

# University of Tennessee at Martin

## 2025 Spring Evaluations

**Course:** MATH331: MATH331\_001\_SP2025-MATH 331-001  
**Instructor:** Shalmali Bandyopadhyay \*  
**Response Rate:** 3/3 (100.00 %)

1 - 1. The instructor's explanation of course requirements																
Shalmali Bandyopadhyay																
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				Means							
Very Effective		(5)	0	0.00%												
Effective		(4)	1	33.33%	█				3.33							
Moderately Effective		(3)	2	66.67%	█ █				4.43							
Somewhat Effective		(2)	0	0.00%					4.27							
Ineffective		(1)	0	0.00%					4.39							
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0.00%												
					0	25	50	100	Question	UT Martin		College		Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
3/3 (100.00%)	3.33	0.58	3.00	11012	4.43	0.92	5.00	2182	4.27	1.04	5.00	765	4.39	0.98	5.00	

2 - 2. The instructor's preparation for each class period																
Shalmali Bandyopadhyay																
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				Means							
Very Effective		(5)	0	0.00%												
Effective		(4)	0	0.00%					2.00							
Moderately Effective		(3)	0	0.00%					4.48							
Somewhat Effective		(2)	3	100.00%	█ █ █				4.34							
Ineffective		(1)	0	0.00%					4.37							
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0.00%												
					0	25	50	100	Question	UT Martin		College		Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
3/3 (100.00%)	2.00	0.00	2.00	11018	4.48	0.88	5.00	2185	4.34	1.00	5.00	767	4.37	0.99	5.00	

3 - 3. The instructor's use of class time																
Shalmali Bandyopadhyay																
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				Means							
Very Effective		(5)	0	0.00%												
Effective		(4)	0	0.00%					1.67							
Moderately Effective		(3)	0	0.00%					4.48							
Somewhat Effective		(2)	2	66.67%	█ █				4.37							
Ineffective		(1)	1	33.33%	█				4.46							
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0.00%												
					0	25	50	100	Question	UT Martin		College		Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
3/3 (100.00%)	1.67	0.58	2.00	11016	4.48	0.90	5.00	2184	4.37	1.00	5.00	766	4.46	0.96	5.00	

4 - 4. The instructor's way of summarizing or emphasizing important points in class																
Shalmali Bandyopadhyay																
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				Means							
Very Effective		(5)	0	0.00%												
Effective		(4)	1	33.33%	█				2.33							
Moderately Effective		(3)	0	0.00%					4.34							
Somewhat Effective		(2)	1	33.33%	█				4.14							
Ineffective		(1)	1	33.33%	█				4.27							
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0.00%												
					0	25	50	100	Question	UT Martin		College		Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
3/3 (100.00%)	2.33	1.53	2.00	10992	4.34	1.02	5.00	2178	4.14	1.16	5.00	763	4.27	1.09	5.00	

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5 - 5 . The instructor's ability to make clear and understandable presentations																
Shalmali Bandyopadhyay																
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				Means							
Very Effective		(5)	0	0.00%					4.00		4.34		4.10		4.27	
Effective		(4)	3	100.00%	██████████											
Moderately Effective		(3)	0	0.00%												
Somewhat Effective		(2)	0	0.00%												
Ineffective		(1)	0	0.00%												
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0.00%												
					0	25	50	100	Question		UT Martin		College		Department	
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
3/3 (100.00%)	4.00	0.00	4.00	11005	4.34	1.03	5.00	2182	4.10	1.17	5.00	766	4.27	1.10	5.00	

6 - 6 . The instructor's use of examples or illustrations to clarify course material																
Shalmali Bandyopadhyay																
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				Means							
Very Effective		(5)	0	0.00%							4.39		4.23		4.33	
Effective		(4)	0	0.00%												
Moderately Effective		(3)	2	66.67%	██████████				2.67							
Somewhat Effective		(2)	1	33.33%	██████											
Ineffective		(1)	0	0.00%												
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0.00%												
					0	25	50	100	Question		UT Martin		College		Department	
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
3/3 (100.00%)	2.67	0.58	3.00	10998	4.39	0.98	5.00	2182	4.23	1.09	5.00	764	4.33	1.03	5.00	

7 - 7 . The instructor's use of challenging questions or problems																
Shalmali Bandyopadhyay																
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				Means							
Very Effective		(5)	0	0.00%							4.36		4.25		4.34	
Effective		(4)	2	66.67%	██████████				3.67							
Moderately Effective		(3)	1	33.33%	██████											
Somewhat Effective		(2)	0	0.00%												
Ineffective		(1)	0	0.00%												
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0.00%												
					0	25	50	100	Question		UT Martin		College		Department	
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
3/3 (100.00%)	3.67	0.58	4.00	10996	4.36	0.98	5.00	2177	4.25	1.08	5.00	763	4.34	1.03	5.00	

8 - 8 . The instructor's enthusiasm for the course material																
Shalmali Bandyopadhyay																
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				Means							
Very Effective		(5)	1	33.33%	██████						4.52		4.38		4.33	
Effective		(4)	1	33.33%	██████				3.67							
Moderately Effective		(3)	0	0.00%												
Somewhat Effective		(2)	1	33.33%	██████											
Ineffective		(1)	0	0.00%												
Not Applicable		(0)	0	0.00%												
					0	25	50	100	Question		UT Martin		College		Department	
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
3/3 (100.00%)	3.67	1.53	4.00	11007	4.52	0.89	5.00	2179	4.38	1.02	5.00	763	4.33	1.09	5.00	

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### 9 - 9 . The instructor's helpfulness and responsiveness to students

Shalmali Bandyopadhyay

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means															
Very Effective	(5)	1	33.33%			Question			UT Martin			College			Department					
Effective	(4)	0	0.00%			3.67	4.44		4.31		4.42									
Moderately Effective	(3)	2	66.67%																	
Somewhat Effective	(2)	0	0.00%																	
Ineffective	(1)	0	0.00%																	
Not Applicable	(0)	0	0.00%																	
					0	25	50	100												
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median					
3/3 (100.00%)	3.67	1.15	3.00	11001	4.44	0.99	5.00	2180	4.31	1.09	5.00	764	4.42	1.00	5.00					

### 10 - 10 . The instructor's respect for students

Shalmali Bandyopadhyay

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means															
Very Effective	(5)	0	0.00%			Question			UT Martin			College			Department					
Effective	(4)	1	33.33%			2.67	4.58		4.50		4.56									
Moderately Effective	(3)	1	33.33%																	
Somewhat Effective	(2)	0	0.00%																	
Ineffective	(1)	1	33.33%																	
Not Applicable	(0)	0	0.00%																	
					0	25	50	100												
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median					
3/3 (100.00%)	2.67	1.53	3.00	11011	4.58	0.84	5.00	2180	4.50	0.92	5.00	762	4.56	0.86	5.00					

### 11 - 11 . The availability of extra help for this class

Shalmali Bandyopadhyay

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means															
Very Effective	(5)	1	33.33%			Question			UT Martin			College			Department					
Effective	(4)	0	0.00%			3.33	4.34		4.22		4.37									
Moderately Effective	(3)	1	33.33%																	
Somewhat Effective	(2)	1	33.33%																	
Ineffective	(1)	0	0.00%																	
Not Applicable	(0)	0	0.00%																	
					0	25	50	100												
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median					
3/3 (100.00%)	3.33	1.53	3.00	10913	4.34	1.03	5.00	2176	4.22	1.12	5.00	763	4.37	1.01	5.00					

### 12 - 12 . The instructor's willingness to listen to student questions and opinions

Shalmali Bandyopadhyay

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means															
Very Effective	(5)	1	33.33%			Question			UT Martin			College			Department					
Effective	(4)	1	33.33%			3.67	4.53		4.43		4.52									
Moderately Effective	(3)	0	0.00%																	
Somewhat Effective	(2)	1	33.33%																	
Ineffective	(1)	0	0.00%																	
Not Applicable	(0)	0	0.00%																	
					0	25	50	100												
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median					
3/3 (100.00%)	3.67	1.53	4.00	10996	4.53	0.88	5.00	2175	4.43	0.96	5.00	762	4.52	0.89	5.00					

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### 13 - 13 . The information given to students about how they would be graded

Response Option				Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses			Means						
Very Effective				(5)	0	0.00%				4.45						
Effective				(4)	1	33.33%	█			3.33						
Moderately Effective				(3)	2	66.67%	█ █			4.43						
Somewhat Effective				(2)	0	0.00%				4.43						
Ineffective				(1)	0	0.00%				4.43						
Not Applicable				(0)	0	0.00%				4.43						
										0 25 50 100		Question	UT Martin	College	Department	
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
3/3 (100.00%)	3.33	0.58	3.00	10915	4.45	0.92	5.00	2178	4.33	1.04	5.00	764	4.43	0.97	5.00	

### 14 - 14 . The clarity of exam questions

Response Option				Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses			Means						
Very Effective				(5)	1	33.33%	█			4.36						
Effective				(4)	1	33.33%	█			3.67						
Moderately Effective				(3)	0	0.00%				4.11						
Somewhat Effective				(2)	1	33.33%	█			4.30						
Ineffective				(1)	0	0.00%				4.36						
Not Applicable				(0)	0	0.00%				4.36						
										0 25 50 100		Question	UT Martin	College	Department	
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
3/3 (100.00%)	3.67	1.53	4.00	10914	4.30	1.05	5.00	2174	4.11	1.16	5.00	763	4.36	1.02	5.00	

### 15 - 15 . The exam's coverage of important aspects of the course

Response Option				Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses			Means						
Very Effective				(5)	0	0.00%				4.45						
Effective				(4)	1	33.33%	█			3.00						
Moderately Effective				(3)	0	0.00%				4.29						
Somewhat Effective				(2)	1	33.33%	█			4.43						
Ineffective				(1)	0	0.00%				4.45						
Not Applicable				(0)	1	33.33%	█			4.45						
										0 25 50 100		Question	UT Martin	College	Department	
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
3/3 (100.00%)	3.00	1.41	3.00	10903	4.43	0.93	5.00	2174	4.29	1.03	5.00	763	4.45	0.93	5.00	

### 16 - 16 . The instructor's comments on assignments and exams

Response Option				Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses			Means						
Very Effective				(5)	0	0.00%				4.26						
Effective				(4)	1	33.33%	█			3.50						
Moderately Effective				(3)	1	33.33%	█			4.08						
Somewhat Effective				(2)	0	0.00%				4.28						
Ineffective				(1)	0	0.00%				4.26						
Not Applicable				(0)	1	33.33%	█			4.26						
										0 25 50 100		Question	UT Martin	College	Department	
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
3/3 (100.00%)	3.50	0.71	3.50	10913	4.28	1.08	5.00	2175	4.08	1.22	5.00	763	4.26	1.13	5.00	

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### 17 - 17 . The helpfulness of assignments in understanding course material

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means											
Very Effective	(5)	0	0.00%													
Effective	(4)	2	66.67%	██████████	3.67	4.31		4.10		4.30						
Moderately Effective	(3)	1	33.33%	██████												
Somewhat Effective	(2)	0	0.00%													
Ineffective	(1)	0	0.00%													
Not Applicable	(0)	0	0.00%													
					0	25	50	100	Question	UT Martin		College		Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
3/3 (100.00%)	3.67	0.58	4.00	10894	4.31	1.06	5.00	2174	4.10	1.20	5.00	762	4.30	1.09	5.00	

### 18 - 18. Rate the quality of instruction in this course as it contributed to your learning

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means											
Very Effective	(5)	0	0.00%													
Effective	(4)	0	0.00%													
Moderately Effective	(3)	1	33.33%	██████	2.33	4.38		4.18		4.31						
Somewhat Effective	(2)	2	66.67%	██████████												
Ineffective	(1)	0	0.00%													
					0	25	50	100	Question	UT Martin		College		Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	UT Martin	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
3/3 (100.00%)	2.33	0.58	2.00	10888	4.38	1.00	5.00	2173	4.18	1.14	5.00	764	4.31	1.08	5.00	

### 19 - 19. What did you like most about this course?

Response Rate	3/3 (100%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I enjoyed the positive energy and how Dr. Shamali talked to us and not at us.</li> <li>problems were mostly real-world examples, which helped with understanding and ability to apply what we learned - we presented problems and solutions to the class occasionally, which is the best way to gain understanding of the material - we were able to ask a lot of questions and work together on homework problems when we didn't understand</li> <li>I liked the way we were taught the Laplace equation, in terms of level of explanation and the length of time we took to cover it.</li> </ul>	

### 20 - 20. What did you like least about this course?

Response Rate	3/3 (100%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What I like least about the course is that I feel that I don't have a good understanding on what we are being taught. I also feel that we didn't cover a lot of material in the class, I was expecting more since this is the continuation of diffeq 1.</li> <li>There were several days (at least 4 class periods) where Dr. Shalmali did not lecture, but there was nothing else going on to prevent us from having class. - We were given one test, and Dr. Shalmali left campus after handing it out. - We spent the first month or so of the class on an ODE topic. - I only understood one section of the PDE topics, LaPlace equations. - We had to do a few proofs, and this class does not require 314 as a prerequisite. - There were times we had questions on notation or a definition and Dr. Shalmali did not seem to know the answer. I know she knows PDEs well, but it felt like she did not review or brush up on definitions she hasn't used in a while.</li> <li>I did not like that we did not cover many PDEs. It seems that the instructor has lost her ability to determine hard to grasp concepts from easy concepts. She would spend a week on basic algebra manipulation and then only part of a class explaining the method of characteristics. We spent many many weeks at the beginning of the semester reviewing systems of ODEs, which other professors covered in less time in their ODE class. I feel that the professor concealed their lack of familiarity with the material by postponing covering new material by reviewing easy topics or by following a solution found online and stating that the problem is easy in order to not have to explain it further. I think simply reviewing the material before class and preparing more for class would alleviate many of these issues. The professor is prone to aggressively lashing out at the students. These outbursts usually take the form of attempting to embarrass one student in front of the class based on their appearance or actions taken/not taken outside of class.</li> </ul>	

### 21 - 21. What suggestions do you have for improving this course?

Response Rate	2/3 (66.67%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I feel that more material could have been covered in class. I do think some of the example problems should go into more depth to help the students better understand the material that is being taught.</li> <li>Doing the homework together and turning in one paper is helpful for learning, but we often struggled to find a time to meet. I'd rather do homework separately and discuss in class to make it easier to complete the assignments. - I'd prefer more tests or more involved projects. - I don't feel like I understood the method of characteristics at all. I could do most of the calculations but I don't know what they meant. - I'd have preferred to spend more time covering material, instead of discussing what topics and assignments we should do next so often. - It seemed like some examples fell outside the scope of this class. We would apply the techniques we learned, but then there was some "trick" to solving the problem that we had never seen or didn't know how to do. I'd rather work examples that I can do from start to finish independently, or discuss how to find/know what trick to use.</li> </ul>	

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Mean of Means Calculations	Mean			
A - Course Organization and Planning	2.33			
B - Communication	3.50			
C - Faculty/Student Interactions	3.34			
D - Assignments, Exams, and Grading	3.43			