



# UC RIVERSIDE - Student Evaluation of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Fall 2011

Course: MATH 009A Section: 044  
Instructor: Soheil Safii

Enrollment: 23  
Respondents: 19  
Response Rate: 83%

Enrollment: 5215  
Respondents: 4021  
Response Rate: 77%

Enrollment: 41820  
Respondents: 33068  
Response Rate: 79%

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.	12	4	1	-	1	-	-	1	6.4	1.0	80	6.0	1.3	84	6.0	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	10	7	-	-	2	-	-	-	6.2	1.2	74	6.0	1.4	76	6.1	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	14	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	6.6	1.0	84	6.3	1.2	87	6.3	1.1
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	13	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.8	83	6.1	1.3	87	6.1	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	15	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.7	91	6.0	1.4	93	6.0	1.3
6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities.	12	4	1	1	-	1	-	-	6.3	1.3	80	5.9	1.5	82	6.0	1.4
7 Creates a classroom atmosphere where I feel free to ask questions.	13	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.9	82	6.1	1.3	87	6.1	1.3
8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	14	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.8	83	6.3	1.1	88	6.3	1.2
9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	14	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.8	87	6.0	1.4	90	6.0	1.4
10 Effectively manages the classroom environment	13	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.9	83	6.1	1.3	87	6.1	1.3
11 Motivates me to do my best.	8	4	2	1	-	1	-	3	6.0	1.4	72	5.8	1.5	74	5.9	1.4
12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	12	2	1	-	-	2	-	2	6.2	1.7	70	6.2	1.2	76	6.2	1.2
13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	12	3	2	-	1	-	-	1	6.4	1.1	79	6.2	1.3	83	6.2	1.3
14 Respects the role of each student in a diverse environment.	11	5	-	1	-	-	-	2	6.5	0.8	79	6.3	1.1	84	6.3	1.2
15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	10	4	-	1	-	-	-	4	6.5	0.8	78	6.3	1.1	84	6.3	1.1
16 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	9	5	-	1	-	-	-	4	6.5	0.8	79	6.3	1.2	84	6.3	1.2
17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	12	4	-	1	-	-	-	2	6.6	0.8	83	6.3	1.2	88	6.3	1.1
18 Speaks clear, understandable English. (Not applicable in foreign language sections.)	14	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.8	85	6.5	1.1	91	6.3	1.3
19 Overall, is an effective teacher.	14	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	90	6.1	1.3	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 GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR'S TEACHING SKILLS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE TEXTBOX BELOW. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 2000 CHARACTERS.

- I really liked Mr. Safii. Any questions we had he would answer it in an understandable way. He helped me throughout this course.
- Best TA ever! he explains concepts so clearly and is extremely helpful outside of the classroom in office hours. He tries to teach it to you the best way he can.
- This instructor is was got me through my calc class. He was always available to help and taught me a lot. He was very clear, attentive, smart, and was a great source to have.
- you wear the same shirt every single day
- This was a great class. I always felt free to ask any question I had and the environment was very focused on the subject.
- By far the best math TA I have had thus far. You taught the material in a way that is much easier to understand than Professor G. I like how you break down each problem step-by-step while explaining what you are doing and why you do that. It makes solving math problems much easier. You are a great TA and I hope that you will become a professor soon. Students would be delighted to take your class. Thank you.
- Really good at explaining and solving problems clearly. Helped alot with homework questions and gave good solution advice for exams. Helped alot in understanding the material.
- He helps us with problems that we do not understand from the homework as well as the lectures. He explains it in a way that we can understand.
- I really liked the way Soheil Safii would explain the homework questions that I did not understand as well as couple of concepts that I found confusing. He would provide step by step examples of how to do a problem. By providing this information I feel it really helped my overall understanding of the material. He also made sure that the questions that were asked in class were understood. If they were not or if still uncertain about the concept, he then would provide additional problems. This too also helped in my overall understanding of the course material.
- Soheil Safii was very clear and on point in teaching the material. It was very easy to understand the material.
- There were several times when he was late.
- very thorough when teaching and with explanations
- Informative, clearly goes through each step when solving problems, makes it easier to understand and learn the material.