



UC RIVERSIDE - Student Evaluation of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Fall 2012

Course: MATH 008B Section: 022
Instructor: Soheil Safii

Enrollment: 24
Respondents: 16
Response Rate: 67%

Enrollment: 4590
Respondents: 3377
Response Rate: 74%

Enrollment: 40169
Respondents: 31808
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.	11	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.9	83	6.0	1.4	85	6.0	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	13	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	87	6.0	1.4	89	6.1	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	13	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.8	89	6.2	1.3	90	6.3	1.2
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	13	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	6.6	1.0	87	6.0	1.4	88	6.1	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	13	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	88	6.0	1.4	89	6.0	1.4
6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities.	12	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	1.0	84	5.9	1.5	86	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	1.3	88	6.1	1.3
8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	13	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	6.6	1.0	84	6.3	1.2	87	6.3	1.2
9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	11	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.9	84	6.0	1.4	85	6.0	1.4
10 Effectively manages the classroom environment	12	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	1.0	83	6.1	1.4	85	6.1	1.3
11 Motivates me to do my best.	11	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	6.4	1.0	83	5.8	1.5	84	5.9	1.4
12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	13	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	84	6.2	1.2	87	6.2	1.2
13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	11	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.9	81	6.2	1.3	84	6.2	1.3
14 Respects the role of each student in a diverse environment.	13	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	6.6	1.0	82	6.3	1.1	85	6.3	1.2
15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	13	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	6.6	1.0	81	6.3	1.1	85	6.3	1.2
16 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	11	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	6.4	1.0	74	6.3	1.2	78	6.3	1.2
17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	13	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	83	6.3	1.2	85	6.3	1.2
18 Speaks clear, understandable English. (Not applicable in foreign language sections.)	13	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	85	6.5	1.2	91	6.3	1.2
19 Overall, is an effective teacher.	13	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	87	6.1	1.3	89	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 thought he was a great TA. He explains math problems easy for me to understand. I wish he was the lecturer.
- Soheil was an amazing instructor. He was always patient and kind with us. He would not only cover the expected material but sometimes clarify material covered in lecture that we did not understand. I understood everything from discussion and when I didnt I didnt feel shy to ask. He created a warm and friendly environment. He was always available for questions and even scheduled extra office ours and study sessions before the midterm and final. Overall he is one of the best math Ta's I have ever had. I wish he also instructed 9B because I learned more from him than the professor.
- He helped me so incredible much, without him there would have been no possibility for me to even think about passing this class. He explains everything perfectly and it was very easy to follow, and he gave really good examples. All questions were answered and he would spend extra time in office hours if needed. Thank you so much!
- Very good TA. The professor was extremely hard to understand so discussion always cleared things up for me.
- Soheil is the best T.A I've had yet in my stay here at UCR. Because of him, I have been holding on in my math class. He really knows how to teach people and he is very nice. I don't know why he is a T.A when he easily has the potential to be a professor. I would perfer him over my current professor. He is really awesome and I would defenitely recommend him to any math professor that needs a T.A. He really helps people out.
- I attended all his office hours because he was so much more helpful then the professor. He was very unselfish with his time and he puts a lot of effort to make all the students understand the material. His course plan was very well planned and I felt that he should have been more adequate to teach the lecture class then Professor [REDACTED]