



UC RIVERSIDE - Student Evaluation of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Fall 2010

Course: MATH 009A Section: 041
Instructor: Soheil Safii

Enrollment: 24
Respondents: 20
Response Rate: 83%

Enrollment: 4335
Respondents: 3331
Response Rate: 77%

Enrollment: 39980
Respondents: 31007
Response Rate: 78%

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.	9	5	5	-	-	-	-	1	6.2	0.9	71	6.1	1.3	81	6.0	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	13	4	2	-	-	-	-	1	6.6	0.7	87	6.1	1.3	91	6.0	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	13	4	2	-	-	-	-	1	6.6	0.7	84	6.3	1.2	90	6.2	1.2
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	14	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	6.4	1.0	81	6.1	1.3	86	6.0	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	15	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.7	90	6.1	1.3	93	6.0	1.4
6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities.	13	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.9	85	6.0	1.4	88	6.0	1.4
7 Creates a classroom atmosphere where I feel free to ask questions.	15	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.8	86	6.2	1.2	90	6.1	1.3
8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	15	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	91	6.3	1.1	92	6.2	1.2
9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	14	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.9	86	6.1	1.3	89	5.9	1.5
10 Effectively manages the classroom environment	15	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	88	6.2	1.2	93	6.1	1.3
11 Motivates me to do my best.	12	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	6.4	0.9	85	5.9	1.4	86	5.8	1.5
12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	16	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.7	91	6.3	1.1	93	6.1	1.3
13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	16	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.6	96	6.3	1.2	95	6.1	1.3
14 Respects the role of each student in a diverse environment.	14	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	85	6.3	1.1	91	6.2	1.2
15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	15	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.7	86	6.3	1.1	91	6.2	1.2
16 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	14	2	2	1	-	-	-	1	6.5	0.9	76	6.3	1.1	86	6.2	1.3
17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	15	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	85	6.3	1.1	92	6.2	1.2
18 Speaks clear, understandable English. (Not applicable in foreign language sections.)	15	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.7	0.6	87	6.5	1.1	93	6.3	1.3
19 Overall, is an effective teaching assistant.	14	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	88	6.2	1.2	93	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 TA'S TEACHING SKILLS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE TEXTBOX BELOW. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 2000 CHARACTERS.

- Soheil Safii is a great TA. Some of the material that was presented in lecture was not presented clearly. When we had questions about what had been presented in lecture, he would be more than happy to take the time to explain everything that was unclear. After he would explain something, he would always ensure that we understood his clarification. In office hours, Soheil was clear, approachable and willing to answer any question that we had.
- If it were not for Soheil's help I would have never passed calculus 9a. He often took time out of his busy schedule to meet and help me with concepts in which I struggled.
- Soheil Safii is an excellent TA; he is the nicest person i have met in a long time, and is very easy to approach due to his professional composure. I firmly believe every student who is in his section will write a positive review. Thanks to Safii, I was able to learn many concepts that are unclear during Lecture. To be honest, i learned more from Safii than from Professor [REDACTED] Safii is extremely likable, and outstandingly helpful. His office hours and lecture provide an excellent learning experience, much better than the professors'. Safii explains concepts step by step, and very clear, in addition to showing plenty of examples, he introduces many different approaches to the problem. He can answer any question you throw at him, and show you it broken down into simple steps. He is very helpful because he explains how the professor wants questions to be answered, so that we dont lose points for wrong format. Moreover, Safii encourages his students to ask question, and to come to him for help. His discussion is essential in helping students score high on their quizzes and midterms. I believe that my midterm and quiz grades would not be as good as they are if I did not have Safii as my TA. In addition to all this, he is extremely buff and many girls in the class have a crush on him. The only suggestion i can make to such an excellent TA is that he should get more involved with the students by having small conversations, and sharing more about himself. Great guy, very nice and well educated person, excellent TA.
- He was a great Calculus TA. He was very helpful throughout the entire quarter. His office hours were also very flexible and they helped me understand the material a lot better. He also was very encouraging to us, and always encouraged us to ask questions if we didn't understand. He was definitely a lot of help, and he was a great instructor. It was very easy to understand and learn from him.
- Great TA. Better than the actual teacher. Nice person, nice teaching.
- He helped most of the class understand the material better through clear explanation.
- The TA was helpful with answering questions for the lecture but sometimes he had to refer to the paper for help with answering the more difficult problems.
- He is very helpful. When he is showing the problems it is very helpful and understandable. He makes sure we understands it.
- best TA i have ever had !
- Very helpful during class and office hours. His review over material helps for the quiz.
- Excellent teaching skills. Helps us try to understand the material. Works well to help answer questions and concerns the students have.
- extremely helpful
- Safii you are a great TA, and lets just say you set the bar really high for my expectations of future TAs that I have. I'm truly glad that I had you as a TA you were very helpful and honestly cared how your students did in the class. Always explaining things that people not not understood in a very calm, respectful way. And even taking the time to tell students you were available outside of normal office hours. Thanks man, hope to have you have you again in the future as a TA
- he was very helpful. i felt as though he was my teacher. i learned more from him than my teacher. he was flexible with his office hours especially

around midterm times.

- The teacher's assistant did an awesome job in explaining the material. He truly helped me in understanding more the materials and the chapters being covered.
- Safii is awesome. I am not sure if I would have passed the class without him.