



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

Course: MATH 008B Section: 032  
Instructor: Soheil Safii

Enrollment: 21  
Respondents: 21  
Response Rate: 100%

Enrollment: 3766  
Respondents: 2970  
Response Rate: 79%

Enrollment: 38144  
Respondents: 30892  
Response Rate: 81%

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.	15	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	92	6.1	1.3	92	6.0	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	15	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	89	6.0	1.3	92	6.1	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	16	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	88	6.3	1.1	91	6.2	1.2
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	14	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.6	85	6.1	1.3	89	6.1	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	14	4	1	2	-	-	-	-	6.4	1.0	78	6.1	1.3	85	6.0	1.4
6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities.	13	5	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.4	0.9	81	6.0	1.4	85	6.0	1.4
7 Creates a classroom atmosphere where I feel free to ask questions.	14	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.6	88	6.1	1.3	90	6.1	1.4
8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	14	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.6	86	6.3	1.1	88	6.2	1.2
9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	12	6	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.4	0.9	80	6.1	1.3	86	6.0	1.5
10 Effectively manages the classroom environment	14	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.7	88	6.1	1.3	90	6.1	1.3
11 Motivates me to do my best.	14	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.9	83	5.9	1.4	88	5.8	1.5
12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	14	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.6	84	6.2	1.3	89	6.1	1.3
13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	14	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.6	86	6.2	1.3	90	6.1	1.4
14 Respects the role of each student in a diverse environment.	13	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.7	79	6.3	1.2	86	6.2	1.2
15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	14	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.7	83	6.3	1.2	89	6.2	1.2
16 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	12	5	2	-	-	-	-	2	6.5	0.7	79	6.2	1.2	86	6.2	1.2
17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	13	5	2	-	-	-	-	1	6.6	0.7	83	6.2	1.2	89	6.2	1.2
18 Speaks clear, understandable English. (Not applicable in foreign language sections.)	17	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.5	90	6.5	1.1	95	6.3	1.3
19 Overall, is an effective teaching assistant.	16	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	88	6.2	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 TA'S TEACHING SKILLS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE TEXTBOX BELOW. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 2000 CHARACTERS.

- The BEST math TA that I have ever had. He made the course much more easy, and was always helpful. He would even stay past an hour of his regularly scheduled office hours. Always approachable. He knew what he was doing all the time. Best TA I've ever had!
- With your teaching style i thoroughly understands the materials in class and with that i am prepared for the midterm and final. The way you teach us isn't like other teacher where they expect us to just understand but instead you help us succeed step by step. ^\_\_^ Your office hours are very helpful too.
- An extremely helpful t.a. He makes up a large chunk of why I passed this class. Very understanding and approachable! Actually took out the time to help each individual student, and stayed after his stated office hours if additional help was need. It would be a pleasure to have him again!
- An amazing TA and did a wonderful job this quarter. I learned more in discussion than I had learned in lecture and he did a great job! I was truly thankful to have him as a TA and he is a great person to teach and talk to.
- covers all required material. always available for extra help.
- Great TA who teaches material in lecture and new material very clearly.
- Great TA, explains everything in a clear way and very understandable. He is very helpful and answered any questions we had during the discussion session.
- This TA was AMAZING! He was very helpful and respectful. The way he taught lessons was very clear and understandable. He's one of those TA's that will make sure if you need help, to find a way to help you out so you understand the material. Overall I would recommend anyone who takes this class to have him as a TA.
- The best TA i have had. He knows the material and does a well job teaching it. He is the nicest person and I love the way he teaches. His office hours are very helpful. He is very respectful and cares about his students and wants to help them. He makes me want to come to every discussion. He is a very nice person who can teach very well. I wish he can be my TA for every math class. HE IS THE BEST TA.
- This TA was the best Ta ever! He taught very well. I think he was the best TA I've had so far and I wish he could be my TA again! I really think he was awesome and very helpful. My friend loves him. We all went to go ask him for help during his office hours the day before the midterm and his help got the three of us to get A's on our midterm! <3
- He's a very cool teacher, he knows what he's talking about and he has a very welcoming attitude. He has excellent manner, saying please and thank you to his students. Honestly, sometimes I prefer to go to my discussion rather than my lecture.
- Overall one of the best TA's I have had in UCR. Most of the time he explained the material better than the regular teacher. Talking about similar problems before the quiz was really helpful.