



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

Course: MATH 009B Section: 023
Instructor: Soheil Safii

Enrollment: 25
Respondents: 18
Response Rate: 72%

Enrollment: 4118
Respondents: 3198
Response Rate: 78%

Enrollment: 39133
Respondents: 32435
Response Rate: 83%

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.	13	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.8	83	6.1	1.3	89	6.0	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	14	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	6.6	1.0	86	6.1	1.3	89	6.1	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	15	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.8	87	6.3	1.1	91	6.3	1.2
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	13	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	86	6.1	1.3	89	6.1	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	14	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	89	6.1	1.3	92	6.1	1.4
6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities.	13	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	89	6.0	1.4	90	6.0	1.4
7 Creates a classroom atmosphere where I feel free to ask questions.	15	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	6.7	1.0	88	6.2	1.3	92	6.1	1.3
8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	15	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.8	86	6.3	1.1	91	6.3	1.2
9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	14	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	6.6	1.0	85	6.1	1.3	90	6.0	1.4
10 Effectively manages the classroom environment	15	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.8	88	6.2	1.3	93	6.1	1.3
11 Motivates me to do my best.	13	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.9	83	5.9	1.4	88	5.9	1.4
12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	14	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	6.6	1.0	81	6.3	1.2	89	6.2	1.2
13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	15	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.8	87	6.2	1.3	92	6.2	1.3
14 Respects the role of each student in a diverse environment.	15	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	6.7	1.0	90	6.3	1.1	91	6.3	1.2
15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	15	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.8	85	6.3	1.1	90	6.3	1.2
16 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	15	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	6.7	1.0	86	6.3	1.1	91	6.2	1.2
17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	13	3	-	1	-	-	-	1	6.6	0.8	79	6.3	1.1	87	6.3	1.2
18 Speaks clear, understandable English. (Not applicable in foreign language sections.)	15	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.8	87	6.5	1.1	93	6.3	1.3
19 Overall, is an effective teacher.	15	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.8	92	6.2	1.2	95	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.

- Thanks for all your help! Enjoyed coming to discussion rather than lecture.
- Was amazingly helpful and very clear. His discussion sections are the reason i do well in this class.
- Soheil is a great instructor in which he goes out of his way to make sure that all of his students understand concepts. Soheil clearly understands the topic material and explains them exceptionally well.
- Soheil is an extremely competent TA. Very helpful and always responsive during the discussion hour. His explanations always clarified the problem, if not even made the problem more simpler and easier to understand.
- Made calculus very understandable. Knew everything covered in the quarter to a degree higher than my prior TAs. Would have appreciated if he had gone over the midterm and quizzes to see where we went wrong.
- Superb job:)
- Good overall, he answers students questions and explains clearly. Uses time wisely.
- The best ta ever for calculus! He does a great job explaining the material in a way that makes sense and doesn't leave any step out. He is very nice and incredibly helpful on homework questions.
- Explained concepts well, was available when help was needed, great ta overall
- An astounding teacher who effectively clarifies topics of the class. He consistently provides feedback and thoroughly explains difficult concepts and wil explain certain subjects until they are learned. An excellent teacher.
- Awesome instructor, clarified the concepts taught by the professor using much more tolerable/understandable language. Very approachable.
- He was very helpful during the course and had a clear knowledge of math. He was more easier to understand compared to the professor.