

**Report:** DER 2025 midterm feedback

**Response Rate:** 7/49 (14.29 %)

**1 - What about the environment, activities, and structure of this course are helping your learning?**

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- Easy access to data I need to help solve some of the HWK problem
- Great lectures! Love the smaller environment and ability to get help when needed.
- I appreciate the option to tune in online and get access to the information. The conversations in class feel natural and helpful. Also the smaller classroom makes it less intimidating to speak up.
- The course provides a well-structured learning environment that balances theoretical concepts with practical applications. The hands-on activities and problem-solving exercises reinforce the material and help in understanding real-world applications. The clear organization of lectures, assignments, and discussions fosters a smooth learning process.
- The course setup works well for me. The instructor uses real-life examples, which makes things easier to understand. They're also really open to discussions anytime, which helps a lot. I like the extra materials like podcasts and articles, as they give more insight and help me learn better.
- The lecture slides and videos effectively illustrate the concepts.
- Yes, especially for the content about ODE.

**2 - What specific suggestions do you have for changing the environment, activities, or structure of the course to better help your learning?**

**Response Rate** 7/49 (14.29%)

- I don't have any specific suggestions for changes at the moment.
- I would suggest giving us more code examples to help us learn better.
- Maybe tell more about the smart grid.
- Nothing comes to mind now.
- Personally, I'm always rooting for a flipped classroom style.
- TEACH IT DOWN IN INDIANAPOLIS IN PERSON AND NOT ONLINE
- While the course is well-structured, incorporating more interactive discussions or case studies could enhance engagement and deepen understanding. Additionally, providing more real-world examples or industry applications could help bridge the gap between theory and practice.

**3 - What are some things that your instructor does well, e.g., something you hope that the instructor will continue to do in the class in the future?**

**Response Rate** 6/49 (12.24%)

- Answers questions very well, provides an incredible amount of online resources and help for homeworks.
- Dr. Kircher maintains a relaxed atmosphere in the classroom that contributes to an open and informative learning environment. I also appreciate that the semester project has regular deliverables.
- I enjoy the formula derivation part as it helps me stay focused on the math.
- Kevin is highly effective at explaining complex concepts in a clear and concise manner. His enthusiasm for the subject matter makes the class engaging, and his willingness to answer questions fosters an open and supportive learning environment. His structured approach to teaching, along with well-prepared lectures and materials, is greatly appreciated.
- Prof. Kircher does a great job being responsive to questions and genuinely wants us to understand the material. I really appreciate how they check in with the class after explaining something, asking if we have questions. I hope they keep doing this in the future!
- timely release of recorded zoom classes online and seem to love DER. BUT BROTHER MAN change your camera angle from your laptop

**4 - Do you have a suggestion(s) for improving the course (a criticism alone is not helpful; instead, provide some feedback that would help your instructor improve the course)?**

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- I suggest you give more examples in slides.
- It would be nice to have examples of what people have done in the past for their projects. The structure is slightly different than other class projects I've been a part of, so it would be reassuring to see a reference.
- Not anything specific at the moment!
- Not particularly.
- One possible improvement could be to provide additional resources for difficult topics, such as optional supplementary readings or short video explanations. Incorporating more collaborative group work or peer discussions may also help reinforce key concepts.
- POST A USEFUL DOC ON COMMON MATLAB/PYTHON errors because I am spending more time debugging than learning the material for some of the HWK assignments

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5 - Is there any other feedback you would like to provide to your instructor(s)?

<b>Response Rate</b>	5/49 (10.2%)
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- ALSO PUT THE DUE DATES ON BRIGHTSPACE so that students who only have used Brightspace can see the deadline because we have a lot on our plate and I use Brightspace calendar to understand what needs done and I have almost forgotten to finish some Assignment because I forgot you post the deadlines in gradescope only
- No
- Overall, this has been a valuable and well-taught course. The structured format and engaging instruction have made the material more accessible. Thank you for the effort put into making the course both educational and enjoyable!
- Thank you for your dedication and support.
- Thanks for a great semester so far!