

Bootcamp Instructor Feedback for Eric Yanchenko Summer 2021	
Question	Response
Please comment on the strengths of the bootcamp and instructor.	The adaptability to the weaknesses and strengths of the individuals taking the exam
	Motivating. Also, arranging and grading mock exams helped.
	The steady level of confidence that you had in us the entire summer made studying for this a lot more manageable. By clearly stating your expectations and constantly giving us reassurance that our work will pay off, we were able to focus better because some of the stress was taken away by your confidence in us. I also appreciated your methodical schedule that you provided us at the start. My father said a sign of a good teacher is if they follow the rule-of-three mantra "Tell them what you are going to tell them. Tell them. Tell them what you told them." So you told us how this summer would go and how we should study (e.g. no exams the first month, learn material, etc.), then your lessons followed that schedule during the summer, and now we are at the end of the summer and we are now in a review of everything we did in the past. I think you did a very good job and we all appreciate your effort.
	Systematic review of exam materials and hotspots; Theories are accompanied by examples; Covers a lot of materials; Good course planning
	Details help me to finish problem.
	All the resources provided by Eric ( personal notes and HW keys to 705 ) are extremely helpful.
Please comment on the weaknesses of the bootcamp and instructor.	The instructor did not go thoroughly over the concepts.

	<p>I think this is less a weakness on your part and more a weakness on the department's part, but I think more stress needs to be made before our first year that the best way to study for the qualifying exam is by studying hard in the first year classes. As in any class, there are plenty of ways to just "get by" with the grade that you want, but that won't help us in the difficulty of the qualifying exam. So I think there needs to be more emphasis on studying for the qualifying exam during the year and not relying on the bootcamp to be the only prep tool you use.</p> <p>The only other tip I would have is maybe teach people how to actually review material. It is never really taught how to properly study material and I think people could take value from learning how you actually reviewed the material, and not necessarily what you reviewed.</p>
	Recording of in-person lectures could be improved
	More homework may help.
	Maybe we can have more office hours for questions. :)
To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved about the bootcamp?	More instructors. Having multiple perspectives on different problems is always helpful. This would also reduce the workload for the instructors
	Starting every week with a new topic, spending the first class explaining all relevant concepts and the rest of the classes trying to solve as many questions from previous years as possible.
	Emphasize repetition. The only way to put something to memory is by looking over things time and time again. There is a lot of information and a lot of formulas to put to memory, so start early. This doesn't mean go insane, but create a schedule you can keep up with. For instance, I wrote down flash cards as I reviewed material, and every morning I took 15 minutes to review the flash cards. The deck of cards got bigger, but by reviewing every day, it never became a daunting task to remember all of the cards.
	The course folder could have been more organized. Sometimes it is not easy to find lecture videos/notes I am looking for

	More practice problems are necessary.
	Maybe we can have more office hours for questions. :)
Any other comments?	Honestly, you did a fantastic job teaching us this summer. Thank you Eric!
	The bootcamp is helpful for me and thanks for taking the time.