



UC RIVERSIDE - Student Evaluation of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Spring 2014

Course: MATH 008B Section: 005
Instructor: Soheil Safii

Enrollment: 29
Respondents: 23
Response Rate: 79%

Enrollment: 3387
Respondents: 2389
Response Rate: 71%

Enrollment: 37033
Respondents: 27809
Response Rate: 75%

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.	14	5	3	1	-	-	-	-	6.4	0.9	81	5.9	1.4	82	6.1	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	17	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.8	90	5.9	1.4	89	6.1	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	18	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.8	88	6.1	1.3	91	6.3	1.2
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	13	5	3	2	-	-	-	-	6.3	1.0	79	6.0	1.4	79	6.1	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	16	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.9	81	6.0	1.4	86	6.1	1.3
6 Encourages me to participate and/or ask questions.	12	6	3	1	1	-	-	-	6.2	1.1	76	5.9	1.4	78	6.1	1.3
7 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	16	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.8	83	6.2	1.2	88	6.3	1.2
8 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	15	3	2	3	-	-	-	-	6.3	1.1	74	6.0	1.4	82	6.0	1.4
9 Effectively manages the classroom environment	15	5	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.8	81	6.0	1.4	86	6.1	1.3
10 Motivates me to do my best.	9	5	5	4	-	-	-	-	5.8	1.2	63	5.8	1.5	69	6.0	1.4
11 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	17	2	2	1	-	-	-	1	6.6	0.9	83	6.1	1.3	88	6.2	1.2
12 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	15	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	6.4	0.9	79	6.1	1.4	83	6.2	1.3
13 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	15	4	2	1	-	-	-	1	6.5	0.9	78	6.2	1.2	85	6.2	1.2
14 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	15	4	1	1	-	-	-	2	6.6	0.8	84	6.2	1.3	88	6.2	1.2
15 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	16	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.8	85	6.2	1.3	88	6.2	1.2
16 Command of English language does not impede my learning the material. (This question is not applicable in foreign language sections.)	17	3	1	1	-	-	-	1	6.6	0.8	83	6.3	1.2	89	6.3	1.2
17 Overall, is an effective teacher.	19	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.8	89	6.0	1.4	92	6.1	1.3

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



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Question # 18: 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.

- Incredibly helpful. I didn't understand the professor I would wait for discussion then I would understand it. He really wants to make sure his students do good in quizzes and tests.
- Soheil was an extremely helpful TA. He answered all my questions and was always accessible. He thoroughly explained the problems and always went above and beyond to help students.
- I really enjoyed going to his class because he clarified things that my primary instructor didn't.
- Has been an effective teacher. Is great at clarifying confusions with certain topics. Helpful in reviewing before quizzes and exams. Overall, the TA understood the material and did well explaining the concepts for the students.
- It would be awesome to have more participation used in the class atmosphere so that we could hand on hand work out the problem with the professor. Math takes more than visually looking and listening to the professor or instructor so I wish we had more time on each chapter that we went over.
- really nice guy
- Thank you very much you were really helpful and essential to understanding the material, keep up the amazing work!
- I think that he is really great at teaching. I was very thankful how he ALWAYS tried to answer all of the questions that the students had, even though there was a lot.
- Everything we learned in lecture was made so much more clear in discussion. He was very helpful and definitely knew how to break thing down so we could understand better.
- Excellent teacher, he helped me so much. Just perfect.
- The T.A is nice and helpful. He explains everything in a detail way. I have a good learning experience in the discussion class.
- Soheil Safii is an excellent TA. He would go over a few more examples from the previous lecture to help clarify any difficulties. During discussion he would go over homework problems which I found effective because helped me solve similar problems. He was flexible with office hours and was happy to help.