

# University of Denver

## 202410 Winter Quarter 2024

**Course:** MATH-2070-4: Intro Differential Equations  
**Instructor:** Fei Qi \*  
**Response Rate:** 12/35 (34.29 %)

### 1 - I learned a great deal in this course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		<div>5.45</div>			
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Disagree more than Agree	(3)	0	0.00%					
Agree more than Disagree	(4)	2	18.18%					
Agree	(5)	2	18.18%					
Strongly Agree	(6)	7	63.64%					
				02550100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
11/35 (31.43%)				5.45		0.82		6.00

### 2 - Overall, this is an excellent course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		<div>5.18</div>			
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Disagree more than Agree	(3)	1	9.09%					
Agree more than Disagree	(4)	2	18.18%					
Agree	(5)	2	18.18%					
Strongly Agree	(6)	6	54.55%					
				02550100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
11/35 (31.43%)				5.18		1.08		6.00

### 3 - Overall, this is an effective instructor.

Fei Qi

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		<div>5.27</div>			
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Disagree more than Agree	(3)	0	0.00%					
Agree more than Disagree	(4)	3	27.27%					
Agree	(5)	2	18.18%					
Strongly Agree	(6)	6	54.55%					
				02550100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
11/35 (31.43%)				5.27		0.90		6.00

### 4 - Grades were assigned fairly.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		<div>5.09</div>			
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Disagree more than Agree	(3)	2	18.18%					
Agree more than Disagree	(4)	1	9.09%					
Agree	(5)	2	18.18%					
Strongly Agree	(6)	6	54.55%					
				02550100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
11/35 (31.43%)				5.09		1.22		6.00

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### 5 - I found this course challenging.

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Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Disagree more than Agree	(3)	0	0.00%					
Agree more than Disagree	(4)	2	20.00%					
Agree	(5)	1	10.00%					
Strongly Agree	(6)	7	70.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
10/35 (28.57%)				5.50		0.85		6.00

### 6 - Labs were worthwhile. (Answer this question for lab courses only.)

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(2)	2	28.57%					
Disagree more than Agree	(3)	1	14.29%					
Agree more than Disagree	(4)	1	14.29%					
Agree	(5)	1	14.29%					
Strongly Agree	(6)	2	28.57%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
7/35 (20.00%)				4.00		1.73		4.00

### 7 - The instructor was well prepared.

Fei Qi

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Disagree more than Agree	(3)	0	0.00%					
Agree more than Disagree	(4)	1	9.09%					
Agree	(5)	1	9.09%					
Strongly Agree	(6)	9	81.82%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
11/35 (31.43%)				5.73		0.65		6.00

### 8 - The instructor seemed knowledgeable about the subject matter.

Fei Qi

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Disagree more than Agree	(3)	0	0.00%					
Agree more than Disagree	(4)	1	9.09%					
Agree	(5)	1	9.09%					
Strongly Agree	(6)	9	81.82%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
11/35 (31.43%)				5.73		0.65		6.00

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**9 - The instructor was enthusiastic about teaching.**

Fei Qi					
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.36
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%		
Disagree more than Agree	(3)	0	0.00%		
Agree more than Disagree	(4)	2	18.18%		
Agree	(5)	3	27.27%		
Strongly Agree	(6)	6	54.55%		
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/35 (31.43%)				5.36	0.81
				Median	
				6.00	

**10 - The instructor was readily available outside class for questions.**

Fei Qi					
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.73
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%		
Disagree more than Agree	(3)	0	0.00%		
Agree more than Disagree	(4)	0	0.00%		
Agree	(5)	3	27.27%		
Strongly Agree	(6)	8	72.73%		
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/35 (31.43%)				5.73	0.47
				Median	
				6.00	

**11 - The instructor communicated the subject matter clearly.**

Fei Qi					
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.18
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%		
Disagree more than Agree	(3)	1	9.09%		
Agree more than Disagree	(4)	1	9.09%		
Agree	(5)	4	36.36%		
Strongly Agree	(6)	5	45.45%		
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/35 (31.43%)				5.18	0.98
				Median	
				5.00	

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### 12 - What are the strengths of the course and instructor?

Fei Qi

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- Fei was very accessible and helpful with questions outside of class.
- He knows his subject well, explain it with ease and what his student to succeed in his class.
- I honestly cannot comment much on the course as i took an incomplete for mental health reasons. But i can say that while i was in the class Fei was very readily available he had office hours during the day and also took time out his night to dedicate more office hours to the ones who are busy during the day. I enjoyed the time i did have with Fei and would highly recommend him to anyone.
- Fei is... he's enthusiastic about the material, to say the least. I respect how willing and able he is to make mistakes, and even rewards adept students with extra credit for catching said mistakes. This form of incentivization makes sense, and it's an interesting way to keep both yourself in check and your students on their toes. I think he's good at explaining things, and he's very approachable via email or by office hours.
- Fei has phenomenal pacing and organization in his lectures. I felt engaged, but not overwhelmed with information. While this subject matter can be very abstract and confusing, Fei laid the basics down very clearly. Lectures were very applicable to the homeworks, if I was confused on a homework problem I could almost always check my notes and find a similar problem worked in lecture. Fei doesn't take himself too seriously, which is so refreshing. I felt like he supported me as a human and a student because of it. 10 minute breaks were so valuable to my learning. I felt like I truly had time to digest the information being presented AND have enough time to rest before beginning again. Fei will frequently repeat himself throughout lecture. I find this very helpful, as it both gives me time to write down and digest what he is saying AND gives me multiple chances to hear something in case I got distracted or was still working on a previous point.
- Professor Qi is the best he is very knowledgable and experienced. he wants us the students to succeed and provides us with a lot and I mean a lot of examples and notes and practice examples that helps us be more successful in understanding and learning. Differential Equations is not an easy subject but Professor Qi made the subject easy to understand. thank you Professor Qi :)
- Fei is a good teacher this quarter and was super helpful to everyone that came to him after class for more help. He explains the topics extremely well.
- Well he's incredibly smart and informed on the subject.
- Prof. Qi is clearly extremely well-versed in course content and clearly cares a lot about the class' subject matter. He's enthusiastic, energetic, punctual, and readily available for assistance after class and during office hours. Overall, he is very effective.
- Knowledge of material. He seems to really understand. He can provide answers very well as long as the question is understandable.
- I enjoyed the teaching style and the way that homework was assigned.

### 13 - What are the weaknesses of the course and instructor? What improvements can you suggest?

Fei Qi

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- Fei moved very fast and often skipped steps of examples because they were "mental math" for him. However, just because he can do it in his head, does not mean all of his students can.
- n/a
- Change the weight of the tests. Fei's midterms have been the most stressful experience in my college career. Especially with Differential Equations, I believe a weekly or bi-weekly quiz schedule would improve not only my retention of the material but also take a lot of stress off of students from having to re-learn a whole bunch of previously forgotten material. While the math is hard, I doubt Fei would genuinely mean to stress his students out with the difficulty. I just think some form of calmer or less jated grade scaling would allow students to feel more confident.
- I am really digging to think of improvements to suggest, this course and instructor are truly phenomenal. Labs (recitations) in this course were very unrelated to the subject matter being learned. They were 90% common sense, and then occasionally you would solve one differential equation in it. I think they could be much more constructive as a hybrid review/lab format, or the lab worksheets being given could be modified.
- In my opinion I don't think Professor Qi or his course has any weaknesses.
- It was super early
- He is foreign so it's sometimes hard to understand everything. Because he's so smart, he moves at a pace where one can either take notes or actively follow along in class. If he were to do less problems and explain them more in depth, rather than doing many problems faster than most can think, more students would master the course matter.
- Often, students would raise their hands with questions but wouldn't be noticed/called on for a while, sometimes not until we had moved on to a different topic and sometimes not at all. I also noticed a lot of students finding it difficult to keep up with the content/example problems, but I don't really have any suggestions for this as this course simply covers a massive amount of content with only so much time to get through everything.
- Fei Qi can be very disrespectful at times. I have been talked about behind my back on multiple occasions reported to me by my peers. He is a good teacher but not a good people person. Doesn't quite care.
- I think a little less weight on the midterms and final