



UC RIVERSIDE - Student Evaluation of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Spring 2012

Course: MATH 008B Section: 022
Instructor: Soheil Safii

Enrollment: 21
Respondents: 19
Response Rate: 90%

Enrollment: 3114
Respondents: 2328
Response Rate: 75%

Enrollment: 35122
Respondents: 28534
Response Rate: 81%

Questions	Course									Department			Campus			
	<u>7</u> High	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Low	<u>N/A</u>	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD
1 Provides goals and objectives in his/her presentations.	10	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.4	0.7	82	6.1	1.3	82	6.1	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	8	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.3	0.7	76	6.1	1.3	80	6.1	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	8	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.3	0.7	75	6.2	1.2	78	6.2	1.2
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	9	5	4	-	-	-	-	1	6.3	0.8	75	6.1	1.3	80	6.1	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	9	5	4	-	-	-	-	1	6.3	0.8	73	6.1	1.3	80	6.1	1.4
6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities.	9	3	4	-	1	1	-	1	5.9	1.5	63	6.0	1.4	69	6.1	1.4
7 Creates a classroom atmosphere where I feel free to ask questions.	9	5	2	1	1	-	-	1	6.1	1.2	63	6.2	1.3	74	6.1	1.3
8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	10	6	2	-	-	-	-	1	6.4	0.7	74	6.3	1.1	81	6.2	1.2
9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	10	4	3	1	-	-	-	1	6.3	1.0	76	6.1	1.4	81	6.0	1.4
10 Effectively manages the classroom environment	9	7	2	-	-	-	-	1	6.4	0.7	79	6.2	1.3	83	6.1	1.3
11 Motivates me to do my best.	7	4	3	4	-	-	-	1	5.8	1.2	57	6.0	1.4	68	5.9	1.4
12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	11	3	3	1	-	-	-	1	6.3	1.0	70	6.2	1.2	78	6.2	1.3
13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	9	6	3	1	-	-	-	-	6.2	0.9	67	6.2	1.3	77	6.1	1.3
14 Respects the role of each student in a diverse environment.	11	5	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.4	0.9	73	6.3	1.1	81	6.2	1.2
15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	8	6	2	1	-	-	-	2	6.2	0.9	62	6.3	1.1	73	6.3	1.2
16 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	8	6	1	1	-	-	-	3	6.3	0.9	68	6.3	1.1	77	6.2	1.2
17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	8	7	1	1	-	-	-	2	6.3	0.8	68	6.3	1.1	77	6.2	1.2
18 Speaks clear, understandable English. (Not applicable in foreign language sections.)	15	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.7	86	6.5	1.0	93	6.3	1.3
19 Overall, is an effective teacher.	8	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.3	0.7	72	6.2	1.3	81	6.1	1.3

* The number of N/A is not included in the Mean and S.D. calculation.



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Question # 20: YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS ON YOUR GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR'S TEACHING SKILLS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE TEXTBOX BELOW. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 2000 CHARACTERS.

- Very helpful and whenever I didn't understand something he would explain to me until I understood better! Great teacher.
- He is a very responsible and helpful TA, Always prompt on responding to emails and always available during office hours. Very helpful and I would definitely say he made math enjoyable.
- Rather than just solving the questions on the board, make the class solve it with you. It'll be more engaging. Overall, you're a great teacher and clearly explains concepts.
- Soheil made the course easy to understand. He put a lot of time in not only going over the newer material, but he also found time to go over any homework problems with plenty of time to spare. Sometimes, he would go a bit fast, but then he'd slow down and rewind to make sure we completely understood the problem. He taught the course effectively and managed time extremely well. A very good TA instructor for this course overall.
- Soheil is a very helpful TA. Although the material is difficult, he makes it easy to understand.
- Greatest TA for math. He knows the material up and down and knows how to teach it efficiently. He is the best TA for math I have had so far. He is always available for help and to answer every question you can have.
- Soheil was excellent at clearly explaining the concepts that we learned in discussion, and was helpful in giving extra clarification. Overall a great TA to have.
- I personally found the way he taught very effective and was very kind in reviewing with us before quizzes and in doing so allowed a better understanding of the concept for us and really helped us with keeping our grades. His explanations were clear and very much helpful.
- Has a great way of explaining the material and uses many examples.
- good
- Was really good at explaining the different math topics and helping us understand the lecture.
- Always open to helping his students during class and outside of class as well as last minute appointments to help students with homework. Explains math effectively and makes things so much easier to understand. the best t.a i have had so far. made math awesome.
- A very good discussion teacher. Very clear and helpful. Thank You.