Calculus Reflection

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Reflection

Test

I followed the course Calculus last quartile. Calculus actually started were the high school math stopped. They repeated of course a lot of stuff but at the same time went into depth in the old curriculum.

The start test was harder than I thought, so that is the reason that I didn't pass it the first time. I used the time till the resit to study good which led that I passed it the next time. The start test was good wake-up call for my algebra skills which I needed for calculus.

The intermediate test went completely wrong. I expected something completely else. That in combination that I had difficulties with the course at that moment, because of the fact that I had not learned about vectors at my high school caused that I failed this test. But afterwards when we discussed the exams then I know what I had to do and which subjects I need to focus on. This test was for me very important to find out what I had to do pass the final test.

I passed the final test on first try. I am very happy about it because Calculus was very difficult for me so my hard work paid off.

Course organization

I think the structure of the course is not that good. You have too little time to have really personal face to face contact about calculus during the tutor hours. This is because you are in a group of approximately 6 people which all have different questions. If it was more organized like physics ,were you have in total 4 hours per week were you can work on the course and ask one of the two or three master students of physics if you have a question, would be much more effective for me.

Still the tutor concept is good but it was more effective when we had more time.

Overall conclusion

It was very difficult course, especially at the beginning. But after some time did I manage to understand it. Still its very difficult for me to use this course in real life situations, because I don't see the opportunities to use it nor have the need to use it. But maybe will this change over time.