answers. And also Professor Saralees Nadarajah has provided many examples both in the lecture classes and tutorial classes to help me comprehend the theories and know how to use it to deal with the concrete questions.
- He's extremely helpful
- Everything
- The detailed notes and the exercises are really helpful. And I like this lecturer as he is very keen to have everyone understand the module and offers a lot of feedback. It's a really good time taking his class.
- He was always offering support.

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9 - Please provide details of what you valued about this unit

- We now have some understanding of the probabilistic fundamentals of univariate and bivariate extreme value theory; and we are able to choose and fit appropriate extreme value models for a given data (univariate and bivariate).
- Builds on material covered in Saralees's previous module stats methods
- I like the statistical part of the unit. It requires me to know a lot more about different distributions. Besides that, the financial risk part interest me as well.
- He explain each question well in tutorial
- Great online resources/podcasts
- 'The professor is very kind and win the respect of us
- interesting topic, relevant to real world
- The speed in which he uploads his notes for the week. Always makes sure that the lectures are being podcasted, and does so really well.
- The willingness of the lecturer to help. Always available to answer your questions
- Really enjoyed it's applications to the wider world
- The exam resources
- Good pacing, little more advanced content in the Thursday lectures. A lot of examples were given, not just for practise, but to maintain an idea of the applications of the content learned.
- Great insight into financial risk and applications.
- The online content is top-notch.
- Easy to contact and always replies to emails straight away
- The effort put into the organisation
- Having all of the course materials online is very good. It means you can work through the module at your own pace and having solutions to everything makes my learning so much easier and better. The mid term test was good.
- The pace is good and content clear and easily accessible.
- His clear passion for teaching and how much effort he puts into it.
- Very good online materials and Saralees is very helpful in replying to emails.
- Like how it builds on from Stats methods.
- Everything, i have valued everything
- The lecturer uploads on time and gives the result of the tests one the day! amazing lecturer
- The online resources and structure of the lectures is good.
- Dr. Saralees Nadarajah
- Good online resources and some extra info which is interesting
- Very interesting course material and delivered in a very clear way.
- very good
- Well organised. Very clear what we need to know. Everything is podcasted which allows catching up to be easier. It seems to be more calculation based as appose to proving theorems too which bodes well with me.
- I find the course webpage extremely useful as it is very well organised. I also find the emails that we are sent to be very useful as all of the information for that week is in one place.
- I liked the few bits of background into the world of finance that he gave. Especially regarding the market crashes. It's useful to know where VaR and ES are actually used in the real world without it taking up a whole lecture. Thank you Saralees!
- I really enjoyed this unit, I found it challenging but not too hard. I think Saralees' approach to teaching modules is very good, the way he organises the module offering many past papers and also having very good podcasts in-case you miss a lecture. He marks the mid term very quickly too.
- I have learnt much more about risk management and how to control that.
- Perfect
- Everything
- Materials provided in great detail
- Lecturer is really good in teaching the course.
- This unit provides a deep theoretical understanding of derivation and use of distribution functions, together with an improvement of mathematical skills (e.g. various techniques for computation of integrals)
- The brilliant online resources
- I enjoy the material covered and also the style of teaching of Saralees
- -A lot of material to work from -excellent lecturer, always willing to help
- The course is interesting, real world applications are intriguing and it is taught very well.
- The materials are easy to understand. Pro.Nadarajah is very responsible and always patient to answer questions.
- everything!! Every aspect is brilliant, cant be faulted.
- Well organised. also e-learning materials really good.
- Value a lot having past papers and mid terms for exams with the solutions very helpful. It allows me to continue solving when i'm stuck and in a way work back to find the method needed.
- Couldn't be better.
- Everything that has been done on lectures/tutorials is available on the website.
- Well-organized course with plenty of examples.
- I value his commitment to the course. The amazing recourses make studying for his module very easier and means we do not always have to bombard him with emails.
- statistical models in finance
- Very helpful course, not a boring course.
- The notes handwritten and otherwise are available online

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- Plenty of information in email sent by prof. saralees weekly is useful in review.
- I value the emails he send regularly reminding us of example sheets to complete for each tutorial as the sheets are not done in order. The classes are VERY helpful, as well as the lectures.
- Found it a very interesting course, since it introduced concepts of finance to me, as well as made use of lots of calculus and statistics theory.
- The materials and resources are more than enough
- The knowledge learned and the ability to understand statistics to a greater extent.
- I find the unit very interesting but it is what I have mentioned above about the effort put in which I value the most.
- Lots of context motivated learning well. Motivated content by including his papers as evidence of usefulness
- I really appreciate how dedicated Dr Saralees is. He provide us support even it is outside his office hours. The podcasts are really helpful in revision as well.
- Nice guy, good level of contact.
- Saralees is extremely helpful and supportive. Able to go to his office at anytime and always answers questions via email very quickly.
- Really well organised module. Thank you :)
- the detail of every lecture and tutorial
- The course is very interesting and is pleasant to do
- The podcasts
- Understand more deeply for the extreme value
- Learned something that useful in the finance and statistical field.
- course materials always readily available, feedback on midterm and any questions is immediately given, example classes are great
- Really valued how much effort he puts in to teaching us. He always keeps students updated with what is going on in lectures and questions we'll be going through in tutorials.
- methodology and knowledge
- This course combines sometimes theoretically knowledge and solving practical financial problem. Although it is very much, it motivate us to learn more.
- The calculation in financial examples.
- The way it was taught.
- He is responsible for students
- professor has brilliant knowledge of subject
- have learned many models about finance data
- So far so good. Very patient and practical.
- clear teaching and explanation, full online materials
- This unit allow me to know more about risk measure which I totally had no idea at all before this unit.
- n/a
- everything
- Useful papers and materials, great way of teaching with appropriate details and problem sheets.
- very helpful can even apply in future
- The format of the lectures are great. To go through all the examples step by step on the visualiser is so helpful and thorough and is great for you actual understanding. The course materials provided are great too as everything you need is on Saralees' webpage and as everything is podcasted which is extremely useful for having a clearer understanding. So many examples and solutions are provided so we couldn't be better prepared for the January exam.
- Lots of examples and resources
- A wide variety of examples to real-world applications are provided.
- Excellent
- Teaching of Prof Saralees Nadarajah
- Patient and responsible teacher explains every question clearly in detail.
- very good
- Familiar with how to use the knowledge we learnt in statistics.
- Good resources and podcast use.
- Very useful
- The effort put in by the lecturer
- a really excellent course, i have absorbed a lot of knowledge in this course. The teaching is really good
- This unit is very good as it gives u an insight into how financial mathematics describe the financial world.
- The course materials is very helpful for the review.
- Structure and content with an excellent professor
- It is great especially it is held by Prof. Nadarajah, who is really responsible.
- Saralees.
- I value his principles and consistency. He is always on top of everything and extremely organised.
- This module is perfect for giving a practical method in industry and academic pathways.
- All perfect
- I think the materials of this course are quite sufficient that include almost all the source I would like to use and it always update in time. I can find the broadcast , past exam papers, handwritten notes, answers of examples, etc. It can be quite helpful for oversea students especially who may cannot fully understand the lecture during course time. The course is well organised that Professor Nadarajah explain the course clearly (although sometimes could be to quick too catch up with). So I think the course is great and helpful.
- Clear notes and lots of resources
- The introduction to extreme value Theory and where it can be applied. More use of stats and calculus skills.

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• The lecturer

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10 - Please provide details of what you think could be improved on this unit

- Nothing could be improved, he's the best lecturer so far!
- There isn't anything that can be improved in my point of view.
- Nothing really, maybe correspond your sheets to the week
- Overall, I think the unit is excellent. He is an extremely good and attentive lecturer.
- More examples during the class.
- -
- Teaching slowly and tell more details in classes for level 6
- n/a
- This course is being taught in the best possible way. Should be an example to others.
- Nothing
- Booklet of examples on notes
- -
- I don't believe it needs improving
- Can be slightly a bit repetitive but that's it.
- It would be nice if courses, in general, could podcast both screens. But that seems like an unrealistic idea.
- Need to re-number problem sheets as they are a bit all over the place.
- A better balance between the level of difficulty on the exam and on examples
- Perhaps the motivation for why we are doing something. In my other modules I feel that I know why and how something works. In this module it almost feels like A-level again where I just do as I am told and regurgitate and follow a method without knowing why. I do not mind it though.
- Not much really but I find it annoying when he keeps saying he is "disappointed so few are turning up" when it doesn't really apply to the people that have turned up.
- Nothing really- maybe not have both the lectures at 9am.
- No improvement needs to be made
- nothing to improve on
- Nothing
- Lecture notes might be slightly clearer
- Nothing, I think it's a brilliant course!
- I think the midterm should be marked slower, we worry for Saralees' health when he gets through 200 papers before the end of the day!
- Nothing I can think of.
- Everything is good!
- I think we can slow the teaching speed and increase the teaching time, because sometimes I only can write down the notes instead of understanding the information.
- Nothing
- None
- Everything is good.
- nothing
- Nothing. He's the best lecturer I've had at university!
- Hardly anything at all.
- Not much
- nothing perfect.
- Solutions for some questions often skip steps and I struggle to see how one line can be simplified to the next. A big thing I think would be super helpful for Saralees to do throughout his notes, examples solutions etc is to highlight or maybe put in a red box where he has used a standard result for example gamma etc. This would also improve my previous suggestion too. Also in statical method we had a lot more past papers so I would prefer that kind of number for extreme values
- I think it is perfect. If Dr. Saralees could put more examples about practical life, it would be more attractive.
- Nothing!
- The course is very fantastic and I would recommend it to any student. Regardless of your background in statistics Saralees ensures he covers everything to well equip everybody with the required knowledge to succeed. I do however feel that sometimes the level of detail in his online solutions are limited. Which meant I sometimes find it difficult to progress on a question when I am stuck. (Often there's a trick you need to apply to the question to be able to solve it) however attending support classes can eradicate this problem as Saralees goes through every question in detail.
- Nothing
- This is my favorite module, the only issue is the 9 am start, even at 10 am you miss rush hour traffic
- No. It is perfect.
- Lectures were timetabled very badly this year unfortunately, although this isn't in the lecturer's control.
- There is nothing to be improved in this module
- Good as it is.
- Nothing.
- Nothing
- Everything is perfect!
- I want to see more applications of the methods we learn.

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• I find it frustrating how dismissive the lecturer is about little mistakes and discrepancies in his answers and what he does in class, I like to be quite specific with my answers and sometimes he will change the question slightly then dismiss it when asked. Also needs to differentiate between k and K when writing, little k 's can be drawn curly to make it clear, as well as x and X , little x 's should be curly and sometimes he writes them curly, sometimes he writes them like a capital X should be written and I find it really frustrating as he just flips between the two and it's really confusing. Again, when I ask, he often is very dismissive and makes me feel embarrassed to have even asked like it was a silly question, usually just calls me madam very loudly and doesn't really answer my question. PLEASE DON'T IGNORE THIS POINT, THE CAPITAL AND SMALLER LETTERS BEING UNCLEAR IS SO FRUSTRATING FOR MANY OF US!

- Nothing, great course!
- Nothing more. I like this unit most. Our teacher is very patient
- Perhaps more practice examples
- Nothing
- Not at all
- Change the numbering on example sheets to the week number in which we need to complete because they are currently in a random order
- Don't change!
- nothing else
- Nearly perfect.
- There is nothing to improve.
- printed lectures notes are poor compared to handwritten notes. easier to have digital notes if searching for something specific. otherwise brilliant course
- more practical examples
- When it comes to exercise, especially doing those complicated calculations, I hoped there could be a summary of under which condition/situation, which different tricks may apply. E.g. where to use Gamma function for integrating, how to choose the one correct extremal type out of 3 at first place before proving it...
- more explanation about how we can apply it in reality, in daily life
- I would like to know more about how this unit is being applied in real life.
- slightly fewer emails could be beneficial
- The problem sheets should be numbered in the order which you complete them. Apart from that all is good.
- nothing!
- I don't know
- If I had to mention anything it would be that as so much time is dedicated to the level 3 examples (at the end of the year in lectures especially) it could be helpful to go through more Level 4 examples. The level 4 class does not have a separate example class so would be better to either have an extra hour a week with a separate Level 4 example class, or otherwise spend more time in lectures doing a few more examples. Or even run an extra hour just in week 12 to go through past exam questions for level 4.
- Everything is perfect,
- Other lectures should use his courses as an example on how to teach mathematics in a way that you not only understand but will remember how to use it.
- Some more questions on the problem sheets could be written in a more financial style.
- NONE
- It's okay so far
- everything is good
- Nothing much. Great learning experience.
- More examples
- Maybe go into more detail in some of the solutions
- i really think there is nothing need to be improved
- I think the unit is overall very good and I'm satisfied with it.
- Not enough time in tutorials to cover all questions thoroughly so have to skip processes, only a problem for some tricky questions
- I really hope that the display in Chemistry building G.51 can adjust a bit for its light, because it is really not that clear to see during lecture. At the same time, I recommend Prof. Saralees Nadarajah a talk about teachers feedback based on his effort to gain feedback. https://www.ted.com/talks/bill_gates_teachers_need_real_feedback#t-602668
- Literally nothing.
- Perhaps a more intuitive website
- He should just keep up the good work.
- It would be better if the tutorial classes are held in a bigger room.
- Nothing, all perfect
- For my part, I think the pace of demonstration of some derivation process is a little bit quick that it could be hard for me to catch up for all the time.
- Online printed notes
- Nothing need to improve. All are excellent.