



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

Course: MATH 009B Section: 012  
Instructor: Soheil Safii

Enrollment: 22  
Respondents: 16  
Response Rate: 73%

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.	11	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.4	1.0	79	6.1	1.3	86	6.0	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	11	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.4	1.0	81	6.1	1.3	87	6.0	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	12	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	84	6.3	1.2	90	6.2	1.2
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	12	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	89	6.1	1.3	91	6.0	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	13	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	86	6.1	1.3	91	6.0	1.4
6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities.	12	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	88	6.0	1.4	91	6.0	1.4
7 Creates a classroom atmosphere where I feel free to ask questions.	12	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	86	6.2	1.2	90	6.1	1.3
8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	11	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.9	82	6.3	1.1	86	6.2	1.2
9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	12	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	6.6	0.9	89	6.1	1.3	91	5.9	1.5
10 Effectively manages the classroom environment	12	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	85	6.2	1.2	91	6.1	1.3
11 Motivates me to do my best.	11	1	2	1	-	-	-	1	6.5	1.0	89	5.9	1.4	89	5.8	1.5
12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	12	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	86	6.3	1.1	90	6.1	1.3
13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	12	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	88	6.3	1.2	90	6.1	1.3
14 Respects the role of each student in a diverse environment.	12	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	1.0	75	6.3	1.1	86	6.2	1.2
15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	11	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	6.5	1.0	76	6.3	1.1	86	6.2	1.2
16 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	10	-	2	1	-	-	-	3	6.5	1.1	76	6.3	1.1	86	6.2	1.3
17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	12	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	6.6	0.9	80	6.3	1.1	89	6.2	1.2
18 Speaks clear, understandable English. (Not applicable in foreign language sections.)	13	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	1.0	83	6.5	1.1	91	6.3	1.3
19 Overall, is an effective teaching assistant.	12	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	1.0	81	6.2	1.2	88	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.

- Great discussion class. The discussion was more helpful than the lecture itself. Thank you for helping us out
- I really like the way he structured the sections. At the beginning he would say exactly what to expect, no surprises, and then go about reviewing everything we needed to know at that point. His quick reviews before quizzes were extremely helpful brushing up on what we had done for homework recently. That really helped me considering that most weeks homework was due Sunday but we could be quizzed on that material until the following Thursday or even one more week later. Extremely good at teaching and filling in gaps left by lecture. Would recommend to anyone and will definitely try to get again.
- Thank you for being such a great TA for math 9b. I don't think you give yourself enough credit for all you have done for the students, but I think you are great at teaching calculus and should consider being a teacher. Also I don't know if anyone has ever asked you, but did you know that you kind of look like a mini version of Jason Statham. Not that size really matters, but you do have a great resemblance to him. Well overall you are excellent and keep up the good work!:)
- Mr. Safii is a great T.A. He has helped me so much and he is very patient with all his students. The is an extremely difficult class but he makes calculus less intimidating. Overall, it has been a pleasant class. I just hope he T.A's for 9c.
- Great TA!
- One of the best math TA's I have ever had!
- did a fantastic job could not have asked for a better ta. you knew your stuff and was very approachable and friendly.
- very good ta, really wanted to help all the students,
- Although he is soft spoken, he knows his stuff. He used discussion time efficiently and answered any questions we had in a respectful manner. He always made sure that we understood the material before we could take a quiz or a midterm. He was very helpful during office hours and I think that because it was more personal, I found it more beneficial to my learning rather than lecture sometimes. Soheil is an effective TA who knows to goes over the material and still be approachable after discussion hours.
- He helped us with any problems we had with homework but also helped review anything that was on the quiz which was extremely helpful. He was a great TA.