



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

Course: MATH 022 Section: 011  
Instructor: Soheil Safii

Enrollment: 20  
Respondents: 17  
Response Rate: 85%

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.	11	3	2	-	-	-	-	1	6.6	0.7	88	6.1	1.3	89	6.0	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	14	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.7	89	6.0	1.3	92	6.1	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	15	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.5	92	6.3	1.1	94	6.2	1.2
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	12	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.7	0.6	88	6.1	1.3	92	6.1	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	13	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.6	93	6.1	1.3	95	6.0	1.4
6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities.	11	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	6.4	1.1	81	6.0	1.4	85	6.0	1.4
7 Creates a classroom atmosphere where I feel free to ask questions.	14	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.6	96	6.1	1.3	95	6.1	1.4
8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	14	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.6	95	6.3	1.1	94	6.2	1.2
9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	15	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.7	96	6.1	1.3	95	6.0	1.5
10 Effectively manages the classroom environment	14	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.6	96	6.1	1.3	95	6.1	1.3
11 Motivates me to do my best.	12	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.9	83	5.9	1.4	88	5.8	1.5
12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	13	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	88	6.2	1.3	92	6.1	1.3
13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	13	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	89	6.2	1.3	93	6.1	1.4
14 Respects the role of each student in a diverse environment.	14	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.6	92	6.3	1.2	94	6.2	1.2
15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	13	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	87	6.3	1.2	91	6.2	1.2
16 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	14	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.6	92	6.2	1.2	95	6.2	1.2
17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	14	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.6	92	6.2	1.2	94	6.2	1.2
18 Speaks clear, understandable English. (Not applicable in foreign language sections.)	13	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	85	6.5	1.1	93	6.3	1.3
19 Overall, is an effective teaching assistant.	13	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.6	92	6.2	1.3	95	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.

- Very good. He would answer as many math questions the class had without hesitation.
- Soheil is an amazing TA. He is always prepared and willing to help. Soheil has a gift for breaking things down and being able to find alternative ways for us to try to understand the material. His help and teaching is absolutely priceless. He cares about his students. At one time he made a mistake in explaining a problem and he didn't notice until after class. He went as far as emailing everyone to notify us of his mistake and explained the correct way. I respect a teacher who admits mistakes and goes out of his/her way to correct it. It also goes to show that he takes his job seriously and is always thinking of ways to improve or help his students. The class had a great environment and he made it so that no one would be afraid to ask questions. Soheil's class was a big contribution to my understanding of the course material.
- Soheil was a fantastic TA. He always clarified everything that was unclear from lecture and always made sure the students understood the material before he moved on. Discussion was always enjoyable because I always learned something new.
- I really enjoyed this discussion. The TA made a lot of effort into explaining the details that were not thoroughly explained in lecture. He tried many ways to help his students do their best in the course.
- The TA for this course was very helpful. He always provided a positive learning environment and encouraged students to ask questions. He helped clarify a lot of the material that was covered during class and made sure that students got their questions clarified. He was very polite and respectful to students and made sure that he was available if students had any questions. He went through many homework problems and all the practice problems on the quiz to ensure that students clearly understood the material. Overall, very good TA.
- BEST TA ever. SO VERY helpful. I completely understand the concepts of calculus after discussion sections. Keep doing what you are doing. I like that you stay after class to help students individually.
- The TA was very helpful in clarifying the lecture. He also helped me understand the steps in every lecture that the professor went over. very good TA.
- Mr.Safii is a truly amazing teaching assistant. He is very clear with whats being covered in lecture. Truthfully I think he is better than the professor in the class. He definitely helped me get through this quarter with ease.