

Eric Edlund

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- Dr. Edlund is the worst instructor I have ever had in my four year college career. Throughout the course he fails to explain the topics covered in class, spending most of the time working through derivations without explaining or making clear what he is doing. He has poor classroom control, often wasting half a class period entertaining pointless conversations and topics unrelated to lecture. There have been many times he confuses himself working through his own lesson and spends an unreasonable amount of time sighing loudly as he struggles to figure out his own notes. He has tried to make himself available outside of class, but nobody shows up because of his aggressive attitude. Many students often discuss that they don't view Dr. Edlund as an effective instructor. Dr. Edlund degrades the classroom environment with a extremely rude attitude, intimidating and judgmental responses, and a overall cocky personality that values his ego more than student understanding. Also, he very obviously picks favorites, not based off of effort or work ethic, but off of how much a student strokes his ego. Overall, I wouldn't suggest anyone take Dr. Edlund as an instructor. I would even go as far as to say he has no place being a college professor.
- Diff. Eq. should be a pre-req for this course. Professor often went off on tangents and lengthy derivations that 1 we did not need to know for the course and 2 sometimes he couldn't even finish himself. Majority of time spent was copying what he wrote on board not really knowing what it meant.
- Overall, Dr. Edlund is EXTREMELY INEFFECTIVE. He is often confused doing problems at the board, which in turn confuses us even more. The material is difficult as is, and his teaching style makes it that much more difficult. I've had him for two different courses now and they are the most frustrating, hard to follow classes I've taken (PHY203, PHY420), and I believe it is because of him. At points, I think he is extremely condescending. I believe if I had another teacher for this course, I would have done well and been happy with my accomplishments. In this course Dr. Edlund seldom explained things explicitly, often leaving room for confusion and ambiguity. There is no order; lectures have no consistency, planning involved, or expectations. He should strive to be like Doug Armstead.
- Instructor makes errors regularly. Not enough example problems in class. Smart man, bad teacher. Instructor doesn't look at HW problems before giving them. Some problems are impossible.

- I feel Dr. Edlund was a good professor in this course and understands the material well although could be better prepared for the class at times.
- Dr. Edlund is an extremely intelligent person, but not the best at teaching. You can tell he knows the material, but explaining the material to others is not his strong suit. I think notes should be looked at more before class. Because sometimes we find solutions, but they are wrong and we have to erase and rewrite problems multiple times. Also most of the course material on the syllabus was not looked at and we not learn everything I was supposed to in order to continue into other classes and a different school for engineering. I feel like if I had a different professor for this course, I would have learned more and would have been proud of what I have learned.