

“Welcome to Kaw’s World”

Anonymous

When you heard you had to take a class called “Computational Methods”, the first thing you thought of was your TI-83 and how much more homework you would have the night before class. The good news is there is no homework. The bad news, nor is your TI-83.

Dr. Kaw prides himself on only being late to class twice in the past one-hundred years; so make sure you are also on time, and if he does arrive late, give him grief. Dr. Kaw is one of, if not the best teacher I have had at USF in my three years and I only had one minor problem with his teaching style—he speaks fast and with an accent, so be prepared. After a few class periods, it will be plain to see that Dr. Kaw puts countless hours into the preparation of the class material and the additional resources such as YouTube videos, the class website, and various other links to helpful material. My suggestion, bookmark the class website on your internet browser of choice, you will spend a lot of time there.

Ever wonder why Computational Methods follows Programming Concepts on the flow chart? Do not make the mistake I did and sell your Programming Concepts book, it will be very useful.

I’m sure you have heard already about Dr. Kaw’s proficiency in knowledge of rap artists. Expect an identification of a rap artist question on the first few of many clicker quizzes. Also, Dr. Kaw is clever in his jokes, not always, but sometimes (laugh at the tacks evasion one, you know it was funny).

All in all, not only is Computational Methods a great class in the grand scheme of your Mechanical Engineering degree, it is a pleasant reminder that there are professors who actually care about you and your grade in the class. If you are willing to work a tenth as hard studying for the tests that Dr. Kaw did in presenting you the information, Computational Methods will be a cakewalk for you.