



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

Course: MATH 131 Section: 002
Instructor: Soheil Safii

Enrollment: 26
Respondents: 22
Response Rate: 85%

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.	18	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.4	93	6.0	1.4	94	6.0	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	19	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.4	97	6.0	1.4	97	6.1	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	19	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.4	96	6.2	1.3	97	6.3	1.2
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	17	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.4	93	6.0	1.4	94	6.1	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	19	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.5	94	6.0	1.4	94	6.0	1.4
6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities.	17	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	91	5.9	1.5	92	6.0	1.4
7 Creates a classroom atmosphere where I feel free to ask questions.	18	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.5	93	6.2	1.3	94	6.1	1.3
8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	18	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.5	92	6.3	1.2	93	6.3	1.2
9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	17	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.4	94	6.0	1.4	94	6.0	1.4
10 Effectively manages the classroom environment	18	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.5	93	6.1	1.4	94	6.1	1.3
11 Motivates me to do my best.	18	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.5	94	5.8	1.5	95	5.9	1.4
12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	21	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0	0.2	100	6.2	1.2	100	6.2	1.2
13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	20	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	96	6.2	1.3	97	6.2	1.3
14 Respects the role of each student in a diverse environment.	18	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.4	91	6.3	1.1	93	6.3	1.2
15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	17	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.4	90	6.3	1.1	93	6.3	1.2
16 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	17	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.5	91	6.3	1.2	93	6.3	1.2
17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	18	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.5	91	6.3	1.2	93	6.3	1.2
18 Speaks clear, understandable English. (Not applicable in foreign language sections.)	20	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	96	6.5	1.2	98	6.3	1.2
19 Overall, is an effective teacher.	19	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.4	97	6.1	1.3	97	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.

- Everything was great. Especially thank you for holding extra office hours before the exams. It was also nice how you showed different ways to do the homework problems during discussion. Thanks again!
- The best TA of the quarter. He always explained things clearly and always new the answer to every math problem. He even had extra review sessions and made himself available for more help.
- He is really knowledgeable and answers every question we have. He is always respectful and helpful. He should just keep doing what he is doing. One suggestion, he could include a bit of review of what we learned that week at the beginning at the discussion.
- Very helpful, will answer any questions and is very thorough and clear, seems a bit nervous and sometimes just recited methods, but thats more based on the materisl, overall a great teacher/TA
- This is my second opportunity to have Mr. Safii as a Teaching Assistant and I must express how truly thankful I am for it. He is considerate of every student, while also effectively exhausts the teaching capacity of every lesson. Speaking from my own experiences, I have often had issues understanding the course material and have needed further instruction. Fortunately, Mr. Safii has never allowed my inability to disturb my success; he has always made certain that I was able to receive a full comprehension of the class. I look forward to possibly having him as an instructor in the future.
- Went above and beyond to make sure students were learning.
- Soheil was a very effective TA throughout this quarter. During discussion and office hours, he was always very helpful and clear when explaining any questions we had, and would reiterate the topics covered in class to clear up any confusion. He showed a lot of patience, not once looking frustrated if we happened to ask him to show us how to do a particularly long and difficult question, or if multiple people asked him how to do the same question more than once. He always showed his steps and made sure we understood the process that had to be done in order to reach the final answers. Office hours were also very helpful, as it seemed like he would take more time to discuss anything we were not completely clear on, explaining everything in terms that were relevant to the class level, while still speaking in a way that was simple to understand. Overall, Soheil was a very effective TA, and made this class one of the few classes where the conceptual topics were easier to understand.
- He is an amazing TA. He is easily accessible during class, office hours, and e-mail and does his best to explain the material in a way that is easier for students to understand. I felt like a lot of the materials that I learned in the class, I understood better because of him.
- Was really helpful. Answered any questions in class, and provided a clear thought out response to the questions. He had extra office hours around test time which was nice.
- He is available and approachable so it wasn't hard getting my questions answered. Don't see anything negative side.
- Soheil was and excellent teacher. He always went out of his way to be available to students no matter the time. He knew the material extremely well and was always organized and on time.
- Great TA. Learned a lot.
- If it was was not for Soheil Safii i would have failed this class. He was very helpful and did any example the students asked him to do. He was nice, available and helpful.