

Cemil Dibek | Student Evaluations

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I am happy to have received the following student feedback ¹ from course evaluations at Princeton University as they indicate that my effort to accommodate every student is appreciated.

Lecturer, Princeton University

◇ ORF 363/COS 323: Computing and Optimization

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- “Lecture quality was very high. The instructor presented material in a very clear manner and was very good at answering questions and giving good examples/visuals of concepts. He also very much encouraged student engagement and knew everyone’s names in the class, which made for a more comfortable class environment.”
- “This was such a great course! I honestly don’t know if I have anything bad to say about it. Cemil is a really great and intuitive lecturer and makes sure that everyone understands what is going on. The material is really cool and you see some interesting applications in the psets. The exams are pretty fun and fair.”
- “Cemil is the best. He cares about his students learning more than any professor I have ever met. He is brilliant, and it rubs off on the rest of his students.”
- “If you are interested in a mathematical approach to optimization this is a fantastic class. Cemil is a fantastic and understanding professor, and the pace of the course is very reasonable.”
- “Interesting, good teaching & office hours, assignments and exams are very reasonable – one of the best classes I’ve taken at Princeton (as a COS Major)”
- “Cemil is extremely nice! The lectures were so fun to go to, and the materials were very fun and engaging. Would strongly recommend taking this class, as a lot of materials learned in this class would be applicable to real-life situations.”
- “Loved this course, Cemil is an excellent lecturer and loves engaging with his students.”
- “Cemil was an amazing instructor, and his office hours were great help on the problem sets.”
- “Cemil was engaging and the lectures conveyed information well.”
- “I felt that while the material was doable, the curve was tough. Cemil is an excellent lecturer!!!”
- “Cemil was a great instructor - his lectures were well-structured and he did his best to engage students (he was also great with names!). Sad he’s leaving next semester. Exams and psets were fair, and office hours were very helpful.”
- “I think Cemil said he won’t be teaching the class in any future semesters, which is very sad since the class was great with him this year. . . . as a lecturer Cemil is very chill and offers a good number of examples to ensure everyone understands what’s going on.”
- “Amazing, Cemil is an incredibly organized and clear lecturer. It’s an enormous loss that he is leaving Princeton.”
- “I know Cemil is leaving this year, which I think could be disastrous for this class in the future. This course is very hard and moves extremely quickly. Having a professor who is less invested in the students’ learning would make this course miserable.”
- “Fantastic course. A true shame to see Prof. Cemil go.”
- “Extremely excellent”

¹The acronyms TA, AI, OH, and pset stand for teaching assistant, assistant in instruction, office hours, and problem set respectively.

Assistant in Instruction, Princeton University

◇ Convex and Conic Optimization	<i>Prof. Amir Ali Ahmadi</i>	Spring 2019, 2021
◇ Introduction to Graph Theory	<i>Prof. Maria Chudnovsky</i>	Spring 2018
◇ Computing and Optimization	<i>Prof. Amir Ali Ahmadi</i>	Fall 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021

- “I have to sincerely praise Cemil. I go to his office hours every week not only for help with course material/homework but also just to chat with him. He is so welcoming and friendly and willing to talk to me even though I am an undergrad. I cannot praise him enough. He goes out of his way to make sure that I comprehend the material. Cemil has stayed almost an hour past his office hour slot to make sure that I am all taken care of before he leaves. The fact that he is willing to stay and help me, and not just bolt when the clock strikes 8pm (or whatever time), really makes me feel valued as a student and that is why I feel like I take a lot away from his OH always.”
- “Cemil, the head TA, was amazing, he would make sure to get to know everyone and explain any questions you might have about the homework in a way that was clear and made sense.”
- “Some of the TA’s are the nicest TA’s I have ever met (Cemil is so kind!! And you can tell how much he cares about helping us understand).”
- “The TA’s (shoutout to Cemil) were extremely enthusiastic about teaching us the material!”
- “Cemil’s office hours are extremely useful. The other office hours were also helpful but Cemil understands the material on a different level.”
- “Cemil is so helpful and approachable in office hours, and for him, no question is a dumb question, which is so refreshing! He makes you like learning and appreciates good teaching.”
- “Cemil’s OH are very helpful for asking questions about assignments and getting clarification on topics.”
- “Huge shout out to Cemil Dibek for being such a great TA.”
- “Cemil has been very patient in explaining things and clarifying questions I might have.”
- “Cemil is an awesome AI who’s very helpful and patient!”